

TRESSEL, PELINI, BROWN ASKED TO ATTEND LGBTQIA SENSITIVITY TRAINING



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Responding to criticism over the Youngstown State University athletics department's hiring of Ron Brown as assistant head coach, YSU's Safe Zone Advisory Council is calling for top administrators

to attend the LGBTQIA-focused Safe Zone Ally Program. Brown has been criticized for expressing faith-based views condemning homosexuality while working for a state institution. In response to Brown's hiring, Brian Wells, academic adviser and member of YSU's Safe Zone Advisory Council, sent President Jim Tressel, head coach Bo Pelini and Brown a memo inviting

them to participate in Safe Zone training. "The memo has been a work in progress over the course of the past five weeks. I have heard from no less than 15 to 20 allies and advocates calling for a range of actions from firing [assistant head coach] Brown to having a 'wait and see' approach. I felt strongly — as did many others — we had to find middle ground where

we could all exist," Wells said. Safe Zone training aims to provide participants with the knowledge and skills necessary for engaging the LGBTQIA student population in an effective and appropriate way. Lisa Ronquillo, vice president of YSUnity, a campus organization supporting the LGBTQIA community, said she believes that the Safe Zone training offers unique perspectives on diversity that may

benefit the administrators. "Safe Zone is different from other diversity training in ways that where we are not only dealing with racial and cultural matters but those which affect the growing issues of LG-BTQIA issues which include, but are not limited to, gender inclusion and gender identity," Ronquillo said. "These are issues that many universities are facing currently, especially in light of the fact that more and more LGB and non-gender-conforming individuals are stepping up and being more open about who they are." The memo — which contained a list of over 100 signatures from students, faculty and alumni supporting the effort — argued that as the administrators are required to undertake annual diversity training anyway, they should fulfill that requirement through attending the Safe Zone program.

Ashley Orr, vice president of finance for the Student Government Association and SGA presidential candidate, endorsed the SZAC memo and said she believes administration Safe Zone training would result in a more capable administration. "I am a Safe Zone trained Ally and I highly recommend the program as it educates and provides [for] students who may feel uncomfortable

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SUDERSHAN GARG RETIRING AS BOARD OF TRUSTEES MEMBER

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Sudershan Garg, former chair of the Youngstown State University Board of Trustees, will be retiring from the Board in late April to early May of the spring semester.

Garg has served with the board for 10 years, beginning in 2005 after Larry Esterly, a former Board of Trustees member, passed away. He was then appointed to a full term in 2006.

"The normal Board term is nine years, but I got an extra year because Larry Esterly, who was on the Board at that time, unexpectedly expired, and it was then they appointed me for that position. I had applied to be on the Board like six or seven months earlier," Garg said.

Garg, originally from the Punjab region in India, moved to the United States on Jan. 3, 1967. He became a resident of Youngstown in late April of 1975.

Before coming to Youngstown, Garg studied

medicine at New York University as well as the University of Cincinnati.

"I had residency training in Cincinnati, Boston and at New York University. Subsequently, I was an assistant professor of medicine at Harmon in Philadelphia, and since April 28, 1975, it was five years that I have been in this town at St. Elizabeth's Hospital and Medical Center," Garg said.

Currently, he is the director of hematology and oncology at St. Elizabeth's Hospital and Medical Center in Youngstown

Student Government Considers Town Hall Meeting

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In an attempt to find innovative ways to communicate with students and allow them to be heard, the Student Government Association of Youngstown State University is considering having town-hall-style meetings.

Jacob Schriener-Briggs, executive vice president of SGA, said the meetings would be informal events that help facilitate concerns students have.

"In general terms, a town hall meeting would be an informal event hosted by SGA in which students could attend, mingle with their representatives and raise concerns that they would like to see SGA address," Schriener-Briggs said. "There's no real specific formula. So long as effective communication is taking place, then the town hall meeting is likewise effective."

SGA first experimented with these meetings during the Fall Leadership Summit last year.

"When we first got into office, [SGA President Michael] Slavens and I met over the summer to discuss our upcoming responsibilities. One of those responsibilities was to orchestrate events for the Fall Leadership Summit. We decided to hold two SGA town hall meetings. The premise of these meetings was to facilitate discussion between Michael and I and the students who attended," Schriener-Briggs said.

The overarching goal of these meetings is to create a way for students to have their concerns brought from an informal meeting with a few representatives to the entire body.

Daisy Corso, president of YSU's Student Arts Association, said she thought it would improve the relationship between SGA and student organizations.

"I think that would really help tie the knot between organizations and SGA on campus because it will give organizations something to look forward to. If they do have something that they would like to improve or something that is an issue for their organization that SGA would be able to help with, then they would know where to go," Corso said. "If you had a scheduled time and a scheduled place that all of the student organization leaders knew about, they could talk to all of their groups individually at their separate meetings, and it would definitely help."

Schriener-Briggs saw the meetings that took place during the leadership summit as a huge success.

"We thought the discussions that took place were incredibly fruitful. It is difficult setting a vision from within SGA if its members

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Former chair of the Board of Trustees, Sudershan Garg, will be retiring at the end of April.

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Paving the Way for Change Through Social Work Day

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Youngstown State University's department of social work celebrated this year's Social Work Month in the Chestnut Room on Friday from 7:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m.

The theme, "Social Work Paves the Way for Change," was selected to convey the message the National Association of Social Workers and the social work profession have demonstrated over the past six decades: bringing out positive changes in society and for individuals.

Social Work Day was a way to thank the field educators and to celebrate students who are graduating and earning scholarships.

Shirley Keller, coordinator of the event as well as a professor in the department of social work, stated that the

purpose of the day is to honor those in the field of social work and allow students to network with professionals.

"It makes you proud to be a social worker because we are celebrating the profession and also honoring our clients," Keller said.

Keller said the event provided an opportunity for YSU to reach out to the community in addition to allowing students to network with professionals in the social work field.

"I hope the students take away seeing how proud they can be being a professional social worker and looking at the role models that are out there to network with and hopefully getting a job in that field," Keller said. "We are all intertwined with each other and YSU provided the vehicle for that to happen by having this event."

Mark Sanders, a lecturer at the University of Chicago of Social Service Administration, spoke at the event about "Trauma Informed Care in an Ethical Arena."

During his presentation, Sanders

worked to introduce skills that will enable participants to work more effectively with clients exposed to trauma, including the impact of adverse childhood trauma on adolescents and adults; the role of the social worker in addressing trauma at individual, organizational and community levels; the therapeutic benefits of humor; how to establish healthy boundaries when working with clients exposed to trauma in order to prevent ethical violations; and other strategies to reduce the risk of compassion fatigue and secondary trauma.

Tamara Winans, a YSU graduate, attended Social Work Day for the third time this year. Winans said that she came to the event to network with other professional social workers as well as learn more about trauma informed care.

"I just hope that others, especially current students, understand the importance of networking with other professional social workers. The most useful things I've learned during my career have come from other social workers," Winans said.

Winans explained how she views social work.

"It means meeting people where they are, without judgment and empowering them to reach their goals," Winans said. "YSU is a huge part of the local social work community. Most of the social workers I know are connected to YSU in some way. The YSU social work program is really growing, and its reputation is really positive in the social work profession," Winans said.

Along with the department of social work, The James and Coralie Centofanti Center for the Health and Welfare for Vulnerable Populations — a facility in the Bitonte College of Health and Human Services that promotes the well-being of those affected by poverty, disability and discrimination — and the Ohio Drug Card, a free statewide discount prescription assistance program to help uninsured and underinsured residents afford prescriptions, sponsored the event.

Over 300 people were in attendance of the event.

Hillary Clinton '16: The Anti-'08 Campaign

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Bloomberg News
(TNS)

This time is going to be different.

So say members of the skeleton team already working for Hillary Clinton, future staffers preparing to make the move from Washington, D.C., to the expected campaign headquarters in New York, and some veterans of the 2008 campaign. It's a reflection of what Clinton and her husband want as well as they prepare to launch her candidacy next month: a clear statement that they have learned from missteps and aren't dwelling on what might have been.

Clinton's strategy is still being formulated and her total message has yet to be unveiled, but her early staffing choices are seen as a signal that she is aware of the infighting and drama that plagued her 2008 campaign and is trying to change that.

"If she gets in the race, of course this time will be different. And her team will reflect that," said Nick Merrill, who is currently Clinton's only on-the-record spokesman.

The expected campaign manager, Robby Mook, values organizing as much as he does data, strategy and messaging. He and campaign chairman John Podesta will be tasked with juggling competing interests and personalities within the campaign and outside of it, from the Clintons on down. Communications head Jennifer Palmieri, who left the Obama administration last week, is seen by reporters and operatives alike as someone who can disagree with those who cover the campaign but will do so respectfully and professionally.

During her last campaign, Clinton's team was rife with backstabbing, credit claiming, and finger-pointing. Decisions were often put off indefinitely and then

made under duress. Her communications staff could be abusive and uncooperative with reporters. For much of the campaign, she was cloistered from voters, reluctant to even hint at the historic nature of her candidacy. And Bill Clinton, at times one of his wife's greatest assets, was also often huge liability, letting his anger toward Barack Obama show throughout the early months of 2008.

Clinton is expected to announce her next steps in early April. She is in a stage where she doesn't have to report spending on staff or travel, though she will need to do so retroactively once her campaign launches.

While people joining the campaign are confident about its potential, longtime Clinton supporter Donna Brazile cautioned that staffing itself is just one piece of the dynamic. "If it was just personnel, it would be easy," she said. "But it's about how you deploy all of the available resources at your disposal, how you manage it all, especially in the age of the super-PAC."

One strategist said that the primary reason people are attracted to working for the Clinton campaign is Clinton herself, but that the team she's building is also a big draw.

Some joining the team, like pollster and strategist Joel Benenson and media adviser Jim Margolis, have deep roots in the two Obama presidential campaigns. Others, like Mandy Grunwald, have more than two decades of history with the Clintons. But plenty of other staffers have a mix of experiences. Marlon Marshall worked in the Obama White House and was deputy national field director in 2012. In 2008, he was Clinton's state field director in Nevada, Ohio and Indiana.

Mook has a loyal following and was described by two people who have worked with him as the only candidate for the campaign manager job who would have joined the team even if he hadn't been given that role.

Kristina Schake, Michelle Obama's former communications director, will be a deputy to Palmieri, while Attorney General Eric Holder's top press aide, Brian Fallon, will leave his job at the end of the month

to join as a press secretary. Other early hires for press jobs include the Democratic Congressional Campaign Committee's Jesse Ferguson, the Democratic National Committee's Ian Sams and Jesse Lehrich of American Bridge, which has been conducting opposition research on the potential Republican candidates.

Merrill will continue to serve as a spokesman. "You need an infrastructure and operation in place and one guy can't do it all," said Jim Manley, the former top communications adviser to Senate Democratic Leader Harry Reid, referring to Merrill. "They seem to be building that, but we'll have to wait to see how it runs."

Lehrich's hiring is a sign of how much the Clinton/Obama dynamic has changed since 2008. His uncle is David Axelrod, Obama's political messaging guru.

Just as important to defining the team as who's on it is who isn't. Clinton's longtime communications adviser, Philippe Reines — who spent the 2008 cycle as her Senate press secretary — will not be on the campaign staff and has told people close to Clinton that he has made a deliberate decision to back away from day-to-day involvement. Known for his often-aggressive style, his less-central role is viewed as another signal of the Clinton campaign's media relations.

What's not clear is exactly what role those new mid-level staffers will fill. One future staffer who didn't want to speak on the record before the campaign launches and his hiring is announced said he felt comfortable leaving his current job because of his trust in the senior members of the team. Mook in particular is cited as someone who is unlikely to allow intramural disagreements between former Obama and Clinton staffers to disrupt the campaign.

The Democratic strategist said that the current team's organizational chart is a huge change from 2008, when seemingly everyone on the campaign was a senior adviser.

"It's a different season, it's a different set of challenges," Brazile said. "So of course you're driving with a different set of tires."

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Department of Art Holds Sculpture Lecture Series

Youngstown State University's Department of Art will host a workshop and lecture by guest artist Elizabeth Emery, a mixed media sculptor. The event is April 1 in Bliss Hall and is sponsored by the Department of Art Lecture Series. The workshop will begin at 1 p.m. in room 1059 in Bliss Hall and will be followed by a lecture at 3:30 p.m. in the McDonough Museum of Art. A gallery reception will follow at 5 p.m. Emery's exhibit, "Ambient Time," is installed in the Judith Rae Solomon Gallery on the second floor of Bliss Hall.

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fail to reach out to the student body and gather feedback," Schriener-Briggs said. "The Summit was the perfect launching pad to hear the concerns of involved students, and now we want to continue that initiative with similar events. Currently, this project will be under the purview of Sean Meditz, SGA's vice president for university affairs, and his committee. Our intent is to help increase transparency and accessibility from within SGA and truly gauge the concerns of our constituents."

Ashley Orr, vice president for financial affairs for SGA, also attended the meetings last fall. "As a student leader, I left that meeting very motivated by the students' ideas and their opinions. These meetings can hopefully engage students and make SGA more approachable," Orr said.

This continues a trend of SGA increasing their openness to students. "One change Slavens and I implemented, an idea formulated during our campaign, was to alter the setup of SGA's meetings," Schriener-Briggs said. "Now we face the gallery — guests no longer have to stare at the backs of their representatives. ... As an SGA outsider coming into office, I thought the traditional setup of the Ohio Room was strange and awkward for gallery members, so we changed it. ... The change of setup isn't tied to our town hall initiative, but it does align with a similar philosophy of openness with the students."

Moving forward, SGA hopes to begin holding town hall events that allow students to voice their opinions and have a full-body discussion of these ideas.

"We are looking forward to implementing Town Hall events that allow students more accessibility to us and communication with us," Schriener-Briggs said.

Additional reporting by Justin Wier.

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on YSU's campus," Orr said. "Student inclusion is important to me and no YSU student should ever feel unwelcome on campus."

Nick Chretien, Orr's opponent in the SGA elections, weighed in on the memo as well.

"I support [Tressel, Pelini and Brown] getting Safe Zone training. We need to respect all Penguins on campus," Chretien said. "Everyone needs to be represented equally on campus, and that's just a step toward doing so."

While Wells' memo was thorough in expressing dissatisfaction with Brown, there was no call for the coach's resignation or firing. Instead, the memo suggested that YSU could be Ron Brown's second chance and asked the athletic department to monitor the "climate" of behavior towards students.

"We believe the past efforts of Brown to be against the best interest of YSU and our athletics programs; however, we do not wish to seek the immediate firing of Brown. Youngstown State University has been a place of second chances for many. We hope the same to be true for him," the memo read.

Ronquillo suggested that

Safe Zone training may contribute to a reformed image for the coaches — something she believes would benefit the athletics department.

"It's important to provide 'second chances' and hopefully the coach and [other] higher officials will take part in the training, as it is beneficial to our university's future to be a marketable campus, not just to athletic supporters but in other areas as well," she said.

President Tressel replied to the memo on Monday with an official letter to Wells. In the letter, Tressel stated the importance of diversity and equality on YSU's campus, ensuring that any discriminatory activity on campus would be investigated and addressed.

"Please be assured the university has policies in place that prohibit violence and hate speech. Violence or hate speech against any group on campus, including the LGBT community, will not be tolerated," Tressel said in the letter.

The letter goes on to invite Wells to join the recently formed University Culture of Community Council.

Though there is no mention in Tressel's response letter as to whether or not he or the coach-

es will attend the Safe Zone training, YSU's president Tim Bortner hopes the administrators will take the opportunity to attend the training.

"[If the administrators choose not to attend the training,] that tells me right there that they're not supportive and that they aren't supporting our community of LGBTQIA students here at YSU," Bortner said. "It would make me very sad, especially if our president doesn't do it. I think it should be required for the president to go through the training."

While Tressel's response to Wells' memo may be the beginning of a season of bridge building between the administrators and the LGBTQIA community on campus, the SZAC is willing to pursue further action should they feel it necessary.

"Our hope is Coach Brown will live up to the expectations placed upon him by his role as a public employee," Wells said. "If this is not the situation, we will re-evaluate the situation and work with Cynthia Kravitz, director of equal opportunity and policy compliance, to determine if the university will take action or whether entities within the campus or greater community need to take action."

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and Boardman. He explained that St. Elizabeth's reached out to him while he was an assistant professor at Harmon.

"I think the hospital had a search firm and was trying to recruit an oncologist and the search firm contacted me when I was at Harmon. I had visited Youngstown several times in the past when I had lived in Cincinnati," Garg said. "A couple of my friends did the residency at the Trumbull Memorial Hospital in the Warren area so I was aware of this area, and this area 30 years ago was a good area. I thought I should relocate to that place rather than stay in a big city."

Garg said he is motivated to serve the community of Youngstown.

"I have always liked to serve the community where I have made my living for so long. I have lived half of my life in this area. I wanted to do what I can," Garg said.

Garg said that his tenure as chair of the Board proved a challenge, and he shared a memorable experience during his time.

"I think it was a challenge and I have always liked challenges because challenges always give you opportunities," Garg said. "I would say the most memorable experience is when we hired Randy Dunn, and I was very happy that he was selected at that time. He seemed to be the best candidate to replace Cindy Anderson, and I did my best to go out of the way to make him feel at home. I had a party for him and I invited all the Board members, community members and YSU faculty. I invited him two to four weeks before he said he was leaving, and that was very heartbreaking for me. ... He has to move forward and we are lucky that the board elected Jim Tressel. I think that he is a very good choice for the university."

Garg said, even in challenging times, he has always approached his work on the Board with a positive attitude.

"And I am of the kind where I never show my frustration or anger in public, even if it is in my own heart. I may feel bad about it, but I always try to keep a charm and positive attitude that any time there is a bad situation in front of you, you have to turn it into something good. I always look at the positive that could come out of that bad situation," Garg said.

Carole Weimer, the current chair of the Board of the Trustees, started her term at the beginning of last semester. Garg commented positively on her performance for the year.

"I think Carole is doing a very good job. One thing that is good is that she has a lot of free time. Carole is not working, and I did not have that much free time. She is involved," he said.

Garg said he will work in his office full time at St. Elizabeth's.

"I might look at some other opportunities if given. If not, I will spend some time with my family. I probably should have done more, but I have four grandsons," Garg said. "Four of them live in England and two are in Columbus. At home, it's only my wife and I. Sometimes we travel when we can, and maybe we will try to go to England a little bit more often than we have done in the past."



Shedding Light on Dark Matter

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This past weekend Youngstown State University's planetarium debuted its newest program "Dark." The program examines astronomers' search for dark matter.

Dark matter is a type of matter that does not emit light, making it unobservable to telescopes. Scientists estimate it makes up the majority of the matter in the universe.

Sharon Shanks, a planetarium lecturer at YSU, explained the difficulty in studying dark matter.

"The things that astronomers study give off light," Shanks said. "They give off more than visible light; they give off all the other wavelengths. We have detectors that can pick up on those wavelengths. That's how we get our information about these stars we can't touch."

Curt Spivey, a planetarium engineer at YSU, explains what makes the show and its subject so unusual.

"The thing about dark matter is that across all of the wavelengths we can see its effect on the stuff we can see, but we can't see it," Spivey said. "How do you find something you can't see?" is the basic gist of this show."

Spivey also explained the importance of observing dark matter for the scientific community.

"Eighty percent of the matter in the universe [scientists] speculate is dark matter we can't see," Spivey said. "The stars and the gal-

axies we see seems like a lot, but it's only 20 percent of what's actually out there."

Alan Duffy of the International Centre for Radio Astronomy Research at the University of Western Australia is narrating the show. At his university, he and his team of researchers create simulations using supercomputers to visualize dark matter.

Spivey said the show is on the cutting edge of the field today, and it has great value in terms of entertainment as well as education.

"To me, what makes astronomy interesting is that we're always learning something new," Spivey said. "With our shows we're not only trying to entertain you, but we're trying to show you what is going on in this fascinating field that Sharon and I are in. This is some of the more interesting stuff that's out there and something that's right on the forefront of the research in astronomy and astrophysics today."

Shanks said she wants to get more college students interested, as they make up a relatively small portion of the planetarium's attendees.

"Astronomy is open to everyone," Shanks said. "All you need to do is look up and think about what's out there or could be out there."

Spivey agreed, adding that the planetarium has ongoing efforts to bring new content to its viewers free of charge.

"We try to keep bringing in new content to the planetarium to keep our shows fresh, and we hope people will come out so we can continue to keep doing that," Spivey said.

Texas Republican Sen. Ted Cruz Launches Presidential Bid

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Cruz of Texas is running for president, he announced on Twitter.

The ambitious lawmaker's intentions were no surprise. An aide had confirmed Sunday that Cruz would announce his 2016 White House run on Monday at Liberty University, the conservative university founded by the Rev. Jerry Falwell.

Cruz tipped his hand even earlier.

Shortly after midnight Sunday, he tweeted: "I'm running for president and I hope to earn your support!"

In an accompanying video, Cruz said, "It's going to take a new generation of courageous conservatives to help make America great again. I'm ready to stand with you to lead the fight."

Cruz becomes the first high-profile Republican to formally enter the 2016 contest. Several other hopefuls are reportedly planning announcements for next month, as is Democrat Hillary Rodham Clinton.

The Houston Chronicle first reported Cruz's plan, which was confirmed by a strategist close to him, who spoke before the official an-

nouncement on condition of anonymity.

The Texas senator trails several other potential Republican candidates in early polling, including former Florida Gov. Jeb Bush, Wisconsin Gov. Scott Walker and two Senate colleagues, Rand Paul of Kentucky and Marco Rubio of Florida.

Cruz, 44, has tense relations with the party establishment and Senate leadership, whose legislative plans he often complicates. But he has an ardent following in the conservative wing of the party, and is likely to be a significant force in the primaries.

After his election to the Senate in 2012, Cruz won backing from tea party activists by leading the GOP's push to shut down the federal government in fall 2013, part of an unsuccessful bid to block President Barack Obama's health care law.

He has staked out uncompromising positions on the right, calling for the complete repeal of Obamacare, abolition of the Internal Revenue Service and opposition to any form of "amnesty" for immigrants in the country illegally.

Those credentials will be highlighted by the venue

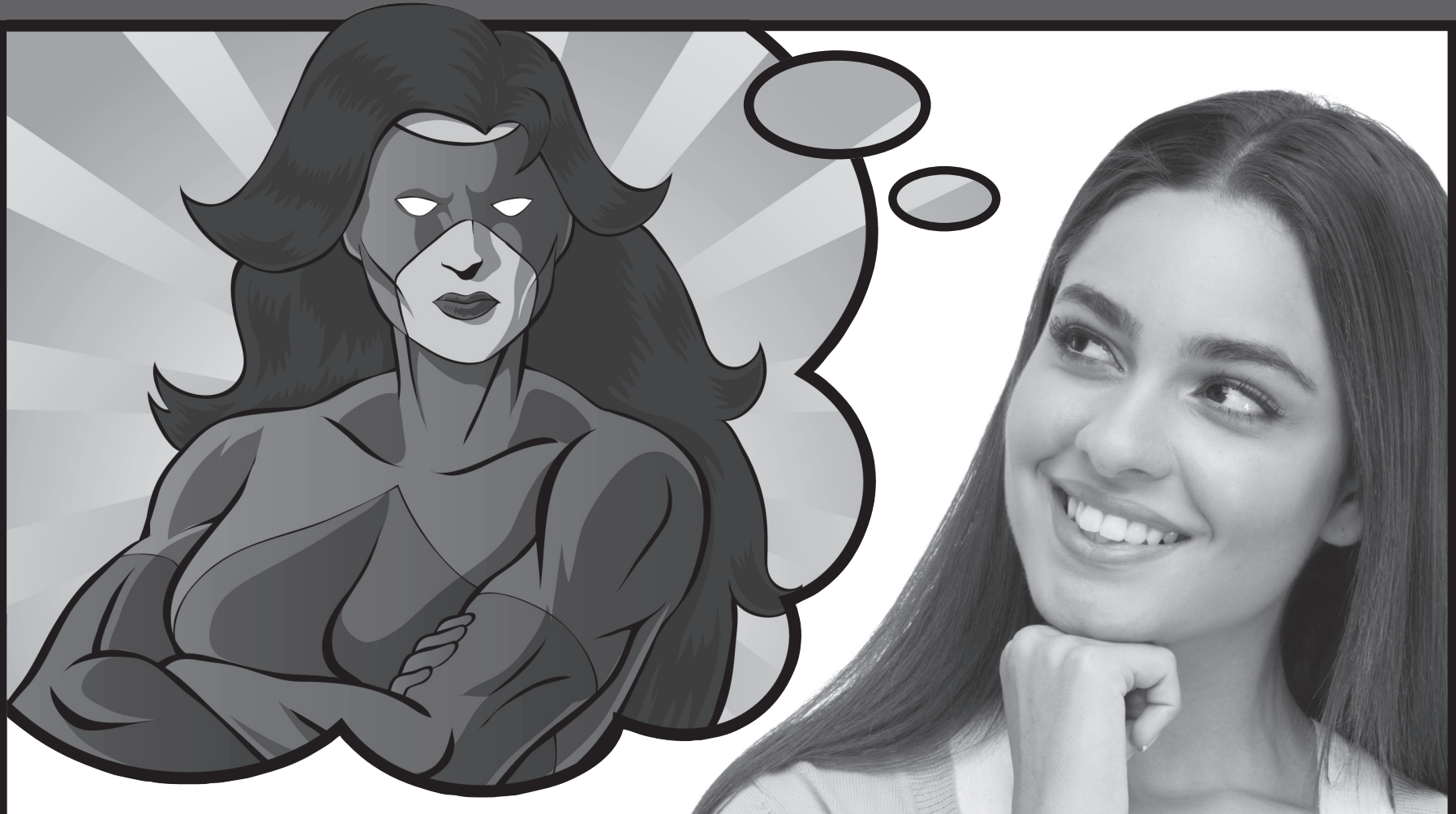
for his Monday announcement, Liberty University in Lynchburg, Va. The school, founded by Falwell in 1971, declares its mission to be "training champions for Christ." Its graduates can be found in many roles in conservative organizations across the country.

The decision to announce his candidacy at Liberty indicates how crucial evangelical voters will be to his prospects. Evangelicals form a key voting bloc in many Republican elections, particularly in Iowa, which holds the first contest of the presidential season.

Cruz will face intense competition for evangelical voters. Walker has enjoyed strong backing from religious conservatives in his campaigns, and Paul has courted evangelical leaders in Iowa and elsewhere. Former Texas Gov. Rick Perry also has received strong evangelical support in the past, as have former Arkansas Gov. Mike Huckabee and former Sen. Rick Santorum of Pennsylvania, who appear to be less competitive in the strong 2016 field.

Because Cruz's Senate term runs through the end of 2018, he can run for the presidency without losing his seat.

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"Lose 20 pounds in a week! How to keep him interested! Stock up on hot spring styles!"

For many college-age women, this is the kind of literature supposedly written for them. It's not about the trials and tribulation of college and doesn't satisfy what many young women are looking for when they reach out for reading materials.

Molly Longest and Katherine Crowley understand, and for this reason, they've created TheLala.com.

The Lala is by college women, for college women. The site began when Longest and Crowley were sophomores at Purdue University and discovered that all of the women they knew were finding and consuming negative media or media without any real weight. What started out as purduela-

la.com, a campus-specific site used to show the girls' writing samples for internships, transformed into TheLala.com, a multi-campus website that grew to have over 300 contributors from over 100 universities all across the world.

"When we started the website, we wanted to start a positive media mission. Websites geared towards college women was sort of fluffy and concerned losing weight or keeping your man interested," Longest said. "We were surrounded by amazing powerful girls and this didn't seem to appeal to them. This was an important time and it seemed like everything out there was bubblegum-y. So we started this website to satisfy the need that was clearly there."

Sarah Jones is the Youngstown State University representative for The Lala and believes that the site is one that authentically resonates with college women, their challenges and their ac-

complishments.

"I feel like I've connected personally with about 90 percent of the articles that they put on there. There is other media focused towards other girls that is positive, but it doesn't feel authentic," Jones said. "Since the girls that are writing the articles are in college, and a lot of college girls have similarities, they understand what you're going through. It's all about the little positive things."

The Lala has been around for close to a year and a half, and in that time, Longest said she has found out an incredible amount concerning women and the media and technology industry.

"We're based in New York, and we have found that, at different media events, we're grouped in the tech sector since we're an online only publication ... and there aren't that many women. We walk into a room and we're the only women there," Longest said. "We're also very young, and we're probably the youngest people there. At first, we thought it was going to be difficult because there weren't any women, but then it turned into realizing that we're being an example for other girls. The stereotype that women can't do things is horrible. If she's nice, she's weak; if she's strong, she's a bitch. Gender stereotypes can't work against you in a work environment if you don't let it. Man or woman, you have to stay true to yourself. Be true to yourself and your work style and you'll be alright."

The Lala will be hosting an on-campus event in collaboration with YSU's Victoria's Secret PINK chapter. For updates, check the YSU PINK social media sites.

Pop in to the McKelvey Pop-Up Market



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The McKelvey Gallery will be hosting its first Pop-Up Evening Market Tuesday-Friday evenings from 5 p.m. to 9 p.m. The McKelvey Gallery is located on the first floor of Martini Brothers Burger Bar on West Federal Street in Youngstown.

Heather Seno is the director of operations for the McKelvey and organized the pop-up market.

"I basically wanted to utilize this space in a way that would sort of draw attention to it in a unique way that people aren't used to," Seno said.

The pop-up market will feature five local vendors, selling items ranging from vintage clothing to art prints.

The vendors holding a table each night in the gallery are Squirrel Paws, Lola Bean's Boutique, Rauschenbach Studios, Youngstown Famous and Wick & Fifth.

"I curated this entire show," Seno said. "I specifically picked people that I thought would work well together."

Seno said the gallery is an ideal place for the pop-up market. Attendees can peruse the vendor's products and view the artwork Seno curated.

Aside from the market, events such as poetry readings, printmaking lessons and painting sessions are hosted monthly in the McKelvey.

Daniel Rauschenbach is a Youngstown local and an artist of all trades, working in oils, watercolors, sculpting, printmaking and others. Rauschenbach is attending the event under his studio's name, Rauschenbach Studios.

Rauschenbach will be bringing to the market prints of his watercolor paintings, woodblock prints, ceramics, photographs, postcards and T-shirts — or, as Rauschenbach put it, everything he makes.

"My biggest goal is to promote everyone who does creative endeavors," Rauschenbach said. "I think Youngstown gets us in the door. It cuts out the middleman. ... We're the biggest thing to happen to Youngstown since the Hopewell Furnace. We're going to do something a lot better for this area than steel."

Melissa D'Apolito founded Lola Bean's Boutique a year ago, starting off as an Etsy store.

Lola Bean's Boutique offers a variety of vintage clothing from the 1930s to the early 1990s.

"I think we all bring different and unique things to the market," D'Apolito said. "I think it will be a great collaboration."

D'Apolito started Lola Bean's Boutique as a hobby, visiting secondhand stores, estate sales and thrift shops to acquire clothes of decades past.

Since its conception, Lola Bean's Boutique has participated in a variety of pop-up events.

"I'm actually really, really excited," D'Apolito said. "I think Youngstown is ready for something new."

Bill Youngman, also known as Bill O'Rly, is one of the founding members of Youngstown Famous — a collaborative project intended to emerge as a brand. Youngman is currently acting as the creative principal of Youngstown Famous, working with local artists Courtney Waskin and Kelly Borton.

"Events like this are integral to supporting local artists and supporting local economies," Youngman said. "It's a win-win for everybody and I hope to see more pop-ups in Youngstown. We certainly have the space for it."

Youngman will be bringing the Youngstown Famous line of apparel to the pop-up market. The line includes shirts depicting the late Jim Traficant, jewelry fashioned from Idora Park tickets, etched beer steins and various prints.

"I'm looking forward to the event and meeting the new vendors," Youngman said. "I spend a lot of time making things, and it is always nice to see it come together on display — even better to see others looking at it."

Wicks & Fifth is a self-sufficient beauty and body product manufacturer. Wicks & Fifth creates their products from beeswax — from their own bees. Their products include, but are not limited to, beard oil, perfume, lip balm and body butter.

Squirrel Paws creates watercolor postcards and hand-made dream catchers.

Seno said that she already has two vendors lined up for next month's prospective market.

"I kind of want this to be a monthly thing," Seno said. "I was hired to develop programming for the gallery, and I'm trying to make all of our events happen so people expect a certain thing to happen around the same time each month. I think that we are growing into something that could bring more attention here to the building."

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EDITORIAL

Putting the Safe Zone Before the End Zone

Earlier this month, the Safe Zone Advisory Council sent a memo addressed to the directors of the Equal Opportunity and Policy Compliance department and the athletics department.

This memo's purpose? To formally request a response to controversy surrounding the hire of assistant football coach Ron Brown.

Brown has been criticized for publicizing his homophobic beliefs while working as a state employee. The Safe Zone Advisory Council has asked the university to respond to controversy surrounding Brown, specifically requesting that Brown be "notified of his obligations and responsibilities as a YSU employee" and that the climate in athletics be

monitored "to ensure ALL athletes at YSU feel welcome and safe."

There's a problem with these requests, though — there's no way to ensure that Brown is reminded of his obligations as a university employee or that the athletics department fosters an environment of respect.

Perhaps of greater interest, then, is the third request made in the Safe Zone Advisory Council's memo — a request that calls for a measurable act of compliance. The memo asks that Brown, along with University President Jim Tressel and head football coach Bo Pelini, attend Safe Zone Ally Training.

Though we do not know how they will respond to this invitation,

we do know how they should respond.

Aside from their obvious interest in the game of football, Tressel, Pelini and Brown all have one important commonality — they've come to YSU after experiencing public criticism. In Brown's case, the reproach involves his backwards beliefs on homosexuality. For Tressel, it's a scandal regarding football players and tattoos. And for Pelini, it's a history of foul and sometimes misogynistic language in the locker room.

Whether they realize it or not, they ought to be concerned about their public appearances. They ought to redefine and revitalize their images. And the Safe Zone Ad-

visory Committee has given them the perfect opportunity to do so.

In response to the Safe Zone memo, Tressel wrote that "maintaining a welcoming and respectful campus community requires more than words on paper; it requires shared effort and collaboration."

In our view, it also requires measurable action.

We therefore recommend that Brown, Pelini and Tressel accept the Safe Zone Advisory Committee's invitation to attend Safe Zone Ally Training, that they serve as models for the campus community, that they help foster an environment of respect — if not for the good of campus, then for the good of their own public images.

LETTER — TO THE — EDITOR

Fair, Free and Open Student Government Elections

To truly represent the student body of Youngstown State University, Student Government Association must have fair, free and open elections.

Weeks ago at their body meeting, Student Government Association voted to implement several changes to their bylaws regarding election procedures. Some of the changes were even rejected by the body after a long discussion. Despite the length of the discussion in a single meeting, SGA representatives were still left confused. Many of these changes showed up in an unexpected way. For example, a new primary election process was implemented, creating a significant amount of confusion, so much so, that two current sitting SGA representatives, who to my knowledge intended to run for re-election as representative, did not fill out the correct application in time. This primary election process was not even hinted at when discussion of changing the bylaws was being championed by the members of the Executive Board.

If our own Student Government representatives are confused by these rapid changes to our elections process, then surely there are many in the student body that are or would be confused if they intended to run. This brings me to my first point: by restricting the currency of information regarding the elections process and making changes right before the start of the election season, Student Government is restricting the ability to have fair, free and open elections here at Youngstown State University.

This could have been avoided, however, if more discussion had occurred on the topic and discussion had started considerably sooner. Perhaps there is genuine need to change some of the elections processes and perhaps there is genuine need to update some of the clauses. There is no doubt, however, that there is genuine need to effectively communicate these changes to the student body. I hope Student Government takes this as a lesson for future changes; bylaws for an organization are not a document to be changed on a whim or "tinkered" with, but rather an important set of rules and guidelines whose change has a sense of gravity.

Fellow students, as the election season is upon us, I encourage you to get involved, get informed and, no matter what, cast your vote.

Respectfully,
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HHS Head: Feds Will Continue to Build on Obamacare Successes

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For more than a century, American leaders have struggled to find ways to extend quality, affordable health care to everyone. We made progress for the elderly, the under-served and children, but for many Americans, the goal remained unattainable.

Nathan Auldridge knew that truth too well. He was a senior in college when he started experiencing double vision and severe vomiting. He was diagnosed with a life-threatening brain tumor and had to undergo a craniotomy and six weeks of radiation. The treatments were successful and he was declared cancer-free in 2006.

But as a cancer survivor, Nathan found that a new health struggle was just beginning. In addition to having a pre-existing condition, he had developed narcolepsy. He was suddenly very difficult to insure.

In 2013, Nathan worked with special needs adults, a job he was passionate about but that didn't provide health coverage. So he found a plan on the private market for almost \$500 a month with a \$5,000 deductible. Still, with coverage his prescriptions and medical expenses were more than half of his yearly income of \$20,000. He was able to get by only with help from his family.

But five years ago this week, Nathan — and millions of Americans like him — found hope in a new law, the Affordable Care Act.

After years of dropped coverage, flimsy plans and barriers to care, everyone's coverage has improved, because consumers have new protections, including those who get health insurance through their employers. They can't be turned away because of pre-existing conditions; they can't be dropped just because they get sick and insurance has to cover care that Americans count on, like trips to the emergency room, prescriptions and preventive services.

And coverage is now affordable for millions of Americans.

As of Feb. 22, nearly 11.7 million Americans had signed up or were re-enrolled through the marketplace during this year's open enrollment. And those shoppers found good deals. Nearly 80 percent of 2015 marketplace customers who selected plans using HealthCare.gov could purchase coverage for

\$100 or less per month after tax credits.

And we're starting to see real progress toward ensuring that every American has access to affordable, quality coverage. Since the passage of the Affordable Care Act five years ago, about 16.4 million uninsured people have gained health coverage. That's the largest reduction of the uninsured in four decades.

Nathan found a plan on the 2014 marketplace that, with the help of a premium tax credit, cost him just \$111 per month. And this year it's even lower, at \$100. His new deductible is only \$725. And since his prescriptions are now covered, his \$1,200-a-month narcolepsy drug costs him only \$10.

Across the nation, consumers found quality, affordable health coverage like Nathan did. They made it clear that this is a product they need, want and like. And they don't want that coverage taken away.

Our nation has come too far to go backwards.

But as we look at the next five years and beyond, we have a new challenge ahead of us.

Many of the newly insured are navigating coverage for the first time, and it can be confusing. They may not know whom to call or where to go when they are sick. They may not think to take advantage of free preventive services that can detect cancer early or help keep their diabetes under control. And — just as importantly — they may not know what to do to keep themselves healthy.

Our next challenge is making these historic changes work for individuals by connecting people to the services they need. Going "From Coverage to Care."

"From Coverage to Care" is about empowering people to take control of their own health. It focuses on three priorities: connecting people to the care they need; teaching them how to understand their benefits and their bills; and giving them the tools to make healthier decisions for healthier lives.

If you would like to learn more about how to take control of your health or how to help others, we have created a number of resources, including videos and printable materials, at the website From Coverage To Care.

Five years ago, we laid the foundation for a historic transformation in our health care system. Today, it's paying off, for consumers, businesses and our economy. And we will continue to build on that foundation, to ensure that everyone has access to affordable, quality care — and knows how to use it. Americans deserve no less.



Softball Sweeps Doubleheader Against Detroit

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After an 8-5 victory over the University of Detroit Mercy highlighted by two home runs by junior infielder Miranda Castiglione on March 20,

the Youngstown State University softball team looked to ride that momentum into Saturday's doubleheader at the YSU Softball Complex. The magic continued with a sweep of the Detroit, 10-7 and 5-1, with a seven-run sixth inning during game one and five runs over the first two innings of the nightcap.

With the wins, YSU improves to 10-12 on the year, 3-0 in conference play. UDM falls to 1-20 on the season after the sweep, 0-3 in the Horizon League.

In game one, YSU plated three runs in the first inning after giving up an RBI by UDM center fielder Alex Astorga. The score remained 3-1 until the top of the fifth, when the Titans erupted for four runs on four hits, capped with a two-run single by Sarah Mauser, driving in Astorga and Katy Severson.

In the home half of the sixth inning, the Penguins battled back, starting with a two-run double by third baseman Stevie Taylor, plating infielder Sarah Dowd and center fielder Hannah Lucas. A Brittney Moffatt single brought Taylor and Castiglione home. Moffatt had three hits in the first game and a double in the second game, pushing her batting average up to .290.

Although relief pitcher Caitlyn Minney gave up two runs in the seventh inning, no further damage was done, preserving the victory — her first of the year.

In the nightcap, YSU got off to a quick start with a three-run home run by Taylor in the bottom of the first inning, giving the Penguins the lead for good. Dowd, who also stole two bases during the game, padded the lead with a two-run shot of her own an inning later.

YSU kept the 5-0 shutout going until the seventh inning, when third baseman Savanna Ferstle scored UDM's only run of the game after second baseman Vanessa Garcia grounded out.

Kayla Haslett started both games

of the doubleheader, pitching 11.2 innings all told with eight strikeouts and four earned runs. The second game on Saturday resulted in her third win, as well as her third complete game this season.

Moffatt said her team had a pretty good series.

"We got the sweep, so it was definitely good to start the conference season that way," Moffatt said.

The infielder discussed her team's seven-run burst in the sixth inning of game one.

"We all came together, putting some runners on base," she said. "Then everyone just kind of came together. It was a pretty effective inning."

Haslett discussed how much her defense supported her cause on Saturday.

"Our team just swept our first series," Haslett said. "I was just thinking how my defense has my back. We had a mindset of 'let's just go at them this game and hopefully sweep the series' and we did."

Head coach Brian Campbell praised his team after the doubleheader sweep.

"I thought that Stevie Taylor did a really good job," Campbell said. "She opened up the second game with the three-run home run in the first inning. I'm also really proud of Kayla Haslett and the way she came back after the first game to pitch a complete game, pitching truly well with five strikeouts."

The Penguins return to action with a Wednesday doubleheader at home against Kent State University, with first pitch of game one scheduled for 3 p.m.



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Youngstown State University pitcher Kayla Haslett threw complete game — allowing six hits and one run. With the win, Haslett's record improved to 3-5. She also started the first game of the double header — she finished with a no decision.

CRUSADERS SWEEP THE PENGUINS

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The Youngstown State University baseball team traveled to Valparaiso University for a three-game series over the weekend. The game was scheduled to be played at Eastwood Field for the Penguins' home opener, but due to weather conditions was moved.

During game one of the series, the Penguins and the Crusaders were tied 0-0 heading into the fifth inning. Starting pitcher Jeremy Quinlan allowed six runs, only four earned, and was relieved in the sixth inning. Valparaiso doubled four times in the sixth inning.

YSU fought back to cut the lead to 8-3 after a two-run homerun by first baseman Brent Gillespie in the sixth inning. Right fielder Alex Larivee hit a solo homerun in the eighth inning after the Crusaders added another run in the top on the inning. YSU's final run scored after a bases loaded walk in the bottom of the ninth. The Penguins lost the first game 9-5.

The YSU offense was more consistent in the second game of the series.

The Penguins fell behind 3-0 by the third inning. However, a four-run fourth inning led by four hits, two walks and back-to-back errors by Valparaiso third baseman Shea Molitor. YSU scored an additional run scored in the fifth gave YSU a 5-3 lead heading into the fifth.

The Crusaders countered



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Youngstown State University first baseman Brent Gillespie finished with a .363 batting average and two runs batted in. Gillespie hit his first homerun of the season during the sixth inning of first game against Valparaiso University on March 20.

with three runs in the fifth and four runs in the seventh to take a 10-5 lead. The Penguins were able to score three runs in the bottom of the seventh to cut the Crusader lead to 10-8, but YSU was held scoreless during the rest of the game.

The YSU offense was shut-down in the final game of the series. The Penguins were only

able to muster four hits and were shut out 4-0. Valparaiso pitcher Mario Losi didn't allow a hit until the fourth inning.

Second baseman Kevin Nix gave YSU its best opportunity to score in the eighth inning with a leadoff double. Right fielder Lorenzo Arcuri followed the double with a single to center field. Nix advanced to

third base, but was doubled off after Jason Shirley lined out to shortstop.

YSU's pitching gave a good performance — allowing six hits and striking out 10 Valparaiso batters. Starting pitcher Josh North threw six innings, allowing four runs on four hits. North struck out nine Crusaders.

After the three-game sweep the Penguins are 4-11 on the season and 1-5 in Horizon League play.

YSU will play the University of Akron on March 24 at Lee R. Jackson Field in Akron. The Zips are 10-10 this season and 2-1 in the Mid-American Conference. Akron is tied for the lead in the MAC East division.

SPORTS BRIEFS

Kendrick Perry Back in US

Former Youngstown State University basketball star Kendrick Perry signed with the Iowa Energy. The Energy is a team in the Eastern Conference of the National Basketball Association's Development League. Perry played last season with the Sydney Kings in Australia.

Men's Tennis Opens Horizon League Play with Win

The Youngstown State University men's tennis team defeated Wright State University 6-1 on March 22. The Penguins were 5-1 in singles competition and 2-1 during doubles play. The Penguins record improved to 5-8 (1-0) after the win.

Women's Tennis Defeats Wright State

The Youngstown State University women's tennis team defeated Wright State University 6-1. The Penguins went 5-1 in singles play and 2-1 in doubles. The only loss recorded by YSU occurred because Julianna Heino retired from the match. With the win, the Penguins improve to 8-8 (1-0) this season.