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Pete's Pride celebrated their first year last Thursday, shortly after registering their 1,000th volunteer.

Jim Tressel, president of YSU, founded Pete's Pride on July 11, 2014 with the initial goal of creating connections and developing networks between alumni and students.

The organization is composed primarily of volunteers. Heather Belgin, the assistant director of alumni engagement, serves as the head of the organization and is the only

one paid for her time.

According to Tressel, that is a lot more than what was expected at the beginning of the project, even after employing similar programs at other schools.

"I felt that the community and the alums [at YSU] had a deeper passion for their school," Tressel said.

Belgin said it began from tapping into the alumni society and expanding. The project has grown from there into what it is today.

"At the beginning of this project, we were just sending our correspondence, reaching out to students and gathering

volunteers. That was the main focus, getting people involved, but now that we have reached that goal we can expand our plans further," Belgin said.

The main focus of the organization is to recruit future students, mentor current students and engage with the alumni. Pete's Pride helps with recruitment initiatives, such as a letter campaign in which 4,000 handwritten letters were sent to prospective students speaking about the YSU experience. They are goodwill ambassadors that are here to help past, present and future students and their parents and make everyone feel welcome and in-

involved.

Members of Pete's Pride are mostly alumni and friends of the University. Their main goal is to create connections with current and future students and get them involved in the YSU community.

Belgin said one of their future goals is to work on a new software mentoring program.

"Students will be able to log in and work with a Pete's Pride member in any capacity that they need," Belgin said. "They can search in the database for anyone in their career field. They would connect online and hopefully meet face-to-face, and the students can get

professional mentoring."

At the anniversary party, many members of Pete's Pride discussed what inspired them to become part of Pete's Pride. Most said it was the interaction they got to have with students.

Catherine Cala, the director of alumni engagement, is one of them.

"The most enjoyable part of being part of Pete's Pride is the interaction with students. Getting to work with them and give them the wisdom that they need in their college career," Cala said.

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Give Back Go Forward: Volunteering With a Purpose

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Senior citizens volunteering in the community are being given the ability to earn tuition waivers they can give to students or use themselves at Youngstown State University and Eastern Gateway Community College.

GIVE Back GO Forward allows those over 60 who volunteer over 100 hours at one of three local charities to earn a three-credit-hour tuition waiver. Students are permitted to use two waivers per year, and they have five years to use them before they expire.

The participating charities are Inspiring Minds, which prepares students for college, United Way's Success Before Six, which prepares students for kindergarten, and Success After Six, which focuses on improving retention and test scores for students in grades K-6.

Jeff Robinson, director of communications for the Ohio Department of Higher Education, said that a collaborative effort formed this program.

"There's been some discussion between the chancellor, the Department of Aging director, [YSU] President Jim Tressel and the Youngstown/Warren Regional Chamber president [Tom Humphries], who is on our board of regents," Robinson said. "It just came together through some con-



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versations. Everybody agreed that [Youngstown] would be a good place to pilot something like this."

Tressel said the university is leading the way with this program.

"We were talking about how we could be helpful and we came up with this pilot program. We want to be a model for people to look after in this state," Tressel said.

Sara Molski, assistant policy director at the Board of Regents, said there will be no state funding for the program.

"The institution stepped up and made a commitment. The

institutions actually waive the credits," Molski said.

She credits the participating charities with the success of GIVE Back GO Forward.

"One of the benefits of this program is that it's very community driven. The community agencies themselves ... they're the ones who are on the ground, recruiting the volunteers, training the volunteers for hours," Molski said. "We will be getting monthly reports from them, so we are waiting to see the first month, how things transpire."

Robinson said they are grateful for the participating

groups' organizations, including Mature Services, who will help keep track of the volunteers' hours.

"It's not just us. There are a lot of people involved who are making this a reality, so we are thankful they stepped up and agreed to do this, and we hope to see a positive difference in the community," Robinson said.

Senior citizens who have already volunteered can count completed hours towards the 100 hours needed to earn a tuition waiver.

Molski and Robinson said they worked with the

Youngstown/Warren Regional Chamber to find programs that benefit the youth in the community. As the program continues to grow, they hope to sign on more non-profits, and the goal is for other communities in the state to replicate the program.

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Mower to Co-Lead Research for Moral Psychology

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Deborah Mower, professor of philosophy and religious studies at Youngstown State University, has been awarded \$155,747 by the National Endowment for the Humanities to co-direct a summer research institute on moral psychology.

The institute will take place in June 2016 at Grand Valley State University in Michigan. Phyllis Vandenberg, philosophy professor at Grand Valley State, will co-direct alongside Mower.

Mower said moral psychology is a new interdisciplinary field involving psychologists, philosophers and educators.

“[They] are trained to

understand more about what goes on behind the mental processes when people engage in moral behavior, when they perform a moral action, when they engage in moral reasoning and when they develop morally,” Mower said.

She provided examples of the differences between young children and adults — children don’t have a high moral capacity compared to adults — and what goes on between adolescents on the way to adulthood that causes adults to make good moral choices.

The research will also take a look at how morality is affected through education, family dynamics, religion, music, literature, film, art and culture.

Over a four-week span, professors of several disciplines from all over the

country will meet in Michigan to hear speakers, trade notes and gather contacts. Mower made it clear that the main goal is for faculty to return to their colleges and implement what they’ve learned into their classes and research.

Bruce Waller, chair of the department of philosophy and religious studies, talked about the importance of Mower leading the moral psychology program.

“This is the kind of grant that goes to the top people, to those most respected in their field, and that puts her [Dr. Mower] in that category,” Waller said.

He said the effect of grants like this can be contagious.

“Being a part of a project like this really has an affect on the faculty involved, making them better

researchers, but it brings back an excitement to their campuses, to their students as well as to their [fellow] faculty that couldn’t be involved in the program,” Waller said.

Mower said this moral psychology institute will work hard to fight the marginalization of the humanities by administrations across the country.

“The humanities have always been the foundation of university educations and educated persons everywhere; it’s the essence of being an educated person,” Mower said. “To become an educated person is to develop a certain kind of mindset, a certain way of approaching the world, a certain attitude towards leadership, a certain attitude towards one’s responsibili-

ties, certain cognitive skills of how to think.”

Mower said these topics, and how they affect our moral decisions, are the main focuses of moral psychology research.

“The humanities have always helped people become better critical thinkers, better critical reasoners,” Mower said.

Mike Hripko, vice president of research at YSU, spoke very positively about Mower and the grant.

“She is wonderful. She had asked me about how this office could assist faculty going forward in the future,” Hripko said.

He said consistently writing winning grants represents a big step forward for research at the university.

Dual Enrollment Expands Into Pennsylvania

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Western Pennsylvania high school students may be getting a Youngstown State University education in class next year after the Board of Trustees’ decision to expand the College Credit Plus program into their state.

College Credit Plus is a dual enrollment program that gives high school students a chance to earn college credit and gain firsthand experience with the high academic standards and increased workload associated with a typical college education.

It began as a state initiative, but YSU has created its own program to use funds from Pennsylvania student tuition and expand its dual enrollment services into western Pennsylvania. The state continues to fund Ohio students.

Martin Abraham, provost for YSU, said he thinks the program will be a good invest-

ment.

“The reality is that Youngstown sits right on the border between Ohio and Pennsylvania. The objective is to make a good opportunity — that we know is a good opportunity because of our experience working with students from Ohio — to make it available to students in Pennsylvania,” Abraham said.

Abraham drew a comparison between the expansion and the Affordable Tuition Advantage program.

Affordable Tuition Advantage began in the fall of 2013 to reduce the cost of tuition to several out-of-state counties in Pennsylvania, West Virginia and New York.

The expansion of the College Credit Plus program will make getting a college education at YSU easier and more affordable for out-of-state high school students.

Karla Krodel, director of College Credit Plus at YSU, said that because most of the courses offered satisfy general education requirements, even if students aren’t sure what

they want to major in, students have the option of saving both time and money while also obtaining a richer college experience.

“If they come out of high school and have a bunch of their gen-eds accomplished — and if they still want to stay in college for four years — they’re going to have time to take a lot more courses in areas that interest them,” Krodel said. “Maybe they wouldn’t have taken the time to explore those courses if they were on a four year degree path trying to do everything in just four years as opposed to having gotten a good start.”

Most students pass or excel in their dual enrollment courses. The failure and drop-out rates for the program are extremely low.

Ninety-five percent of students who participate in dual enrollment classes move on to college, either at YSU or another school.

Out of those students, many graduate within the standard four years, if not sooner.

Krodel said the program

had a cautious beginning with 50 students enrolled in 2005-2006, but has been doing so well lately — with 1,500 students participating and a 25-30 percent growth rate — that the decision to expand was easy.

“President Tressel was visiting campuses in Pennsylvania and several of them expressed interest in the program, and he asked us to investigate that,” Krodel said.

They are still coordinating things with Pennsylvania.

“Before we can actually offer classes, we have to get permission from the Pennsylvania Department of Education, so I’m currently putting together those applications and hopefully those get reviewed this year and will be approved and ready to start next fall,” Krodel said.

Four high schools will be piloting the program during the 2016-2017 school year: Lawrence County Career and Technical Center, Commodore Perry High School, West Middlesex High School and Mohawk High School.

Tuition per credit hour to participate in the program is \$40 for courses offered in the high school by a qualified high school instructor, \$80 for a course offered in the high school or online by YSU faculty and \$160 for a course offered on YSU’s campus.

The costs include lab, technology and general fees. The state sends an invoice to the school district for review. Upon approval, money from the school’s general fund is sent to YSU as payment.

Most CCP dual enrollment classes are taught in the high school by a qualified teacher and serve as both high school and college credits. However, there are approximately 120 students who attend classes on campus.

Pennsylvania students can currently attend classes on YSU’s campus, but until the state Board of Education approves the paperwork, YSU will not be able to offer classes in Pennsylvania.

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Edward Moore, another alumni, expanded on that.

“Being involved in Pete’s Pride gives me a chance to help students that need guidance. YSU has always been a place where students work hard for the degree that they are getting,” Moore said. “I always wanted to be involved in an organization like Pete’s Pride. I am enthused to be part of something that helps other YSU students increase their experience and expand their studies.”

Robert Pavlik, who works in media advertising, said he was excited about the future mentoring program and the current networking that happens between Pete’s Pride members and current and future students.

“It’s great to be able to give guidance to students. Especially straight out of high school, they need help, I believe, to focus on their career goals early on so as to save on their expense and find a career shortly after graduation,” Pavlik said.

Now that they have reached their member goal, Pete’s Pride hopes to continue to create connections between alumni and students while expanding and evolving into a greater organization.



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NEWS BRIEFS

Grant to Increase Online Nursing Program Enrollment

The Ohio Board of Nursing has awarded \$182,984 to Youngstown State University's department of nursing to increase enrollment and educational opportunities in the department's online registered nurse-bachelor of science in nursing completion program. The Nurse Education Grant Program is part of the Ohio Board of Nursing's effort to address Ohio's nursing shortage by increasing the enrollment capacity of nurse education programs.

Dana Wind Ensemble to Perform Free Outdoor Concert Sept. 2

The Youngstown State University Wind Ensemble will perform a free concert entitled "Strike Up the Band 2015" at 7 p.m. on Wednesday, Sept. 2. The concert will take place at the Harrison Common Field on Walnut Street. The show will take on an Americana theme. In the event of inclement weather, the concert will be held in the Recital Hall in Bliss Hall.

Dana Faculty Trio to Open Music at Noon Concert Series

The Dana Faculty Trio, consisted of Dana School of Music faculty members Joseph Kromholz, Alice Wang and Cicilia Yudha, will open the fall semester's Music at Noon concert series on Wednesday, Aug. 26 at 12:15 p.m. The performance will take place at the Butler Institute of American Art. They will also perform a second concert on Friday, Aug. 28 at 7:30 p.m. in the Bliss Recital Hall.

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UCF Frat Member Who Chants 'Rape' in Video is Suspect in Sex Assault

By Gabrielle Russon

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ORLANDO, Fla. — A University of Central Florida fraternity brother identified as chanting "rape" in a video recorded in June is the same man accused of sexual assaulting a woman at the fraternity's off-campus apartments last year, according to the victim's complaint released by the university.

In a text message Monday, the woman who reported being assaulted confirmed to the Orlando Sentinel that she recognized his voice in the video. Another woman who recorded the scene June 9 at the Sigma Nu apartment also identified the man, according to the university complaint.

On Monday, the University of Central Florida released the recording that appears to depict several Sigma Nu fraternity members laughing and talking in an expletive-laced conversation.

"Let's rape some b ...," a man's voice can be heard saying before someone chanted "rape" several times in a row.

It was recorded by a woman who is not a UCF student. That woman, who was dating one of the fraternity members at the time, knew about the open sexual-assault case against the man and was friends with the victim. She gave the recording to the victim, who later filed the student-conduct incident report based on the contents.

The sexual assault happened in October, a UCF police report said. The victim said she woke up on a Saturday morning at the

Sigma Nu apartments and felt pain. She noticed an unwrapped condom wrapper and a condom on the floor, according to the report.

The woman did not report the case until February to UCF police, who forwarded it to the state attorney's office in April, according to UCF.

On Monday, the Orange-Osceola State attorney's office would not confirm that the case had been received, said spokeswoman Angela Starke.

"We get 80,000 cases a year to review," Starke said when asked why the state attorney's office had taken no action.

The Sentinel is not identifying the man because he has not been charged with a crime. When called for comment Monday, he hung up on a reporter.

After the university was notified about the rape-chanting video, officials

suspended Sigma Nu last month and said there will be a Title IX investigation. Title IX is a federal law that prohibits sexual discrimination in public education.

On Thursday, a panel is expected to deliberate the case and could recommend a punishment, which might range from the less severe such as community service to a more serious consequence to expulsion for violating university policy.

University staff will review the panel's decision before it can be made final, added UCF spokesman Chad Binette.

UCF declined to comment Monday because of the active student-conduct-review process. The national fraternity could not be reached for comment Monday but had said last week in a statement, "We are deeply troubled by the allegations and immediately suspended the accused

student, pending further developments. ... The words used by people in the recordings are disrespectful, despicable and vile."

Sigma Nu started at UCF in 2005 and has 52 active members. It is connected to a national fraternity that began at Virginia Military Institute in 1869.

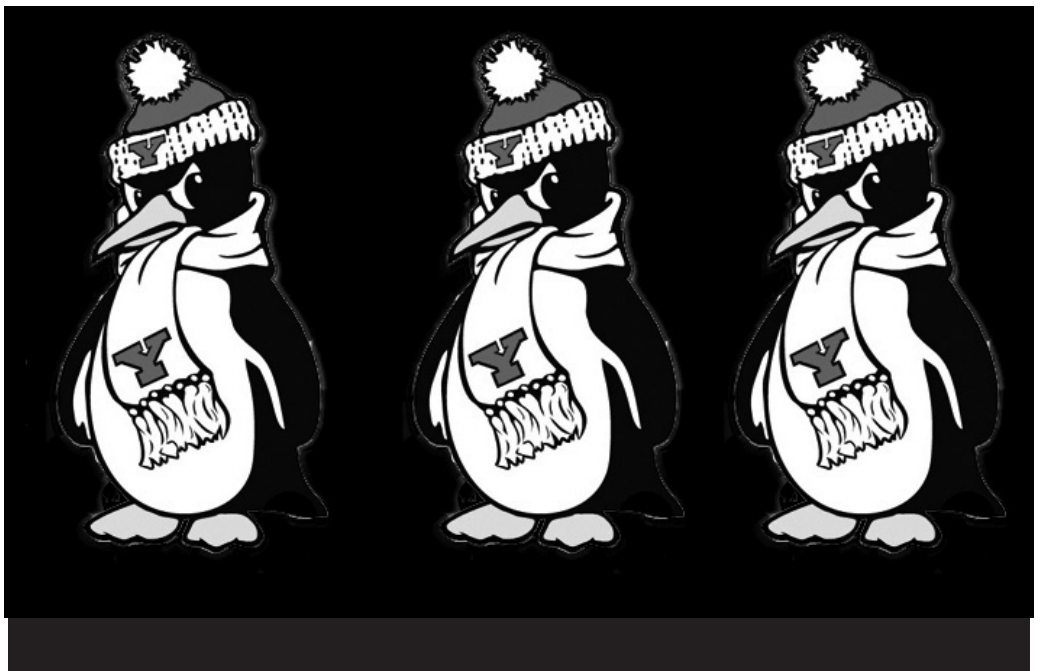
The Sigma Nu recording has received national media attention, with articles appearing online in The Washington Post and The Huffington Post.

It's not the first time a fraternity has been in trouble with chants promoting sexual assaults, according to RAINN, the Rape, Abuse and Incest National Network.

For instance, in 2010, there were media reports about new fraternity recruits chanting, "No means yes" as they marched at Yale University. The YouTube video went viral.

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YSU School of Witchcraft and Wizardry



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Turns out, the world of Harry Potter is centuries in the making.

Youngstown State University is home to the “Harry Potter’s World: Renaissance Science, Magic and Medicine” banner exhibition for the next six weeks.

Cassie Nespor is the curator for the Melnick Medical Museum and William F. Maag, Jr. Library. She reserved the Harry Potter exhibition February 2014, and it arrived on campus last week.

“I reserved them quite a long time ago because they’re very popular,” Nespor said.

The banners are currently up on display in the reading room on the first floor of Maag, but will move to Kilcawley Center this week.

“[The banners] take a look at the real science — old science — that’s been incorporated into the books,” Nespor said.

Familiar names that are present in the Harry Potter book and film series, like fifteenth alchemist Nicolas Flamel, appear on the banners. Nespor said her favorite part of the exhibit is the teachings of the fifteenth century magician Cornelius Agrippa.

“He writes about magic — which is kind of crazy — but using it responsibly,” Nespor said. “His discussion of how to use power responsibly is something that

we juggle every day.”

The National Library of Medicine curated the exhibition and has created resources for teachers interested in using the exhibition to teach a course. The material is available on the National Library of Medicine’s website.

Angela Messenger is the YSU Writing Center director and the advisor for the Room of Requirement, an outreach and social organization on campus.

“The closest, to my knowledge, that [the exhibit] has come to this area before is Alliance,” Messenger said. “We have always been looking forward to having an opportunity to see it, and to create a lot of buzz on campus about Harry Potter and the Room of Require-

ment.

John Granger, often referred to as the “dean of Harry Potter scholars,” will give a lecture on Sept. 29 in Kilcawley Center. Admission to the lecture is free and open to the public.

“It’s a nice way for people to have an opportunity to revisit the series, if they have read it before or if they haven’t yet read it,” Messenger said. “This does help people reframe their thoughts on Harry Potter, and that this is sort of a long lasting tradition.”

The Harry Potter exhibit will be on display in Kilcawley Center until Sept. 11, and then will move to the Youngstown Public Library. On Sept. 28, the exhibit will move to DeBartolo Hall and finish out its residency on

campus on Oct. 29.

The Room of Requirement in Harry Potter is a space in Hogwarts that presents itself to students that are in need of it. The organization on campus by the same name started in reference to the series, but now has grown to accept all pop-culture fandoms.

The Youngstown Public Library will host a costume contest on Sept. 19 in part with the Harry Potter exhibit.

For more information on “Harry Potter’s World: Renaissance Science, Magic and Medicine” visit www.nlm.nih.gov/exhibition/harrypottersworld/exhibition.html.

Meet YSU’s Marching Pride



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Break out the neon stockings, put on some hairspray and do the cabbage patch — the Marching Pride is throwing it back with their first public performance of the semester with the theme “That 80s Show.”

Brandt Payne, director of athletic bands at YSU, has been on faculty for six years and says the Marching Pride is an exciting group of performers who represent all different areas of study — from engineering to

music education.

“For me, the greatest part about Marching Pride is getting to work with unique, talented and gifted students,” Payne said. “It serves their lives to be a part of it, and it gives them a break from their studies to make friends.”

Payne said that the only downtime for the Marching Pride is between the months of January and February, but even then they are still recruiting. This semester, 35 new members were added to the Marching Pride.

To follow along with the theme, the Marching Pride will perform songs like “Africa

by Toto and “Take on Me” by A-ha. Payne said that he selects the music the Pride performs according to audience, and in order to engage and excite the students.

Brian Schubert, a sophomore trumpet player, is excited for the theme of this semester’s show.

“When they said the songs we’re playing, I was like, ‘Yes!’” Schubert said.

Jessica Dye, a sophomore clarinet player, and Taylor Aslanis, a freshman clarinet player, are both members of the Marching Pride.

“You make a lot of friends and it’s like a huge family of

160 plus members,” Dye said.

Aslanis agreed that the band’s culture is family-like.

“I like being a part of the community that it creates,” Aslanis said.

At rehearsal, the Color Guard, Penguinettes, drumline and band gather on the Stambaugh turf to stretch and warm up before practicing. They then receive directions from Payne and other instructors on what to do and how to improve.

Travis Beatty and Jordan Mastrangelo, both four year band majors, admit that time management is something they must keep a top priority since they are so heavily in-

involved with Marching Pride.

Iain Bacorn, a first year baritone player, is adjusting to the work environment of being in the Marching Pride.

“The aspect of Marching Pride which is most challenging for me is putting music to movement,” Bacorn said.

The Marching Pride bandmates commit to practicing about five to six hours a week, plus two to three hours on game days alone. Their performance will be at Stambaugh Stadium from 7:30 p.m. to 9 p.m. on Saturday.

EDITORIAL

After Every Plan Has Failed

Youngstown City Schools will graduate an entire class of students this spring that never attended a functional educational institution.

The district received the first F on its state report card in 2003-2004 — when students in the class of 2016 were having their pictures taken by their parents as they stepped onto the bus to attend their first day of kindergarten.

This week they return to begin their senior year and the school district is still receiving Fs.

Nearly half of the students have achievement levels below proficient. Four-year graduation rates are below 70 percent. Five-year graduation rates are

only marginally higher. Over half the students that do graduate and go on to attend college require developmental math or reading classes.

This is unacceptable. The city schools are sending an entire generation of students into the world without the skills and knowledge they need to participate in society.

The city and state can't be accused of sitting idly, but efforts from lawmakers have not been enough. Governor Ted Strickland formed the Academic Distress Commission in 2007, and the commission took control of the district in 2010. Five years later, there hasn't been much progress.

The city has experimented with charter schools and school choice, but the charters are performing just as abysmally as the public schools, and the ability to choose between failing schools doesn't help anyone.

Until the Business Cabinet met in secret and rushed the Youngstown Plan through the state legislature, there was no sense of collective outrage in the community about the problem of our failing schools.

The cabinet should have involved the community in developing a plan that has such a major impact on one of its most vital institutions. Lawmakers should have been given time to read and

discuss the amendment before being forced to vote on it.

But now Mayor McNally and state legislators are holding meetings with parents, teachers and law enforcement officials to determine what accommodations students in Youngstown need to be successful. People are showing up downtown to protest the plan. The district is pursuing legal action.

Say what you will about the decision to put a CEO in charge of the school district, it has people talking about an important issue.

As much talk as there has been about the city's revitalization process, the city can't be considered fully

functional until its school system is functional.

Without good schools, the young professionals who are moving downtown to live and work are going to depart for the suburbs when they get married and decide to have children. The children of families who can't afford houses in Canfield and Poland are going to continue to attend broken schools and live in increasingly concentrated poverty.

Something needs to be done. The Youngstown Plan might not be that something, but it is something.

But I Don't Want to Grow Up

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Well, hello again YSU. Thought you were rid of me? I warned you it wouldn't be that easy. I may have left here in the spring with a diploma in my hands, but I am back and I'm here to stay — for another three years, anyway.

I have been hired back at The Jambar as one of the part-time columnists this year. That means you'll be hearing from me weekly to discuss topics that are important to me — the sometimes daunting world of writing and publishing, farm-

ing and agriculture in our modern-day society, working on my MFA, just how adorable baby goats are and anything else that draws my interest as I make my way through my first year of graduate school.

I decided in December to continue on with this whole schooling thing — this time to get my master's in creative writing. Part of the reason I made this decision was that I wanted to spend some quality time with my writing, honing my skills and maybe finally finishing a novel manuscript. But another part, possibly the biggest part, was that I didn't feel ready to grow up.

My original plan for after

graduation was to find a publishing job and move to a big city. As I progressed through undergrad, that idea appeared less and less appealing. I still want to work in publishing, I still want to move to a big city, but the thought of doing it now, at 22 years old, is frightening. I may have been a legal adult for four years, but I still feel like a kid.

I've spent 77 percent of my life in school — that's right, I did the math. Seventeen years of having nothing to worry about except writing assignments, math problems and science tests. All of these seem to be easier to deal with than, say, rent, utility bills, insurance or

feeding myself regularly. Even while I was "living on my own" during undergrad, I wasn't really. My room and board was taken care of, my meals were prepared by the dining services — the only really new adult responsibility I added was doing my own laundry, which is pretty small in the grand scheme of things.

It's a scary thought, growing up and moving away from what you've known your whole life. Home with my parents feels safe; away on my own feels less-than-safe. I know I'll have to do so eventually, even if I've been humoring the idea of living under my parents' roof until retirement age. I hate to

say that I'm afraid of change, but I take relief in the fact that I'm not alone in this feeling.

So for now, I'll commiserate with my peers on social media over looking for an adultier adult because we don't remember we're really adults; I'll focus on my writing, complete some manuscripts, get some things published; and I'll work on growing up, ease myself into it with some grocery shopping, owning a car and out-of-town summer internships. I've got three more years to figure this all out.

And if I don't, there's always PhD programs, right?

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Arrest Warrant for Bangkok Bombing Suspect; Possible New Suspects

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BANGKOK — A Thai court issued an arrest warrant on Wednesday for a man suspected of carrying out the Bangkok bombing.

The Bangkok Southern Criminal Court issued a warrant for the arrest of a "foreigner" on charges of premeditated murder and attempted murder.

The warrant does not name the suspect.

Police are also treating two other men seen in CCTV footage near the vicinity of the bomber as possible suspects, according to Police spokesman Prawut Thavornsiri.

The two men dressed in white and red are seen standing over the suspected bomber, dressed in yellow, while he allegedly plants the bomb.

Thai police have offered a reward of 1 million baht (\$28,000) for information helping them capture the suspect thought to be behind the blasts in Bangkok this week,

saying they believe he was helped by a local network.

The police released a sketch to the public showing a bespectacled man with mid-length curly hair.

"I believe there is more than one person behind this. There is a network," Police Chief Somyot Phumpanmuang said.

"A foreigner couldn't commit this act alone. There has to be Thai people helping this guy commit the act."

Prime Minister Prayuth Chan-ocha warned the suspect on Wednesday to "quickly turn yourself in, otherwise you might be killed by security forces."

"People who know him, relay this message."

Police spokesman Prawut Thavornsiri also said an explosive that detonated without casualties at a busy Bangkok pier on Tuesday was linked to the first bombing after forensics teams found similarities.

Bangkok's Erawan shrine reopened to the public on Wednesday, two days after the bomb left 20 dead.

Worshippers and well-wishers returned to the site to

say prayers, with some leaving flowers and small notes in remembrance of the victims.

Police officials at the shrine said the statue of the Hindu god Brahma had only suffered "minor damage."

"The current situation has returned to a degree of normality, citizens can go about their daily lives as normal," government spokesman Winthai Suvarae said.

Winthai said there would be heightened security at major tourist destinations, "especially (those popular) with Chinese tourists" to build confidence among visitors.

Some of the casualties were Chinese nationals. A total of 123 people were injured, according to the Erawan Medical Centre.

It said 12 people died at the scene, with eight others succumbing to injuries in hospital. Many were foreign tourists.

Of the remaining injured, 55 had been released from hospital government spokesman Winthai said.

Winthai said all medical costs would be paid by the government.

Hunter Wells Returns as Quarterback

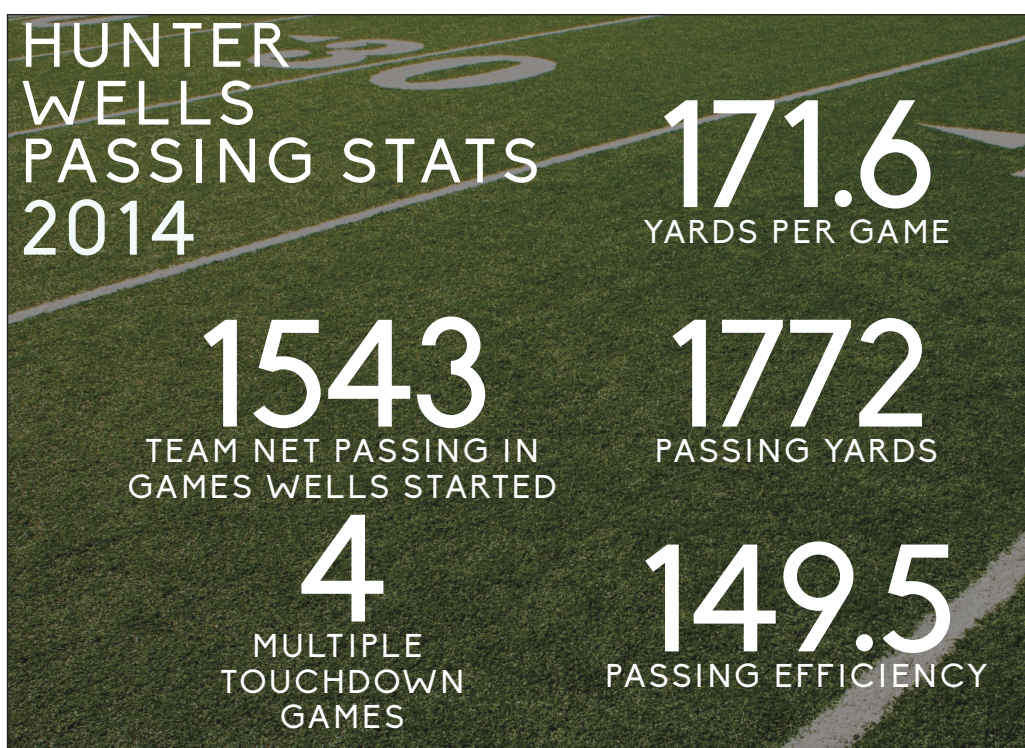
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Last season, the Youngstown State University football team was trying to deal with the loss of quarterbacks Kurt Hess [graduation] and Dante Nania [injury], leaving the door wide open for a young quarterback to take over.

Hunter Wells, at the time a freshman, received his first start on week three against Butler University. The 6-foot-5-inch quarterback finished 16-22 with 297 yards passing and four touchdowns.

Nania returned the following week to play against St. Francis University, but Wells' performance was too much to overlook. Wells took over the quarterback responsibilities in YSU's sixth game. Nania was 2-2 with nine passing yards in the first half. Wells took over the second half — finishing 14-25 for 187 yards and one touchdown.

Wells took over the starting quarterback job in week seven of the season. Since then, the young signal caller has become the centerpiece of the offense and the key to the offensive



success of the team this season.

Wells went on to play in 10 games last season, and threw for 1,772 passing yards and 14 touchdowns. He finished second in the Missouri Valley Football Conference's Freshman-of-the-Year voting and finished seventh in the Jerry Rice Award, which honors the Football Bowl Subdivision's top freshman.

Wells has seen a progression in this year's offense. The team has lost a few starters on the offensive side, but Wells thinks offensive coordinator Shane Montgomery has made changes to the offense to better fit the new talent on the roster.

"When Dante was there, the offense was a little different because he was a running quarterback and in a different style

than him," Wells said. "As far as I'm concerned, it's about the same. We made a couple twists and a couple tweaks, but I feel like you have to make that kind of stuff every time you enter a new season. There's always new stuff and new players you have to adjust for. The offense is coming along. We have a lot of work to do. We need to focus on the little things and get bet-

ter." Backup running back Jody Webb said Wells has progressed as a vocal leader entering his sophomore season.

"When you first come into a place, you don't know if you should let other people speak, or if you can speak up for the team, but I've definitely seen him take charge and that's what we need out of him," Webb said. "He's the quarterback and we're ready to get behind him."

Webb said Wells is very critical of himself, which was one of the reasons Wells had become one of the biggest surprises of the 2014 season.

"Hunter is very hard on himself," Webb said. "As the field general on offense, we have to be able to trust in you, and if a mistake is made you are going to be able to pick it up and we're going to get the next play. I've definitely seen a sense of maturity in Hunter. He's grown a lot mentally and that's what we like to see — he's definitely pushing everyone. That's the best part about it ... we're all following him."

Men's Golf Preps for New Season

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The 2014-15 season for the YSU men's golf team was one that had its ups and downs along the way. The Penguins started the season with consecutive first-place finishes in the Whistling Straits Invitational and the Joe Feaganes Marshall Invitational, but finished fifth in the Horizon League championship.

Aside from one true freshman, Jacob Harrah out of Newton Falls, as well as red-shirt freshmen Dominic Carano out of Canfield, Jason McQuown out of Poland and Evan Standohar out of Girard, the roster is virtually identical to last season.

YSU head coach Tony Joy found the lack of turnover among the roster to be beneficial going into this season.

"It was nice," Joy said. "We have three seniors back this fall, and the schedule's pretty much the same as it was last year, which means the guys have the experience of playing those golf courses under these types of conditions. We've got one or two guys who will probably break into the lineup that are new, but it's nice having seniors."

Bill Gaffney, Brandon Pluchinsky and D.J. Holub are returning for their senior campaigns. Last year, Gaffney appeared in all competitions for the Penguins, winding up in the top 10 of the leaderboard four times and the top three twice. Pluchinsky had the team high in strokes per round average last season (73.3). A year ago, Holub's best finish in a tournament was a third-place tie in the Marshall Invitational, where he had a total score of 211.

Pluchinsky and Joy are looking forward to returning to the Marshall Invitational. The Penguins won the tournament

last year in a 15-team field. This year's Marshall Invitational will be just as deep.

"There are four or five different leagues represented there," he said. "We're looking forward to going back. The guys will be anxious to try to repeat and anytime you can repeat in an event, it validates that you're a competitive team."

Pluchinsky reflected on last year's successes at the Marshall Invitational and gave his expectations for this year's tournament, as well.

"That event was great," he said. "We all played really well. We had three people under par. Bill led us; he was four under par. D.J. was two under. It was really a great team effort. This year, I don't see why it can't be the same as last year. We're just missing Bryan Yeo, our senior leader from last year. We look forward to going back down there and repeating from last year."

Joy said Pluchinsky and Gaffney are the most consistent players on the roster. He said the two seniors are consistent and will play an important role in the success of the team this season.

With a number of his players returning from a season resulted in a three top-five finishes during the regular season, Joy also hopes for a conference championship this year.

"I've got three seniors this season and if I can't contend with what I have, it'll be a disappointing season," he said. "I think we'll get out of the blocks quickly. Going up to Colgate, we should be very competitive there, and then actually all of fall, we've got a chance to be very competitive. In the spring, we'll travel to Indiana University, Penn State and the University of Georgia, getting into some of the top schools in the country. Obviously, you want to play well but may not be able to win at that level, but I think we'll be competitive."



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Youngstown State University Men's Golf team will open season on Sep.5 at the Colgate Invitational Seven Oaks golf course in New York.

SPORTS BRIEFS

Women's Soccer Start 2-0

The Youngstown State University soccer team has started its season 2-0 for the first time in program history. YSU won its season opener at the Virginia Military Institute 1-0, and won its second game of the season against Longwood University 1-0.

Baseball Adds Depth with New Players

The Youngstown State University baseball team added seven players after the spring signing period. Two players, Hunter Snyder and Joel Hake, are Youngstown natives. Snyder played catcher at Springfield High School, and Hake was a standout pitcher and infielder at Ursuline High School.

Katie Montgomery Named HL Defensive Player of the Week

Junior goalie Katie Montgomery was named the Horizon League Defensive Player of the Week for her play in the team's first two games of the season. Montgomery's two shutouts marked the first time a Penguin has posted back-to-back shutouts to start a season in program history. This is her first season as the full-time starter at goalie.