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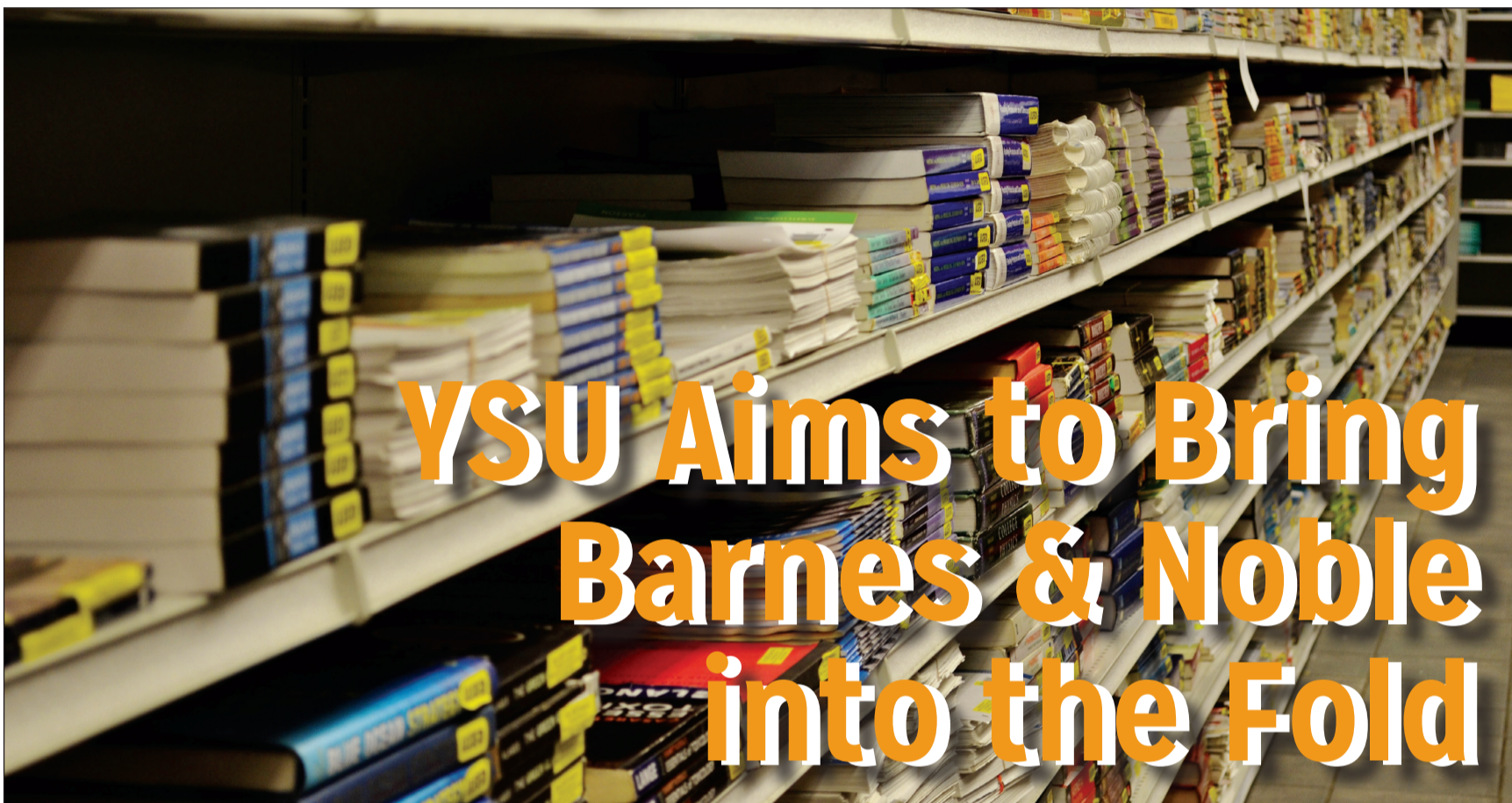
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YSU Aims to Bring Barnes & Noble into the Fold

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Barnes and Noble has been selected as the vendor of choice to replace Youngstown State University's campus bookstore pending negotiations.

The university issued a request for proposals in December. They received four proposals and both Barnes and Noble and Follett Higher Education Group made oral presentations.

Neal McNally, vice president for finance and business operations, said Barnes and Noble's response suggests they would provide a better return to the university than the current campus bookstore, which generates a surplus of about \$500,000 annually.

"We have selected Barnes and Noble," McNally said. "However, we are still in negotiations with them to see if we can come to an agreement favorable to YSU."

The university fielded proposals for private

operators in response to a provision in Gov. John Kasich's task force for affordability and efficiency in higher education. The task force requires state universities to submit an efficiency review by June 30.

"It advises campuses to evaluate their assets and operations and look for opportunities where it may make more sense to privatize," McNally said.

He said the bookstore was a natural opportunity to explore, given that many campus bookstores across the country have been outsourced.

The potential change has raised concerns within YSU's Association of Classified Employees union. According to an email sent by YSU-ACE President Connie Frisby to members of the organization on Wednesday, the university notified both YSU-ACE and the YSU's Association of Professional and Administrative Staff union of

its intentions in February.

The bookstore currently employs five members of university-affiliated unions.

The email states that the university gave YSU-ACE 10 days to offer an alternative solution, and the solution they proposed was rejected. According to the email, current employees will be given first consideration for jobs with the sub-contractor. It also states that they will be given 14-day notice prior to the termination of their contract.

In an earlier interview with The Jambar, McNally said the commissions the university would receive from the bookstore would need to be comparable if not better than the \$500,000 the current bookstore generates.

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YSU and Mercy Health Solidify Partnership with 10-Year Agreement

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Youngstown State University and Mercy Health announced a 10-year partnership on Wednesday that they said will improve student health services and increase academic opportunities for students.

Mercy Health will begin operating the Student Health Center on campus next month and will participate in the creation of the university's master of athletic training degree program, which is the state's first. They will also collaborate with YSU Athletics and work together to develop regional and work together development initiatives.

"I think any time some of the biggest institutions and impact play-

ers in the area can get together and collaborate to make it even better is huge," YSU President Jim Tressel said.

He noted that Jim Greene, a former member of the YSU Board of Trustees that passed away recently, had pushed for the partnership.

"At least once a month he called me and said, 'We gotta make sure we get together with Mercy Health,'" Tressel said. "And he always used the phrase 'win win.'"

Don Kline, president and CEO of Mercy Health Youngstown, said this builds on an existing relationship, which has included YSU students receiving clinical training



Don Klein, president and CEO of Mercy Health Youngstown, stands with Jim Tressel, president of Youngstown State University, following a press conference yesterday morning in Kilcawley Center's James Gallery announcing a 10-year agreement between Mercy Health and YSU.

through Mercy Health among other collaborations.

"We at Mercy are equally excited about this opportunity both current and future to partner with YSU in ways that will benefit not only the students and faculty, but also local business interests and the broader Youngstown Community," Kline said.

Jim Kravec, president of Mercy Health physicians, said the partnership helps the organization meet its goal of increasing access to health

care.

"For YSU students, the health center provides immediate access to walk-in care and scheduled care here on campus for acute medical illnesses," Kravec said. "Care now that has the backing and the strength of Mercy Health, Mercy Health physicians and the Mahoning Valley region."

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PREPARING FOR ZOMBIES

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Christopher Woolverton, professor of environmental health sciences at Kent State University, delivered a lecture entitled “Prepping for Zombies, Ebola and More” on Friday.

Chet Cooper, Youngstown State University professor of molecular biology and microbiology, introduced the lecture and said the timing wasn’t accidental.

“Given the topic, I had tried to get him to present his talk on Halloween, but it didn’t work out,” Cooper said. “The next best date seemed to be April 1, which obviously worked for us both.”

Woolverton opened his lecture with a discussion of the doomsday prepping movement. He said people are concerned about a potential apocalypse that would destroy the world’s infrastructure and leave them to fend for themselves.

He discussed research on the Human Genome Project, finding that we have viral

DNA in our chromosomes. This grants some level of legitimacy to concerns regarding zombies.

“There is one author out there that says that the virus DNA is already encoded in our chromosomes waiting for the right signal to come out and do whatever the sequences codes for,” Woolverton said. “Does it turn us into zombies? Good question.”

Woolverton said the Center for Disease Control was worried that the public health community seemed concerned about an apocalyptic type of event, but there was a lack of collaboration in creating a solution.

“Number one, no one is talking to each other,” Woolverton said. “And number two, it’s all 80 percent the same way to prepare.”

He said they prepared a course meant to be delivered in a weekend called “The Modified Zombie Outbreak” with the premise being “if you were prepared for zombies, you were pre-

pared for everything.” The idea was to determine whether people would be prepared to deal with an infrastructure collapse.

“The CDC said, ‘We are not waiting for it to happen. We are going to prepare first responders, so they can help the average person survive,’” Woolverton said.

Woolverton teaches a similar class at Kent State called “Zombie Outbreak.” They also offer a course called “Ebola Outbreak.” They wanted to provide tactical solutions to a doomsday scenario.

“We took a hybrid of ‘World War Z’ and ‘The Walking Dead’ and conglomerated it into a super story,” Woolverton said. “How would we, at Kent State, survive?

There were zombies who ruined the infrastructure. The power plant was destroyed, so no electricity. The power plant was taken down, so there was no clean water.”

He said they mimicked the story of “One Second After,” a novel by William R. Forstchen, about an electromagnetic pulse attack directed towards the U.S.

The students discussed the implications of destroying a virus, the difficulties of preventing infections, how to kill zombies and viruses and create a solution that was evaluated by a committee of city officials.

“The whole goal was to get engagement,” Woolverton said. “If you cannot get students

involved with zombies, then what else would you be engaged about?”

He said students involved in the class did real problem-solving design, and they felt more competent at handling a disaster.

“People felt like they could put something together in their home,” Woolverton said. “If there was an emergency, they could help their family.”

Woolverton said these tactics can be put into practice in real-life scenarios, such as when a nurse traveled through the area and was later diagnosed with Ebola. Woolverton, who was involved in the event, said we were unknowledgeable about the virus, which scared a lot of people.

“Knowledge really

is power,” Woolverton said. “Whatever possibility we have to educate people, so that fear doesn’t rule the day. We have to help people realize what truth is and how to respond with truth.”

Cooper said he heard Woolverton give the presentation at a conference and has wanted to bring it to YSU ever since. He said students and faculty responded well to the lecture.

“He spent nearly 30 minutes answering questions after the seminar,” Cooper said. “Many students came away with a different perspective on infectious diseases and epidemiology. Some were even inspired to ask him how to begin a career in these areas.”



Longest Serving NYPD Commissioner Raymond Kelly Featured During Skeggs Lecture

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Former commissioner of the New York Police Department Raymond Kelly shared insights from his career during Youngstown State University’s spring Skeggs Lecture at Stambaugh Auditorium Tuesday.

The lecture — in a departure from other Skeggs Lecture events — was presented as a conversation between Kelly and Adam Earnhardt, the chair of the department of communications.

Kelly is a 47 year veteran of the NYPD and was the longest serving NYPD commissioner in history. He commanded the police response during the Sep. 11 terrorist attacks and is the author of the book “Vigilance: My Life Serving America and Protecting its Empire City.”

Earnhardt lead the conversation, asking Kelly to shed light on his early life, military career, academic pursuits and his time serving in the NYPD.

Kelly served in Vietnam and attended the police academy shortly after his return from the war. He became an officer after graduating first in his class and — while still serving as a Marine reservist and helping to raise his newborn son — began law school shortly thereafter.

During his discussion, Kelly emphasized the importance of education and communication skills for law enforcement officers, arguing that all police should be required to hold a bachelor’s degree before serving. He argued that a lack of effective and prompt communication between the police and the public were major exacerbators in the Ferguson protests.

Following his first tenure as NYPD commissioner, Kelly was made the di-

rector of the International Police Monitors and oversaw the rehabilitation of Haiti’s police in 1994.

Returning to the commissioner’s office in 2002 under New York City mayor Michael Bloomberg, Kelly spearheaded several community policing programs such as cricket and soccer games meant to strengthen the NYPD’s relationships with Southeast Asian, Latin American and Middle Eastern New Yorkers. He also helped build a state of the art “real-time crime center” war room for the NYPD.

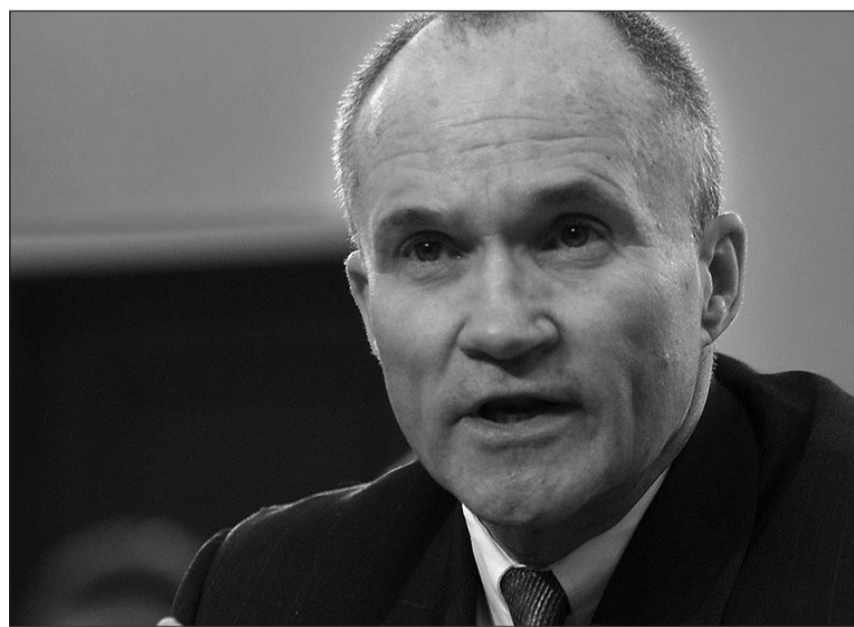
“Information is the name of the game,” Kelly said. “The quicker the info gets into law enforcement’s hands, the quicker we can act on crimes.”

Kelly’s focus on improving information networks became a more obvious priority for the commissioner following the Sep. 11 terrorist attacks.

At the time of the attacks, Kelly was living only two blocks away from the World Trade Center and was displaced from his home due to the fallout of the attacks. Despite this displacement, Kelly made it a point to be present each time a deceased member of the NYPD was pulled from the rubble.

Following 9/11, Kelly’s policing focus widened, focusing as much on anti-terror operations as community policing. The NYPD currently has a presence in several cities worldwide, and the number of officers employed by the department is larger than the entire FBI.

During his time in Youngstown, Kelly visited with upcoming graduates of YSU’s police academy. The event drew a large number of police officers and other law enforcement personnel.



Evan Beil, a recent graduate of YSU’s police academy and a current Boardman police officer, was at the event and had the opportunity to meet Kelly.

“Yeah, a lot of [police officers] were excited about getting a chance to come out and hear [Kelly]. He’s a big deal in the community,” Beil said. “It was a good reminder that we have to keep being vigilant.”

Like Kelly, Beil is working as an officer while finishing his undergraduate degree. He plans to graduate with a business degree.

Following the main discussion, Kelly was available for a Q&A session. He fielded questions concerning his training philosophies for NYPD officers, his thoughts on improving relations between the deaf and the police, his use of

the word “jihadist” and his defense of the controversial “stop-question-frisk” policy.

The policy was criticized for being a form of racial profiling as opponents claimed African-Americans were unfairly and disproportionately targeted by the stops.

Kelly stated that African-Americans were only stopped in half the total stop-and-frisk encounters, and that during a legal review of the policy the courts ultimately ruled the policy was not racial profiling.

Following the questions, Kelly signed books and met with the public. The next Skeggs Lecture will take place on Sep. 24 and feature CNN anchor Anderson Cooper.

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He said making the switch to a private vendor could positively impact students in several ways. "By shedding what is essentially a retail operation, YSU would also be shedding a considerable amount of expenditures," McNally said. "That would enable us to redirect resources to other areas of the university." He said Barnes and Noble's

proposal also offered to provide no less than \$5,000 per year in student scholarships as well.

Given that Barnes and Noble has a larger market presence than the campus bookstore, that would increase their ability to purchase textbooks in larger volumes, which should in theory reduce costs to students.

While the university is still in the middle of negotiations, McNally said he is confident they

will come to an agreement.

If they succeed in finalizing the agreement, McNally said it would ideally take place over the summer, so things are in place when students are purchasing textbooks for the fall semester.

"We want to do things as soon as we can, so we ensure a smooth transition for our students and faculty," McNally said.

Additional reporting by Graig Graziosi.

MERCY HEALTH FRONT

Kravec said three Mercy Health physicians will be working in the campus health center, including Jessica Handel, who will serve as the center's medical director.

Tressel said the university needs to increase awareness of

student resources like the health clinic.

"It's our responsibility to do a good job for letting our students know all of the resources we have for them," Tressel said. "It's amazing the variety of resources we have available for our students, and we've got to do a better job making sure they understand all that's available."

Eddie Howard, vice president of Student Experience, said they would like to expand the care offered in the future, possibly expanding the hours of operation or providing care to faculty and staff. He also said there will continue to be opportunities for students to work in the health center.

NEWS BRIEFS

Fall 2016 Skeggs Lecture

The fall 2016 Skeggs Lecture at Youngstown State University will be hosted by CNN journalist Anderson Cooper on Saturday, Sep. 24, 2016. The lecture is free and open to the public, but tickets are required for entrance. More information will be coming soon.

LGBTQIA Safe Zone Ally Training

Youngstown State University invites students, faculty and staff to attend Safe Zone Ally Training, taking place at 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. Saturday, April 16 in McKay Auditorium of the Beeghly College of Education on campus. Safe Zone Ally Training is designed to make YSU a safer place for members of the LGBTQIA community and their allies. The reservation deadline is April 11. For more information, please contact Brian Wells bpwells@ysu.edu or 330-941-7294.



Meals on Wheels

PHOTO COURTESY OF: JENNIFER DOWNIE

Meals on Wheels and a number of YSU athletes celebrated the beginning of March for Meals' Community of Champions Week on March 24. The event raises awareness for the number of seniors who are facing hunger and isolation. The event is also meant to celebrate the services provided by the Meals on Wheels program in communities across America. The campaign is intended to recruit new volunteers from the Youngstown community and increase funding from local businesses and supporters.



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YSU Jazz Student Creating First Album

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Justin Randall, an aspiring jazz musician at Youngstown State University, is in the process of publishing his first album, "Prism."

He discovered his love for jazz his freshman year of high school while attending Boardman High School. He gives credit to his high school band director for pushing him to his fullest potential as a musician.

Randall has been playing trumpet for over 10 years and is ready to jump start his career and fulfill his dreams of becoming a professional jazz artist.

"I'm at a point in my career and progress of playing that I want to put out a CD to document where I am as a musician right now," he said.

Randall feels jazz music is his calling and wants to share his work with others. The most important thing to him, he said, is influencing other people with his music.

"I truly feel that I want to put my work out into

the world because my true purpose on this planet is to make music and emotionally touch others and make them understand my passion and love of music," he said.

The CD will consist of original compositions that he has written during his time at YSU, as well as compositions from colleagues.

"I have been in the process of writing the CD for the past year, and I am almost fully done planning it and writing the music, but I do not have the funds to support the process of creating the CD, recording and production and paying those who help me make it," he said.

Randall has two upcoming shows He will be playing April 15 at The Lime Tree in Warren from 7:30 to 10:00 p.m. and on April 22 at Suzie's Dogs & Drafts from 9:00 p.m. to midnight.

Randall is currently a student in Kent Engelhardt's Jazz Improvisation 4 class and a member of the YSU Jazz Ensemble and YSU Jazz Sextet.

"In the past year, he has made significant progress as a trumpeter and a jazz improviser," Engelhardt said. "At each concert this semester I have noticed continued growth as a musician."

Engelhardt said that Randall has taken it upon himself to form his own musical groups outside the university and has been performing throughout the region. He is also a member of Cosmic Lemons, a jazz-funk-reggae-fusion consisting of YSU students.

"Justin is the type of student that I love working with," Engelhardt said. "He is serious about his musical development and pursues it with a great passion. He constantly embraces the next challenge."

Randall is currently running a crowd funding campaign to raise the money for his CD. Donations are accepted at gofundme.com/thatjazzcat.

Red Press Collaborative Welcomes Humberto Saenz

STORY: **WILL KEFFLER** | PHOTO: **BILLY LUDT**



Printmaker Humberto Saenz aligns a piece beneath a removable sheet of plastic to determine where a layer of paint will appear. Saenz is this year's resident artist for the 2016 Red Press Collaborative installation, working on original pieces from April 4 to 8 in room 4025 in Bliss Hall from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m.

This week at Youngstown State University, the printmaking department is welcoming guest artist Humberto Saenz to their seventh annual Red Press Collaborative.

The event is an artistic collaboration between students, printmaking faculty and the guest artist for the entire week.

Saenz, an assistant professor of print media at Wichita State University, designed a woodblock etching that is used in the production of a series of limited-edition prints with the collaborative help of YSU students.

"I like to interact with students from different areas because it builds a community in printmaking," Saenz said. "I like to be able to interact with them at a personal and a direct level."

Joseph D'Uva, a printmaking professor at YSU and leader of Red Press, said that he is excited to be working with his friend Saenz and believes the students who participate gain priceless experience in printmaking.

"When [Saenz] is done with the

woodblock, we'll have a student take it and pull a proof of it, so he can see what it looks like in print to see if he has to make any corrections," D'Uva said. "This way, he's not wasting his time doing that kind of grunt work, and the students will have the experience of printing out someone's intricate block."

There are many aspects of the process that only the artist can participate in, such as the design or woodcarving. However, for it to be a true collaborative, the students are encouraged to speak up and add to the project.

"If [a student] has something that they think would work for the piece, we throw the ideas out there," D'Uva said. "Sometimes those ideas will dictate the next direction we take with the print. We don't have it where we're just grunt-workers for the artist. We want it to be a true, give and take collaborative."

With every new artist Red Press brings in, students can learn new and unique techniques for approaching the printmaking process. D'Uva said that he wants to expose his students

to different artists' styles, so that one-day they can develop their own style that works for them.

D'Uva admitted that he created his style by taking various facets from his mentors and blending them into his own. He wants his students to do the same by observing Saenz.

"For professional development, I think students are able to see how other artists work and can accumulate new and interesting techniques," Saenz said. "Some of the most memorable interactions I had as a student was working with visiting artists."

Amanda Durig, a printmaking student at YSU, said she is excited to work with Saenz and observe his techniques.

"Printmaking is not all that big [of a community], so this is a really good chance to see what's out there," Durig said. "Humberto does a lot of wood carvings, and I do as well. So I want to pick his brain about it."

The collaborative lasts from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. every day in room 4025 in Bliss Hall and is open to spectators.

"There have been many of these

weeks where we're here with the artist and students printing until 2 a.m.," D'Uva said. "It's fun, it's crazy and we're all tired, but you don't even realize the time flying by."

The produced prints are checked for quality, numbered and will be signed by Saenz. After all the prints are signed, the mistakes are corrected, the remaining prints are divided between Saenz and YSU.

The limited edition prints that YSU keeps are available to people who make a \$125 donation toward the printmaking department. Along with the prints, the printmaking department will be taking pre-orders for T-shirts featuring a design by Saenz. T-shirts will be sold for \$15 or two for \$25.

The proceeds collected through the donations are saved in a fund for next year's Red Press Collaborative and other department activities.

For more information on prints or t-shirts, contact D'Uva at 330-941-2540 or send an email to jduva@ysu.edu.

..... EDITORIAL

The Panama Papers:

This is Why We Can't Have Nice Things

Much like the information provided by NSA whistleblower Edward Snowden, the Panama Papers have provided the world with mountains of evidence for something everyone knew was happening.

That isn't to say the leak isn't important. The Panama Papers provide an incredible look at a small section of the clockwork controlling global financial activity. Iceland's prime minister has already resigned as a result of the scandal — he owned the debt of several failed Icelandic banks while being one of the people who controlled the

fate of the banks — and the Chilean head of Transparency International has also stepped down as a result of the leak. Irony noted.

For those not in the know, the Panama Papers are a 2.6 terabytes document leak obtained by a number of journalists, which reveal the efforts of many of the world's wealthiest to dodge taxes and — in some instances — launder money and hide assets.

The Panama Papers are — among many other things — a reminder that at worst, the societal systems the general population must live under are actively working against

them. At best, they are working solely for the benefit of the ultra-wealthy with no regard for the general citizenry.

That all-too-obvious reality is both a foundation and fuel for the populist fire that's burned through the presidential primaries this election cycle.

It's becoming harder and harder to gently nod along with those who argue that beneficial, lasting change is best won incrementally and from within established political systems.

It's requiring willful ignorance to deny there is some legitimacy behind the disen-

franchised zeal driving the Trump and Sanders campaigns.

Some may point to California's recent adoption of a \$15 minimum wage as evidence that the systems do occasionally work in favor of Joe Citizen. Hopefully, this will be the case. More likely — as has been suggested by both conservative and liberal leaning economists — the situation will result in entry level job loss and a potential business migration from California. Business owners — understandably — will figure out the most efficient ways to do more with less to protect

their profits.

Ultimately that's the issue at the core of the Panama Papers. Those who profit most from society are the ones who seem least interested in giving back.

When every new leak reaffirms the notion that the people and organizations with the means to improve the world are often the ones actively working to avoid doing so, it's absurd to think those railing against the establishment are simply delusional or uneducated. They may not be right, but they certainly aren't ignorant.

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The Friendship Quota

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Pseudo-progressive: noun; "one who is apparently, but not actually, a political or social progressive." Our culture is seemingly in a progressive era to the naked eye. However, I believe that most citizens fall under the pseudo-progressive umbrella.

I realized this during one of my classes late last week. The idea of inclusivity and commodification of minorities is something that I never had paid much attention to. I knew that in America all people are equal, but in hindsight, we are not. However in today's society, minority groups have incurred the backlash of this pseudo-progressive world we live in.

Look at your friendships, for example. People want to seem with the times, open minded and inclusive to minority groups. I for one have had a first hand experience with this. Being a gay man, I have seen that people want to be my friend or be friendly with me to fill their quota or to feel

like a progressive American. Being cool now a'days means standing up for equality to some people, and that's not the case. When my classmates' discussion continued, I was baffled by the amount of people that say that they think it's cool to have a gay best friend, or even a friend of a different race that may be a minority. Is that what our country is coming to; being friends or acquaintances with people to make them seem like they are cooler and more welcoming?

How about trying to be friends with people that make you a better person, or bring out qualities in you that you couldn't do yourself? Just because equality is becoming more prominent in our society doesn't mean that we must fill a friendship quota or change the way we live our lives!

After hearing the conversation continue for a good 15 minutes, I came to the conclusion that having a gay best friend was something that was desirable for most

women, and when men had a gay best friend they were thought of as an open minded individual. This honestly bothered me. There are so many people in the world that may have friends or even best friends that may not have actually spoken to them at all if they would not have felt the societal pressure to do so.

How does one adjust the stigma of having a friend that is part of a minority into an idea that is not based upon societal pressure and into something that is no longer in need of a discussion? Personally, I would recommend not letting everything you see on the Internet and television and the stereotypes they portray on minorities be the only resource of education. Be friends with whoever you want. But do not seek out certain types of people to make sure you are a progressive American. Life doesn't work that way.

Coastal Communities Face Extreme Peril, Must Prepare

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In the 1960s, people had an explanation for the changing weather: "the bomb." In the 1970s, it was "the greenhouse effect." We've since adopted the terms global warming and climate change.

Whatever the phenomenon is called, it requires action.

A recent article in the Proceedings of the National Academy of Sciences states that a 2-degree rise in global temperatures could flood the land that about 19 million Americans call home.

About 40 percent of that land is in Florida. Also affected are California, Louisiana and New York — the states with the highest proportion of coastal cities in America.

What's the threat? Boston's emergency plan notes that the weather in Massachusetts may be more like that of the Carolinas by the end of this century.

Since 1991, most of Boston's emergencies have been caused by flooding, and winter precipitation there could continue to rise, according to a mayoral climate change report.

Extreme floods could occur every two or three years by 2050.

Boston already has pumps ready to keep roads open during regular flooding, and they'll need more.

Climate change will also bring more extreme heat days, which

hurt seniors and those with respiratory problems.

Meanwhile, Baltimore's emergency plan notes that all federal emergencies there have been related to snow, rain or flooding in the past 50 years.

In their emergency plans, Boston, Baltimore and Philadelphia list their vulnerable facilities, including ones they'll need in order to respond to flooding. It's hard to take refuge in a shelter or go to a hospital when it's under water.

Philadelphia's list of critical assets in the floodplain include three railway stations, one subway and trolley station, an airport, a police station, emergency medical services and fire stations, five schools, a dialysis center, one water treatment facility, two electric substations and 42 hazardous material reporting centers.

Austin, the bustling state capital of Texas, notes that flash floods have been the No. 1 storm-related killer there over the past 25 years.

The plan of San Jose, Calif., lists 1,093 "soft," multifamily buildings that house 27,308 occupants and would be vulnerable to flooding.

This is especially alarming given that the national insurance fund is regularly hit by repetitive loss incidents buildings that flood more than once.

Simple solutions will save money

and lives. Boston's waterfront park design helps combat flooding and soil erosion. New types of asphalt will absorb and even filter water so it can go back into the drinking water supply, not into your basement.

Soft landscaping absorbs water and looks good too. All homeowners can raise appliances, hot water tanks and electrical boxes high enough to survive a flood.

You don't need to believe in climate change to believe in the benefit of more trees in our cities, which provide shade and retain water.

Long Island, N.Y., juts out into the rough Atlantic Ocean but doesn't have a prominent evacuation plan in place.

Directions for driving out of a hurricane's path may be useless if the road is filled with debris. All of us who live near water need to remember that 6 inches of water can knock a person off his feet and that a car can float in 2 feet of water.

When it comes to climate change, even tough, business-minded skeptics need to be part of the solution. You can't move product over roads that are underwater, and you can't store inventory in warehouses with the roofs blown off.

And you certainly can't sell your goods and services to dead people.

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Geanangel Leads YSU Over Niagara

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Freshman Paige Geanangel allowed only one run in seven innings of work to lead the Youngstown State University softball team to a 3-1 victory over the University of Niagara on Wednesday.

In the top of the seventh inning, with two outs, Geanangel loaded the bases and had the batter at the plate with a full count. But she ripped a fastball over the middle of the plate for strike three and ended the game.

"I was a little nervous," Geanangel said. "I was just hoping that my defense would stay behind me, and I

would get some strikes called."

Geanangel started off the season with some rust coming from high school. She only won one of her first six starts. But she has caught fire as of late, winning seven of her last eight decisions.

"It was definitely a big change coming into college as a freshman, but my defense has helped out a lot," Geanangel said. "It was just a big adjustment. The seniors have definitely helped with that, and the other pitcher Caitlyn [Minney] has helped me get used to everything."

YSU head coach Brian Campbell credits Geanangel's turnaround to gaining more experience and confidence as the season went on.

"She's a freshman. Usually when freshmen come in, it takes them some time to adjust to the college level," Campbell said. "She's done a tremendous job of adjusting, and you've seen the results recently."

With YSU leading 2-1 in the bottom of the sixth inning, junior catcher Maria Lacatena hit a solo homer to give the Penguins some insurance. Lacatena finished the day 2-3 with a homerun and an RBI.

"Right off the bat, it felt pretty well. I knew the wind was moving the ball in so I didn't

know," Lacatena said. "As soon as I hit it, it looked like it was going out, but it kept going lower and lower. But then it did go over the fence, and it felt awesome."

The Penguins as a whole have been on a streak lately, winning 10 of their last 11 games.

"The young ladies have done a tremendous job during that streak," Campbell said. "It's just putting a lot of the stuff together, and the confidence is there as a team and individually."

Up next for the Penguins is a three-game home series with the University of Illinois at Chicago starting on Friday.

First pitch of game one is scheduled for 3 p.m. at UIC.



Youngstown State University pitcher Collin Floyd

Penguins Fall to Toledo

PHOTO: **DAN HINER**

The Youngstown State University baseball team fell to the University of Toledo 6-4 at Eastwood Field on Wednesday afternoon. YSU first baseman Andrew Kendrick went 2-3 with two RBIs and two runs scored. Penguins' shortstop Shane Willoughby finished 1-4 with two RBIs.

YSU starting pitcher Collin Floyd allowed five runs in 4.2 innings pitched. The Penguins have lost six of their last seven games. The baseball team will travel to the University of Oakland for a three-game series on Friday.

PRESSBOX PERSPECTIVE:

The USWNT Deserves Equal Pay

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Last summer, the United States Women's National Soccer Team took the headlines by storm, winning the Women's World Cup in a convincing manner.

Behind all the celebration, confetti and parades, there's another battle fought by this team. Income inequality.

The USWNT took to national television to voice their concerns. In a March 31 interview on "Today," several athletes on the team's roster, including Alex Morgan and Hope Solo, spoke via satellite with co-anchor Matt Lauer about the complaint filed to the Equal Employment Opportunity Commission in regards to the wage discrepancy.

Lauer pointed out some so-

bering figures before the interview began. The USWNT's per match salary ranges from \$3,600 to \$4,950, whereas the United States Men's National Team's per match salary starts out at \$6,250 and topping out at \$17,625.

Already, I saw something wrong there. However, it gets even more disjointed when you consider these figures. If a female athlete is selected to the USWNT's World Cup team, that triggers a \$30,000 bonus, but the bonus for selection to the USMNT's World Cup team is \$68,750.

That's almost a \$40,000 difference in bonus money.

In the NBC interview last Thursday, Lloyd said of the complaint, "I think the timing is right. I think that we've

proven our worth over the years, just coming off of a World Cup win, and the pay disparity between the men and women is just too large, and we want to continue to fight. The generation of players before us fought, and now it's our job to keep on fighting."

Those are extremely strong words by Lloyd.

In a USA Today article on Friday, writer A.J. Perez interviewed Ida Castro, who previously worked as the chief of the EECO. According to Perez about the complaint, "They are both soccer teams, right? There is no significant difference between the soccer games that I can see."

I side with Perez here. There isn't any difference.

These are two teams of athletes representing the same nation playing the same exact sport. The only noteworthy contrast here is the wages.

In the grand scheme, does the USWNT have a chance at winning when this complaint is heard? Yes, they have a chance — an extremely great chance to emerge from this complaint with the victory.

Income inequality transcends far beyond the sporting world.

If I knew a female employee who had knowingly been paid less for the same work as a man, I'd tell her that she'd need to write a resignation letter and give the boss two weeks' notice, because she has to get out of dodge.

In my humble opinion, the

fact that we still have the issue of wage inequality here in 2016 is just downright wrong and appalling.

What the heck happened to the principle of equal pay? Sad to see that it's still lost on people.

In closing, I know that the USWNT is a championship team, and although they'll head to Rio de Janeiro to defend their three-time Olympic gold medal performance in soccer later this summer, the battle for income equality may be the toughest opponent they've faced yet.

If the complaint goes in their favor, it'll be the biggest goal they've ever scored.

SPORTS BRIEFS

YSU Preps for Red and White Pregame Party

The Youngstown State University Penguin Club and Firebirds Restaurant will host the Annual Red and White Pregame Party on April 15 at Stambaugh Stadium. The event will be held before the annual spring game, and the event will cost Penguin Club members \$15 and non-members \$20.

Members of the YSU coaching staff will be in attendance to greet fans. A ticket to the spring game is included in the cost of attending the pregame festivities. The deadline is April 11. The event starts at 6 p.m. and kickoff is set for 7:30. Contact the YSU ticket box with any questions.

Neu Receives Weekly Honors

Youngstown State University thrower Conner Neu was named the Horizon League Track and Field Athlete of the Week on Tuesday. Neu, a two-time All-American, broke the YSU record with a throw of 70.96 meters in the hammer throw at the Slippery Rock Dave Labor Invitational on Saturday. He broke his previous school record of 66.19 meters and took first place in the hammer throw and the discus.

He was named the athlete of the week twice during the indoor season.

UPCOMING YSU SPORTING EVENTS

Track and Field @ Mount Union's Jon Homon Open
 April 8 & 9

Women's Tennis @ Cleveland State April 8

Softball vs. UIC April 8 & 9

Baseball @ Oakland April 8 - 10

Men's Tennis @ Cleveland State April 8

Women's Golf @ The Dolores Black Falcon Invitational
 April 9 & 10