



YSU Faculty Visit Ghana in Recruitment Effort

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Two Youngstown State University faculty members travelled to Ghana in February to continue YSU's efforts in expanding international outreach.

Jeff Tyus, a YSU communications professor, made the journey with Ann Gardner, assistant director at the International Programs Office. Tyus visited Ghana last year to recruit students on his own.

Together, they reached about 3,000 students from about seven different high schools and the U.S. embassy over a seven-day trip. Most of the students were in high school and those from the embassy were considering going to graduate school in another country.

The outreach promoted YSU as a brand and programs such as economics and mathematics that Ghanaian students are already doing on campus. They also promoted YSU communications and business programs.

"We also highlighted other STEM programs, because there [are] some opportunities for the

students to gain employment in a STEM related field and actually work in the United States for several years after they graduate," Tyus said.

Tyus said many visas allow students to attend school, but require that students return home after graduation. The STEM programs would allow those students to stay for several more years.

The only aspect of the trip that did not go well was outreach to female students, Tyus said. In Ghana, many schools are separated by gender, and for this trip Tyus and Gardner were mostly only able to reach male high schools.

"In Ghana, everything is about connections," Gardner said. "Our connections just happened to be with the male schools. It was just a coincidence more than anything else."

Gardner said the outreach was successful based on follow-up emails from inquisitive students, but it's too soon to tell how many Ghanaian students will apply to YSU. Last year, six recruited Ghanaian students started the application process and another two students will start classes this fall.

"I'd be happy if we had 30 students, or even 10 students apply [next year]. You've got to start somewhere," Tyus said.

Tyus said he hopes students will return to Ghana and tell others about their experience at YSU, which may lead to more people applying.

Gardner said Ghanaians value an American degree.

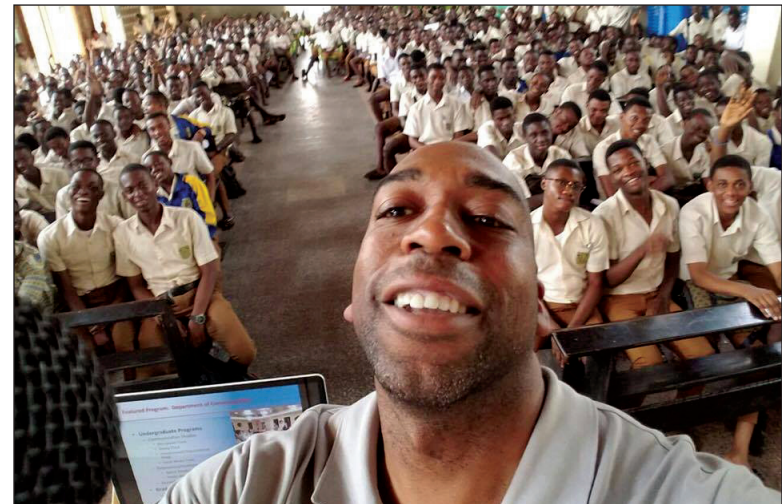
"It's seen as prestigious in Ghana, and will help elevate them in their career in Ghana," Gardner said.

Nathan Myers, associate provost for International and Global Initiatives, said physically traveling for recruitment is essential.

"The trips are absolutely vital to maintaining our current enrollment and building on it for future growth," Myers said.

Myers said YSU has more than 50 countries represented on campus and the outreach for more international students will continue. There are about 325 international students at YSU, an increase from the past few years.

Although there are no plans to return to Ghana right now, Tyus and Gardner said they would be happy to make another trip next year.



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Deciding Disability Services' Next Location

BY SAMANTHA PHILLIPS

Youngstown State University administrators are in the process of deciding where Disability Services will be permanently housed after years of relocation.

Disability Services moved to its current location, 36 West Wood St., last March from Fifth Avenue. Justin Barker, a student who uses the service, said they had short notice of the move.

Barker, who suffers from PTSD, said the mid-semester move was especially stressful for other students because they have issues such as anxiety. He said Wood Street is farther in proximity to central campus and has limited parking.

Administrators said the Wood Street location is the same distance from campus as the Fifth Avenue building.

John Hyden, YSU facility director, said the Wood Street location was chosen because it was vacant after Procurement Services moved to Jones Hall. Disability Services needed to be moved quickly because Parking Services was moving into the Fifth Avenue building.

"We see the next move more as a permanent fit," Hyden said. "We don't want to keep moving them around. Change is difficult."

Barker said there are problems such as leaky water pipes, a broken heater and holes in the ceiling at the current building. The testing rooms that some students use are also an issue — they aren't quiet due to the facility's thin walls. He wrote a letter to senior administration about his frustration with the new location.

"I'm not just voicing my concerns, but the concerns of students who might be too afraid to speak up," he said. "I'm not afraid of admitting I have a

learning disability and others shouldn't either. I feel we should be treated equally."

Becky Varian, director of the Center for Student Progress, said the number of students who use the service has decreased, probably due to the location changing a few times.

Hyden said there are three top runners that are being considered to house Disability Services. Within a year, he said, they should have a final decision, with the budget and adequate space in mind.

Kilcawley is one location that the service may relocate to. Barker said this option would be best for physically and mentally handicapped students.

The Kilcawley bookstore space will be vacant once Barnes and Noble is built on Fifth Avenue. Barker said having the service there would be ideal because there's enough room for the offices and testing rooms to be separate.

In addition, Barker said The Center of Student Progress is on the first floor of Kilcawley and students from Disability Services could access it easily from an elevator.

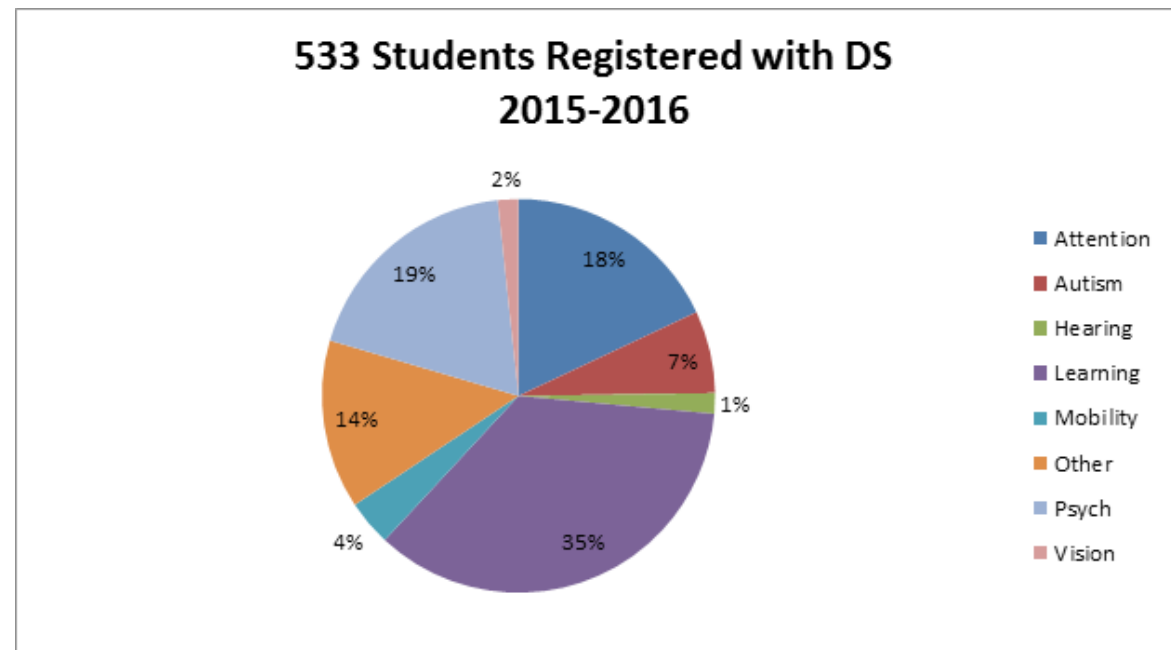
Varian said it's important for students who use the service to have ample parking and a shuttle could transport them from M-2 to Kilcawley.

She said it would also be beneficial because some students go to CSP for testing, so staff from CSP and Disability Services could support each other.

Hyden said initially he and the other administrators considered Kilcawley but thought students wouldn't want to be in a mainstream spot on campus in fear of being stigmatized, but Barker assured him that students wanted something central.

"We deserve to have our own spot on campus and be a part of campus," Barker said.

The Student Government As-



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sociation conducted a survey where they asked students which building would be favored. A total of 115 students responded with 53 of them saying that they favored Kilcawley Center.

Hyden said having students like Barker speak up about what they need is valuable to administrators because it opens up productive conversations.

"There was a disconnect between what we as a university wanted to do and what the students who utilize disability services needed," Hyden said.

The Kilcawley Center Space Utilization and Reallocation Committee is working to decide how to best use the space.

In a survey sent out by committee member Eddie Howard, the associate vice president of Student Experience, students were asked if they would like to see study rooms, recreation areas, food locations or meeting rooms in the bookstore space.

"Why are we trying to fit another lounge when we have them all over campus?" Barker said.

Other locations, such as Jones Hall, are also being considered.

"The problem with Jones is

there is limited parking and not a lot of handicapped parking," Hyden said. "It's also a bit of a walk from the Wick parking deck."

Barker said he wouldn't mind having the services in Jones Hall as an alternative to Kilcawley, but there is only one elevator so they would have to be on the first floor.

Another option is in Meshel Hall.

"It provides a quiet space and technology that they need," Hyden said. "Tests were sort of proctored down there, sharing the facility, but it's quiet and provides access to parking."

After Disability Services moves, Hyden said the Wood Street building will be taken down. He asked that students stay "patient and engaged" during the next move.

Barker said the building isn't adequate to house the service and is disappointed that repairs to the building weren't made prior to the service moving in.

Hyden said any students who would like to talk about relocation options can talk to the Disability Services staff or himself.

STUDENT CHOICES FOR THE NEXT LOCATION OF DISABILITY SERVICES

Kilcawley Center - 53

Jones Hall 22

Meshel Hall - 16

Wood Street - 9

5th Street - 5

Other - 4

Cushwa - 2

115 students were surveyed. Each number is the amount of students who voted, not the percentage.

Keynote Speaker Discusses Politics, Black History and Education

BY SAMANTHA PHILLIPS

Former Sen. Nina Turner (OH-D) was the keynote speaker for Black History Month at Youngstown State University on Feb. 22. She pointed out that black history isn't something to be celebrated just one month out of the year.

"Black history is America's history, and this great nation wouldn't be what it is today without the contributions of African-Americans," she said.

Turner opened by citing that only 8.5 percent of black students graduate within six years at YSU.

"To me there's something wrong with that. It's everybody's responsibility to care

about that," she said.

Higher education breaks a cycle of ignorance, Turner said, and universities should focus on making students better citizens rather than training them to make money.

The speech primarily focused on the current political climate. Turner said some people aren't happy with the people in national government, but change begins in communities.

People must engage in voting every year, whether it's a local election for positions such as city councilmen or the presidential election, Turner said, and they shouldn't let the fear of what's happening at the White House stop them from acting.

"We Americans tend to call non-presi-

dential election years 'off-year' elections," she said. "I would argue that the folks closest to us are the most important."

Politicians should be public servants, but many just want to serve themselves, Turner said.

"We have lots of folks in great positions of power and a lot of them don't do a whole lot with their positions," she said. "We need people who are going to speak up."

Having a Democratic president for eight years made Democrats too comfortable, she said. Over the course of Barack Obama's presidency, a significant number of governorships and state houses were turned to the Republican Party.

Turner said there is struggle now just as African-Americans struggled in the past.

Many heroes of the civil rights movement such as Rosa Parks are not recognized for the entirety of their work, she said.

"All through the month of February we give a list of names we know, but we don't really know the depth of what they did for the African American struggle," she said. "We must go deeper into our studies of even the people who are held to the highest esteem."

Tiffany Anderson, director of African Studies, said she helped bring Turner to YSU after a student said she admired Turner.

"I felt it would be exciting to have her as our speaker because she is a dynamic speaker with an Ohio connection," Anderson said.

Network Security and Bogus Emails

BY JAMBAR CONTRIBUTOR
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Many people deal with some kind of wireless network during their everyday lives on devices such as smartphones or computers. On these devices there is precious information stored that users want to be secure like their passwords and credit card numbers.

Some people trust their network's security and others don't, but there are people who believe everyone should be concerned.

At Youngstown State University, the network is attacked a substantial amount of times per day.

Chris Wentz, YSU Information Security officer, said that one of the numbers he's starting to keep track of is the amount of times people are trying to make contact with YSU from the outside. These contacts are what he

calls unsolicited and unwanted attacks or connections.

Wentz said that he ranks the type of unwanted connections as either informational, low, medium, high or critical. He also provided the amount of how many attacks were made on YSU's network in just the past seven days.

"In the last seven days we've blocked 37,000 critical attempts or attempts that could've been of an escalated nature if they were successful," he said.

Wentz explained that a critical attempt could be where someone points a scanner or an application at a login page and tries username and password combinations over and over again.

Some of these attacks come in the form of emails sent to students. The contents of the email could be a job offer which promises students an opportunity at a great deal of money, Wentz said.

"We've seen a recent uptick of the use of students to basi-

cally act as money mules for ill-gotten funds. They received an email that basically said 'Hey we're looking for people to work as representatives or do a work from home thing for us' or 'Hey I need a personal assistant,'" he said.

Wentz said the student's part in the process would go like this:

"The email would say 'I need you to be a sales rep on campus' or 'I need you to be a personal assistant and I'm going to forward you money and I need you to deposit that money. Hold on to \$100 as your first pay but I'll need you to wire the funds somewhere, get a cashier's check or just cash out the money and go out and buy something and send it to another business associate,'" he said.

Wentz said that he knows of two or three YSU students who went through with the whole process. The students who go through with it receive a real

check but when the check is given to the bank it comes back as no good. The student is now on the hook for however much money has been lost.

Wentz also added in regards to avoiding this and staying safe that if the offer is too good to be true, then it probably is.

Lt. Bryan Remias of the YSU Police Department also said students should be looking out for these bogus emails. He added that the reason for targeting YSU is because the "bad guys" are searching for vulnerable IP addresses.

Wentz said that when he thinks of information security at YSU, he has to think globally and that the people trying to infiltrate the network are not always from the United States. Some of the countries he mentioned are China, Russia and Africa.

Despite all of these attacks and bogus emails, Wentz said that the network is very secure.

"The nice thing that we have here at YSU is a layered approach. This is a security fundamental where we try to build in layers," Wentz said. "If you're able to get past the first two layers, then there's the third layer and then there's the fourth layer."

In regards to staying safe on campus while using a wireless network, there is a rule on campus for resident students that forbid them from bringing their own wireless router into their dorms.

Ian Tanner, associate director of residence life, said in the residence halls students are relying on a wireless or wired connection provided by the university.

"The rule is in place because there is a potential for a security risk and making the network less secure," he said. "There are things in place by IT for safe browsing and limiting any kind of intrusions or attacks."

City Club and the Future of Public Education



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BY JORDAN UNGER

City Club of the Mahoning Valley will be holding its next discussion panel at Stambaugh Auditorium on March 6 to discuss public education in Ohio cities.

Three individuals were chosen to be the evening's panelists: Christine Fowler-Mack, chief of New and Innovative Schools and Programs at the Cleveland Metropolitan School District; Krish Mohip, Youngstown City Schools chief executive officer; and Sen. Joe Schiavoni.

This will be the first quarter City Club panel of 2017. Phil Kidd, associate director of YSU CityScape and organizer of City Club, said topics are rotated depending on what is a priority at the time. For this event, he said the priority is education.

"We thought that with so much change happening in public education here in Youngstown, in Youngstown City [Schools] in particular, it was a good time to have a conversation about it," Kidd said.

Kidd said he expects points of interest in what Mohip has to say, who was appointed CEO of Youngstown School District in June after changes were made to the academic distress commission under House Bill 70.

"Now that he has had a full semester under his belt, [it will be interesting] to kind of reflect and see where he thinks things are at, where the opportunities and challenges are, and then what kind of interaction he gets from the audience," Kidd said.

Mohip said the panel will be a great opportunity to inform the community about public education.

"I think it's another opportunity to highlight some of the things we're doing in the Youngstown City Schools specifically to kind of bring back some of the successes this district has had in the past," Mohip said.

The City Club of Cleveland is the parent organization of the Youngstown division, which started last year. The partnership helped pull in Fowler-Mack, whom Kidd said will give input from Cleveland's recent changes to public education.

"They've undergone restructuring themselves. It's not the same as Youngstown's, but it is something in which there was pretty significant changes made," Kidd said. "There might be some insights she can provide to the larger group here about what things are working."

Schiavoni attended Cleveland's City Club events in the past and said he looks forward to discussion that will arise.

"You get the community involved in issues that are important to everybody, and I think that education effects

every single Mahoning Valley resident, as well as every resident in the state of Ohio," Schiavoni said. "I think that affects almost every aspect of life, no matter if you have kids or don't have kids."

Topics such as funding and equities, mandates on public schools and charter schools and e-school accountability will likely come up during the evening, Schiavoni said.

Aside from providing a statewide perspective on the issue, City Club gives Schiavoni the opportunity to express his views if he intends to run for governor in 2018, Kidd said.

"[We will be] listening potentially to his platform on public education," Kidd said. "Where he stands and what are the things he wants to accomplish presumably if he were to become governor."

Tickets for the event must be purchased by March 3 to attend.

The second quarter event of 2017 will be in June, which Kidd said will be at Packard Music Hall in Warren.

"We want to make sure that we're representing both Trumbull and Mahoning County with the City Club," Kidd said.

The theme of the June panel has not yet been decided. Kidd said people can stay updated on City Club events by signing up for the mailing list at www.cityclubmv.org.



Local High Schoolers Test Their Skills in 38th Physics Olympics

High school students prepare paper parachutes for the egg drop at the Physics Olympics.

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Students from local high schools gathered for the 38th annual Physics Olympics at Youngstown State University at Stambaugh Stadium on Saturday.

Eleven regional schools attended the event to apply concepts of physics in hands-on competitions.

Activities at the event varied from building bridges to sustain weight, flying machines to travel 25 feet and designing paper parachutes to safely drop an egg three stories.

YSU physics professor Snjezana Balaz worked a station where students created makeshift musical instruments out of everyday objects and performed, "Here Comes the Sun" by the Beatles. Balaz said the event helps YSU professors promote science to juniors and seniors.

"We like to involve community, so all these regional high schools come to campus, and we get to know them and they get to know us," Balaz said.

Trophies were awarded to the top teams who cumulated the most points from all 12 activities. First place was awarded to Lisbon David Anderson Jr/Sr High School, followed by Hickory High School in second.

Mary Janek, coordinator of the event, said awards were given out to winners of individual competitions as well.

"They all get medals, ribbons and certificates of merit," Janek said. "We really go all out so they can build their portfolio and show that ... they've been here and put the time in."

Balaz said the event helps YSU promote physics, but it also benefits the participating students.

"They learn a lot of team building and physics concepts...so it's wonderful for them," she said.

Bill Stevenson, physics teacher from Conneaut Area Senior High School, said it started an applied physics course this year, leading them to attend the event for the first time.

"It was an opportunity to get a hands-on look at some physics concepts, so for a while now we've been preparing for this," Stevenson said. "They've already talked about saving some of these things, [taking] good notes and talking to the next group of kids to kind of keep the program up and running."

This was Janek's first year coordinating the event, which she said came together well.

"I'm amazed at [the high school students'] dedication," Janek said. "To come here, spend their day after spending weeks and months studying the concepts of physics

and then preparing an application of it."

New to the Physics Olympics this year was Faraday Pick-up, a competition where students had to make an object into an electromagnet using a six-volt source and determine how many paperclips it can pick up.

Stephen Mohr, physics teacher from Jackson-Milton High School, said his students attend the event every year.

"It gives kids, instead of just sitting in a physics class, an outlet to actually see there's applications for it," Mohr said. "They can challenge themselves, and they get to compete against other schools. It's kind of like an athletic competition, but it's a brain competition."

Student volunteers from YSU worked with registration and assisted professors at event stations throughout the day. Martin Strong, president of The Society of Physics Students, said the group tries to recruit volunteers for the Physics Olympics every year.

"It provides a good experience to work alongside professors and try to get some high schoolers involved in physics as well," Strong said.

The Society of Physics Students plans to send members to local high schools in the near future to encourage students interested in physics to consider the program at YSU.



Local Panel Discussion Held in Hopes of Taking Back the Community

PHOTO BY JENNIFER RODRIGUEZ / THE JAMBAR

BY JENNIFER RODRIGUEZ

On Saturday Feb. 25, members of the community came together to discuss ways to improve and innovate the Youngstown community at Villa's shop in Liberty.

Villa in Youngstown, a clothing and sneaker store, held the very first "Take Back the Community" panel discussion. Jerome Justice, who runs the store, put the event together with the hopes of bringing about change.

"There are plenty of great people doing different things and it's going to take an army to change our community," Justice said.

Among the panel were several different people and organizations including: Youngstown Mayor John McNally, Dare To Dream Family Foundation, City Kids Care, The Colony, Save Our City Movement, Maurice Clarett, Jonathan Bentley, Derrick McDowell, Carla Baldwin,

City Councilman Julius T. Oliver and City Councilwoman Basia Adamczak.

There were over 100 people in attendance and the floor was open for asking questions and bringing up different topics.

Keland Logan, from The Colony, said the event was an open forum discussion for all the groups who were attending.

Some of the questions asked pertained to the school system, violence in the community and the local government officials. Brandon Perry, the founder of City Kids Care, encouraged people to show their support for community events.

"If you are a part of the city, a part of Youngstown, attend as many events as you can. Not just the ones downtown," Perry said. "A lot of organizations get discouraged when they don't see support."

McNally expressed that local government officials are more than willing to attend any event happening in the community--they just need to be informed of

them.

Lester Scott II from the Dare To Dream Family Foundation spoke about hardship in the community and a lost generation not having a voice.

"We live in a poverty stricken environment, we have parents working two jobs to support themselves and kids worried about their lights getting cut off," Scott said. "It's not feasible for them to be focused on something so far ahead when they need help now."

The panel discussed ways to help the community grow and to help put an end to hardships. Councilman Oliver touched on a new entrepreneur program that is currently in the works and will help citizens despite their past.

Bentley, the executive director of the Human Relations Commission, urged parents who are concerned with the education system and after school programs to contact the new CEO directly.

"If you ever have an issue with the edu-

cation system or with programs, you have to monitor when there's a change in the administration; that's the best time to get in," Bentley said. "Call down to the board of education, call down to the CEO."

McDowell challenged those in attendance to do the unpopular thing in order to help the community. He said people need to start confronting their friends and family members who are falling down the wrong paths.

"How many of you are willing to say 'Listen dude this isn't the way to do it anymore'? I need to confront you and say 'I know that's how we used to do it, but we can't anymore,'" McDowell said. "Our mentality has to change. You can fix Youngstown's structure all you want but if you don't get to the heart of these kids, it's never going to work."

Justice said he would like to hold another discussion next month where the focus will be setting goals to put into action the ideas that were discussed.



Penguin Productions Presents: *The Skins*

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BY GABE GARCIA

“The Skins,” a pop, rock and hip-hop band from Brooklyn performed at Youngstown State University’s The Hub Feb. 23.

The band’s members consist of Daisy Spencer on the guitar, Russ Chell on the synth and guitar, Reef Cole on the drums, Kaya Nico on vocals and bass and Bay Li on lead vocals.

The members of the group met at an after school program called The School of Rock in Brooklyn. “At the School of Rock was

where we all learned to perform together,” said Li. “We learned to work together and perfect our craft of music.”

The group would play music together all the time while part of the program. After aging out of the program Li and her siblings Cole and Nico would play music together and post videos on Facebook. Spencer and Russ saw the videos and wanted to join their music group.

“As a group we’ve been together for about six years now,” said Spencer. “Our music is just a whole mix of our favorite influences and our favorite sounds

which is why we categorize ourselves as ‘Genresy.’”

Along with being playing the synth and guitar, Chell is the sound engineer for the band. He takes care of programming the bands equipment and makes sure all instruments are in check before their performances.

“I definitely get a little anxious before any show,” said Chell. “There are a lot of technical aspects I have to take care of before we go on stage. Once that is all settled I can focus and get ready for the show.”

The bands name “The Skins” originated on a list Li had writ-

ten on her notepad. The group had originally written down over 300 names, and after much trial and error decided “The Skins,” sounded the best and fit their original sound.

“After the bands performance at Grinnell College, the band has decided to take a much needed break from being on the road until they perform at the South by Southwest Music Festival in Austin, Texas,” Cole said.

The band spends many hours a week practicing and collaborating on new music ideas for their shows.

“We’re always trying to im-

prove our sound which we feel requires us to come together and practice at least three times a week,” Cole said. “We like having the opportunity to bounce ideas off of each other and perfect our current songs.”

“Before every performance I get really happy about the show and the crowd waiting for us,” said Mico. “I like to pray for a good show, and us to have a good sound, but overall just to have a good time.”

“The Skins” music is available for purchase on iTunes, Google Play, Amazon and can be streamed on Spotify.

Archived Treasures In Maag Library

BY JAMBAR CONTRIBUTOR
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Students may want to reconsider what lies in the vaults of Maag Library the next time they enter. On the fifth floor of the library, students will not only be able to get a little piece of Youngstown State University history, but will be able to observe rare, hard to find things including sacred words and religious, historical artifacts right before their very eyes.

Cassie Nespore, the curator of the YSU's archives and the Melnick Medical Museum, is a current staff member at Maag Library. Nespore said that Maag Library has some very interesting collections and spend a great deal of time taking care of it.

"These are not books you are going to run into during your classes," Nespore said. "I think it's important to broaden your horizons and to realize that books have been around for a very long time."

Nespore said the archived books remind people of how books were made 800 years ago before machinery. Nespore said that people had to paint the

pictures on every page, mix the paints, make the paper and bind it all together.

Kevin Whitfield, the catalog librarian at Maag Library, said that the sacred words exhibit makes college students more aware of the collections in the library and that sometimes people are not aware of the extent of the information that the library has.

"It showcases a certain type of material that we might have in the collection that's a particular interest," Whitfield said. "The rare books definitely are something of particular interest because they might not be able to find them anywhere else in the state or in the country."

Whitfield said college students that are in religious studies in particular can benefit from the sacred words exhibit because it can show them different viewpoints. Whitfield also said students can never really know enough about what is going on in the library and that they can never know enough about how the library can serve them.

Brian Brennan is an assistant archivist at Maag Library and has been employed at YSU for 31 years. He said that in general, students can benefit from the

archives on the fifth floor, the university community and the Youngstown community because it's showing an aspect of culture that is being preserved here in the archives.

"In this case, religious publications that are going clear back to clay tablets that have always been important in society," Brennan said. "Our little biblical collection here promotes that cultural interest."

Brennan said he has always been interested in history and said when they created the archives in the years of 2003 and 2004, they were asking for volunteers and Brennan jumped in on it and has been at Youngstown State ever since.

"We preserve the history of the university," Brennan said. "We're like grandma's attic and whenever people are interested in some historical aspect of the university, they are looking at primary material. They're looking at material as it was written."

Brennan said that quite a few people check out the exhibits on the fifth floor of Maag Library. He said they are there if it's needed and that preservation of the history doesn't necessarily require utility.

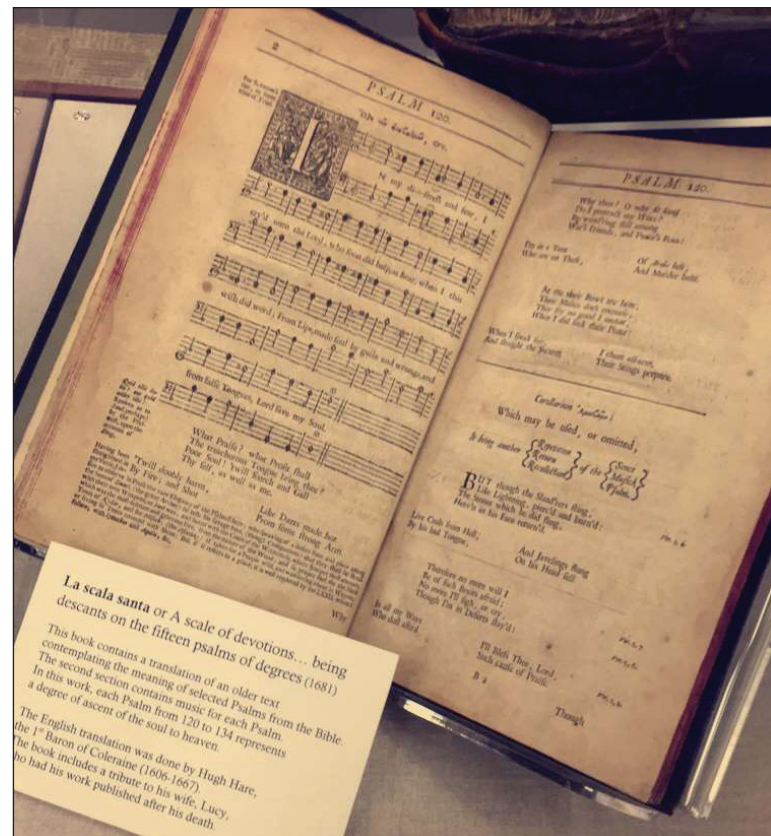


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"It's a cultural thing that we are doing and that we are preserving the history whether anyone uses it or not," Brennan said. "It's still

an important thing in case anybody wants to see it and we're preserving our little bit of local culture here."



PHOTO COURTESY OF THE FIDELIO PIANO TRIO

BY AMANDA LEHNERD

The Dana School of Music announces a recital by The Fidelio Trio, Friday March 3, at 7:30 p.m. at St. John's Episcopal Church. The Fidelio Trio consist of Darragh Morgan on the violin, Adi Tal on the cello and Mary Dullea on the piano. The trio originated in Ireland and was shortlisted for the 2016 Royal Philharmonic Society Music Awards. Performing the largest range of repertoire on concert stages across the world, the trio is broadcast regularly on BBC Radio 3, RTE Lyric FM, WNYC, NPR and has been featured on Sky Arts documentaries.

The trio constantly commissions new works, and has worked closely with many composers. The trio's 2017 season includes an extensive Asia tour stopping in Thailand, Brunei, Singapore, Malaysia and Hong Kong along with a USA tour making festival appearances and a Schubert cycle at Kilkenny Arts Festival. The recital is free and open to the public and is supported by Culture Ireland. Due to Wick Avenue construction, parking is available at St. John's. Patrons are advised to park behind the church. More information is available by calling the Office of Community Engagement and Events.

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Youngstown State University celebrated Mardi Gras on Tuesday by having a booth in Kilcawley where people taught students about the origins of Mardi Gras and offered other activities and snacks.

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A Day in the Life of a Student in Shanghai

BY JILLIAN SMITH

For anyone interested in studying abroad in China, know that you will be making one of the most rewarding decisions of your life. But also know that the reward is due to both incredible fun and the satisfaction of knowing you are overcoming something that is difficult and far outside of what is likely your comfort zone.

This past Friday, I noted everything that happened, providing a snapshot into what it is like to study abroad in the Middle Kingdom.

7 a.m.: Wake up — Chinese class doesn't start until nine, but getting up early is crucial because this is when we all study. Chinese is by far the most difficult of our subjects, both regarding the material and the expectations of our teachers. The extra hour of study time is a huge benefit. I also cook myself a bowl of oatmeal and make myself a cup of tea. Coffee is not as much of a thing here.

9 a.m.: Class — Chinese class lasts for three hours. It is intense.

12:15 p.m.: Lunch — My friends and I walk to a place called Xiao Mei Yuan. It is cheap, fast, good and overflowing with unlimited rice. I like this place in particular for an egg pancake that is stuffed with shrimp and scallions. Shanghai is incredibly walkable, and little street food stalls line every avenue. Steamed buns, grilled pork sticks, or something like a tofu sloppy Joe is all readily available, and at most will put you out ten kuai (which is about a dollar).

1 p.m.: The Metro is absolute chaos. Even locals hate it. Roughly 30 million people live in this city, and it seems that half of them are on the public transportation system at any given time. Still, it is incredibly clean, and there are rarely any major issues, just a massive snaking wall of humanity in which everyone pushes past each other.

1:30 p.m.: Arrive at the American Chamber of

Commerce — I intern for the Chamber's Publications & Communications Department. While there, I draft articles for our newsletter, edit other articles that are submitted to us, and keep our website updated. The Chamber is a membership organization of American businesses with a presence in Shanghai. It first started in 1912, and has continued to serve as a liaison between U.S. and Chinese business interests.

6 p.m.: Arrive back on campus — I live in a dorm with roughly 30 other students from all over the U.S., and by this time we have all become fairly close. I get dinner with them most nights. Tonight it was at a tiny soup stand that is like a Chipotle, but for soup. You get your pick of Chinese vegetable (bok choy, Chinese cabbage, etc.), noodle (rice noodle, egg noodle, wheat noodle) and protein (tofu, chicken, pork). I have legitimately thought about making this a thing back home.

9 p.m.: Wine tasting — It was our friend's birthday, so we went to an upscale wine bar in the heart of the French Concession, the former colonial area which still has a strong European influence. Shanghai is incredibly international, so at this wine tasting, I was able to chat with an Indian about Modi's currency reform efforts and a Russian about U.S.-Russia relations in the postelection era.

Shanghai is huge, the lifestyle is fast paced, and the people work extremely hard. I have gained valuable friendships with people from all over the world. The surreal feelings of being in a place so delightfully foreign. The perspective gained from talking to a populace that has an entirely different worldview from my own has made me confident that traveling to China is one of the best decisions I could have ever pursued. Plus, the food is incredible.

If you are a student who has considered studying abroad, I encourage you to do so, especially in a place where it is not necessarily easy to do so.

Editorial

It Takes a Community

Some students at Youngstown State University are set in their ways of leaving the university as soon as classes end. Students walk past student organizations, outreach groups and others who are trying to make YSU a better campus.

Unfortunately, that mindset is a microcosm of the personality of Youngstown's residents. For years, Youngstown residents have been fleeing the city and moving out of the area. This could be for a number of reasons, like less jobs and crime.

Every year, more and more people pack up and relocate instead of trying to improve the community they were born and raised in, leaving the problems that plagued Youngstown to the dwindling number that stay. As a result, the attempts to change become more difficult due to lack of support.

Local groups are actively trying to make a difference, but in the end change can't occur in the Youngstown area if the whole community doesn't actively try to better the city. The majority of the population needs to be involved in the movement to take back the community.

On Saturday, a community conversation was held in Cushwa Hall to discuss how to improve areas of concern in Youngstown. Topics such as improving safety, increasing jobs, health and education were discussed.

According to the Vindicator, only two dozen people attended the event.

The city is slowly improving and the pitfalls of Youngstown aren't nearly as dire as they were 20 years ago, but the problems still remain. If our generation steps up and works to solve the problems this city has, then maybe the next generation won't be as desperate to graduate from the university and move away.

While some YSU students go straight home after class, other students decide to stay and make a positive impact on their environment, not unlike the community groups in the city.

But in the end, the changes needed in any environment will never develop if the majority continues to be passive. That applies whether it's here on campus or out in the real world.

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The Press Box Perspective: Is World Baseball Classic Needed?

BY ANDREW ZUHOSKY

Major League Baseball is back, baby! Sure, it's only a week into Spring Training, but wasn't it nice to watch footage of home runs, strikeouts, and close calls at the plate in live games this week?

This year's Spring Training is a little different than the last three years. On Monday, the fourth World Baseball Classic will begin with the initial pool play games of the tournament.

The national teams of 16 countries will play in this event, with qualification for the tournament working like this:

For a team to have qualified for this year's World Baseball Classic, it must have either won at least one pool play game in the 2013 WBC or have won a qualifying tournament in 2016 after placing in the bottom of a pool play group in 2013.

By virtue of winning their respective qualifiers, the national teams for Colombia and Israel will make their first-ever WBC appearances.

Games will be played in cities all over the world, ranging from Seoul, South Korea and Tokyo, Japan to San Diego and Los Angeles.

At the end of the tournament, the final will be contested at Dodger Stadium on Wednesday, March 22. All WBC games will be televised in English on MLB Network and in Spanish on ESPN Deportes in the United States.

Depending on several factors, the fourth incarnation of the WBC may also prove to be the final one.

Back in November, shortly after this year's tournament schedule was announced, R.J. Anderson, a baseball writer for cbsports.com, wrote a story about how the WBC may be discontinued following this year, citing a tweet from ESPN's Cristian Moreno.

According to Moreno in his tweet, sources informed him this

year's WBC might be the tournament's swan song "unless legit \$\$\$ earnings come."

In addition, Anderson noted in his article, "While the pretense of the WBC is twofold — to spread the game of baseball and hand out bragging rights through a spirited tournament — the bottom line is, well, the bottom line. Major League Baseball might be making insane profits, but it's not going to spend money just to spend money."

Another factor that might contribute to the fate of the WBC beyond this year is the 2020 Summer Olympic Games in Tokyo.

As you know, the International Olympic Committee added both baseball and softball back into the lineup of events for the Summer Olympics beginning in 2020 at a meeting last year just prior to the start of the 2016 Summer Olympics.

Baseball and softball were last played as official Olympic events during the 2008 Summer Olympics in Beijing.

Current Major Leaguers are probably not going to give up their seasons in 2020 to play Olympic baseball. It's just not going to happen for any reason.

On the other side of the coin, the Olympic baseball contests in three years could act as a proving ground for the next Buster Posey, Mike Napoli or Edwin Encarnacion.

Getting back to the WBC for a moment, the timing of the event during Spring Training concerns me.

If a premier MLB player on a contending team gets badly injured in a pool play contest and is sidelined for the rest of the season, you have to wonder if something like the WBC is really worth it. Think about it for a minute.

It's like in the bowl season in college football when we heard stories of players sitting out their school's bowl game to avoid injury as they looked toward the NFL Draft.

The WBC is a fantastic tournament. If Major League Baseball were to schedule it in July every four years and not schedule the All-Star Game in WBC years, it would be a better deal.

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A New Beginning: YSU Women Prepare for Motor City Madness

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Alison Smolinski (2) shoots over the top of Hannah Little (11) in a YSU loss against Oakland on Feb. 23.

BY RICK HENNEMAN

The Youngstown State University women's basketball team (9-20, 5-13 Horizon League) will enter the Horizon League Tournament as the eighth seed after an 83-67 loss against the University of Detroit Mercy on Feb. 25.

Despite the loss on Saturday, YSU head coach John Barnes entered his weekly press conference with a new sense of optimism.

"It's a new season," Barnes said. "We're excited about the tournament at Joe Louis Arena in Detroit. We can put the regular season behind us. We will focus on the first round of the Horizon League Tournament and get fired up for that."

YSU has stepped up against some of the league's best teams. At times this season, YSU has played tough games against second-ranked Wright State University.

Barnes knows that some teams would prefer not to see YSU in the tournament.

"I know there are some coaches who don't want to play us," Barnes said. "It is matchups. I think we are going to compete really hard and bring the games down to the wire. At tournament time, you never know what plays that players will step up and make to pull off big upsets."

The Penguins will play its first round game against ninth-seeded Valparaiso University (9-21, 5-13 HL) on Friday. YSU split the season series against the Crusaders, winning 76-70 at home but losing 60-77 on the road. Freshman of the Year candidate Mary Dunn was out with an injury for the loss at Valparaiso.

Valpo junior Dani Franklin is second in the league with 18.1 points per game. She averaged 11.5 points against the Penguins this year. YSU will hope that Dunn's presence in the line-up will minimize the damage from Valparaiso's Amber Lindfors who had 22 points against the Pen-

guins in her absence. Lindfors also leads the league in blocked shots with 65.

"I expect them to do what they did at their place," YSU guard Melinda Trimmer said about Valpo. "They did a really good job of pushing the ball and they are probably going to try to look to get it to the post because they are pretty tall."

Trimmer also said that Valpo will look to get the ball into the hands of sophomore Meredith Hamlet who had 29 points against the Penguins in the Beeghly Center.

Guard Alison Smolinski leads the Penguins with 12.3 points per game this season and also leads the Horizon League with 61 threes in conference play. Barnes said that her play is crucial to YSU's success.

"Alison is huge; she has literally carried us for five weeks," Barnes said. "This past weekend, she struggled shooting and it's tough on our offense. You can't count on shooting night in and night out. That's

why your defense has to be good and our defense has struggled this year."

Trimmer agreed with Barnes, saying that Smolinski is "everything" and that she is blessed to play with her.

The Penguins have dealt with injuries throughout the season and the back-to-back nature of tournament play will test the depth of YSU's roster.

"In our situation, we would play two games and then have a day off," Barnes said about the tournament format. "It's good for us in a sense that we would have a day off, but it's tough because we would have to play the top-seed (University of Wisconsin-Green Bay) in the second round. We have struggled against them this year. We have to put all our eggs in the Valpo basket first because it's going to take everything we have to beat them."

YSU will tip-off against Valparaiso on Friday at 2:30 p.m. If YSU defeats Valpo, it will move on to face Green Bay on Saturday at 11:30 a.m.



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Mary Dunn (15) looks to get the ball as Leah Somerfield (23) guards her in a game against Oakland on Feb. 23.

Freshman of the Year: From *Nothing* to *Something*

BY MARC WEEMS

When center Mary Dunn officially signed with Youngstown State University, she didn't expect to become a starter.

"Definitely coming into this season, I wasn't expecting to start," Dunn said. "Once I knew that Sarah [Cash] went down; she just really couldn't do anything. Even though she was still around early, I knew that I needed to step up."

The original idea for YSU women's basketball was to have Sarah Cash as a starting forward along with Nikki Arbanas as the starting shooting guard. Neither of those two things happened for very long. Arbanas tore her ACL before the season even started and Cash couldn't play due to knee issues.

"[YSU head coach John Barnes] knew that I wasn't expecting this right away," Dunn said. "I had to use this opportunity to get better."

Dunn took advantage of her role on the team by winning the Horizon League Freshman of the Year. Her award marked the eighth consecutive year in which the program received a postseason award.

Dunn averaged 11.4 points per game while shooting 51 percent. She also snagged four rebounds per game while blocking 0.7 shots per game.

"I was told that I needed to work really, really hard to get any playing time," Dunn said. "Working that hard ended up paying off and I was able to play."

Initially, she thought that she would help Cash by playing some minutes off the bench, but never what she did this year.

This workload will help her tremendously in the next three seasons.

She was made the Freshman of the Year overwhelmingly after recording 17 games with double-figure scoring, which was more than any other freshman in the league.

"The transition from high school was very weird and different," she said. "Sarah was especially helpful to me. In high school, I could make the same move and score. I was able to block shots without having to move."

She said that even the little things that the upperclassmen tell her that she did right or wrong made a huge difference.

Dunn has dealt with her adversity this year after she hurt her right ankle/foot in YSU's loss to the University of Wisconsin in Green Bay. She was hurt on Jan. 26 and

couldn't start again until Feb. 11.

"This year was definitely different," Dunn said. "Since my sophomore year of high school, I was used to winning. Once I came here; even though I felt like I was doing well, I knew I needed to keep getting better. Obviously, something isn't clicking."

She also said that being in a situation in which you aren't winning is odd, but it's something to learn from.

Dunn is the first Penguin to win Freshman of the Year in school history and just the second player to win the award in general. Jen Perugini won newcomer of the year in 2001-2002. Dunn was also just the fourth girl to be a part of the All-Freshman team. She joined teammates Jenna Hirsch and Indiya Benjamin on that list, as well as Dorothy Bowers in the 1984-1985 season.

"I definitely see this as a team award," Dunn said. "This is definitely all for my team. I wouldn't be scoring if they weren't getting me the ball. If they weren't helping in practices and the games, I wouldn't be here right now."

She also said that she is excited for the opportunity to play on a stage like the Horizon League Basketball Championship. She wants to make the most with what she was given, and so far she's been more than she ever thought she could be.

Another Year, Another Title: YSU Sweeps Horizon League Indoor Championships



BY DAN HINER

Last season, the Youngstown State University women's track and field team lost out on a chance at another Horizon League indoor championship after Oakland University beat the Penguins by four points.

But the Penguins made sure the same thing wouldn't happen this season.

The YSU men's and women's track and field teams both won the conference indoor title on Sunday. The championships are the 30th and 31st titles in program history.

Both teams grabbed an early lead during the first day of the championships on Saturday. Oakland was trailing both teams entering Sunday, but thanks to YSU's Chad Zallow and some unexpected newcomers.

"A lot of guys stepped up. Going into this meet, we all talked to each other and we knew coming in that everyone was gonna have to step up," Zallow said. "Everyone did that, everyone showed up. People that weren't ranked when they came into the meet became ranked."

"My brother [Carl Zallow] coming off his hamstring injury, he actually had the flu about three days ago, and he came out here and scored points for the team in the 60 which ended up being a huge push for the team to the title. A lot of guys, not just me, but a lot of the guys you don't hear about as much, that you don't hear about in the newspapers, they stepped up today. I'm just proud of the whole team."

The men's team finished with a total of 188 points, while Oakland was named the runner-up with 153. Sunday's win marked the first time the men's team won back-to-back indoor titles in program history.

The women's team finished with a score of 183, beating the University of Wisconsin-Milwaukee who finished second with 140.

YSU head coach Brian Gorby said he was glad the women's team rebounded from last year's loss. He said last season was a result of unfortunate mishaps, but the team was "electric" on the final day.

"We're used to this coming down to the 4x400, trying to win by a point. I'm so happy for the girls on that side, coming back from that. I'm happy for a lot of freshman. Jaliyah Elliott's a freshman who came in second in the 60 and second in the 200. That's unheard of."

Gorby said athletes from both teams stepped up on Sunday. He said jumpers like Abby Jones from the women's team and Arnaldo Morales from the men's team helped set the tone at the start of the final day.

"Abby Jones, Arnaldo Morales and Chad Zallow, what can you say. He [Zallow] won three events against two big time guys," Gorby said. "That's all he talks about, how he came here to help the team. He knows he can do individual stuff, but he wanted to come here to win team championships."

Jones won the high jump with a jump of 1.72 meters, 0.01 meters shy of the conference record. Morales also won the men's high jump with an attempt of 2.08 meters.

Gorby said both teams were willing to "fight and scratch" to get another shot at the conference title. He said it's more special to share a title with the whole team than an individual award.

"To win both sides is going to be extra special because now everybody gets to celebrate for the next couple weeks and for the next 12 months."