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[The Wolford-era at Stambaugh Stadium kicks off this weekend as new head football coach Eric Wolford's YSU Penguins open the home season against Butler. It is the start of a three-game homestand for the Penguins, which also includes games 6 p.m. Saturday, Sept. 18, and 4 p.m. Saturday, Sept. 25.](#)

Calendar

Wednesday, Sept. 8, 7 p.m. The Dana School of Music's Wind Ensemble opens its 2010-11 performance season with a concert at the Warren Amphitheater. The concert includes marches, medleys and popular music for concert band. For more information, call 330-941-3636.

Thursday, Sept. 9. Saxophone artists Steve Stusek and Drew Hays will present a clinic and recital at First Presbyterian Church on Wick Avenue in downtown Youngstown. The visit is hosted by James Umble, professor of music, and Youngstown State University's Dana School of Music. The events begin at **5:30 p.m.** with a performance clinic and continue at **8 p.m.** with a recital. Both events are free and open to the public. For more information, contact Umble at 330-941-1828. The appearance is partially supported by the Vandoren and Yamaha Corporations.

Thursday, Friday, Saturday and Sunday, Sept. 9, 10, 11 and 12. University Theater's Second Stage Blackbox Production presents the comedy "Love Song" in the Spotlight Arena Theater. Performances are **7:30 p.m.** Thursday, Friday and Saturday, and **3 p.m.** Sunday. For more information, call 330-941-3105.

Saturday, Sept. 11, 6 p.m. YSU Penguins open the home football season against Butler in Stambaugh Stadium. Gameday features include: State Farm Kids Day in the tailgate lot, post-game fireworks compliments of B.J. Alan Phantom Fireworks, \$5 “Super September” game tickets and much more.

Sunday, Sept. 12, 2 p.m. YSU women’s soccer team takes on Canisius in Stambaugh Stadium.

YSU students excel at MathFest...again

The winning streak of Youngstown State University students at MathFest continued this summer in Pittsburgh, marking another year of YSU success at the annual conference of the Mathematical Association of America and Pi Mu Epsilon.

Two students received awards for excellence in student exposition and research, while one took home an award for outstanding exposition and research in environmental mathematics. It is the sixth consecutive year that YSU students have won three or more speaking awards. No school other than YSU has ever won more than three awards in a single year.

“Our students continue the tradition of being outstanding ambassadors of YSU, the STEM College and the Department of Mathematics and Statistics,” said George Yates, mathematics professor.

Award-winning students included Matthew Alexander of Espyville, Lisa Curll of Columbiana and Sepideh Khavari of Howland. Both Alexander and Curll have won awards from previous MathFest meetings.

Other students who gave presentations were Tyler Hardgrove of Ravenna, Tara McCart of Warren, Josh Mike of Youngstown, Bradley Slabe of Youngstown, Mario Sracic of Hermitage, Moriah Wright of Ashtabula, Randi Yazvac of Boardman and Jarrett Scacchetti of Youngstown.

Youngstown faculty members Douglas Faires, Angela Spalsbury, G. Jay Kerns, Jozsi Jalics, Thomas Wakefield and Yates attended MathFest. Faculty who advised students on their presentations included Thomas Smotzer, Jacek Fabryowski, Jalics, Spalsbury, Wakefield, Faires and Yates.

Mahoning River Corridor Initiative plans networking event

The Mahoning River Corridor Initiative is sponsoring an event for businesses, property owners and other parties interested in networking with local and state organizations and agencies about the economic development resources and opportunities available in the Mahoning River corridor.



“Developing Connections” will be 8:30 a.m. to noon, Thursday, Sept. 16, in the new Williamson Hall on the campus of Youngstown State University. The event is hosted by the YSU Williamson College of Business Administration and is being held in partnership with the Youngstown-Warren Regional Chamber, Western Reserve Port Authority and YSU Center for Urban and Regional Studies.

Current and prospective businesses, property owners, commercial realtors, civic leaders and development

agencies are encouraged to attend. The event aims to provide the opportunity to make connections and network about available financial incentives, workforce training programs, Brownfield opportunities, tax credits, marketing opportunities and more available to the private sector for economic development in the river corridor.

For more information, contact Dan Mamula, MRCI manager, at dcmamula@ysu.edu or 330-941-1850.

The Mahoning River Corridor Initiative is a regional urban development collaboration of nine municipalities, Youngstown State University and four non-profit corporations in the Mahoning Valley of Mahoning and Trumbull Counties in northeast Ohio. Among its goals are promoting the opportunities for economic development that exist in the river corridor communities.

Applications sought for MV Growth Awards

Application deadline is Wednesday, Sept. 8, for the 18th Annual Mahoning Valley Growth Awards, co-sponsored by the Williamson College of Business Administration at Youngstown State University and the Regional Chamber.

Applications are on the WCBA website at www.wcba.ysu.edu or on the Chamber website at www.regionalchamber.com.

These prestigious awards are open to all for-profit businesses in Mahoning, Trumbull and Columbiana counties in the following categories: Percentage Increase in Sales, Percentage Increase in Employees, Percent Increase in Export Sales, Emerging Business (growth in sales/employees, less than four years old) and Human Resource Development.

The annual Mahoning Valley Growth Awards Breakfast is Tuesday, Oct. 12, 2010, at Mr. Anthony's Banquet Center in Boardman. For more information, contact Christine Shelton, coordinator of external relations at WCBA, at 330-941-3068 or cgshelton@ysu.edu.



'Drop and Shop for Free' at Grey to Green Festival

The Youngstown community is invited to "Drop and Shop for Free" on Saturday, Sept. 11, from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m., in Wick Park on Fifth Avenue on the city's North Side.

The event is organized by Youngstown State University's re:CREATE, a program that offers free reuse services to YSU and the community. "Drop and Shop for Free" encourages people to donate unwanted but useable household items and shop around for free new ones. Examples of items to bring include: working and non-hazardous household products, bedding, canned goods, carpeting, clothing, curtains, kitchen appliances, luggage, tableware, unused toiletries, toys, etc. Donations can be dropped off between 10 and 11 a.m. before the event.

"Drop and Shop for Free" will take place during the YSU-sponsored Grey to Green Festival in Wick Park. The Festival features entertainment, "green" vendors and informational exhibits, children's activities, food and more.

For more information on the event or on YSU re:CREATE, contact the program's manager, Sarah Ellis, at 330-559-7488.

University Theater opens season with 'Love Song'

University Theater's Blackbox Productions will stage the comedy "Love Song" this week in Bliss Hall's Spotlight Arena Theater.

Performances are 7:30 p.m. on Thursday, Friday and Saturday, Sept. 9, 10 and 11, and 3 p.m. Sunday, Sept. 12 - 12. All seats in Spotlight Arena Theater are general admission, and patrons are encouraged to make

reservations early.

"Love Song" is the story of Beane, an exile from life and an oddball. His well-meaning sister, Joan, and brother-in-law, Harry, try and make time for him in their busy lives, but no one can get through. Following a burglary on Beane's apartment, Joan is baffled to find her brother blissfully happy and tries to unravel the story behind his mysterious new love, Molly. The play was nominated for the 2007 Olivier Award as Best New Comedy.

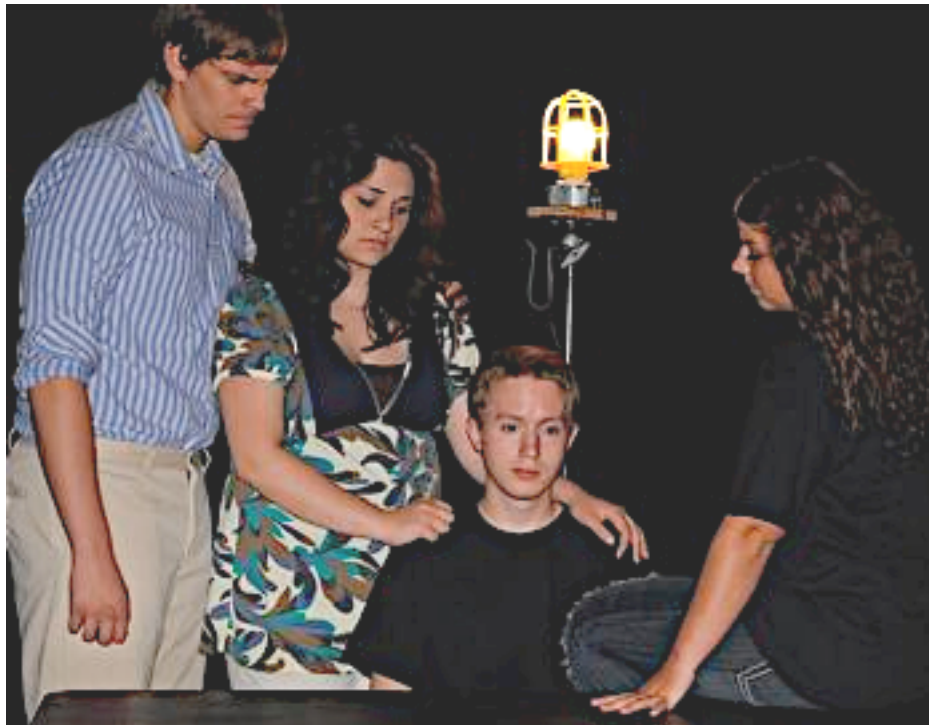
The production is directed by Randall E. Brammer, senior Theater major from Youngstown. Cast members include Ryan Newell (Salem, Ohio) as Beane, Shawna Jones (Berlin Center, Ohio) as Joan, Patrick McGuire (Erie, Pa.) as Harry, Kaleigh Locketti (Austintown, Ohio) as Molly and Edward Shiska (Youngstown) as Bill the waiter.

Tickets may be reserved by calling the University Theater Box Office at 330-941-3105. Ticket price for the general public is \$5 with \$3 discount tickets available for all students (including YSU), senior citizens, and Penguin Club members. Season Ticket coupons will be honored. Parking is available in the Wick Avenue parking deck Thursday through Saturday for a nominal fee and on Sunday parking will be available at no charge in the parking lot next to the former Wick Pollock Inn.

YSU hosts Hispanic Heritage Celebration on Sept. 24

Ivania del Pozo, professor in the Department of Foreign Languages and Literatures at Youngstown State University, will give the keynote address at the YSU Hispanic Heritage Celebration on Friday, Sept. 24.

The event, which also includes food, informational booths, dance and musical entertainment, begins at 5:30 p.m. in the Chestnut Room of Kilcawley Center on the YSU campus. It is free and open to the public.



YSU students, from the left, Patrick Maguire, Shawna Jones, Ryan Newell and Kaleigh Locketti star in the University Theater's Blackbox production of "Love Song."

del Pozo earned a doctoral degree at the Graduate School and University Center of New York. She wrote her doctoral thesis under the direction of the famous Spanish writer Francisco Ayala. She has published articles about modernism literature in Puerto Rico and Cuban poetry both in Cuba and the United States. She joined the YSU faculty in 1978. del Pozo has organized various events and community projects involving Hispanic students and the university.

The event also features Hispanic foods, informational booths hosted by area businesses and organizations, a flag ceremony featuring flags from 22 Hispanic countries, folkloric dance performances, musical entertainment, a student recognition ceremony, art exhibits and more.

The theme of the event is “Listen to our Hispanic Voices” or “Escucha Nuestras Voces Hispanas.” It is coordinated by the Hispanic Heritage Planning Committee through YSU’s Office of Equal Opportunity and Diversity with support from campus organizations and local sponsors. It is being held in conjunction with the national observance of Hispanic Heritage Month, which is traditionally observed Sept. 15 to Oct. 15.

“YSU has a history of hosting events during Hispanic Heritage Month. This is a great event to bring the community together,” said Yulanda McCarty-Harris, YSU director of Equal Opportunity and Diversity. “The Hispanic Community’s rapid growth has positioned itself to make significant contributions on many levels, and education will play a part in those contributions.”



Ivania del Pozo

Sponsors for the YSU Hispanic Heritage Celebration include Home Savings, the YSU Center for International Studies and Programs, Partners for Workplace Diversity and the Office of Equal Opportunity and Diversity.

Other local events planned for the observance of Hispanic Heritage Month include:

L.U.N.A. Scholarship Fundraiser, Friday, Sept. 10, 6 to 10 p.m., OCCHA

The Latinas United Networking Association, Inc. is hosting the 7th anniversary scholarship fundraiser at the OCCHA Hall (3660 Shirley Road, Youngstown). Tickets are \$40 per person. For further information or tickets, call 330-503-2199 or email ytownluna@sbcglobal.net.

Health at Home Discussion, Wednesday, Sept. 15, 10 a.m. (English) and 11 a.m. (Spanish), OCCHA

Carol Vitelli, a community health educator at HMHP, will discuss “Health at Home,” a guide to symptoms, solutions and self-care. Free. Location is OCCHA Hall (3660 Shirley Road, Youngstown). For registration, contact Carol Vitelli at 330-716-1449.

Hispanic Heritage Student Art Exhibition Celebration, Thursday, Sept. 16, 6 p.m., Newport Branch Library (3730 Market Street, Youngstown)

The event features 11 art entries and will showcase the top three winners of this year’s contest. Exhibit will continue until Sept. 21. For more information, contact the YSU Office of Equal Opportunity and Diversity at 330-941-3370 or Deborah Liptak, Youngstown Library Development Director, at 330-744-8638, Ext. 118.

Hispanic Heritage Celebration, Friday, Sept. 24, 5:30 p.m., YSU Kilcawley Center, Chestnut Room

See information above.

Student honorees are: Dustin Corso (YSU student), Tanisha Lopez (East High School), Karen Labra (Austintown Middle School) and Christina Perez (MLK Elementary).

For more information, contact the YSU Office of Equal Opportunity and Diversity at 330-941-3370.

Food Drive by YSU Latino Student Organization, Sept. 24, 5:30 p.m. and Sept. 27 to Oct. 1, 1 to 3 p.m., YSU Kilcawley Center

The YSU Latino Organization will be coordinating its first food drive. The community is invited to bring cans of food to the Hispanic Heritage Celebration in YSU's Kilcawley Center, Chestnut Room. The food drive will continue through Oct. 1. Food will be distributed to the Beatitude House and OCHHA. Contact Bryan Chaidez at 330-261-4997 or bpchaidez@student.ysu.edu.

The Immigrant's Way, Tuesday, Sept. 28, 6 p.m., Newport Branch Public Library

Author Margaret W. Wong will discuss her book "*The Immigrant's Way – For All Immigrants by an Immigrant.*" For more information, contact the YSU Office of Equal Opportunity and Diversity at 330-941-3370 or Deborah Liptak, Youngstown Library Development Director, at 330-744-8638, Ext. 118.

ECHHO College Fair, Thursday, Sept. 30, 9 to 11 a.m., OCCHA

The 2010 Annual Educators and Community Helping Hispanics Onward, Inc. College Fair will be held at OCCHA (3660 Shirley Road, Youngstown). This is a college access program geared to target Hispanic/Latino high school students from the ninth through twelfth grade levels and their parents. For more information, contact Maggie McClendon, ECHHO president, at 330-941-3243 or 330-519-3314. Co-sponsored by YSU's Department of Undergraduate Admissions, OCCHA and ECHHO.

Irony of the Enlightenment: the Castas Paintings of Colonial Mexico, Wednesday, Oct. 6, 5:30 p.m., YSU Kilcawley Center, Bresnahan I & II

Patricia Sarro, YSU art history professor, gives a presentation on the Castas paintings which portray the various ethnic mixings or *Castas* that took place in 18th century colonial Mexico. Free and open to the public. For more information, contact Ana Bobby at 330-941-1717 or ambobby@ysu.edu.

Latin Wine Tasting, Saturday, Oct. 9, 5 to 7 p.m., Five Points Wine & Bar

Travel through the Latin world, savor and learn about its enticing wines. Also, delight in Latin Jazz and hors d'oeuvres. Five Points Wine & Bar is located at 9065 Springfield Road in Poland. Cost is \$15 per person. For information, call 330-549-2932.

Immigration & Labor through the Lens of History, Thursday, Oct. 14, 5:00 p.m., Youngstown Historical Center of Industry and Labor

Commemorating Columbus Day or *Dia de la Raza*, a documentary film will be presented which demonstrates the hardships faced by immigrants traveling to the United States, the families they often leave behind and their struggle to survive. The film will be followed by a panel discussion on immigration issues which date back to before the 20th century involving different cultures and ethnicities. The event is co-sponsored by the YSU Center for Applied Histories, YSU Center for Women's Studies and the Youngstown Historical Center of Industry and Labor. Free. For more information, contact Ana Bobby at 330-941-1717 or ambobby@ysu.edu.

OCCHA's 38th Annual Fundraiser Gala, Friday, Oct. 29, 5:30 p.m., Embassy

OCCHA, a social service agency serving the Hispanic community, is celebrating 38 years of service to the community with a fundraiser dinner at the Embassy (5030 Youngstown-Poland Road, Struthers). Cocktail hour begins at 5:30 p.m. with dinner at 6:30 p.m. Donation for tickets: \$50 per person. For more information, contact OCCHA at 330-781-1808.

Two AmeriCorps positions awarded to History Department

Two AmeriCorps positions are now available through a grant awarded to the Youngstown State University History Department by the Ohio History Service Corps.

In all, only 20 positions were awarded statewide.

“We feel very fortunate to sponsor these two interns and look forward to expanding the services we can offer through the Youngstown Historical Center of Industry and Labor,” said Martha Pallante, History chair.

“The YSU Department of History and the YSU Center for Applied History hope to increase our focus on community building and engagement and see programs such as this cooperative one with the Ohio Historical Society and AmeriCorps as the ideal project.”

One of the employees will work under the Civil War 150 Corps and help to plan the commemoration of the sesquicentennial of the Civil War. The individual will also assist in education, public programming and initiatives for the event.

The second position will work under the Technology Corps to convert historical information to digital form. The program will use the infrastructure created by Ohio Memory, a collaborative digital library that includes 353 historical organizations, libraries and museums.

AmeriCorps is a program of the Corporation for National and Community Service that works to improve lives, strengthen communities and foster civic engagement. Existing under AmeriCorps, the Ohio History Service Corps focuses on statewide initiatives with the Ohio Historical Society.

The term of service for the two positions runs from Oct. 1, 2010, to Aug. 31, 2011. Members will receive a stipend of \$11,800, health insurance, and an educational award of \$5,350 that can be used toward college or to pay off school loans. To apply, call 614-297-2392 or visit <https://my.americorps.gov> to create an account and complete the required online application. Application deadline is Sept. 20, 2010.