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## **Chinese journalism students visit campus**

Twelve students and two faculty members from the Communications University of China are participating in a five-week program at Youngstown State University this summer to learn about and experience journalism and television broadcasting in the

United States.

“This is a great opportunity for these students to see first-hand how American journalism and broadcasting works,” said Tom Pittman, YSU instructor of journalism and co-coordinator of the visit.

“They want some hands-on, practical experience in how American journalism functions, and they also want to meet students and experience what life is like in the U.S.,” said Amy Crawford, assistant professor of communications and co-coordinator.

The Chinese students, who are living in the Cafaro House residence hall during their stay, are receiving intensive training in journalism and broadcasting through formal class instruction as well as visits to local TV stations and conversations with American journalists.



**Journalism students from the Communications University of China learn to do interviews as part of a program at YSU this summer. (Photo courtesy of William D. Lewis)**



Chinese journalist students visit the Louie B. Free talk radio show at WASN in downtown Youngstown as part of a five-week program at YSU. (Photo courtesy of William D. Lewis)

The program has been in the works since last summer, when Lilin Liu, dean of international communication at CUC, contacted YSU's Center for International Studies and Programs to express his university's desire to collaborate with YSU for a non-credit "communications summer camp" to take place on the YSU campus during summer 2010.

Pittman and Crawford joined together to develop and coordinate the program. Pittman

said it is possible that YSU and CUC will develop a long-term student and faculty exchange program in which YSU students and faculty will go to CUC to study, as well.

The students, all of whom are female, arrived at YSU on July 13 and will spend four weeks on campus. The group has already toured local television stations and the Warren *Tribune Chronicle* newspaper, and the students visited WASN Radio during a live broadcast of the Louie B. Free program.

In addition to the telecommunications and journalism coursework being taught by Crawford and Pittman, the students are learning from adjunct faculty members Way Jeng, Nikki Lucas, and Bill Lewis, a photographer with *The Vindicator*. Recent YSU journalism graduate Lenny Crist is also assisting in the classroom.

The students will spend the fifth week of the program with Alyssa Lenhoff, director of the YSU journalism program, who will accompany the group to the City University of New York to visit its Graduate School of Journalism.

## **Students from Lunghwa attend summer camp**

For the third consecutive year, students from Lunghwa University in Taipei, Taiwan, are on the Youngstown State University campus for an intensive English summer camp.

Twenty students and their chaperone, Julia Hsu, a professor of Applied Foreign Languages at Lunghwa, arrived at YSU July 11. They are living in the Cafaro House residence halls during the three-week camp.

The students attend two class sessions a day, taught by adjunct faculty members from the YSU English department. Class materials tie in to a number of afternoon and evening activities, including local art/music/cultural festivals, visits to Niagara Falls and Cedar Point, local restaurants, a bowling party, a drive-in movie, a Scrappers game, and visits to Mill Creek Park and the Butler Institute of American Art.

A reception for the students with YSU President Cynthia E. Anderson is scheduled for 1:30 p.m., Friday July

30, in the DeBartolo Stadium Club at Stambaugh Stadium.

YSU's partnership with Lunghwa dates to 2006, when the two universities signed a faculty and student exchange agreement. Since then, YSU has hosted dozens of students and four professors from Lunghwa, and YSU has sent faculty and students to Taiwan, as well.

### **YSU faculty/staff awards, presentations, publications**

Several faculty members in Counseling made presentations at the American Counseling Association International Conference in Pittsburgh. **Victoria Kress**, professor, co-presented on three topics: "The Beginning Counselor's Survival Kit: 30 Creative Activities and Interventions," "Publishing in ACA Referred Journals: Suggestions from the Council of Editors," and "Client Non-Suicidal Self-Injurious Behavior: Considerations for Clinical Supervision." **Jake Protivnak**, assistant professor, and **Don Martin**, professor, presented "Creating an Urban School Counselor Education Program: University and School Connection." Protivnak also co-presented "Creativity in the High School Setting: Music Interventions for School Counselors" and "Future Counselors Advocating for the Profession." **Kenneth Miller**, associate professor, co-presented "To CACREP or Not CACREP: Research Findings on the Reasons and Motivations for Pursuing or Not Pursuing Accreditation." And **Deborah Jackson**, assistant professor, presented "Alcohol and Drug Assessment Practices with Student Offenders at Colleges and Universities."

**Dorcas Fitzgerald**, professor of Nursing, and **Sue Leson**, assistant professor of Human Ecology, were contributors of review questions for *Davis' Q & A for the NCLEX-RN Examination*, edited by Kathleen Ohman and published by F. A. Davis in March. Fitzgerald wrote gerontological nursing questions, and Leson wrote dietary questions.

**Jonelle Beatrice**, associate executive director of Student Life and director of the Center for Student Progress, was the featured guest speaker for the opening ceremony of Indiana University of Pennsylvania's new Center for Student Success. The IUP Center for Student Success was modeled after YSU's Center for Student Progress and was developed in consultation with YSU's Center for Student Progress staff.

**Faculty and students from the YSU Beeghly College of Education** participated in the 7th Annual Educational Research Exchange at the University of Akron. The annual conference provides an opportunity for YSU graduate students in the College of Education to gain professional skills and experiences in presenting their research and building relationships with colleagues at other universities. Each year the ERE is co-sponsored by YSU, Cleveland State University, Kent State University and the University of Akron. YSU graduate students who presented this year included **Nicole Adamson**, **Frank Bellamy**, **Emily Herman** and **Druana Perren**.

**Cameron Hughes**, programmer/analyst 4 from the application development group in Computer Services, had the paper "Transcript Mining Using Epistemic Agents and Interrogative Entailment" published in the *Proceedings of IEEE International Conference on Intelligent Computing and Intelligent Systems*, Shang Hai, China. Hughes is co-author with recent YSU graduate **Tracey Hughes**. Both are graduates of YSU's master's program in Computer Information Systems.

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