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The Penguins baseball team, under the leadership of head coach Rich Pasquale, opens the 2012 home season at 3 p.m. Friday, March 16 at Eastwood Field in Niles. The homestand continues 1 p.m. Saturday and noon Sunday. Above, first baseman Jeremy Banks takes a swing during a game earlier this season. The Penguins start the home schedule after nearly a month of road games in North Carolina and Virginia. Over the course of the next two months, the Penguins play 22 games at home.

This Week

Monday, March 12 through Friday, March 16. YSU Spring Break.

NewOutlet students report on shale exploration

Students in Youngstown State University's TheNewsOutlet.org program are spending part of spring break this week traveling to Texas and Arkansas to report stories about how communities there have been impacted by gas and oil well drilling.

The student journalists will talk to people who live in communities that have long experienced the economic, environmental and social effects of fracking and gas exploration.

The trip is the latest project of TheNewsOutlet.org, a media collaboration started and headquartered at YSU's journalism program. The News Outlet links student reporters from YSU, Kent State University and the University of Akron with professional media outlets in Northeastern Ohio, including *The Vindicator*, *The Akron Beacon Journal*, WYSU FM, Rubber City Radio and *The Ravenna Record Courier*. Student journalists have produced more than 150 print, radio and video stories on important community and regional issues ranging from abuses at a local mental health facility to problems with state tax collections on the gas and oil industries.

THE NEWS OUTLET

“This trip will add to the tremendous success TheNewsOutlet.org has had in engaging students, local media and residents in our region, its challenges and its successes,” said Tim Francisco, YSU assistant professor of journalism. Francisco and Alyssa Lenhoff, journalism instructor, founded and co-direct the TheNewsOutlet.org project.

Students from journalism, art and computer science working together with The News Outlet will produce radio, video, print and interactive graphic packages from the road. Lenhoff, Francisco, and Karl Henkel, business reporter at The Vindicator who has been covering gas and oil exploration locally, will travel with the students to help direct them as well as report for the daily newspapers.

TheNewsOutlet.org is funded by The Raymond John Wean Foundation, the Youngstown Foundation, the John S. and James L. Knight Foundation, WYSU FM and the YSU College of Liberal Arts and Sciences.

YSU students inducted into Beta Gamma Sigma

The Youngstown State University Chapter of Beta Gamma Sigma, hosted by the Williamson College of Business Administration, recently installed 41 business students at induction ceremonies on the YSU campus.

Beta Gamma Sigma is the world's premier business honorary reserved exclusively for schools accredited by the Association to Advance Collegiate Schools of Business. While nearly 350,000 students receive bachelors or master's degrees in business each year, only about 25,000 are inducted into a lifetime membership in Beta Gamma Sigma. Students must be registered in business administration programs for baccalaureate or MBA degrees and must rank in the top 10 percent of the junior class, the top 10 percent of the senior class or the top 20 percent of the master's program.



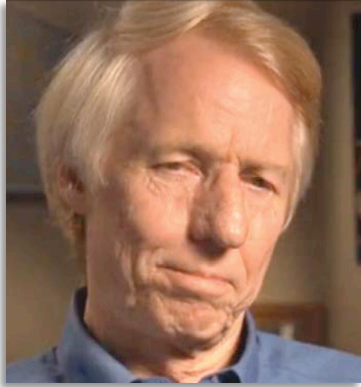
Forty-one students in the YSU Williamson College of Business Administration were installed recently into Beta Gamma Sigma honorary.

Students installed are Michael Brand of Alliance; Michael Metzinger and Lucas Stokes of Austintown; Erin Sturuss and Jocelyn Tabus of Boardman; Janelle Fumerola of Burghill; Gary DiTullio, Joseph Marino, Ryan Meditz, Dominic Rich and Griffin Todd of Canfield; Chelsea Baker of Cortland; Casey Merritt of Diamond, Danielle Sweat of East Liverpool; Anthony Cardiero, Brett Cubellis, Kenneth Mylar and Chad Zirafi of Girard; Jomara Murillo of Kent; Mark Boda and Kacey Kurtz of Hubbard; Kaitlin Rohrs of Liberty Center; Stephanie DelliGatti of Lisbon; Deanna Hardy of Newton Falls; Karlee Reader of New Waterford, Rachel Roberts of Niles; Daniel DeLullo of North Lima; Mark Anderson, Christina Oles and Lucas Politsky of Poland; Darcy Hilton of Salem; David Kyle and Katherine Peterlin of Strongsville; Ryan Jewell, Mitchell Lauer and William Vrontos of Warren; Nita Drugatz, Ronald Johnson, Patrick Reed and Courtney Waskin of Youngstown; and Anthony Taylor of Industry, Pa.

BGS has members in all 50 states and more than 160 countries. The Williamson College of Business Administration has now inducted 530 students into BGS. The YSU chapter has been recognized as a Exemplary Chapter for its superior level of membership acceptance. With Exemplary Chapter status, the YSU chapter awarded a \$1,000 BGS scholarship to Isaac Adu-Poku, a senior accounting major from Boardman, in the 2011-2012 academic year. Bill Vendemia of Youngstown is the president and advisor of the YSU chapter, and Tony Kos of Transfer, Pa., is secretary/treasurer. David Dugan, an MBA student from McDonald, holds the office of vice president.

ACORN founder visits campus

Wade Rathke, chief organizer for ACORN International and author of *Citizen Wealth: Winning the Campaign to Save Working Families* will speak on "Labor and Community Organizing: Boundaries and Opportunities" at 7:30 p.m. Tuesday, March 20 in the Ohio Room of Kilcawley Center on the campus of Youngstown State University.



Wade Rathke

The lecture is part of the YSU Center for Working-Class Studies 2011-2012 Lecture Series. It is co-sponsored by the Department of Sociology, Anthropology and Gerontology Social Work.

Rathke founded the Association of Community Organizations for Reform Now in 1970. ACORN was a collection of community-based organizations that advocated for a variety of issues, including living wages, education, relief for the victims of Hurricane Katrina, voter registration and gun control. Rathke has been deeply concerned with issues of poverty, hunger and homelessness in America. His career has been marked by the ability to unite labor, business, social service agencies and neighborhood groups to fight for social and economic justice.

The Center for Working-Class Studies is a multidisciplinary teaching and research center devoted to the study of working-class life and culture. For more information, contact John Russo at 330-941-2976 or jbrusso@ysu.edu or Sherry Linkon at 330-941-2977 or sllinkon@ysu.edu, or visit <http://cwcs.ysu.edu>

Estimating Competition comes to campus this month

Students in Youngstown State University's Civil and Construction Engineering Program compete in the third annual Builders Association Estimating Competition on Friday, March 30.

The competition is sponsored by the Builders Association of Eastern Ohio and Western Pennsylvania. In the morning, a building project is presented to students, along with any necessary materials (bid specifications, drawings, etc) for the project. Teams of six or seven students work to develop a bid price for the project. At 2:45 p.m., each team turns in its bids, including paperwork and back up calculations. Judges, who are professionals from the Builders Association, review the bids and interview each team. Each team member is required to estimate at least one component of the project. The Builders Association then sponsors a dinner for the students on campus, where the winning team is announced.

The goal of the competition is to provide each student a valuable learning experience as to the real-life bidding process. Students must use critical thinking and organizational skills and exhibit professional communication and proper terminology.

The projects selected for the competition have actually been built by a member of the Builders Association. Last year's project was the renovation of the north entrance to Tod Hall on campus.

For more information, contact Carol M. Lamb, associate professor and coordinator of the Civil and Construction Engineering Technology Department at 330-941-4625.

Dana Flute Festival set for March 24

Youngstown State University's 19th annual Dana School of Music Flute Festival will be Saturday, March 24, 8:30 a.m. to 4 p.m. in Bliss Hall.

The event is designed for flute players of all levels and will include workshops, vendor exhibits, guest artist performances, a master class and a closing concert. Participants should bring their own instruments.

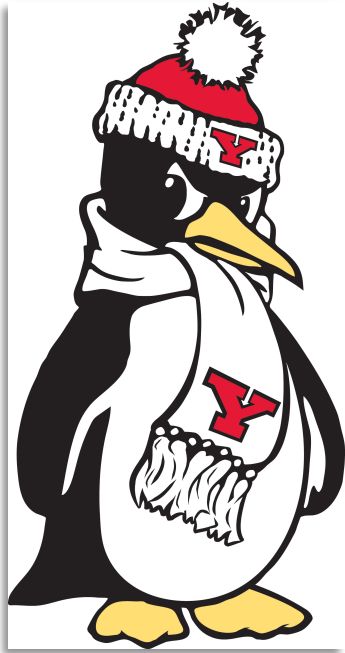
Special guest artist Christina Jennings is principal flute with the River Oaks Chamber Orchestra, assistant professor of flute at the University of Colorado at Boulder and on the summer faculty of the Texas Music Festival. Jennings is the winner of numerous



competitions including the Concert Artists Guild, Houston Symphony's Ima Hogg and the National Flute Association Young Artists.

The cost to attend the festival is \$16 per student if registered before March 24, and \$20 at the door. Parents are welcome to attend free of charge.

Registration forms are available at www.fpa.edu.yzu or by calling 330-941-1831. Parking is available in the M1-Wick Avenue deck for a nominal fee.



Are you ready for some football?!

While it's only March, this is the Mahoning Valley, and football is always in the air.

The Youngstown State University football program hosts the third annual Women's Football Coaching Clinic 6 to 9 p.m. Friday, March 30, at Stambaugh Stadium. The cost is \$25, with proceeds benefiting the ALS Association Fighting Lou Gehrig's Disease. Registration is 5 to 6 p.m. in the DeBartolo Stadium Club. The YSU football staff will present on the fundamentals of coaching. The clinic also will include an up-close look at the WATTS indoor athletics site on campus.

The clinic is designed for female football fans to learn the concept of every position on the field. Coaches will provide insight into what fans will see on game day and learn about pregame preparation and game planning. The coaches will involve the participants into all drills for even more hands-on training.

All participants will receive a gift bag, and raffle prizes from local merchants will be awarded throughout the event.

For more information, contact Director of Football Operations Dan Kopp at dmkopp@ysu.edu or 330-941-3478. Parking for the event will be in the F-7 Lot north of the stadium.

YSU hosts JA Titan Business Challenge

Youngstown State University's Williamson College of Business Administration hosts the third annual JA Titan Business Challenge on Thursday, March 15, 8 a.m. to 2:30 p.m. in Williamson Hall on campus.

Junior Achievement of Mahoning Valley is expecting 18 teams of high school students from Mahoning, Trumbull and Columbiana counties to attend the event, which is designed increase the understanding of running a business in a competitive, high-tech marketplace. Each team consisting of up to three students will work with a local business mentor. Student will use an interactive online business simulation called JA Titan that offers a unique way to learn what it takes to compete in the marketplace and to run a successful business. JA Titan is designed to compliment high school economics, math and social studies curriculum.



JA students will determine the success or failure of their business based on how well they manage key issues such as setting prices, filling production requests, establishing marketing, investing in research and development, and capital equipment. Students analyze situations, apply information under time pressure, interpret and chart data, think critically, make decisions, solve mathematical problems and work together using the software.

The event is sponsored by WCBA, Home Savings Charitable Foundation and Falcon Foundry Co.. For more information, call Christine Shelton, WCBA coordinator of external relations, at 330-941-3068.

Choral Concert scheduled for Cathedral

The Dana School of Music at Youngstown State University presents a Spring Choral Concert titled "Tapestry of Sacred and Secular Harmonies: Proclamation to Agnus Dei" at 8 p.m., Monday, March 26, in St. Columba Cathedral in Youngstown.

The concert features the YSU Dana Chorale and University Chorus, Dr. Hae-Jong Lee, conductor, accompanied by Kathy Miller, guest instrumentalists and several soloists from Dana.

The Dana Chorale will open the program with three a cappella works: "The Proclamation" by Jonathan Priano; "Alleluia" by Randall Thompson; and "Dum transisset Sabbatum" by John Taverner. The University Chorus will continue the concert with a sacred song of the American Indian, "Heleluyan." Two secular songs, one from the Italian Renaissance and the other from romantic Germany, will follow culminating with two final pieces from the late Baroque and late twentieth century. The Dana Chorale will come back with three selections from Mendelssohn's "Sech Spruche," followed by Eric Whitacre's, "Sleep" and "Lux aurumque," and Samuel Barber's choral masterpiece, "Agnus Dei." The Chorale portion of the concert ends with Allen Koepke's inspirational, "Wade in de Water." The concert will conclude with Caldwell/Ivory's celebration of diversity, "Hope for Resolution."

The concert is free and open to the public with free-will donations accepted. For more information, call 330-941-3636.