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16 felony charges stem from weeks of hazing

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NEWS EDITOR

Eight individuals involved with the hazing that led to the hospitalization of Youngstown State University student ReSean Yancey were each charged with two counts of felonious assault on Wednesday.

"[Yancey] was hospitalized for serious injuries sustained over being hazed multiple times to join the Kappa Alpha Psi fraternity," read a statement released by the Youngstown Police Department.

Of the eight charged, only one, Trey McCune, 21, is a YSU student.

The other seven are former YSU students and Kappa Alpha Psi members.

Jason Anderson, 27; Edward Robertson, 28; Jerome Justice, 28; Michael Charles, 28; Jairus Ford, 32; Lavell Sharp, 25; Wade Hampton, 24; and McCune were all charged with two counts of felonious assault.

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Stubbs, 22, also came forward as a victim of hazing with the same fraternity, reports say. Police Chief Rod Foley said he believes there could be others.

"We know of one other victim," Foley said. "Maybe the stigma attached to being a victim [is preventing him from coming forward]."

The investigation is ongoing, but other subjects could be charged related to the hazing incidents, the release read.

Foley encouraged anyone subject to that treatment to alert the police.

"It's not just one punch; these were

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Each individual listed above was charged with two counts of felonious assault by the Youngstown Police Department. Only McCune was an active student, yet all were members of the Kappa Alpha Psi fraternity.

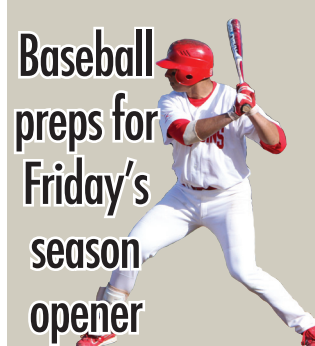
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Student involved in crash, two others sent to hospital

Marissa McIntyre
ASSISTANT NEWS EDITOR

Sgt. Patricia Garcar, accident investigator for the Youngstown Police Department, confirmed on Tuesday that a Youngstown State University student and two others were involved in the two-car accident that occurred at the corner of Rayen and Fifth avenues on Monday afternoon.

Around 3 p.m. Monday, YSU student Samantha Yoder, 21, of Alliance was driving a black 2010 Dodge Avenger, heading south on Fifth Avenue. Elaine Welsh, 79, of Youngstown was driving a silver 2008 Chevrolet Impala with her daughter, Susan Welsh, 45, of Youngstown. The Welshes were heading

CRASH PAGE 4



On Tuesday, a car accident involving a 2010 Dodge Avenger driven by a YSU student and a 2008 Chevy Impala occurred on the corner of Rayen and Fifth avenues. The Impala was wrapped around a telephone pole. An ongoing investigation is underway, and the fault of the accident has yet to be determined. Photo by Kevin Alquist/The Jambar.

Surviving the treatment YSU alumna fights for life

Nicole Novotny
REPORTER

Stephanie Chimento was one of thousands to hear the three words that no one ever wants to hear: "You have cancer."

Chimento, a Youngstown State University alumna, was diagnosed in 2005 with stage 4 Hodgkin lymphoma and has been going through chemotherapy, radiation and surgeries.

According to the American Cancer Society, more than 65,000 Ohioans were newly diagnosed with cancer in 2011.

These numbers continue to increase each year.

"My family went through hell," Chimento said. "A lot of driving back and forth to the Cleveland Clinic."

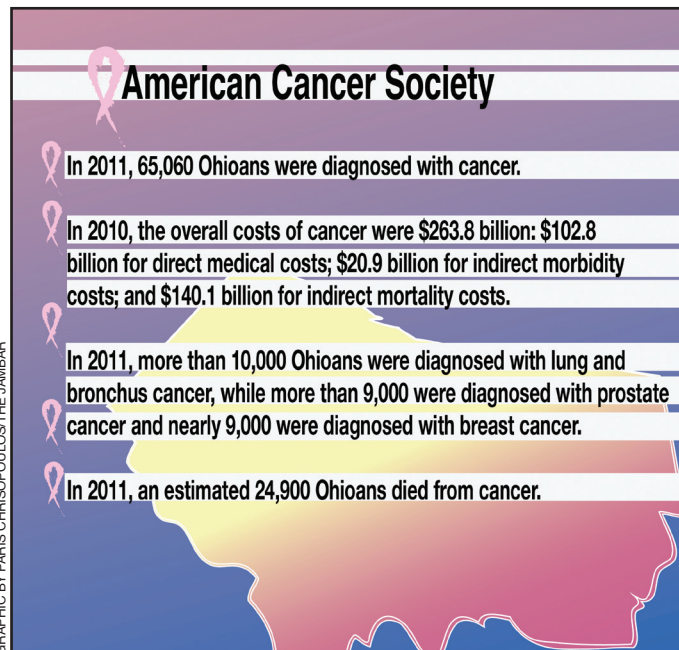
Though cancer does occur more in adults, children are also at risk. People think most cancers are genetic, but that's not always the case.

Chimento had no family history of cancer.

The National Cancer Institute found that only 5 percent of cancers are inherited; the other 95 percent come from damage done to the genes throughout life.

Such damage may be the result of hormones, the metabolism of nutrients within the cells or external factors such as tobacco and other chemicals.

The American Cancer Society promotes healthful lifestyles that may lower the risk of cancer. Being active and maintaining a healthy weight



helps to ensure that cells are receiving the right nutrients to create a healthy immune system, which will fight the diseased cells that can ultimately become cancer.

"The way my cancer was caught was I lost a lot of weight. I was always tired. So I got my blood taken, and it came back as anemic," Chimento said. "They did some tests and they found out I had Hodgkin's lymphoma. I had lymph nodes in my chest and neck, and now they moved to my abdomen."

Chimento said her struggle with cancer has been difficult. She has gone through two rounds of chemotherapy and radiation and two stem cell transplants.

"I had the first round of radiation on my neck and chest. The second round was a whole body radiation. The radiation

on my neck and chest went OK," Chimento said. "I got burned a little on my neck and under my armpits. The whole body radiation went better."

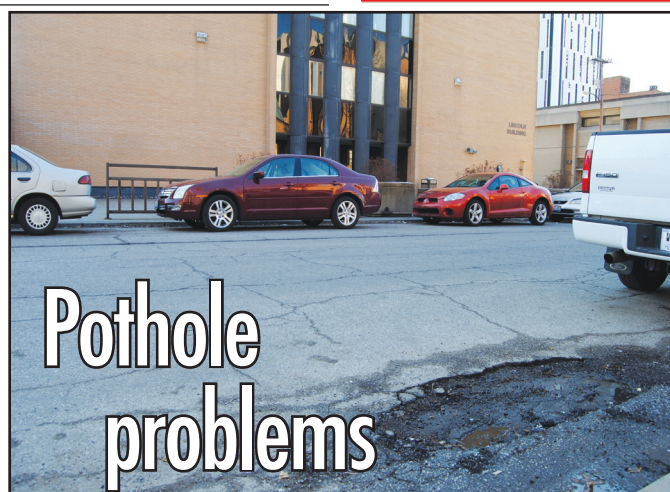
The type and stage of cancer determines the treatment.

Some cancers need monthly treatments, while others require weekly treatments. The stage of the cancer also determines whether the patient will undergo chemotherapy, radiation or surgery.

Since Chimento was diagnosed with stage 4 Hodgkin lymphoma, her treatments were more intense. Using chemotherapy along with radiation increases the chances of killing the cancer cells.

Chimento is still not in remission, but after finding out that she was allergic to one of the chemotherapy drugs she

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Pothole problems

A pothole on Lincoln Avenue remains as a result of winter weather. The Youngstown Street Department struggles to fill all potholes, but has been making progress. Photo by Kevin Alquist/The Jambar.

City responds to campus potholes

Kevin Alquist
NEWS REPORTER

Mild weather patterns have allowed the Youngstown Street Department to patch potholes on Fifth Avenue near Youngstown State University.

Though potholes can form at any time of the year, winter leaves the roads susceptible to water seeping into cracks and freezing. Vibrations from roadway traffic hit weak spots in the pavement, resulting in erosion.

"Cars and trucks drive over these spots thousands of times per day, and problems begin to occur," said Sean McKinney, the city's buildings and grounds commissioner.

While every road in the city is considered important,

streets are separated into primary and secondary roads. Fifth and Wick avenues are examples of primary roadways.

The roads surrounding and through campus are high traffic areas and are considered a high priority.

"At any of the city schools and the university, we do our best to take very good care of road conditions," McKinney said. "That ranges from snow and ice removal to filling potholes."

With 1,200 lane miles in the city, the street department struggles to fill every pothole. To track down and repair them, the street department relies mostly on requests from city workers.

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Powers Fund donates to Women in Science and Engineering

Marissa McIntyre
ASSISTANT NEWS EDITOR

The Edward W. Powers Charitable Fund donated \$100,000 to the Women in Science and Engineering Career Day at a press conference on Wednesday.

Catherine Powers, Powers' great-niece, presented the check to YSU President Cynthia Anderson in Moser Hall's thermodynamic laboratory.

Anderson said it was important to hold the press conference there because it's where students receive the most hands-on experience.

"This gift will enhance and expand career day and ultimately affect and inspire women in this Valley and beyond to pursue careers in science and engineering," Anderson said during the press conference.

Anderson also announced a name change for the event. It will now be known as the Edward W. Powers Women in Science and Engineering Career Day. This year's event will be held on March 3.

The career day brings in female students from area high

schools to witness lab demonstrations; meet with women in science, technology, engineering and mathematics fields; and ask questions about potential job opportunities.

Powers couldn't stop smiling as she presented the check in honor of her great-uncle.

"I am so thrilled," Powers said. "He had some rough edges; he intimidated some people. So, [with] this, I get to show the other side of him, because he was a very caring man."

Powers said her great-uncle cared immensely about education and is thrilled to have this career day in his name.

She plans to continue supporting the program.

The donation will go toward expanding career day, as well as bringing in Pamela Gay of Southern Illinois University as the event's keynote speaker.

"Traditionally, women have been under-represented [in STEM fields]," said Diana

Fagen, an associate professor of biology, during the press conference.

She added that this under-representation isn't due to lack of education, but rather to the lack of role models to encourage women to enter these

fields.

Martin Abraham, dean of STEM, said he hopes that enhancing the program will encourage high school students to attend YSU.

"It's important to get them at as early an age as we can.

As soon as we can get them on campus, and they can see what they can do, we hope it'll encourage them," Abraham said. "This is about role models, and that this is a reasonable career choice for them."



Catherine Powers (left) presents a \$100,000 check to YSU President Cynthia Anderson to help expand the Edward W. Powers Women in Science and Engineering Career Day. Photo by Chris Cotelesse/The Jambar.



Members of Up 'til Dawn gather after last year's letter writing event in Kilcawley Center. Photo courtesy of Katie Petrosky.

Student organization writes letters for cancer

Alina Rios
REPORTER

When Wendy Avery, mother of three from Canfield, was leaving St. Jude Children's Research Hospital in Memphis, Tenn., in 2005, her youngest son, Nick Avery, looked up at her and said, "Mom, I don't ever want to have cancer, but if I do, I want to come here."

Six months later, he was diagnosed with leukemia.

The family was invited to visit and tour the hospital in 2005 because of Wendy Avery's philanthropy. St. Jude paid for their two-day hotel stay.

"We were really amazed and super impressed with the services that they provide for the children and their families," Wendy Avery said. "It really felt like God had sent us there for a reason."

Nick Avery was 14 years old when he was admitted to St. Jude.

Wendy Avery and her son moved to Memphis and lived there while he was treated.

Their family doctor was concerned about the move, and cautioned them that their support system would still be in Ohio if they chose to move to Tennessee.

But Wendy Avery decided it had to be done. St. Jude provided them with a two-bedroom apartment during their time in Tennessee and allotted them \$100 for groceries every week. A tutor was also provided so Nick Avery would not fall behind in school. After six months of treatments, he was released from the hospital.

Two months later, Nick Avery's cancer relapsed, so he returned to Tennessee with his mother for a bone marrow transplant.

He was there for only a few days when he suffered a subdural hematoma, bleeding between the brain and the skull due to the blood's inability to clot properly due to cancer, and he was rushed into emergency surgery. He went into a coma and passed away.

According to the National Cancer Institute, cancer is the leading cause of death among children from infancy to age 15. Leukemia, brain cancer and other central nervous system can-

cers account for nearly half of the cases.

Locally, 10 YSU students who constitute the organization Up 'til Dawn are making it their mission to help families like the Averys.

The group began in 2008 as an overnight event for YSU students. Volunteers wrote letters to potential donors until the next morning.

In 2011, with the help of Theresa Studniarz, a representative from St. Jude, Up 'til Dawn raised \$9,699.48 for the hospital through 2,424 letters. The group is working adamantly to surpass the \$16,367 raised in 2008 through 4,325 letters.

The group's core letter-writing event will be Thursday at The Hub in Kilcawley Center. Members said they are hoping to make this event their most successful one yet.

"It costs approximately \$1.7 million a day to run St. Jude Children's Hospital, so fundraising and participation are key. We rely on organizations such as Up 'til Dawn to continue helping the children and their families," Studniarz said.

Caren Gaskins, co-recruitment chairwoman of Up 'til Dawn, said it is important to raise money because the foundation is nonprofit and runs on donations.

"No one is ever denied treatment because of the family's inability to pay," she said.

Wendy Avery has been on St. Jude's family advisory council for the past four years. She specializes in working with families that have lost a child and with families that are about to receive bad news when a child's cancer is no longer responding to treatment.

"When you donate, you aren't just raising money for their hospital, you are helping children everywhere with cancer survive," Wendy Avery said.

Nick Avery would have been 21 years old this year, and Wendy Avery said she appreciates the hard work and dedication from groups like Up 'til Dawn.

"[Nick Avery] might have actually been in some of your classes that you're taking right now," Wendy Avery said. "I want to encourage students to continue raising funds, because what you're doing, it is so important."

'Education is in our blood'

Women retirees of YSU strive for scholarship success

Marissa McIntyre
ASSISTANT NEWS EDITOR

Kaitlin Krossman devotes most of her time to her schoolwork, leaving little room for a social life.

The senior environmental studies major at Youngstown State University came from North Carolina, paying her way with private loans.

When she found out that she received a \$1,000 scholarship for this semester from the Women Retirees of YSU, she was shocked and thankful. It's the first scholarship she's received.

"It means a tremendous amount to me. When I found out I was like, 'Oh, thank you, Lord,'" Krossman said.

Marlene Dailey, a member of the Women Retirees of YSU, retired from her position as the administrative assistant to the provost in 2006 after 38 years.

Dailey was excited to present the scholarship to Krossman.

In some years, the scholarship didn't have any applicants due to a lack of advertising, Dailey said.

"She was so appreciative," Dailey said. "She's just a lovely young lady and is very busy keeping her grades up."

Krossman's 3.94 grade point average highlights her dedication. But maintaining a high GPA leaves little time to chase down scholarships.

"I wish that the scholarships would just come to you for having good grades, but it doesn't work that way," Krossman said.

She primarily uses private loans to pay for school.

"Not to sound cliché, but during these hard times, any amount of money can help ease the frustrations of trying to pay for college," Krossman said. "This scholarship definitely helped with some of the cost for last fall and this spring semester."

Krossman said receiving the scholarship also meant a great deal to her parents, who still live in North Carolina and work full time.

"Receiving this scholarship from this lovely bunch of ladies based on my hard work just made me so happy and grateful," Krossman said.

Dailey said she hopes to see both the number of applicants and the amount of the scholarship grow.

"This scholarship means a great deal to us. Education is in our blood," Dailey said.

Members of the Women Retirees of YSU are either former students or faculty that have entered retirement. They meet once a month.

"It's really nice to keep in touch and get to know people who you've worked with," Dailey said.

Scholarship applicants must be U.S. citizens and female full-time juniors or seniors. They must also have a GPA of 3.0 or higher.

Applicants must include three letters of recommendation: one from a professor in their major and two from non-relatives.

The application must be turned in to the YSU Office of Financial Aid and Scholarships by March 1. This year's recipient will be announced at the Women Retirees of YSU luncheon in April.

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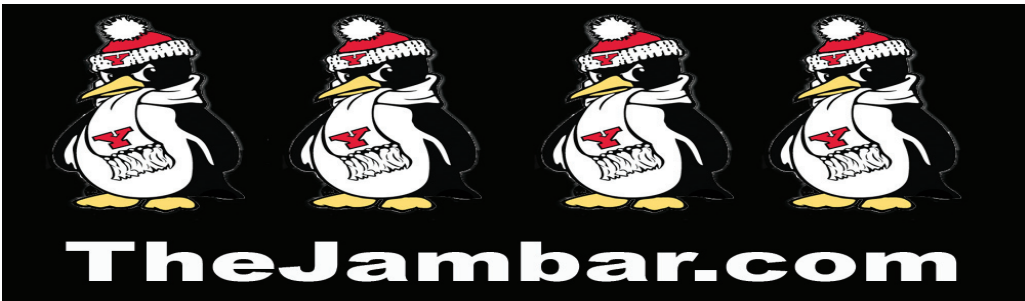
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NEWS BRIEFS

YSU HR program gains national recognition

The Society for Human Resource Management confirmed that YSU's redesigned curriculum for a bachelor's degree in human resource management fulfills SHRM's requirements. The redesign was part of a college-wide effort to refine educational components to match professional requirements. The redesign involved revamping existing coursework and creating new classes that will appeal to employers. YSU is one of only 52 other schools with SHRM recognition.

YSU Board of Trustees schedules meetings

The following schedule outlines when the YSU Board of Trustees will meet:

Feb. 23: Noon, Board Luncheon, President's Conference Room, second floor, Tod Hall; 1 p.m., Collective Bargaining and Negotiations Subcommittee; 2 p.m., Intercollegiate Athletics Subcommittee; 2:30 p.m., University Affairs Committee; 3:30 p.m., Institutional Engagement Committee; 4 p.m., Trusteeship Committee.

Feb. 28: Noon, Board Luncheon, President's Conference Room, second floor, Tod Hall; 1 p.m., Academic Quality and Student Success Committee; 2 p.m., Investment Subcommittee; 3 p.m., Audit Subcommittee; 4 p.m., Finance and Facilities Committee; 5 p.m., Executive Committee.

March 14: 3 p.m., Regular quarterly meeting of the board.

All meetings will be on the first floor of Tod Hall unless otherwise noted.

POLICE BRIEFS

Runaway found in Beeghly Center

On Friday, YSU Police responded to a call about a runaway juvenile found hiding in a Beeghly Center storage closet. When asked what she was doing in the closet, the female juvenile responded that she was waiting for her sister. She then lowered her voice and revealed that she had run away from her foster home on Thursday afternoon. After multiple attempts to contact her foster parent, her foster care worker in Cuyahoga County gave police the foster mother's cellphone number. The foster mother arrived at the YSU Police station and took custody of the female juvenile.

Man arrested on multiple accounts

On Saturday, a university police officer pulled over a car that did not have a registration sticker displayed on the rear license plate. While explaining to the man why he was pulled over, police detected the strong smell of alcohol coming from the car. Additionally, the passenger — the driver's girlfriend — said she had mistakenly placed the registration sticker on the front license plate and apologized. The driver could not produce a driver's license and was asked to exit the vehicle. Police patted him down and found a metal pipe used to smoke marijuana, as well as a prescription bottle containing a green leafy substance believed to be marijuana. The driver said the marijuana was synthetic. University police officers handcuffed him and placed him in the cruiser. Police asked the passenger to exit the vehicle and asked for consent to search the vehicle. In a compartment under the passenger's seat, police found opened alcohol containers. YSU Police issued the man citations for an improperly displayed registration sticker, open containers in a motor vehicle and possession of drug paraphernalia.

Man shot through windshield

On Monday, YSU Police began following a car that failed to stop at a stop sign. Police attempted to initiate a traffic stop, but the car didn't stop until it arrived at St. Elizabeth Health Center. There, YSU Police learned that the driver had been shot in the face through the windshield. City police officers were notified and took over the investigation.

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west on Rayen Avenue when the cars collided.

The impact totaled both cars and left the Impala wrapped around a telephone pole.

Garcar said the investigation is pending and the fault has yet to be determined. She suspects that one of the cars ran a red light.

Yoder walked away from the accident with minor injuries.

The Welshes were transported by ambulance to St. Elizabeth Health Center for treatment. As of Wednesday afternoon, Elaine Welsh is in stable condition, and Susan Welsh is in critical condition.

Junior Kirstin Simon said her classes were canceled Monday night due to the road closures. Interstate 680 also closed after a tanker truck carrying diesel fuel overturned at 1 p.m. on the state Route 711 connector.

She heard about the accidents via text message through the YSU Alert Notification System.

"I was shocked. Usually, we don't get a text about accidents," Simon said. "We get them about the weather."

Senior Katie Ciccone was also shocked to hear about the campus accident.

"We walked outside and were like, 'Wow, how are we going to get home?'" Ciccone said.

The intersection closed around 3:15 p.m. A MyYSU personal announcement informing students, faculty and staff of the closures was sent at 4:13 p.m. The intersection reopened later Monday evening.

POTHoles PAGE 1

"Foremen and members of other city departments, such as the water or fire department, call in and report the potholes to us, and we send a patch crew to take care of it," McKinney said.

The street department also requests that citizens call the city to report potholes that need attention.

"It's set up so citizens can help the city help them," he said.

Potholes are also a priority during the citywide cleanups sponsored by Youngstown's litter control and recycling program.

The cleanups are done once a month in the spring, summer and fall. This year, the first event is on May 19.

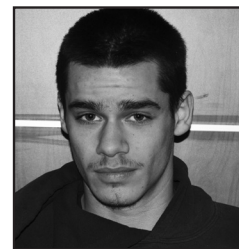
Gregg Sturuss, chairman of the physics and astronomy department at YSU, said though there is little effect on the motion of the car, a lot of

Campus Connection

How do you feel about potholes on and around campus?



"I think it's terrible. I have to buy a new muffler. Madison, Ohio and Penn are all raggedy."
- Shawnice Allen, junior



"My roommate cracked his windshield due to potholes."
- Austin McLean, freshman

damage can still occur.

Sturuss said depending on the speed of the car and the depth of the pothole, running over a pothole can severely affect a car.

"To slow a car down, there needs to be horizontal force. When a car runs over a pothole, it is hit by a mostly vertical force," Sturuss said.

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beatings over a prolonged period," Foley said. "I'm astonished after a couple weeks they still wanted to be part of that."

The suspects have been notified by the city's police department and have been instructed to turn themselves in to the Mahoning County Jail for booking.

Cynthia Anderson, YSU president, expressed great dissatisfaction with the individuals involved.

"[The other Greek organizations] need to still realize, I think they do, that this was totally unacceptable behavior," Anderson said.

"'Disappointed' isn't a strong enough word," said Jack Fahey, vice president for student affairs.

Fahey said he was angry, sad and outraged on behalf of the family.

"Honestly, I thought that it couldn't be our students, our alumni," Fahey said about his initial reaction. "I don't think it reflects YSU students or alumni. These men apparently are criminals."

Beating background

On Feb. 2, after what police estimate to be four to six weeks of beatings, members

of Kappa Alpha Psi allegedly hospitalized Yancey, where he relied on a ventilator to survive.

Yancey spent several days in critical condition and was released from St. Elizabeth Health Center last week.

The Jambor questioned McCune about the alleged hazing on Feb. 6. McCune denied any such activity at his fraternity, which is now under investigation by police.

He did admit to knowing of the incident the morning after Yancey's hospitalization.

"My adviser called me [Feb. 3] and told me [Yancey] was in the hospital and asked if it had anything to do with a fraternity thing. I was like, 'No, I have no idea what's going on,'" McCune said.

Jerome Parm, the Beta Pi chapter's adviser, declined to comment.

The Jambor initially broke the story in the Feb. 7 issue.

On Feb. 8, Charles Dawson, East Central Province polemarch for Kappa Alpha Psi, issued a cease and desist order for YSU's chapter of the fraternity.

"Based on the fraternity's rules and regulations, it is

therefore necessary to place the Beta Pi chapter in an inactive status," the order said. "Until this issue can be resolved, [YSU's chapter] is hereby ordered to cease and desist any and all chapter functions until further notice by me."

The report indicated discipline would follow any action by the organization on or off campus.

Dawson declined to comment on Wednesday.

"It is the policy of Kappa Alpha Psi fraternity that hazing in any form or manner is unlawful," a press release sent by Kenneth Hunt, executive director of Kappa Alpha Psi, said.

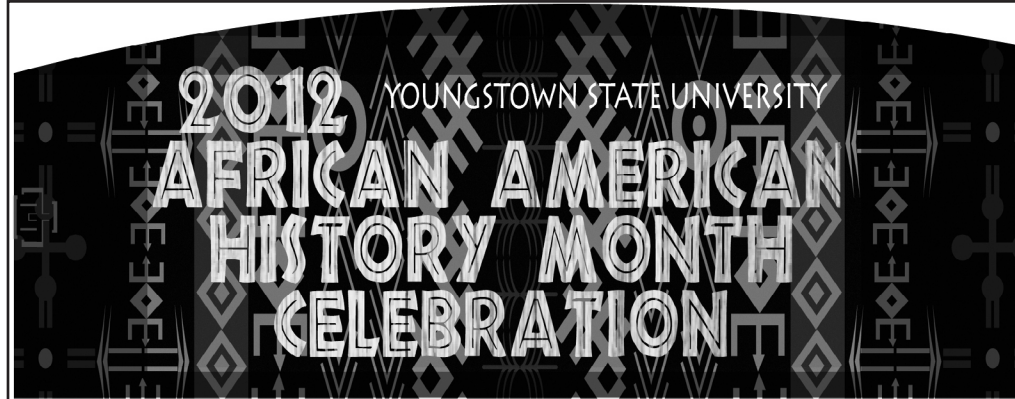
While the statement said the international organization was conducting its own internal investigation, Hunt declined to further elaborate on Wednesday.

Anderson took action on Feb. 9, when she suspended the fraternity from the university.

"[YSU] is in the process of conducting an internal university investigation that could lead to the permanent revocation of the chapter's charter on the YSU campus," a statement issued on Wednesday said.

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Proverb of the Month: "Rising early makes the road short." Wolof proverb, Senegal

Saturday, February 4
Noon-6:00 p.m., Chestnut Room, Kilcawley Center

THE AFRICAN MARKETPLACE

The Marketplace is one of the popular attractions of African American History Month at YSU. In the tradition of an African weekly market, vendors from the community and neighborhoods near and far beyond Ohio bring goods, artistic creations, clothing, books, jewelry and ancient artifacts from Africa and the African Diaspora. The festive and social atmosphere is enlivened by the music and dance performances of the versatile and dynamic Harambee Youth Group.

Thursday, February 9

5:00 p.m. Reception, Bliss Hall Art Gallery
6:00 p.m., Panel Discussion, The McDonough Museum of Art

RECEPTION AND PANEL DISCUSSION ON AFRICAN AMERICAN ARTISTIC DISPLAY

THE ART OF LOUIS BURROUGHS

Louis Burroughs' art is motivated by current events and what he calls "the nation's obsession with religion, sports and global domination." Influenced by the paintings of Jean Michael Basquiat and Robert Colescott as well as the forms and shapes of African masks and sculptures, his art is rooted in the African American experience, dating from the sixteenth century to the present. The narrative represents the struggle of African Americans against oppression, servitude, subjugation and enslavement of any type.

Saturday, February 11

11:00 a.m. St. Andrews A.M.E. Church, 521 Earle Avenue, Youngstown

AFRICAN FITNESS DANCE CLASS

Dance for a Cure is the initiative of Educe Group Inc., under the leadership of Eboni Bogan. Its goal is to raise awareness in the fight against breast cancer. Donations are \$10 for adults and \$5 for youth.

Monday, February 13

7:30 p.m. Jones Room, Kilcawley Center

KEYNOTE LECTURE BY HEIDI DURO: THE BIRACIAL/MIXED EXPERIENCE

Heidi W. Barrow is a New York Times best-selling author of The Girl Who Fell from the Sky, a coming of age story of a young, biracial girl growing up in the 1980s in Portland, Oregon. Based loosely upon elements of Duro's own life, the story has captivated readers across the nation, landing on the Indie Bestseller List and receiving a NAACP Image Award nomination. In 2008, The Girl Who Fell from the Sky received the Bellwether Prize for literature of social change. Ms. Duro is a graduate of Stanford University, Columbia's Graduate School of Journalism, and the Yale Law School. A book signing and reception will follow the lecture.

Saturday, February 18

7:30 p.m. The Chestnut Room, Kilcawley Center
ENTERTAINMENT BY GROUP FROM NEW JERSEY

THE FACES OF BLACK HISTORY

The Prospect Theatrics of Newark, New Jersey is a drama group that has been performing all over the nation, bringing to life on stage the major contribution of African Americans to America from slavery to the first African American President of the United States. This live musical show salutes many well known celebrities, personalities and history makers in an entertaining and educational format for all ages. In an eclectic musical mix, this year's production includes a tribute to Michael Jackson and a salute to the Tuskegee Airmen.

Tuesday, February 21

7:30 p.m. The Gallery Room, Kilcawley Center

LECTURE BY SHAWN WILLIAMS: "BLOGGING WHILE BLACK"

With the rise in visibility and popularity of a black presidential candidate in Barack Obama in 2008, African Americans learned quickly to communicate their concerns through blogging. Bloggers who were not used to seeing African American bloggers often misunderstood black bloggers' message, while others downplayed the significance or urgency of their concerns, while others perceived them as generally antagonistic. "Blogging While Black" conveys the experiences of the speaker and other online bloggers and provides tips for journalists who want to make inroads in their use of the social media. Shawn Williams is an outstanding journalist who has contributed to major newspapers around the country and participated in numerous bloggers' roundtable discussions. Williams is a graduate of Texas A&M University and a recipient of a President's Achievement Award for 1992-1996.

Sunday, February 26

6:00 p.m. The Chestnut Room, Kilcawley Center

AN EVENING OF GOSPEL JAZZ

The precious gems of jazz and gospel, both of which are profoundly rooted in the rich heritage of the African American cultural experience, have been around for a long time. Join us as we explore these rich traditions through some of our most gifted and talented YSU students—and a special guest to be revealed that evening. This event is free and open to the public.

For more information contact the Africana Studies Program at 330-941-3097.

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Healing another black eye

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We never hope to report on a shooting or an alleged beating. It's not what we would like to fill the pages of The Jambar.

We prefer to write about Zeta Tau Alpha's efforts to raise money for breast cancer, Alpha Xi Delta's autism awareness programs or Sigma Chi's work with the Children's Miracle Network, to name a few.

But, unfortunately, these aren't the events that leave a lasting impression on our campus.

The community remembers hazing allegations and a senseless shooting.

When students enroll at a university and decide to be a part of the Greek system, they commit to a brotherhood or a sisterhood that we can't begin to imagine. And when they adorn themselves with Greek letters, they also carry the YSU name.

There's speculation about Kappa Alpha Psi's affiliation at YSU, but the university's website promotes the fraternity as "currently the oldest chapter of any fraternity at YSU" that adheres to a national program for "mentoring young black males."

The charges against Kappa Alpha Psi's former and current students tarnish the entire Greek system and YSU. They also add to a longstanding reputation that Youngstown is an unsavory and dangerous place to live.

The Signal, Georgia State University's student newspaper, reported that in June 2010, GSU permanently suspended its chapter of Kappa Alpha Psi due to an alleged hazing.

On Dec. 16, 2009, GSU's board of trustees concluded that a student attempting to join the fraternity was "slapped in the face three times and punched in the stomach, an area of his body that had a surgical scar from a previous injury."

What does this say about Kappa Alpha Psi?

We understand that this is just one example of another alleged hazing, but the point is the light the fraternity is shining on its storied history and reputation.

Fraternities that have a history of hazing may be nationally recognized, but our university has no obligation to ever make that same recognition.

YSU President Cynthia Anderson struck quickly and efficiently by suspending Kappa Alpha Psi's chapter here, and praise is deserved.

But simply reminding the chapters about prohibited activity may not be sufficient.

While direct oversight is challenging, the student affairs office needs to remain open to new ideas and examine possible remedies to prevent future occurrences.

YSU can't afford another black eye.

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The king of shame

Kevin Alquist
NEWS REPORTER

LeBron James has done just about everything he can to tear down his own empire. Whether it was broadcasting his personal "me fest" on national television, which became known simply as "The Decision," or arguing with Kendrick Perkins on Twitter, James seems to have mastered the art of making himself look bad.

His continuous lack of character has landed him in the sixth spot on Forbes magazine's list of most-disliked athletes, placing behind fellow NBA player Kris Humphries and ahead of rival superstar Kobe Bryant.

James is not a criminal, which would typically keep him in different circles than Plaxico Burress and Michael Vick, both of whom spent time in jail in recent years and re-established their NFL careers upon release.

He's not known as a dirty player, which landed Ndamukong Suh on Forbes' list after he stomped on an opponent on national TV.

He's not an exposed womanizer trying to appear as a family man like Tiger Woods.

No, James is on that list because he is continuously clueless about how to interact with fans, teammates and opponents. His inability to shut up on Twitter, his in-your-face manner in which he left Cleveland and his hometown to "take his talents to South Beach,"

and his lack of ability to lead the way to an NBA championship don't help either.

If James would stop talking and start winning when it matters, he could possibly be one of the most liked and inspirational athletes.

Until that happens, he will remain the king without a ring and, ultimately, a loser.

Adam Earnhardt, a professor of communications at Youngstown State University, said James' use of Twitter over the years has affected him positively and negatively.

"He may use social media to control his own image, but his messages can come back to haunt him," Earnhardt said. "It's up to him to use it effectively."

James' wising up doesn't seem to be the trend on the horizon, though. In his most recent public embarrassment, he told ESPN's Brian Windhorst that people blame him for everything.

"I'm an easy target. If someone wants to get a point across — just throw LeBron's name in there," James said. "You could be watching cartoons with your kids and you don't like it, you say, 'Blame it on LeBron.' If you go to the grocery store and they don't have the milk that you like, you just say, 'It's LeBron's fault.'"

In Cleveland, fans are still looking to the ceiling at Quicken Loans Arena for an NBA Finals championship banner and saying, "It's LeBron's fault."

In Miami, fans remember James' performance in game four

of the 2011 finals, when he posted the worst offensive playoff performance of his career in a three-point loss to the Dallas Mavericks and say, "Blame it on LeBron."

If fans don't remember James' back-to-back poor performances that may have cost the Miami Heat a chance to win the series, it's probably because James turned the attention to himself before he once again went home a loser at season's end.

"At the end of the day, all the people that was rooting on me to fail, they have to wake up tomorrow and have the same life that they had before they woke up today," James said. "They have the same personal problems they had today. I'm going to continue to live the way I want to live and continue to do the things that I want to do with me and my family and be happy with that."

In the same statement, James continued to belittle fans, saying they "have to get back to the real world at some point."

Whether James knows it or not, his list of personal problems continues to grow larger as he continues to do the things he does.

He doesn't have an NBA championship to his name, he has terrible speech and grammar skills, he has to live with rumors that former teammate Delonte West had sex with his mom, and according to Forbes, he is one of the most disliked athletes in sport.

Not a typical set of problems for a "king."

Contraception uproar precedes bigger health care stakes

McClatchy-Tribune
News Service
(MCT)

On Friday, President Barack Obama wisely quelled a political uproar that might never have erupted had he acted more wisely in the first place. It involved new preventive health rules requiring insurance policies to cover birth control medications, procedures and devices without co-pays or deductible fees to the user.

Under changes Mr. Obama announced last week, non-profit organizations such as hospitals, universities and social service charities will not have to buy employee insurance policies with those provisions if they are aligned with or sponsored by religions that regard artificial means of birth control as immoral.

Instead, the insurance companies will have to deal directly with the organizations' employees, who typically are of many different faiths, and inform them that birth control coverage is available at no cost if they want it.

The insurance companies are obliged to absorb the full cost of birth control pills, IUDs, condoms and such surgical sterilization procedures as tubal ligations and tubal implants, not pass them on to religiously affiliated employers.

The president might not have created this controversy if he had

taken the advice of some White House advisers, most of them men, who warned that conservative religious groups and political opponents would gleefully club him with the birth control insurance requirement. The exemption provided for churches, synagogues, mosques and other houses of worship and for schools of religious instruction would not defuse the attacks, they said.

Other advisers, however, most of them women, pointed to the 99 percent of American women who use artificial birth control methods at some point in their lives to prevent unplanned pregnancies. That includes 98 percent of American Catholic women, who disregard the official position of their church forbidding members of the faith from using such methods.

Twenty-eight states already require insurance coverage of birth control — eight of which allow no exemption for churches — and religious groups in those states seem to be complying well enough.

Mr. Obama was persuaded by the latter arguments and announced the new rules on Jan. 20. The U.S. Conference of Catholic Bishops denounced them immediately, and the Republican leadership in Congress and Republican presidential aspirants on the campaign trail were not far behind.

By last week, some liberal media commentators who are Catholic had started criticizing the rule,

as had Sister Carol Keehan, chief executive of the Catholic Health Association of the United States. Despite the objections of the U.S. Catholic hierarchy, Sister Keehan has been a key supporter of the president's signature health care reform, the Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act.

Both Sister Keehan and the Rev. Larry Snyder, president of Catholic Charities USA, expressed support for the changes announced by Mr. Obama on Friday.

Not so the Republican leadership and the bishops conference. The bishops' group continues to argue that even secular and for-profit employers also should receive morality-based exemptions to birth control insurance coverage. That would be impractical and improper, requiring the federal government to sit in judgment of individual and organizational claims of religious conscience in health care coverage.

Mr. Obama's decision demonstrates restraint and reasonable accommodation to reasonable concerns. That might well reassure at least some members of the nation's most exclusive Catholic club: six justices of the U.S. Supreme Court. The court now is weighing the validity of the ACA, and its rejection would inflict far more damage to American health care than any presidential compromise on contraceptive coverage.

Animal cruelty laws take next step

Chelsea Telega

ARTS & ENTERTAINMENT EDITOR

An animal rights gathering scheduled for this Saturday will be not only a demonstration but also a celebration.

On Wednesday, House Bill 108 for Nitro's Law passed through the Ohio House of Representatives, increasing the animal cruelty penalties in Ohio from a misdemeanor to a felony.

The bill will now make its way to the Senate.

The recent House Bill vote encouraged Youngstown State University student Nova Sanguinetti to organize a demonstration for people to raise awareness for future votes and to celebrate their advancement.

On Saturday, local animal supporters plan to gather at the corner of Market Street and state Route 224.

"There are going to be a lot of tears of joy, a lot of happy people. Now we're just letting people know that we were heard," Sanguinetti said. "Your message and your voice will be heard; it just comes down to being diligent."

A page created on Facebook for the event has already had 715 positive responses from people who want to attend. Sanguinetti said she hopes to organize a group that will travel and fight for the cause.

Sanguinetti said the people she talks to are worried about their pets, and that, for many, pets are not considered animals, but as a part of the family. She wants to organize more community watches to increase progress.

"People are either heartbroken, pissed off or both. They want to be heard and want to be recognized. Our representatives have to hear us," Sanguinetti said.

Within the past month in Youngstown, two German Shepherd puppies were found strangled, two dogs were stolen and



Mango, a calico cat that was doused with lighter fluid and set on fire, is recuperating at Dr. Christine McFadden's veterinary office in Merced, Calif. The cat was burned on more than 70 percent of her body, and it will be weeks before she is healed. Photo courtesy of Marci Stenberg/Merced Sun-Star/MCT

thrown over a bridge onto Interstate 680, a pit bull mix was found dead in a trash heap and a Labrador Retriever mix was found with its leg and part of its tail cut off.

To many concerned residents, Ohio's punishment laws for the first offense of animal abuse were less than sufficient.

"I looked into the Nitro laws, and I saw that the penalties for animal abuse are less than if someone had one joint on them," said animal activist Katelyn Bowden. "It's little to no penalty. Maybe 30 days in prison."

Current animal cruelty penalties in Ohio range from a minor misdemeanor to a first-degree misdemeanor, while the most costly penalty enforced if the animal is killed or injured is worth \$300 or more, according to Ohio Revised Code.

The decision to pass the bill on to the Senate, however, acts as a double-edged sword for some.

"I just kind of calmed down. It's been a rough day, but of course it's very hard. My dog suffered and died, so while I'm happy, it's bittersweet," said Elizabeth Raad, the founder of Nitro Foundation.

In 2009, Nitro's Law was introduced after Raad encountered a devastating issue at High Caliber K9, a dog daycare and obedience school in Youngstown. Raad left her dog, Nitro, at the facility while tending to a family crisis.

Raad said she would call the facility a few times a week to check on her dog, and during one phone call, she was told that Nitro was excelling and that she and her husband could even extend the dog's stay.

"We were told to leave him for another week or two and that he was doing great," Raad said. "When he told us that, Nitro was already dead. This is definitely not an accident; you don't starve to death overnight."

Seven dogs were found dead and 12 were found starving in the facility after a police investigation.

Steve Croley, the owner of the facility, was sentenced to four months in jail on four counts of animal cruelty and neglect.

Raad said that while the votes were coming in, she was "hysterically crying" because she was proud that her efforts came to fruition as the bill passed through the Ohio House.

"A lot of people have really stepped up to the plate, went door to door, passing out fliers. This is 100 percent a grass-root effort," Raad said.

Younger people are becoming increasingly passionate about combating the abuse of animals in the area and are elated with the news of Nitro Foundation's progress.

Sanguinetti watched live coverage of the decision and recalled all of the work the group has done up to this point.

"It's kind of ridiculous, but as I was watching it, I just began crying. I couldn't believe that it was finally there and on the floor," she said. "When I saw how many people voted 'yea' for it, it warmed my heart. I just felt a great sense of accomplishment that all of these calls we made and letters we have written aren't in vain."

Years ago, Sanguinetti found a stray cat in the woods behind her grandparents' house. Not long after, she took in the stray and found that its neck had been slit with fishing wire, as though someone had tried to hang it.

Another one of her past pet cats, she said, was poisoned.

After experiencing these — and multiple other — cases of animal abuse, Sanguinetti became a fervent supporter of Nitro's Law and its components.

"When I had heard about what had happened to Nitro, it completely broke my heart, especially because it was someone who was supposed to be trusted," Sanguinetti said. "When you leave your animal with a professional, you expect them to be safe."

Rock solid Alumnus reflects on YSU

Kacy Standohar

FEATURES EDITOR

Youngstown State University alumnus William Williams said he remembers anti-war protests outside of Kilcawley Center in the 1960s.

"They were demonstrating the end of war and to have peace, you know," Williams said. "These were the '60s. We had lots of fun that way."

The 66-year-old graduated from YSU in 1969 and is the provost at Slippery Rock University. He reflected on Youngstown for the first time in a while.

"It was interesting, and at the time I didn't think that a bunch of young people carrying on in the middle of Ohio could make any difference," Williams said. "But nationally, eventually it did make a difference to have those movements."

Williams has served as SRU's interim provost since 2003. He received his Bachelor of Arts degree from YSU in 1969 and his Master of Arts degree from YSU in 1970.

Williams became a member of the SRU faculty in 1981 after teaching in West Virginia.

A short while later, Williams was promoted to chairman of the English department at SRU and became president of the local faculty union.

"I like the job a lot. It's kind of an ideal job," Williams said. "I get to oversee all the academic programs. The deans report to me. I get to allocate resources and see what kind of programs are appropriate for the institution and kind of create the academic image of the institution."

Williams said he is not sure YSU prepared him for his job as provost, but he does feel the university did a great job providing him with a solid education in English.

"[YSU] really did give me good intellectual background, which is important for getting a job like this," Williams said. "I have great respect for the education I got from Youngstown."

In his time at YSU, Williams was also a member of Delta Sigma Phi.

"I was mostly interested in



YSU alumnus William Williams works as Slippery Rock University provost to enhance academic programs and improve the institution. He said YSU prepared him for working in a university setting. Photo courtesy of Karl Schwab.

the academic part," he said.

Bob Konnen, Williams' former pledge brother and co-worker, said Williams' observant personality improved his leadership abilities.

"Originally, [Williams] seemed to be aloof, but after a while, we all found out he was just quiet," Konnen said. "He always had a 4.0 and helped us when we would rather party than study."

Konnen, 68, served as the director of budget and fiscal programming at SRU for 30 years until he retired in 2005. He said others also noticed Williams' leadership.

"We had a few provost failure issues, but it was the best decision when Williams was given the job," he said.

Cynthia Dillon, assistant to the provost, has worked with Williams for several years. She

said she appreciates how efficiently he communicates with faculty and administration.

Dillon added that Williams understands faculty issues and the needs of the institutions.

"[Williams] has an extensive background as an educator and as president of the faculty union," Dillon said. "He is a real advocate for academic programs, which makes him a great provost."

Retired professor returns for piano performance

Kacy Standohar

FEATURES EDITOR

Roman Rudnytsky will return to the Dana School of Music for a guest piano recital on Feb. 26 at 3 p.m. Rudnytsky, who was a Youngstown State University faculty member since 1972, has traveled all over the world and has played concerts in nearly 95 countries.

The Juilliard School graduate will play selections from Chopin, Debussy and Beethoven in the Bliss Recital Hall. YSU faculty, staff and students are thrilled to have him back on campus after his retirement in spring 2011.

Anna Ruscitti, fine and performing arts administrative assistant, said Rudnytsky traveled while he was a



faculty member.

She said Rudnytsky's international experience might appeal to students.

"This concert will introduce students to varieties and different kinds of music, including modern and classical," Ruscitti said. "It's a wide variety that they get exposed to that they probably wouldn't anywhere else."

Rudnytsky's concert venues range from the Sydney Opera House to cruise ships, as well as small islands in the Caribbean Sea and Pacific Ocean.

Jimmy Knezetic, a junior music education major, said he plans to attend Rudnytsky's performance for personal inspiration.

"I'm currently playing two pieces from Chopin and Beethoven also, so it's similar to what I've been practicing," he said.

Knezetic said he plans to use this concert as a way to compare himself to a professional adult pianist.

"It's kind of for my own benefit to listen to his technique and style and get ideas," he said. "I want to see how he implements the piece, and I just really enjoy hearing piano music from someone so accomplished and renowned."

Michael Crist, director of the Dana School of Music, said Rudnytsky used an interesting approach when teaching piano and music literature/appreciation classes.

"He had an ability to talk to students about the music they would hear and then played a part of it for them," Crist said. "He used the piano as a teaching tool."

Crist said Rudnytsky's passion for music showed in his lessons.

"He is a great piano performer. ... One of the greats in the world," Crist said. "It's exciting to have him back."

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was on, she will be starting a newly approved drug in April known as Brentuximab, which was approved by the Food and Drug Administration in August.

"It is in the category of antineoplastic monoclonal antibody. It is used for failed transplant patients," Chimento said.

Chimento will receive regu-

lar scans to check the progress of the chemotherapy. The scans will also determine how long she will have to go through treatment.

She will be traveling to the Cleveland Clinic for a treatment that is given intravenously once a month. The side effects of the drug include fatigue, anemia, nausea and neu-

ropathy. The FDA did clinical trials and found that the remission rate increased with the use of this drug.

The cost of treatment varies with each treatment. Some patients may be given multiple drugs, each with its own price. It also depends on the duration and frequency of treatment. Sometimes the place of treat-

ment also determines the cost.

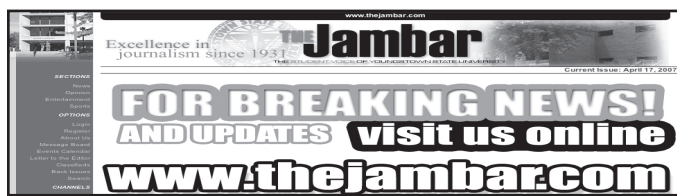
There are many programs that help patients. There are funds for transportation, housing and medical bills. The American Cancer Society holds hundreds of events to raise these funds. Not only does the money go to the patients; it also goes toward research.

"I did stay at the Hope

Lodge while going through two transplants," Chimento said.

The Hope Lodge is funded by the American Cancer Society and gives patients and their families a place to stay while they are undergoing treatment in another city.

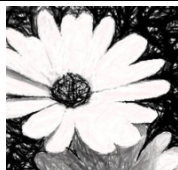
Chimento said she is hopeful for the future.



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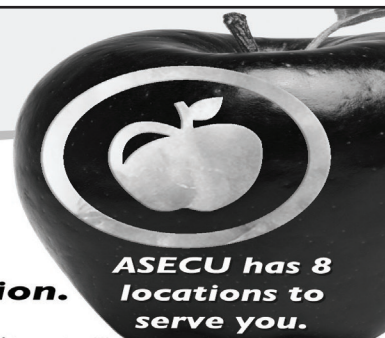
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'With inexperience also comes great excitement' Baseball preps for Friday's season opener

Joe Catullo Jr.
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New faces adorn Youngstown State University's baseball team as the Penguins prep for the upcoming season.

The roster consists of 12 freshmen, 10 sophomores, nine juniors and two seniors. Head baseball coach Rich Pasquale said in a press conference on Monday that he is expecting mistakes.

"There's going to be physical errors, there's going to be

mental errors, but [we are] just staying positive with them," Pasquale said. "Right now, the young guys are coming on strong. They're feeling confident."

The Penguins head into the new season with hopes of picking up where they left off last season. They finished 14-41 overall, but ended with two wins in the Horizon League tournament.

Although there are 12 freshmen, Pasquale likes the added depth.

"The depth in our pitching is definitely a plus for us this

year," Pasquale said.

Sophomore infielder Drew Dosch said in the conference that he's also excited about the expanded roster.

"The depth this year is really going to help, especially in the pitching staff," Dosch said. "Everyone can contribute; everyone's ready to play."

Dosch added that the strength of the team does not fall in one particular area.

"Everybody came back this fall with a new attitude, kind of a new dedication, and I think the strength of the team is the great diversity that we have throughout the team," Dosch said.

the projected closer.

Catching core

Either sophomore Craig Goubeaux or junior Jake Kucek will start at catcher on Friday. Pasquale doesn't know yet.

"We're excited about the two guys that we have back there," Pasquale said.

Goubeaux batted .223 last year, with 29 hits and 13 RBIs. Kucek is a transfer from Cuyahoga. He had the third-best batting average in the country last year (.481) and was a second-team All-America selection.

Dosch was named to the Horizon League All-Newcomer team last year. He will start at third base and bat leadoff on Friday. He batted .262 last year, with 38 hits and 11 RBIs.

He said he's better prepared in his second year.

"As the years go on, you have a better grasp of what people are going to try to do to you," Dosch said, describing the transition from freshman to sophomore.

Openings in the outfield

Pasquale said he would try his best to replace former seniors Joe Iacobucci and Armani Johnson in the outfield.

Pasquale said he has high hopes for sophomore Marcus Heath, who is slated to start in right field. He was the conference player of the year and a second-team All-America pick last year at Sinclair Community College with a .430 batting average.

Another player Pasquale is proud of is freshman center fielder Kevin Hix.

"He just has a good smell for the ball," Pasquale said of Hix. "He'll make some mistakes here and there, but he wants to win, wants to learn, and he's getting better."

Left field is split between sophomores Dan Hurlimann and Chris Mitko. Hurlimann batted .147 last year, while Mitko hit .178.

Iacobucci finished his college career with a .284 batting average, five doubles, seven stolen bases and 23 RBIs.

"It's tough to replace a Joe Iacobucci from what he's done in the four years that I've been here," Pasquale said.

A plethora of pitchers

With the departure of former pitcher Phil Klein to the Texas Rangers, the Penguins look for a new ace, and they have 16 possibilities.

When the season begins on Friday in North Carolina, the opening day starter will be sophomore Patrick O'Brien, who pitched at Bowling Green State University last season.

O'Brien collected four wins and six saves in his freshman year. He sat out last year due to NCAA transfer rules.

Next in the starting rotation is junior Pat Shedlock, who spent the last two years at Cleveland State University and Cuyahoga Community College.

The third starter is a competition involving juniors Robert Switka, Joey Gajda and Blake Aquadro.

In the bullpen, freshman Nick DiBartolomeo is the projected setup pitcher, while sophomore Nic Manuppelli is

Seniors in the infield

First baseman Jeremy Banks and infielder David Leon, the lone seniors on the team, will lead the infield. Pasquale said he is confident.

"I work with the infielders, and we have certain plans each day," Pasquale said. "We want to continue to be No. 1 in field percentage like we were last year."

Banks was the only .300 hitter on the team last year, tallying three homeruns, eight doubles and 26 RBIs.

Leon was last season's lead-off hitter, but will bat fourth this year. He will also start on Friday as the designated hitter.

Leon hit .268 last year, with six doubles, three home runs and a .369 slugging percentage.

Pasquale said Leon could take over at any position when he is fully recovered. For now, sophomore Phil Lipari will start at shortstop, and freshman Jack Graham will start at second base.



No.	Name	Position
1.	(11) Drew Dosch	3B
2.	(37) Kevin Hix	CF
3.	(3) Jeremy Banks	1B
4.	(2) David Leon	DH
5.	(5) Marcus Heath	RF
6.	(12/29) Jake Kucek / Craig Goubeaux	C
7.	(13) Phillip Lipari	SS
8.	(9) Jack Graham	2B
9.	(16/25) Dan Hurlimann / Chris Mitko	LF

Pitchers		
(23)	Patrick O'Brien	SP
(27)	Pat Shedlock	SP
(28)	Blake Aquadro	SP
(24)	Robert Switka	SP/RP
(17)	Joey Gajda	CL



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Under the radar Softball looks to reach ultimate goal

Joe Catullo Jr.
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The obvious goal for most teams is a conference championship. The same could be said for the Youngstown State University softball team, but how it gets there is as of yet unknown.

Still, the team has faith.

"We're a great team, and we've shown it last year," said junior catcher Vicky Rumph. "We beat teams that nobody else thought we would beat. This year, we're even stronger. Nobody has any idea how much stronger or dangerous we can be."

The Penguins finished 22-24 last season — and ended on a six-game losing streak.

In a Monday press conference, head softball coach Brian Campbell said that experience will lead the team.

"[It's] probably the most experienced team we've had in my four years," Campbell said. "We have a good mixture of upperclassmen with some young talent."

Four seniors — Jordan Ingalls, Amanda Palmore, Kristen Philen and Haley Thomas — lead the team, which added four freshmen. The rest of the roster consists of seven sophomores and four juniors.

"We have a few young ladies who have started all three years here," Campbell said. "With that being said, it does help the younger kids for the experience aspect."

The Penguins begin the season on Friday in South Carolina. The women and coaches said preparing indoors at the Watson and Tressel Training Site this year is a step up from doing so at Stambaugh Stadium last year.

"Practicing in the WATTS is more like real life," said sophomore pitcher Casey Crozier. "We have the turf. We have the bases. It's so much better than the gym floor, so we're really grateful for the WATTS."

Poised for the upcoming season,

Campbell doesn't know who will start where. He said he'll pencil in the lineup one hour before the first game begins.

Padded pitching core

The Penguins added to their pitching roster with freshman Paige Miller to help complement Crozier, sophomore Haley Knight and junior Hana Somogyi.

"We've been able to add some arms in there to help," Campbell said. "It gives us a chance to help finish out games."

Crozier said the pitchers are going to be tough to hit against.

"We have two really solid freshmen that we're probably going to depend on a lot, so we're really excited and hopefully complement each other pretty well," she said.

As a freshman, Crozier led the team with a 3.24 ERA, 12 wins, 14 complete games, 97 strikeouts and 153.1 innings pitched.

Crozier could become the first YSU pitcher since Kelly Murphy from the 2003-2004 season to post back-to-back 10-win seasons.

Versatile catchers

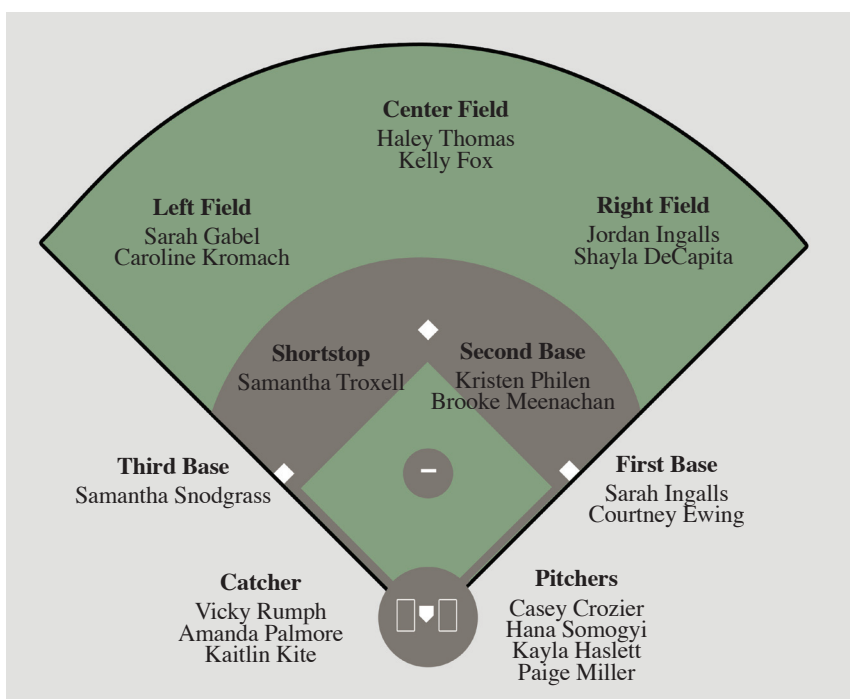
The roster consists of three catchers, but it will come down to two: Rumph and Palmore. Rumph, who was named to the Capital One/CoSIDA Academic All-District team last year, also played third base, but will focus on catching this season.

"There's competition right now," Rumph said. "You just got to be confident, and that's what it comes down to. You got to know your skills."

Rumph finished last year with a .303 batting average, 44 hits, four home runs and 27 RBIs. Palmore finished batting .283 with a .415 slugging percentage and 15 hits in 53 at bats.

A toss up in the field

The entire infield is up for grabs, from first to third and the two posi-



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tions in between.

Philen started 140 games her first three years at shortstop, but is slated to play second base this year. Freshman Samantha Troxell is expected to take over at shortstop.

"All around, I think we're pretty strong," Philen said. "Everybody works hard. We just communicate well, which is one of our big things."

Philen batted .200 last year with 20 hits and eight RBIs. She is projected to be at second with freshman Brooke Meenachan.

With Rumph focusing at the catcher's spot, sophomore Samantha Snodgrass, a capable pitcher, will be at third base.

First base is a battle between sophomore Sarah Ingalls and sophomore Courtney Ewing.

A seasoned outfield

The outfield position is the most experienced, with two seniors and a junior leading the way.

Jordan Ingalls will play right field, while Thomas will play center. It's likely that junior Sarah Gabel will

play left.

Jordan Ingalls and Thomas have a chance to become the third and fourth players in YSU history to reach 200 career hits. Thomas needs 39 hits to reach the milestone, while Jordan Ingalls is 42 away.

Jordan Ingalls said the outfielders worked on their arm strength in the offseason because the offense is already there.

"Everybody's confidence is much improved from years past," she said. "One thing that helps our outfield is our overall athleticism."

Campbell said Jordan Ingalls is a senior leader and captain that could be the ultimate leader.

"Jordan's definitely a tremendous athlete, tremendous player," Campbell said. "She's very close to a number of records at YSU."

Jordan Ingalls led YSU last year with a .385 batting average, 55 hits, four triples, 40 RBIs and a .608 slugging percentage.

Thomas finished with a .313 batting average, a team-leading 10 doubles and seven home runs, and a .533 slugging percentage.