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## Day care dilemmas

Kacy Standohar  
NEWS EDITOR

Cold weather and school closings have left some Youngstown State University students faced with a problem. With the university rarely closing, these students must choose to either bring their children to class with them or accommodate an absence.

There is not an official written policy that department chairs and instructors must follow regarding young children in the classroom, said Teresa Riley, associate provost for academic administration, and Jack Fahey, vice president for student affairs.

"It is on a case-by-case basis," Riley said. "It really depends on the faculty and the children's age. We also have to find a way to balance everybody's rights — the rights of the teachers, the students [with children] and the other students in the class."

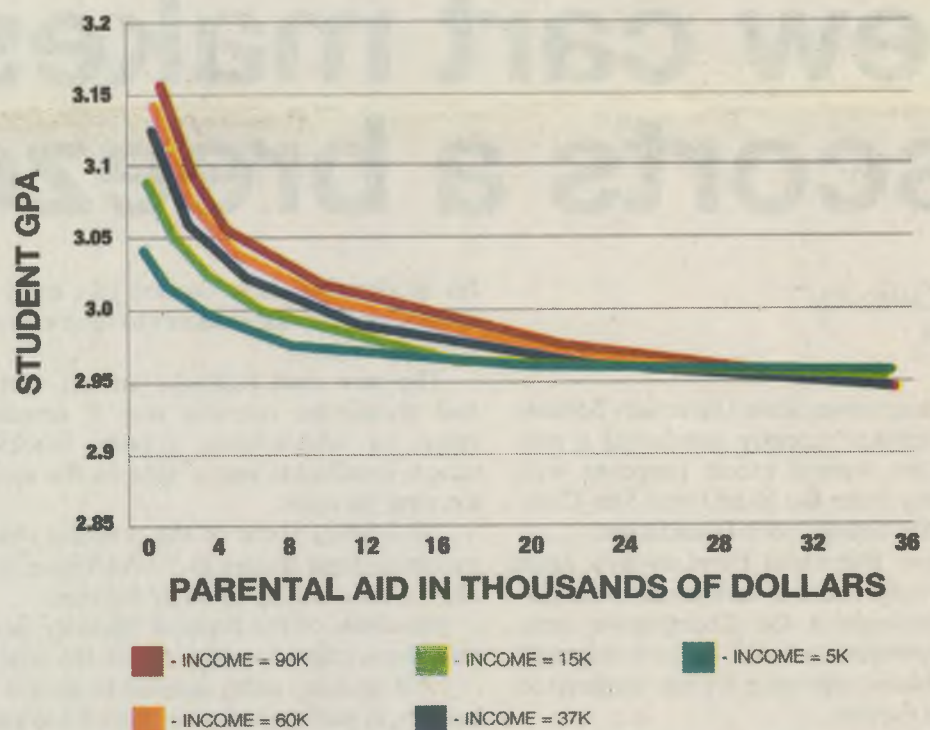
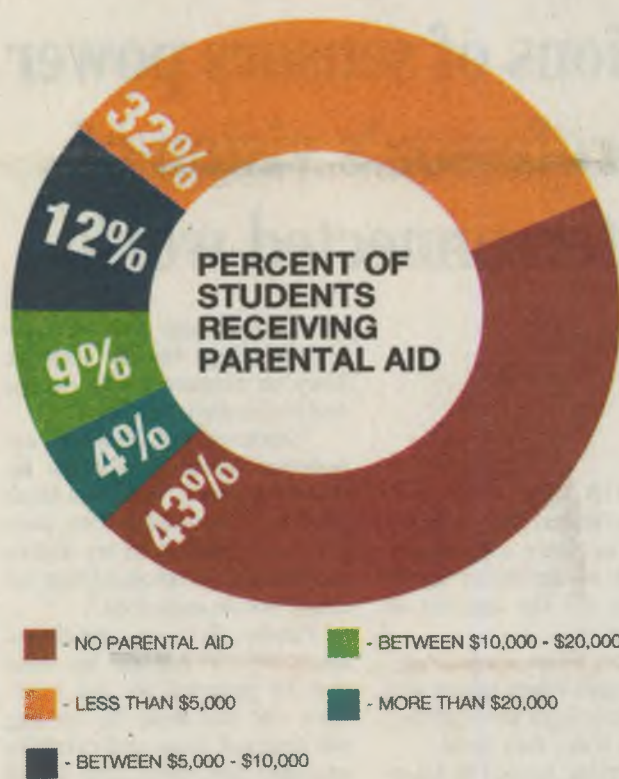
Julia Gergits, chair of the English department, said many instructors are open to allowing children in the classroom as long as the kids

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## High aid, low grades



GRAPHIC BY KEVIN BUCK/THE JAMBAR.

Justin Carissimo  
ASSISTANT NEWS EDITOR

New research shows that the more parents help finance college tuition, the lower students' grades will become.

The study — "More Is More or More Is Less? Parental Financial Investments during College" — comes from Laura T. Hamilton, an assistant professor of sociology at the University of California, Merced.

Hamilton found that parents who contributed more helped keep their children in school until graduation. However, students with this privilege were much more likely to slack off during their time in college.

Hamilton compiled data from feder-

al databases to compare parental contributions with student GPAs within four-year institutions.

"Students whose parents make \$90,000 annually and receive no aid have an average GPA of around 3.15, whereas students whose parents make \$5,000 start below 3.05. As aid increases, the curves begin to converge. By \$16,000 in aid, all students are pulled below the 3.00 mark — a critical threshold for many graduate programs and employers," Hamilton stated in the study.

In general, students in higher economic brackets performed better overall, but as parental contributions increased, grades declined.

Hamilton discovered that when parents failed to set clear expectations for their child's success, students were

prone to slack off and dial down their academic effort.

As explained in her study, "The curve for the most privileged students is the steepest, but everyone experiences a significant reduction in GPA — particularly in the first \$8,000 of aid. Regardless of class background, the toll parental aid takes on GPA is modest. Yet, any reduction in student GPA due to parental aid — which is typically offered with the best of intentions — is both surprising and important."

Hamilton also found that students spend an average of 28 hours a week on classes and homework combined. Conversely, they spend up to 41 hours a week on recreational and social activities.

Hamilton encouraged parents to focus on what they're paying for to make

a smarter investment for their children.

Summer Loffredo, a senior at Youngstown State University, agreed that students are ready and able to take their college opportunity for granted.

"Incoming students might not realize how important it is to get good grades. It took me about a year to really kick myself in gear to start getting good grades," she said.

Loffredo said she believes that encouragement from her parents has played a key role in her academic success.

"You definitely have to have the motivation from your parents, not just their checkbook," Loffredo said.

Nicholas Baron, a junior, said he doesn't believe the research is relevant

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## YSU hosts financial aid night

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ASSISTANT NEWS EDITOR

The Youngstown State University Office of Financial Aid and Scholarships will host the first on-campus Financial Aid Night on Wednesday at 6:30 p.m. in Kilcawley Center's Chestnut Room.

The event gives potential students and their families a chance to learn the basics of financial aid. Participants

can learn how to apply for student aid and fill out the Free Application for Federal Student Aid, or FAFSA, in time for YSU's priority deadline on Feb. 15.

Students will also be able to receive help with filing taxes, courtesy of a free tax preparation service by Beta Alpha Psi, a YSU student organization for accounting and financing students, and by YSU's Volunteer Income Tax Assistance Program.

"We encourage students

to figure out taxes early as possible and submit the free application. We like to process them quickly so they can receive any aid available for the next school year," said Elaine Ruse, director of the YSU Office of Financial Aid and Scholarships.

Ruse said she hopes that students interested in YSU will make plans to attend the free service, which is even open to those attending other colleges and universities.

"We're holding the event

as a community service," Ruse said. "We'd like to help any college-bound student and help them with their first time through the application process."

Accounting and administrative staff will be available for individual talk to ease any burdens that families encounter.

YSU freshman Jacob Penk said the advisers on campus helped make his first application process painless.

"It only took 20 minutes,"

Penk said. "It was very reasonable and helpful. They answered all the questions that my mother and I had."

Penk and his mother didn't want to make any mistakes while filing his FAFSA.

"It's good to work with someone who's done it before and knows what they're doing," Penk said.

For more information, visit <http://cfweb.cc.yosu.edu/finaid/night.cfm> or call the Office of Financial Aid and Scholarships at 330-941-3505.

## Art exhibition honors local high school students

Tyler Williams  
REPORTER

Stephanie Nussle, a senior at Newton Falls High School, has been taking photographs ever since her parents gave her a camera as a Christmas gift. With only a few clicks of her camera, Nussle has achieved what some students work years for: Her photography is already on display in Youngstown State University's Bliss Hall Gallery.

"I mean, it's just like everything around me, and I do it all the time. So, it's not like an assignment. It's pretty much just like what I do for a hobby and for fun," she said.

Nussle's work — along with the work of other students from Mahoning, Trumbull, Columbiana and Ashtabula counties — is on display for the Northeastern Ohio Scholastic Art Awards Exhibition. Outstanding students were awarded for their work on Saturday in Bliss Hall's Ford Theater.

The Northeastern Ohio Scholastic Art Awards Exhibition brings together junior high and high school students and showcases their artwork in order to bring their work into the public view. The awards are designed to provide opportunities for artists to interact with one other and to encourage creativity.

Nussle earned several awards at the ceremony for her photography, including a Gold Key Award and the Gold Key Portfolio Award. Finalists for



Stephanie Nussle stands in front of her photographs displayed in Bliss Hall. Nussle, a senior at Newton Falls High School, won several awards at the Northeastern Scholastic Art Awards Exhibition, including the Gold Key, the highest possible award at the regional competition. Photo by Tyler Williams/The Jambar.

these two awards will move on to the national competition in New York City.

Jon Hill, a Newton Falls High School art teacher, helped Nussle put together a portfolio of her eight best pho-

tos. "Stephanie is one of them students ... that doesn't need much of any kind of direction or motivation," Hill said. "She's a self-starter. She's very talented, very creative,

works harder than everybody else in the room, does twice as much work than is expected. She's just naturally curious, and she is a craftsman in her work."

Nussle's artistic endeavors

aren't limited to photography. She is also studying drawing and painting.

"It's like a hobby, and I want to continue in making it into a career with graphic design," Nussle said.

## New cart makes escorts a breeze

Drew Zuhosky  
REPORTER

The Youngstown State University Student Security Service recently purchased a new golf cart for student escort purposes with grant money from the Hine Fund Sub-Committee of the Youngstown Foundation.

The Hine Memorial Fund awards grant money to help children and adults with disabilities throughout the Youngstown area. The gas-powered cart will make transportation both easier and safer for the students as well as the escorts.

Ian Watson, a member of the YSU Student Security Service staff, has already noticed the resilience of the new cart.

"From the limited amount of time that we have had it, I can already tell a big difference in durability. Because it is gas-powered, it has a better time of making it up the hills on campus," Watson said. "It will be very help-

ful in allowing us to do our jobs more efficiently and get our students to their classes in a timely fashion."

The new cart replaced an old cart that had undergone sporadic use. It contains a ramp for wheelchairs, a horn, wheelchair straps, headlights and a light on the roof for evening pickups.

"It relieves some of the pressure from us escorting long distances," said Vince Butka, also of the Student Security Service.

Members of the Student Security Service have been trained on how to use the new cart.

"All security aides needed to pass a road course, as well as securing wheelchairs to the inside of the cart," said staff member Eric Grischow.

The new cart has also come in handy for purposes other than the escort service, such as transporting students with a documented or registered disability and transporting the escorts to fill crime prevention boxes on the campus.

## Billions of sensors power professor's vision of interconnected world

Roy Wenzl  
THE WICHITA EAGLE  
(MCT)

WICHITA, Kan. — A professor at Wichita State University plans to create a university center with an ambitious name: The Center for the Internet of Everything.

Step one: Plant a small garden on campus where plants will message irrigation pipes telling how much water they need.

Ravi Pendse, helped by Internet companies NetApp and Cisco, hopes to create other innovations he says could put WSU in the high-tech big leagues.

The garden will model how to save water and billions of dollars in the world's crops and lawns.

In the second and subsequent steps, Pendse's students and partners would develop innovations linking computers, smartphones, social media and the billions of sensors now being attached to — everything.

Pendse as a technologist has collaborated with NetApp and Cisco for years, creating technology and many WSU graduates who went to work for those companies.

Stan Skelton, director of strategic planning and advanced development at Net-App, said his company hopes to work out plans with Pendse this semester to grow the garden and establish the center.

The center will not require tax money or buildings, Pendse said; it will operate as a mobile group of students, faculty and business partners, and be financed with private money. The only expenses necessary so far: a few hundred dollars for seeds and sensors.

WSU President John Bardo endorsed Pendse's plans after he became WSU president in July.

"What Ravi is talking about in part is that we're all seeing a massive increase in low-cost connectivity ... and this allows you to think very differently about what you can do."

NetApp and Cisco are international companies that cre-

ate data storage and network underpinnings for the Internet. They've partnered with Pendse and his students for years.

"Students get firsthand experience working with an industrial partner," said NetApp's Skelton. "And they with their projects allow us to try riskier innovations, or projects that we might not do ourselves."

Pendse was so concerned about how to explain his ideas that he prepped for the interview for this story by writing out pages of notes and carefully arranged note cards. (He did all this with handwriting, using an ink pen.)

He and his business partners think an "Internet of Everything" will be inevitable, and that WSU could help create it.

Currently, he said, there are actually several "Internets."

There is the Internet that is actually an Internet of "information." With Google and other search engines and the storage of machines and the Cloud, it has been a powerful tool humans use to organize information.

Facebook, Twitter and other social media are "the Internet of people," networking on a planetary scale.

There can be an Internet of "places": for example, WSU, Cowtown, City Hall, restaurants.

Unseen by most of us, however, is the "Internet of things" — billions of sensors attached to machines or people, all with wireless capability. The OnStar driver protection system installed in many cars is a system of sensors that communicate to machines and people hundreds of miles from the car, for example.

The "Fitbit" Pendse wears records his every step, whether on the treadmill or walking across campus. On the day we saw him, by 2 p.m. he had walked more than 14,000 steps from the time he got on his treadmill.

These sensors, billions of which surround us already, will multiply and play a big role in our lives, he said. Cars will

## On the rebound

Former NBA player shares tales of addiction

Steve Wilaj  
SPORTS EDITOR

Chris Herren's dream come true was his living nightmare.

It was early in the 2001 NBA season and Herren, a reserve guard for the Boston Celtics, sat in the locker room and watched TV with teammate Paul Pierce.

With an hour and 10 minutes before Boston would play the Washington Wizards at home, then-Celtics head coach Rick Pitino entered the room.

"Herren, go get in a good warm-up. You're my starting point guard tonight," Pitino said.

With those words, Herren — a Fall River, Mass., native — met his dream: starting for his hometown team and playing in front of his friends and family on the biggest basketball stage in the world.

However, Herren had only one thing on his mind: "I got to get me some of those yellow pills so I can play in this basketball game."

The yellow pills he needed were OxyContin, and at this point in his life, Herren was hooked.

Waiting for his dealer, he checked the clock every 10 minutes. Eight minutes before tipoff. Nothing.

"He was stuck in heavy traffic," Herren said.

So, there's Herren, five minutes before his first career NBA start, standing in the rain in front of the TD Garden arena in his full Celtics uniform.

Finally, he met his dealer in traffic, took the OxyContin and made it back into the arena just in time for the game. He scored 13 points in a 116-109 victory.

"I don't remember anything about that game," Herren said.

In a sharp black suit on Sunday night, Herren unleashed his harrowing life story to a packed Chestnut Room at Youngstown State University.

From his party-hard, high school, All-American days to his seven drug-related felonies to his four overdoses — he told it all.

"I think it's important to share [my story], from beginning to end, the natural and unnatural transition in drug abuse and how fast things can turn," Herren said in a press conference

# FAMU response to probe: We've taken many actions to stop hazing

Denise-Marie Ordway  
ORLANDO SENTINEL  
(MCT)

ORLANDO, Fla. — FAMU on Wednesday submitted a 27-page response to a critical state investigative report about the university's failure to stop hazing on campus, going into detail to show how administrators have addressed many of the university's shortcomings.

Florida A&M University's response Wednesday was much more subdued than its characterization of the investigation in court documents last week as "incompetent."

Orlando attorney Richard "Rick" Mitchell, who is representing FAMU in a wrongful-death lawsuit filed by the mother of hazing victim Robert Champion, wrote in court documents last week that the report contained "unfounded opinions."

Champion's death in Orlando in late 2011 prompted the Board of Governors of the State University System to investigate FAMU's handling of hazing on campus.

Late last month, BOG Inspector General Derry Harper released a stinging report concluding that FAMU lacked the internal controls needed to identify and fight hazing before Champion was beaten by his fellow band members aboard a parked charter bus in Orlando.

In their response, university administrators stressed that their current anti-hazing program "embraces and exceeds" the 16 best practices for anti-hazing programs that were established by a council of university-system leaders.

They point out that they have created a number of new positions, including a recently hired anti-hazing official. They have created a website to make it easier for students to report hazing,

and have reorganized the music department to better control and monitor the Marching 100 band.

"Our response identifies instances in which we concur with findings and recommendations in the preliminary report," FAMU's interim president Larry Robinson told The Orlando Sentinel on Wednesday night. "We appreciate also the opportunity to discuss actions taken by the university during the past year."

Robinson repeatedly has expressed an interest in working closely with University System Chancellor Frank Brogan and other university-system leaders to deal with these and the other problems the university has faced over the past year or so.

Just last month, the university's accrediting agency placed it on probation for a year because of failings in areas such as finances, student safety and "operational integrity."

"Going forward," Robinson said last week, "we shall continue working together in good faith with the Chancellor and entire State University System in our united effort to forever eradicate criminal hazing from our universities."

In its response, FAMU took issue with some of the findings in the investigative report. For example, the Inspector General reported that FAMU was not tracking hazing complaints or student disciplinary actions related to hazing.

FAMU responded by saying that hazing cases were maintained in a separate filing cabinet within the Judicial Affairs Office and were organized by year and student name.

"Although this method of maintaining our files has proven sufficient and reliable for the needs of the Judicial Office, the Judicial Office for several months has been exploring and researching electronic index systems to augment the current filing system," FAMU wrote.

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**Saturday, Feb. 2**  
7 p.m., Chestnut Room, Kilcawley Center  
**THE AFRICAN MARKETPLACE**  
The African Marketplace features a wide variety of vendors from the U.S. and Africa as they display and sell African outfits, artifacts, artistic creations, books and jewelry. The marketplace also celebrates African culture in music and dance, provided by the highly talented Harambee Youth Group of Youngstown.

**Thursday, Feb. 7**  
7:30 p.m., Chestnut Room, Kilcawley Center  
**THE AFRICAN AMERICAN PYRAMID AWARDS**  
A presentation and awards ceremony celebrating the achievements of outstanding Youngstown City Schools students. Teachers, mentors and parents who have devoted service to student honorees will also be recognized.  
Co-sponsors: The Family Empowerment Institute and Youngstown City Schools

**Wednesday, Feb. 13**  
Reception: 5 p.m., Art Gallery, Olive Hall  
Panel Discussion: 6 p.m., Zonta Auditorium, Butler Institute of American Art  
**AFRICAN ART DISPLAY**  
By Sathou Omar Njie  
Sathou Omar Njie grew up in The Gambia, West Africa, in a family of artists. He developed an interest in the arts, especially in the magic of color and patterning on fabric, and studied art and architecture at Hamilton College in New York. He is on the roster of Teaching Artists for the Pennsylvania Council of the Arts and the Pittsburgh Center for the Arts.  
Co-sponsor: The College of Fine and Performing Arts at YSU

**Friday, Feb. 15**  
7 p.m., The Ohio Room, Kilcawley Center  
**"BLACK ARTS AND THE CIVIL RIGHTS MOVEMENT"**  
Keynote lecture by Mwatibu S. Okantah  
Mwatibu S. Okantah is an assistant professor and Post-Residence for the Department of Pan-African Studies and director of the Center of Pan-African Culture at Kent State University. An author of several published poems, he holds degrees in English and African Studies from KSU and a master's in Creative Writing from City College, New York. Also a performer, Okantah has collaborated with the Cavani String Quartet, the Rhodes Street Rude Boys, and leads the Muntu Kuntu Energy Group.

**Saturday, Feb. 16**  
7 p.m., St. Agnes Church, 614 Parmelee Ave., Youngstown  
**SAVE NUBIA PROJECT SEMINAR**  
Manu Ampin  
Manu Ampin is a professor of History at Contra Costa College and of Africana Studies at Merritt College. In addition, he is historian, primary researcher and director of Advancing the Research. He holds his master's in History/African American Studies and is the author of several publications. His latest project draws upon his archaeological research of the classical African civilizations of Ancient Kush and Nubia, which are now in danger of being permanently flooded.  
Co-sponsors: The Africana Studies Program at YSU and the P. Ross Berry George Washington Williams Historical Society

**Tuesday, Feb. 19**  
7 p.m., The Ohio Room, Kilcawley Center  
**WITH GRACE I STAND**  
One-woman play by E.P. McNight  
E.P. McNight depicts trailblazing African American women in this entertaining production. A graduate of Fordham University, New York, she received her master's degree in Educational Psychology. McNight is a poet, actress, writer, producer, host, teacher and a member of Screen Actors Guild. She currently travels throughout the country with her highly acclaimed show, "I Question America: The Legacy of Fannie Lou Hamer."

**Thursday, Feb. 21**  
7 p.m., The Gallery Room, Kilcawley Center  
**"AFRICAN CULTURAL HERITAGE: MISSING VALUES IN THE QUEST FOR MODERNISM"**  
Lecture by Dr. Emmanuel Christian Nyarko  
Dr. Nyarko is a Ghanaian educationist whose specialization is in Art Education. He obtained his Ph.D. from Ohio University, where he was a Fulbright student, and has been a lecturer at the Kwame Nkrumah University of Science in Kumasi, Ghana. He was a member of the Board of Trustees of the Center for National Culture in Kumasi and president of the Ghana Association of Visual Artists.

**Saturday, Feb. 23**  
7 p.m., Chestnut Room, Kilcawley Center  
**AFRICAN MUSICAL EXTRAVAGANZA**  
By Toby Foyeh and Orchestra Africa  
Toby Foyeh is the leader of the Tobey Foyeh African Orchestra and attended Berklee College of Music in Boston and Howard University, Washington, D.C. The orchestra specializes in African music with its origins in the traditional Yoruba ethnic group of Nigeria and focuses on a dynamic mélange of jazz, rock, pop and Latin rhythms or "Afrijam" music.  
Co-sponsor: The Office of Student Diversity at YSU

**Monday, Feb. 25**  
7:30 p.m., Jones Room, Kilcawley Center  
**BLACK FACULTY RESEARCH SHOWCASE**  
Black Faculty Research Showcase is a celebration of Youngstown State University's Black faculty—an opportunity for them to share their research for feedback and general discussion. Presenters include Dr. Frank Akpadock of the Regional Center for Urban Studies and author of *City in Transition: Strategies for Economic Regeneration of Inner-City Communities—The Case of Youngstown, Ohio*; and Dr. Victor Wani-Tatoh, director of the Africana Studies Program and author of *The Toxic Influence of Religion in Recent Presidential Elections*, among other accomplished faculty. There will be a book signing at the end of the event.

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For further information about African American History Month events, call the Africana Studies Program at 330-941-3097.  
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drive themselves, talk to each other and to roadways and destinations, which will reply. There will be smart fabrics — if we have a medical problem, we can put on a shirt, and the shirt will talk to our doctors, giving information about whether we're sick. Soon, Pendse said, there will be smart pills we can swallow, which will message from our intestines about whether we took our prescription, whether we're sick, whether we have early-stage cancer. Skelton said Pendse first came to the attention of his company more than a decade ago, when Pendse and his students startled executives and technologists pioneering a way to use handheld devices (PalmPilots) to monitor and maintain data storage remotely. Skelton was at a conference of engineers in Europe at the time and saw their jaws drop when the WSU innovation was demonstrated. Up until then, engineers had to work on storage systems by hand, including at night after breakdowns. Remote technology like that might seem

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**EVENT BRIEF**

*Au revoir, 23 N. Hazel St.*

Cedar's Lounge, the legendary rock 'n' roll bar, will host its final live performance — a jazz night with musicians Jeff Bremer and Donny Yallech — at 23 N. Hazel St. on Tuesday night, while its last day downtown will be Wednesday. It will reopen in about a month at its new location, the former County Maigh Eo bar at 706 Steel St. Like the North Hazel Street site, the bar's new location features an original tin ceiling, hardwood floors and an outdoor patio. In addition, Swing Night, which is typically hosted by Cedar's, will have a temporary new home. This week, Swing Night will be housed at the Calvin Center for the Arts, located at 755 Mahoning Ave. Swing dancing lessons will begin at 8 p.m. Thursday, while dancing will commence at 9 p.m.

**NEWS BRIEFS**

*Printmaking exhibit on display through mid-March*

The 2013 Mid America Print Council Juried Exhibition, which is on display at the McDonough Museum of Art and features a variety of printmaking techniques from artists across the country, will run through March 15. The Mid America Print Council, an educational organization, promotes awareness and appreciation of the art of making original prints, books, hand-made paper and drawings. The McDonough is located at 525 Wick Ave., and it is open from 11 a.m. to 4 p.m. Tuesdays through Saturdays. Call 330-941-1400 for more information.

*GRE prep courses planned for March*

During four consecutive Saturdays in March — March 9, 16, 23 and 30 — the Williamson College of Business Administration will offer non-credit review courses for the Graduate Record Exam, or the GRE. Each course consists of four, four-hour sessions, and sessions will be held in Room 2225 of Williamson Hall. The quantitative section will be offered from 8 a.m. to noon, while the verbal section will be offered from 1 to 5 p.m. Those interested can register for one or both of the sections. Each course is \$155, or \$255 for both; a GRE prep book is included in the cost of the course. To register, email Monique Bradford, coordinator of Master of Business Administration programs for the WCBA, at mbradford@ysu.edu. For more information, call 330-941-3069.

**POLICE BRIEFS**

*Smoking bacon activates alarm*

YSU Police reported to the University Courtyard Apartments in reference to the activation of a fire alarm around 3 p.m. on Jan. 20. An assistant told the officer that the smoke alarm had gone off in an apartment as its resident was cooking bacon on the stove. There was no fire, and the assistant had already silenced the alarm panel. The Youngstown Fire Department, which was on the scene, propped open a few doors to let the smoke out and fresh air in, according to the police report.

*Man drives through campus with BAC of .244 percent*

Around 2:30 a.m. on Jan. 20, YSU Police were notified that a small blue pickup truck was being driven recklessly around Wick Avenue and possibly through the campus core. University police officers noticed tire tracks in the grass near Tod Hall and a damaged tree that appeared to have been run over. YSU Police stopped the truck on University Plaza and immediately noticed the strong smell of alcohol coming from the driver, a 21-year-old man. In addition, he had slurred speech and bloodshot, glossy eyes. The man failed the field sobriety tests and was arrested, while his truck was inventoried and towed. At the police station, police determined that the man had a blood alcohol content of .244 percent; they issued him citations for operating a vehicle while impaired and failing to control his vehicle, along with a mandatory court date.

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because of his experience at YSU.

"My parents are paying my first four years of tuition. I haven't thought twice about it. I'm here to get the best grades I can while I'm enrolled," Baron said.

Baron maintains a 3.79 GPA and said he thinks a student's grades are a reflection of character, rather than a dollar amount.

"I think students will come into college and work as hard as they want to. It really has nothing to do with the parents at that point," Baron said.

Sharon Stringer, director of the YSU Office of Assessment, said she believes Hamilton's research was probable and that students will benefit by making contributions to their tuition bill.

"I also emphasize, as does the author, that there are other factors that could really influence success in college. So, one rule does not really apply to all," Stringer said.

Stringer noted that many factors contribute to student success, including passion, drive, resources, support networks and peer encouragement.

"These factors influence students in different way," Stringer said. "Some studies found students who had to work twice as hard or harder than others, in the long term, may exceed others who had more advantageous upbringings, because they knew that they could not take success for granted."

**DAY CARE PAGE 1**

are not being disruptive.

"Usually, it's never been a big problem," she said. "Sometimes it is fun to have the kids; it's like little future YSU students."

Gergits said English curriculum often includes inappropriate or adult language, and that the faculty doesn't base their coursework on the chance that children will be present.

"As long as it doesn't change what I teach," Gergits said. "We don't want to have to edit what we teach."

Shearle Furnish, dean of the College of Liberal Arts and Social Sciences, said the decision rests in the hands of the instructor teaching the class.

"It has been deemed that there is material of too much adulthood and sensitivity for a child to have regular attendance," Furnish said in reference to one particular incident.

Another option that students have is to utilize the on-campus day care. However, with unexpected school closings last week, the day care experienced an atypical rush.

The day care usually expects 24-hour notice, but Katie Handel, administrator of the Wee Care Day Care Center, said she understands that schools close at the last minute.

"On average, we had about 30 school-agers [on Wednesday]," she said. "Normally, there is maybe six school-agers after school from maybe 3 to 6 p.m."

Handel said the cost of day care depends on the child's age, days and hours attended, and whether the parent is a YSU student. Wee Care Day Care is located in Fedor Hall, and it is open from 5 a.m. to 11:30 p.m.

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Stop by one of our tables for information on financial aid for the 2013-2014 academic year. The priority deadline to complete the Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA) on the Web and the YSU Institutional Aid Application is February 15, 2013.

The following is a list of places, dates and times when staff from the Office of Financial Aid and Scholarships will be available to distribute forms and answer questions:

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Tuesday, January 29, 2013	10 a.m. - 3 p.m.
Wednesday, January 30, 2013	10 a.m. - 3 p.m.
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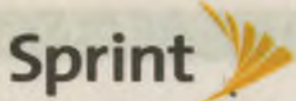
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got an opinion?

## Bloomberg gives \$350 million to Johns Hopkins

Scott Dance  
 THE BALTIMORE SUN  
 (MCT)

BALTIMORE — New York Mayor Michael R. Bloomberg is giving Johns Hopkins University \$350 million for student financial aid and research addressing "complex global challenges," bringing Bloomberg's support of the Baltimore institution to more than \$1.1 billion.

The gift will provide \$100 million over 10 years for an estimated 2,600 undergraduate scholarships. The remaining \$250 million will be invested \$50 million at a time over five years into endowments supporting 50 new faculty members

charged with interdisciplinary research and teaching.

Hopkins President Ronald J. Daniels called the gift "spectacular," and "transformative." University leaders presented Bloomberg with a vision for a more collaborative model of research addressing challenges like environmental sustainability and urban revitalization in June, and the business magnate and politician was receptive, Daniels said.

"Words can simply not capture the incredible debt of gratitude that we owe to Mike and the amazing sense of fortune that we have in being able to claim him not merely as a graduate but as a graduate who so clearly understands us and has given so much of his time, his pas-

sion and his philanthropy," Daniels said in an interview. "We're just incredibly fortunate."

Bloomberg's history of philanthropy to the university dates to 1965, when he pledged \$5 a year after graduating with a bachelor's degree in engineering. He made his first \$1 million gift in 1984, creating a professorship in the humanities. Since then, gifts have added his family name to the university's public health school, physics and astronomy center and newly opened children's hospital.

His gifts have totaled \$1.12 billion, something that university officials say makes him the only person to have ever given as much to a single U.S. institution of higher education.

The \$350 million gift is among the largest single donations ever made to a university worldwide, according to a list of major philanthropic gifts maintained by the Chronicle of Higher Education. It ties as 10th-largest among all gifts, and ties for fifth when not counting gifts made by foundations. Two other Bloomberg gifts to Hopkins appear on the list, which includes gifts of \$50 million or more.

Bloomberg's previous largest single gift was \$120 million to help build the university's \$1.1 billion hospital that opened last year. The hospital's children's center bears the name of his mother, Charlotte R. Bloomberg, who died in 2011.

# Long live the queens

**Marissa McIntyre**  
ARTS & ENTERTAINMENT  
EDITOR

The kings and queens came to Youngstown State University on Thursday clad in their royal attire, and the Chestnut Room in Kilcawley Center was packed, with nearly 230 attending the annual YSUnity Drag Show.

For YSUnity Vice President Tim Bortner, it's his third year attending the drag show, as well as his first organizing the event with YSUnity President Lisa Ronquillo.

"The point of the drag show first is for entertainment purposes, but also to serve an educational purpose," Ronquillo said.

Danyel Vasquez, a performer, has hosted the YSUnity drag show for three years. She typically performs six college shows a year.

"College shows are the most fun," Vasquez said. "It's a different atmosphere than a nightclub."

Vasquez's performance at the YSUnity Drag Show mixed dancing, lip-syncing and comedy. She has been doing drag shows for 17 years.

"Really, it's an outlet to be creative," she said, adding that she produces her own mixes for the music she dances to and decorates her own costumes.

Vasquez said she enjoyed the audience interaction during the show, and even brought Ranise Kindell, a YSU freshman, on the stage to help during the Q-and-A session.

"I love it. They're hilarious," Kindell said. "I was nervous at first, and then she made me sit on her lap. I'm having a lot of fun."

Denise Russell also performed. She said drag shows have fueled her creativity.

"Drag is interesting because you can build your character from the ground up," Russell said.

Next month, Russell will celebrate her 32nd year doing drag shows. She got her start while bartending in Warren, but what has set her apart over the years is her live singing.

"In the early years of drag, all they did was perform live," Russell said.

For drag king Jeremiah,



Danyel Vasquez, Jeremiah, Denise Russell and Kage Kraven perform at YSUnity's annual Drag Show for students on Thursday. Performers danced and sang to modern upbeat music, as well as old-school music. Photos by Marissa McIntyre/The Jambar.

performing is an escape from everyday life.

"Once you hit that center stage, it's a place to be who you want to be and have no second thoughts," he said.

Jeremiah has been performing for four years and said he enjoys dancing the most. He said his friends have been supportive of his passion, but that he's lost the support of his family.

Russell said she has also lost friends along the way, but

that her family is now supportive and has attended shows. She added that attending drag shows can be educational for students.

"People do have preconceived notions about it and about the gay culture," Russell said. "Open your mind. You're in college, and it's good to be exposed to as many things as possible."

Before intermission, attendees had the chance to ask questions of the performers.

"I'm positive our students

will remain respectful," Ronquillo said prior to the drag show.

Questions asked ranged from comedic — such as, "What's your favorite sex position?" — to serious, such as, "Is your chosen gender recognized on your birth certificate?"

The Q-and-A session allowed performers to both educate and entertain.

Bortner and Ronquillo said it's important to inform others about transgenders, because

they are humans with feelings and are trying to live like everyone else.

Three of the four performers are transgendered, including Vasquez.

"It has to be hard for her. I know it's not the most accepted lifestyle," Bortner said, adding that educating their peers is a driving force for YSUnity members.

Ronquillo said she is looking forward to next year's drag show, and hopes to make it bigger and better.

# An Oscar-winning experience

**Taylor Phillips**  
ARTS & ENTERTAINMENT REPORTER

Youngstown State University may be represented at the Academy Awards this year, if art major Kjerstyna Davis gets her way.

In November, mtvU, Seth MacFarlane and the Academy of Motion Picture Arts and Sciences conducted the Oscar Experience College Search.

The contest required students to make a 30-second video that described their hypothetical contributions to the film industry. The top six students will win the ultimate prize: They'll appear live on the Oscars telecast and deliver Oscar statues to celebrity presenters during the show.

Davis is currently in first place because of the large amount of video views she has received.

Starting out as an education major, Davis didn't start drawing until

last year. Her artwork received positive feedback from family, friends and even her adviser.

"After I showed [my adviser] my drawing, she immediately got on the phone with the art department and told them about the drawing I had shown her," Davis said. "She then advised me to change my major. She didn't realize how talented I was, and neither did I."

Since entering the contest this month, Davis has been self-promoting herself via Facebook and Twitter. She's garnered the majority of her views from Facebook friends, as well as from family and friends who've been sharing her links and spreading the word.

"The main idea of the

contest is to give college kids the opportunity of a lifetime and to get your name out there in the industry," Davis said. "This is a huge break for me because of the aspirations I have for my future."

In her video, Davis states that her intent is to "provide enjoyment in the hearts of children as they develop into adulthood, with aspirations of one day working for Pixar as an art director."

"I don't want to limit myself too much," she said. "That way, it allows me to be flexible with anything and have experience with different types of genres, but Pixar is definitely my dream."

Davis said she wouldn't be where she is today if it wasn't for Claudia Berlinski, her faculty adviser.

"KJ is incredibly enthusiastic and highly motivated as a student and artist," Berlinski said. "She is really driven

by her life goal to becoming a part of the Pixar animation team."

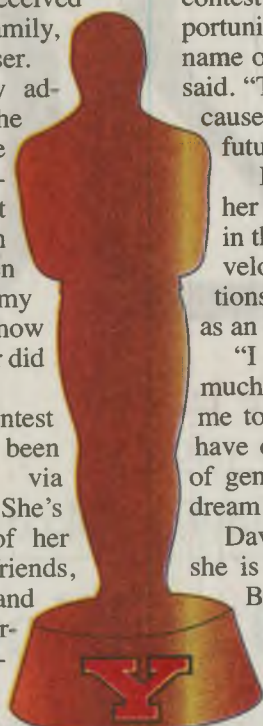
Berlinski added that Davis' attitude is refreshing and extremely motivated — so much so that it's often hard to keep up with her.

Besides the encouragement of her teachers, KJ also gets extra motivation from her boyfriend, Nick Csernick.

"One thing about KJ is she never lets anything get in her way," Csernick said. "Her passion for movies and her motivation makes her the perfect candidate for this contest. If there is one person that deserves this more than anyone, it is her."

Even if she doesn't win, Davis said she'll never stop striving for her dream of one day being in the film industry.

"It's a contest, and my hope is to win and start to get my career on the right path early," Davis said. "But if not, then I'll continue to work on my skills and keep networking and building my contacts."



GRAPHIC BY KEELEY BLACK/THE JAMBAR.

## YO CALENDAR

### TUESDAY

Free Tax Clinic  
Tuesday, 9 a.m.-4 p.m.  
YWCA

Yoga  
Tuesday, 9:30-11 a.m. and  
5:30-7 p.m.  
Mill Creek Park  
\$10 per class

Jones for Revival Jam Session  
Tuesday, 9:30 p.m.  
Lemon Grove

Ultimate Karaoke  
Tuesday, 10 p.m.  
Utopia

### WEDNESDAY

Dana School of Music Flute  
Studio  
Wednesday, 12:15 p.m.  
Butler Institute of American Art

Piloxing in the Park  
Wednesday, 6-7 p.m.  
Mill Creek Park  
Join Angela Lubonovich for  
a unique mix of boxing and  
Pilates. \$10 per session.

Harlem Globetrotters  
Wednesday, 7 p.m.  
Covelli Centre

Lemonaoko  
Wednesday, 10 p.m.  
Lemon Grove

### THURSDAY

Study Abroad Info Table  
Thursday, 12:30 p.m.  
WCBA Atrium

Happy Hour  
Thursday, 3-7 p.m.  
Vintage Estate Wine & Beer

Wine Tasting  
Thursday, 6-8 p.m.  
WineStyles

DJ Kid Dynamite  
Thursday, 9 p.m.  
Lanai Lounge

Karaoke with DJ Pat Tucci  
Thursday, 9 p.m.  
Georgia City Lights

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Corrupt politicians can pull the wool over our eyes no longer, for the meekest among us have become our heroes.

Guy Fawkes masks shield their true identities while they reveal the true faces of our elected leaders.

In the past few months, Anonymous has gained global attention for its reveal of Steubenville's cover-up in the football team's rape case, coordinated efforts to repudiate the Westboro Baptist Church and retaliation of Aaron Swartz's untimely suicide.

Anonymous gave the man the finger and turned the U.S. Sentencing Commission's website into a playable game of asteroids.

A society's growing dependence on technology will lead only to more cyber attacks. The next world war will be fought, largely in part, with computers.

Our allegiance should fall with those who have repeatedly exhibited a pattern of trust, character and responsibility.

For too long, our government has been devoid of those traits.

The Occupy movement in 2011 caused a stir among the more ardent staffers in The Jambar office. While views still differ on the impact it had, we now undeniably support Anonymous.

In the imaginations of its supporters, Anonymous is a real-life superhero, seeking no reward. Its only mission is to foil the plans of wrongdoers.

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## YOUNG CITY

BY PARIS CHRISOPOULOS



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## Women gain ground in U.S. military



David Roberts  
COLUMNIST

On Wednesday, Defense Secretary Leon Panetta made a groundbreaking change: He approved a lift on the ban that prevented women from serving in combat roles for the U.S. military, thus reversing the 1994 Pentagon decision.

Of course, this is not to say that women haven't been in combat, as more than 20,000 women have served in Iraq and Afghanistan. As of last year, more than 800 women had been wounded in those two countries, according to The New York Times.

So, what makes this policy change so exceptional? For one, it officially opens up thousands of military jobs to women. This comes as somewhat of a surprise to certain members of the White House, but the policy apparently has bipartisan support — which means that no one in Congress should have reason to try to block the new military personnel policy.

Many greeted the policy change with open arms, saying it was about time to stop such gender discrimination. Not only was it seen as a good move from a societal standpoint, but it also allows the U.S. military to now field the best of the best in these positions — and not just search for the best male candidate.

The Pentagon is allowing the branches of the military until January 2016 to initiate the changes. Gen. Martin Dempsey, chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff, noted in a letter that this action ensures women "are given the opportunity to succeed." The pathway to career advancement in the military very often starts with infantry, and since women have not been allowed to enter the ranks, it has been seen as a career-stopper.

It appears that a great deal of support from both sides of the political spectrum exists for this new measure. U.S. Sen. Kelly Ayotte, a Republican from New Hampshire, confirmed she was in favor of the policy change as it "reflects the increasing role that female service members play in securing our country." Likewise, U.S. Sen. Kirsten Gillibrand, a Democrat from New York, heralded the change, calling it "a proud day for our country" as it recognizes "the brave women who are already fighting and dying."

Meanwhile, some are apprehensive about the change. Jerry Boykin, a retired three-star general, appeared leery about the policy, and in particular about women's participation in the U.S. Army Special Forces, where "living conditions are primal in many situations, with no privacy for personal hygiene or normal functions."

Regardless of what apprehension that detractors may have,

it appears this policy will go through and be fully implemented by the U.S. military by January 2016. Overall, this is a good move. Women have been fighting for equality for the better part of the last century, and this is a huge step. It's really saying that a woman can do anything a man can do.

The argument made that women may not be able to handle the rigors of certain military positions is frankly lacking. Sure, maybe certain situations require sacrifices, and there may indeed be a moment where these women will be in peril, but that is the nature of life in the military.

I am quite certain that when women enlist in the military, they are aware of the risks that may present themselves during their service. Once more, for the women who are appointed into special positions, such as the U.S. Army Special Forces, they are there because officials feel they are fit for the duty. I'm sure these women clearly understand all the risks that the position may entail.

In the end, I do not think anybody should be able to take away these opportunities from women just because they may be seen as more fragile. In all all honesty, that is an outdated view. What it comes down to is that all willing and able Americans should be allowed to protect America and be all that they can be — regardless of gender.

## United States should lead on climate change

The Kansas City Star  
(MCT)

President Barack Obama called on Americans last week to renew the battle against climate change.

This line from his inaugural address garnered deserved attention: "We will respond to the threat of climate change, knowing that the failure to do so would betray our children and future generations."

But pause the tape right there. First, Obama in his four years as president already has taken several actions aimed at reducing carbon emissions, primarily through increased fuel efficiency rules for vehicles.

So the president hasn't exactly been missing in action on this issue, although he did suffer a big failure in 2009 when Congress killed a loophole-filled bill designed to reduce greenhouse gas emissions.

Second, and looking forward, Obama's mention of climate change — while a stirring call to action, saying we can do better than we are right now because the stakes are so high — offered no more details into how that happens.

It's more of the same positive message he's been preaching for years.

For example, he wants to promote investments in wind power, which means it's good the wind

energy tax credit was extended for 2013.

But bumping up wind production — or the use of other renewables — won't do much to quickly and dramatically reduce the harmful manmade emissions that help cause global warming and contribute to climate change.

The key — as environmental organizations, politicians and fossil fuel industries well know — is taking direct actions to cut into those emissions.

It can be done many ways. Some utilities, such as Kansas City Power & Light, are going at the problem with a multi-pronged approach.

The utility has installed equipment to slash emissions, has invested in wind power in Kansas and has promoted a few conservation programs.

But KCP&L, along with all other coal-powered utilities across the nation, will have to carefully watch how quickly and how strictly the nation's clean air laws are enforced in the coming months by the Obama administration.

That's because one of the best ways to reduce the emissions is to further ratchet down the limits on how much can be spewed into the air by power plants.

Obama faces a number of pivotal decisions in dealing with climate change.

Americans now will be focused on his State of the Union

speech in mid-February, to see what kinds of policy changes and funding goals he might propose.

He tried and bombed on promoting a cap-and-trade measure in 2009.

The bill was designed to make businesses buy and sell permits to meet an overall goal of fewer emissions. But this complicated approach is too lenient on polluters and would take too long to work. Congress rejected it.

Instead, The Kansas City Star and some environmental groups favor imposition of a carbon tax or fee on fossil fuels, designed to encourage coal-fired plant operators to install more modern equipment.

But plenty of supporters — including some in the conservative ranks — say a carbon charge has a chance of being approved only if it's revenue neutral. One of the proposed ideas is to return the funds raised by the tax or fee to Americans through reduced payroll taxes. It's an interesting idea to pursue if Obama goes for a carbon tax approach.

Finally, Obama will have to be more creative in working with the rest of the globe, especially the fast-growing countries of India and China, to trim their manmade emissions.

Climate change is a worldwide problem begging for worldwide solutions. Still, America should take the lead to change in that direction.

## Hockey club fights for playoffs



The Youngstown State University hockey club, after starting 2-20, has won three of its last five games. Photo courtesy of the YSU hockey club.

**Benjamin Orr**  
REPORTER

When the season began back in September, Youngstown State University's hockey club started off bruised and battered by losses and injuries. However, club members aren't giving up just yet.

"In the first semester, we had a whole line ineligible and out with injuries," said co-captain Dan Jech. "On a roster of 15 to 20 guys, the other players run out of gas, and that's just what happened."

The Penguins sit at 2-20-1, but they've gone 2-3 since January began. Even so, Dan Jech said the hockey club still has a shot at the playoffs.

Dan Jech said he's holding out hope for the second semester, even though the reserve players were "physically unable to keep up."

"The team's lost a few close games lately, so the second semester will definitely be better with having everyone back," he said.

Nick Wolf, the other co-captain, said despite the up and down season, club members are still on track.

"The whole team just enjoys hockey and playing together," Wolf said. "We're

sort of a close group of friends."

Wolf said that camaraderie and hard work have helped the club's members move toward their goal.

"The starting lines are starting to gel together," Wolf said. "We're just scoring more goals than what we did in the first semester."

The team's top four scorers are seniors, so head coach Ron Jech said he's relying on recruiting to keep the team alive for next year.

"We've gotten some recruits who play locally, but I'm hoping we can find recruits at a higher level," he said. "We need more people on a full roster."

Ron Jech said the support of YSU students would go a long way toward the team's making the playoffs.

"We need an earlier start time for our games. Typically, they started at 7:30, but now not until 9:30," he said. "A machine at the ice rink broke down, which causes the later start times. Students don't like the later games because nothing is open when the game is over."

Regardless of who shows up, the YSU hockey club will still be out on the ice, fighting until the end.

"Our guys are competitive even if they're losing," Ron Jech said. "We still have a long way to go."

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before his speech.

Herren's story has been well documented. Teaming with ESPN Films, Herren and director Jonathan Hock released the documentary "Unguarded" as part of ESPN's 30 for 30 series. The film was nominated for two Emmys — Outstanding Sports Documentary and Outstanding Editing.

"In my wildest dreams, I never would have thought ['Unguarded'] would turn into this," Herren said of his speaking opportunities. "I see a need for kids across the country struggling with self-esteem, substance abuse issues and self-harm."

In other words, the same issues that plagued Herren.

While drinking and smoking throughout high school, Herren finished his Durfee High School career with 2,073 points. He then accepted a scholarship to play at Boston College.

But his time with the Eagles was brief. After breaking his wrist in his first game, eventually was eventually kicked off the team and out of the university when he failed multiple drug tests.

He received a second chance at Fresno State University, where he played successfully from 1996 to 1999. Still, he failed another drug test during that time.

And while he was drafted by the Denver Nuggets in 1999 and also played briefly for the Celtics, his drug addiction only got worse after he left FSU.

Traveling among Italy, Poland, Turkey, China and Iran to continue his professional basketball career, Herren's addiction became more severe as the years went on.

He eventually hit rock bottom, spending all of his career earnings on drugs, including OxyContin, Vicodin, Percocet, heroin and crystal meth.

But through intensive rehabilitation programs, Herren has been sober since Aug. 1, 2008.

"My basketball career is not something I look at with regret," Herren said. "I used to when I was getting high, but today I see it as a blessing. It gave me the opportunity to do this."

When asked at the press conference, Herren shared his knowledge of the city of Youngstown.

"'Boom Boom' Mancini, Kelly Pavlik, the Stoops brothers," he joked.

But he also said he knows something else about Youngstown, which he admitted is similar to his hometown.

"It's a hard-working, blue-collar



Chris Herren embraces an audience member in the Chestnut Room in Kilcawley Center on Sunday. Herren, a former NBA player, recounted his past drug addiction in front of more than 300 people. Photo by Joe Catullo Jr./The Jambar.

town," he said. "I grew up in Fall Rivers, a textile town, which also lost its economy. ... I guess you can say I have a soft spot for blue-collar towns."

So, while Herren was glad to help a city like his, Youngstown and YSU was appreciative to have him.

"To be honest with you, you're grateful that he does this stuff and he shares his story," said Ron Strollo, YSU executive director of athletics. "Like he said, if he affects just a couple people in this room, it's well worth the time."

Kendrick Perry, a member of the men's basketball team at YSU, agreed.

"There's just a lot you can take from it," Perry said. "He's been through a lot as a person, and I just think there's a lot to take to help you in your life. There are a

lot of things that athletes go through that you may not realize."

Herren knowing this, much of his message was directed at the importance of the athletes' decision making.

"I just thought as he was speaking to the athletes and directing some of his statements at us, it was interesting," YSU quarterback Kurt Hess said. "It's hard. You really have to stay focused and have your teammates there with you to achieve your goals."

Women's basketball player Brandi Brown said Herren's overall message was clear.

"Just the importance of choices. Every choice we make now really affects our future," she said. "It was just an awesome, awesome story."

### SPORTS BRIEFS

#### Belin selected as HL Newcomer of the Week

Kamren Belin, a junior from Atlanta, was named the Horizon League Newcomer of the Week on Monday. On Saturday, Belin accumulated a career-high 24 points against Cleveland State University, and also contributed five rebounds and three steals. Belin is averaging 12.1 points per game against HL opponents; over the last three games, he has averaged 18.3 points per game.

#### Women's basketball beats Loyola, improves to 13-5

On Saturday, the women's basketball team triumphed over Loyola University Chicago, 75-38, at Beeghly Center. Brandi Brown, a senior, scored 24 points and became YSU's record holder for most free throws (375). Brown also recorded her 13th double-double of the season with 16 rebounds. In addition, Monica Touvelle contributed 12 points and Heidi Schlegel added 10 points, while Shar'Rae Davis and Liz Hornberger scored nine and eight points, respectively. The Penguins improved to 13-5 overall and 3-2 in the Horizon League; the Ramblers dropped to 6-12 overall and 1-4 in the HL. The women's basketball team will next visit the University of Illinois at Chicago on Thursday; tipoff is set for 8 p.m.

#### Penguins fall in spring opener

In Saturday's spring opener, the YSU women's tennis team lost to the University of Toledo, 5-2, at the Shadow Valley Tennis Club in Toledo. Both Lauren Hankle and Marta Burak accumulated wins for YSU. The Penguins will compete at Bowling Green this weekend.

#### YSU drops dual meet in Green Bay

During the meet at Dorschel Natatorium in Green Bay, Wis., on Saturday, Ashley Dow, a sophomore, won both backstroke events, while Bec Stafford, a freshman, won both dives. In the meet, the University of Wisconsin-Green Bay emerged as the victor, 175-123. Over the weekend, YSU will host Bowling Green State University.

### PENGUIN SPOTLIGHT



**Melissa Thompson**

Year: Junior  
Height: 5'8"  
Hometown: Solon  
Position: Guard

In YSU's 75-38 thrashing of Loyola University Chicago, Melissa Thompson, a management major in her fourth season with the Penguins, played 34 minutes off the bench, scoring seven points with six boards, five assists, a steal and two blocked shots. The Solon native has averaged 3.9 points per contest this season, shooting 75 percent from the charity stripe.