

The Jambar

The student voice of Youngstown State University since 1931

IN THIS ISSUE

'Fun with opera' to hit area schools

PAGE 6

YSU students walk for choice

PAGE 2

Penguins break nine school records

PAGE 8



Phil Kidd, a member of the Wick Park Neighborhood Association, volunteered in an effort to clean up the city's North Side. Kidd was among the 60 volunteers that included students, fraternities, sororities and the Student Government Association. Photo by Joe Giesy/The Jambar.

YSU students help clean up Wick Park

Jenna Medina
REPORTER

Residents of the Wick Park neighborhood woke up Saturday morning after two days of heavy snowfall to completely white, impassable sidewalks.

By Saturday afternoon, 60 volunteers armed with nothing but shovels and a will to fight back against the winter's wrath cleared a path along the Elm Street sidewalks so churchgoers would not have to worry Sunday morning.

"This is a way to make the neigh-

borhood a little safer for people going to church tomorrow or for people taking walks," said Vice President of University Affairs Gary Davenport, who organized the events.

Davenport garnered support for the event with help from the Wick Park Neighborhood Association, the Student Government Association and Youngstown State University students through word of mouth, e-mail and Facebook.

"This is a good project to help clean up the community. It's nice to see people working together. Too bad it snowed. We could have done the litter pickup," said YSU sophomore Nick

White.

A litter pick up around the Wick Park neighborhood was originally scheduled. Due to the inclement weather, the litter pickup had to be canceled.

"Today, the appropriate response was shoveling snow since there has been so much of it lately," Davenport said.

The shoveling of sidewalks started at the First Unitarian Universalist Church and continued down the block, clearing sidewalks, walkways and parking lots for church services held the following morning.

Rev. Matt Alspaugh of the First Unitarian Universalist Church was grateful

for all the support and people shoveling Saturday morning.

"This is such slick stuff that I worry about some of the elder folks here getting out and being safe," Alspaugh said.

YSU students, Greek Life members, members of the Wick Park Neighborhood Association and members of the churches were all present, bundled up in hats and gloves.

"This is the first Wick Park clean-up of the year. It's a way to show the neighborhood how many students live here. There are so many people that

WICK PARK PAGE 4

YSU Health Services offers free HIV test

Kevin Alquist
REPORTER

Once a month, Youngstown State University Student Health Services offers free HIV tests as a preventative measure and a way to provide awareness about the disease.

Any student who wishes to be tested can create an appointment on campus during the monthly HIV testing day. Students can also set up a personal appointment with the Meridian Community Care center located on Meridian Road in Youngstown.

James Bryant Jr., an infectious disease outreach worker for Meridian Community Care, works directly with YSU students during the monthly tests. The saliva test consists of a simple swab of the patient's gums. This type of test is called the "rapid test."

Before a student is tested, he or she must qualify by taking a pre-test, which clarifies that he or she has not used intravenous drugs and has not had unprotected sex within 30 days prior to the rapid test. With a traditional blood test, the same rules apply but over a 90-day period. Traditional



(BACKGROUND) Christa Shavers, 17, reacts after swabbing her mouth as part of testing for HIV and sexually transmitted diseases in January 2008, at a testing clinic for teenagers. Officials say many health care providers do not follow the government recommended practice of starting HIV testing at age 13. (Candice C. Cusic/Chicago Tribune/MCT) (INSET) USC graduate student Kevin Haworth uses protective clothing and special air ventilation as he selects vials of HIV-1 for testing as he works toward a cure for HIV at a medical research lab on the USC Medical School campus in Los Angeles, July 13.

tests are not done at YSU Health Services.

The patient being tested can apply for either an anonymous test or a confidential test. Bryant said he recommends to all students he tests to take the confidential test,

which makes it easier for a patient who tests positive to get his or her information to helpful services like counseling and further medical treatment.

"When a student takes an any-

AIDS PAGE 3

Kasich appoints new chancellor

Joe Giesy & Andrea DeMart
THE JAMBAR

A former attorney general has been selected by the governor to take the lead in higher education in Ohio.

Gov. John Kasich appointed James M. Petro to lead the University System of Ohio as chancellor of the Ohio Board of Regents as of March 13.

Petro worked as the Ohio auditor of state from 1995 to 2002 and Ohio attorney general from 2003 to 2006. Before his appointment as attorney general, Petro worked for Roetzel & Address, a law firm in Columbus.

Petro said higher education is our most important route to economic growth.

"He'll be an extraordinary leader in that field because he's had a great deal of experience with state government," said Harry Meshel, a former Ohio state senator and current Youngstown State University trustee. "He's familiar with the university system, [and] served as statewide office holder, so he's a trooper who can deliver."

YSU Board of Trustees Chairman Scott Schulich agreed with Meshel.

"I think the appointment is a good choice," Schulich said. "He has good experience and knows Ohio and the government and people well."

Schulich added that Petro will bring his own perspective to the position but does not think there will be "sweeping" changes.

CHANCELLOR PAGE 3

Defend yourself: Students learn art of self-defense

Caitlin Fitch
REPORTER

On Saturday, nine members of the Delta Zeta, Kappa Chi chapter sorority at Youngstown State University learned tools and techniques that will come in handy if they are unexpectedly attacked on the mean streets of life.

Miranda Ransom, Kirsten Kuffel, Cecelia Haren, Caitlin Leonard, Dina Pelly, Hunter Foutz, Elizabeth Sabella, Kylie Westfall and Kayla Schindler spent three hours of their afternoon on the second floor of Cushwa Hall. The sorority members learned self-defense techniques, such as how to escape and protect themselves from attack, from two of the YSU Police Department's trained officers.

Officers Doug Pusateri and Donald Cox teach the class that offers hands-on training for real-life situations.

Pusateri, who has been teaching self-defense for four years, said it is important for people to know how to defend themselves in today's environment.

"If you look at the environment that we're in today, there

are a lot more attacks. People have less respect for other people's rights," Pusateri said. "Statistically, a person who fights back is less likely to get robbed or raped, more likely to get hurt."

Pusateri said a lot of interest in the self-defense classes generated from a leadership conference earlier this year where he and his colleague showed the techniques of self-defense to students.

"This is a free class that is available upon request for any group of YSU faculty, student or staff member that the YSU PD offers," Pusateri said.

Cox, a YSU Police Department officer and ex-marine who has been teaching the class for a year and is certified by the state of Ohio as an unarmed self-defense trainer, said he enjoys teaching students and faculty the art of defense.

"When it comes to the self-defense, we teach the students and staff. I care about everybody and don't want to see anyone get hurt. I love the fact that we're giving them the tools that they can use in case they need them," Cox said.

Ransom, a senior, is the president of the Delta Zeta chapter at YSU. She said her favorite part of the class was

the hands-on experience.

"That's when you use the techniques in full and see how they work and are portrayed in real life," Ransom said.

She added that out of the 19 girls who are in the sorority, nine were there.

"One of the main reasons we wanted to do the class is because a lot of our girls are on campus late at night, and with recent events on campus, even though we had the class booked before that, it just gave us even more reason why we should have our girls participate in a class like this," Ransom said.

Haren, a sophomore, said she thinks self-defense is an important skill everyone



Members of the Delta Zeta, Kappa Chi sorority of YSU practice how to defend themselves against the possibility of random attacks. Photo by Caitlin Fitch/The Jambar.

should have.

"I just think it's important especially for females to know how to defend themselves in all situations," Haren said. "I hope to get some basic skills to protect myself, so that if I was ever in a situation where I needed to escape or defend myself or others, I could."

Leonard, a sophomore, said she learned a lot at the class and would recommend the

class to others.

"I learned a lot: hand techniques, a sheet of what you can do at home, hands-on activities where we learned how to get out of certain positions," Leonard said. "Youngstown's scary sometimes, and so is everywhere else. It's just, you never know what's going to happen, and you need to have something like this just in case."

YSU students walk for choice

Patrick Donovan
REPORTER

On Saturday, students from Youngstown State University joined protesters in cities across the U.S. for International Walk for Choice Day.

The students protested in response to a number of bills introduced to Congress, which could cut the funding of the \$317 million Title X federal aid program. The program, among other things, funds organizations such as Planned Parenthood, the nation's largest family planning organization.

Students met at the Unitarian Church on Elm Street on Saturday morning, passed out signs and walked through YSU's campus and downtown to the Mahoning County Courthouse, where they brandished their signs to passing cars and chanted "Right to Choose" slogans.

YSU senior Molly Toth organized the walk with the help of Sarah Lowry, a YSU graduate student.

"I organized the Youngstown Walk for Choice because I feel quite strongly that women deserve better, and to raise awareness about what is happening in America and how it threatens not only women, but men and children, as well," Toth said.

Students, members of the Student Government Association, representatives from YSU and a group of student



American Studies graduate student Sarah Lowry, left, and anthropology senior Molly Toth, right, participated in the International Walk for Choice Day in protest of bills introduced into Congress, which could cut funding for organizations such as Planned Parenthood. Photo by Andrew Smith/The Jambar.

representatives from Allegheny College's Reproductive Health Coalition joined Toth in the protest.

"We had around 45 people involved in Walk for Choice. I was truly touched and moved by the tremendous show of support. The response to this event was overwhelming, and I am extremely proud of those who walked," Toth said.

Title X is a program that provides funding for family planning for millions of Americans and has been around since 1970. It is the only program that works solely to provide family planning with access to things like contraceptives, HIV and STD testing and treatment, cervical cancer exams, breast cancer exams, pregnancy tests, sexual health,

and lesbian, gay, bisexual, transsexual, questioning, intersex, and asexual counseling.

"The number one misconception I've encountered is that so many people think of Planned Parenthood only as an abortion provider, when in reality less than 10 percent of their clientele make use of that service," Toth said.

The issues that were central to the Walk for Choice will continue to be in the spotlight for months to come as many bills like Title X face scrutiny in the House of Representatives and in the Senate. Toth also an organizer of Women's History Month, urges students at YSU to stay involved.

Students face parking shift as M-2 renovation date nears

John Cutlip
REPORTER

Youngstown State University students who normally park in the M-2 deck on Lincoln Avenue will be forced to find parking elsewhere this spring during deck repairs.

Starting around April 18 and lasting until the end of the semester on May 18, students will be given the option to park at the Covelli Centre downtown and be taken to campus by buses, said Director of Support Services Danny O'Connell. He said dates were tentative but that he was "99 percent sure."

"The deck will remain closed in the summer, but we won't be needing the [Covelli] Centre," O'Connell said.

A Twitter account will be used to keep students updated on the parking situation, he said, including when the other decks and lots are full.

O'Connell was reluctant to release details too early, but he did disclose that six shuttles from a contracted company will operate on a route where much of the college campus can be accessed in a timely manner.

"We will start out with six buses and adjust from there," he said. "We may also use an additional company [for more buses], but based on our car counts, I think the six buses will be enough."

The buses will leave from the Covelli Centre and travel up Wick Avenue. The buses will then loop around through Lincoln and Rayen avenues before returning to Wick Avenue and back to the Covelli Centre to pick up more passengers.

The Penguin Shuttle, an on-campus busing system, will continue to run its normal route, O'Connell said.

The M-2 deck has recently been plagued with troubles. Students and faculty have complained of falling debris and chunked-out pathways inside the structure for the past few years, and plans were finalized last year to fix it.

In September, O'Connell and Richard White, associate director of Planning and Construction, said the entire deck would be refurbished in extensive renovations that would involve adding new concrete and designing the deck to "look the same but serve the students better."

That same month, two YSU instructors discovered a five-pound chunk of concrete in the deck, and in December another piece fell on a student's car, resulting in \$10,000 in damages.



TheJambar.com

advertise with the jambar
call us at: (330) 941-1990

NEWS BRIEFS

'Fast Food Nation' author visits Youngstown

Eric Schlosser, investigative journalist and author of "Fast Food Nation," will make an appearance in Youngstown as a part of the YSU Skeggs Lecture Series. The event will be held at 7:30 p.m. on Wednesday at Edward W. Powers Auditorium. Although the event is free and open to the public, tickets must be shown at the door. Tickets are available at the Information and PC Lab in Kilcawley Center.

FBI agent presents career information

The YSU Office of Career and Counseling Services will hold an informational session for those interested in FBI-related career fields. The event will be held Tuesday in the Williamson College of Business and Administration auditorium at 4 p.m. At this event, an FBI special agent will inform students about the field and different career areas. For more information, contact Christina Hardy, career planning coordinator, at 330-941-3514.

OHS, YSU partner to discuss medical advancements in Civil War

The YSU History Department, the Mahoning Valley Historical Society and the Rose Melnick Medical Museum will host a discussion about medical advancements developed during the Civil War on March 23. Peter D'Onofrio, president of the Society of Civil War Surgeons, will speak on the impact of medical developments from the Civil War era. The event, held at 6:30 p.m., will be free and open to the public.

POLICE BRIEFS

CO2 detector malfunctions in Flats at Wick room

On Tuesday, a YSU Police officer reported to the Flats at Wick in response to a carbon monoxide detector going off in a residence. The Youngstown Fire Department thoroughly checked the entire room with a hand held carbon monoxide detector. The room read negative for carbon monoxide. It was determined that the carbon monoxide detector likely malfunctioned. The wall unit detector was reset.

Snowman-building snowballs into arrest

On Thursday, a YSU Police officer on campus patrol saw two individuals rolling snowballs near Beeghly Hall. The male said they were building a snowman while waiting for the bus, and that they were not YSU students or affiliated with YSU. The officer said they could not loiter or build snowmen on YSU property. Although they were asked for identification, the individuals did not have any with them. However, the individuals provided the officer with their information, which he ran through YSU Dispatch. The female had an active warrant out of Newton Falls for a probation violation. This was confirmed with Newton Falls Police Department, and the officer told the female that she was under arrest. She was placed in handcuffs and told to sit in the back of the cruiser. A female officer from the Youngstown Police Department patted down the female and discovered a gold plated "butterfly" knife. Both individuals were issued a written trespass warning, and the female was turned over to the Newton Falls Police Department.

CLASSIFIEDS

HOUSING

LICENSED AND INSPECTED. BIG HOUSES, SMALL PRICES

Chris has nice 2-4-bedroom apartments and 4-bedroom homes available for your group. Includes all utilities, appliances, ADT, plus cable & internet. From \$395.00 per person. Call Chris to arrange your tour 330-743-7368.

1 bedroom in a 2 bedroom apartment is available immediately for subleasing. The remainder of lease agreement to end July 31, 2011. Please call 724-944-5616 for more information.

6 BEDROOM HOUSE FOR RENT

Multiple kitchens, all appliances including washer & dryer. Secure parking, minutes from campus. Contact 330-518-4382

OTHER

Looking for PT Web Design work at Partymax. Some experience required with E-Commerce and Website design work. If interested, email resumes to David@partymax.com or phone 330-726-7629 EOE

CHANCELLOR PAGE 1

higher education in the state of Ohio," Schulick said.

Meshel said he hopes Petro will visit each university in the state to "get a current view of how things stand and what the current problems might be."

"I think he'll be as respectful of YSU as any of the other universities," Meshel said.

Petro was preceded by Eric D. Fingerhut, who was appointed by former Gov. Ted Strickland.

AIDS PAGE 1

mous test, they provide us with no name or phone number," Bryant said. "That makes it difficult for us to get help for anyone who tests positive."

Any information gathered on a patient, whether positive or negative, will go to the state to be filed into the health records.

Bryant insisted on the importance of the pre-test taken by all potential test takers. The pre-test includes questions and background information to see if a per-

son is at risk of harming himself or herself if the test results are positive. Often patients are weary of finding out the results of their test, which is something Bryant recognized as a problem with the traditional testing because patients would not come back to receive their results out of fear.

"The benefit of the swab testing that takes place on campus is that more people receive their test results because they don't have time to think about backing out

of seeing their results," Bryant said.

Bryant and his team also host Safer Sex Week at YSU annually in the fall semester. At this event, Meridian Community Care spreads awareness of sexually transmitted diseases by passing out items such as literature, condoms for males and females, condom cases and lubrication. He is also involved with sorority awareness events that promote safe sex and STD awareness.

Excellence in Journalism since 1931

Jambar

FOR BREAKING NEWS! AND UPDATES visit us online www.thejambar.com

advertise with the jambar call us at: (330) 941-1990

University Theater presents **The Crucible** by Arthur Miller

February 24, 25, 26, March 4, 5, 7:30 PM
February 27, March 6, 3:00 PM
Ford Theater, Bliss Hall
YSU students FREE!!!

Reservations call 330-941-3105

Youngstown STATE UNIVERSITY

Send letters to: thejambar@gmail.com

got an opinion?

Saving Lives Is A Good Thing, It Makes You Feel Good Too.



Plasma Donors Needed Now...

Please help us help those coping with rare, chronic, genetic diseases.

New donors can receive \$25 today and \$75 this week!

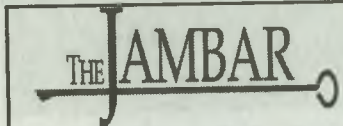
Ask about our Specialty Programs!

Must be 18 years or older, have valid I.D. along with proof of SS# and local residency.

Walk-ins Welcome.



444 Martin Luther King Blvd.
Youngstown, OH 44502
330-743-1317



WICK PARK PAGE 1

teach, work and attend classes at the university that live on the North Side, but I'm not sure if everyone is aware of that. There's a border between 'campus' and 'not-campus' that doesn't really exist," Davenport said.

The university supplied shovels, and some volunteers brought their own. The Lemon Grove Cafe offered coffee, and White House Fruit Farm provided doughnuts for the volunteers.

"I think it's what everyone should do. We're all a community, and we should be here to help each other," said Jo Jim Rogers, a graduate of YSU and member of the First Unitarian Universalist Church.

Chris McNeal, president of Iota Phi Theta and resident of the neighborhood, said if he was not at the shoveling event, he would just be sleeping, so he likes to be out in the community representing his fraternity.

"We let people know that

we can make a difference and help people out who can't help themselves," McNeal said.

The Greek Life organizations that participated were Alpha Kappa Mu, Alpha Omega Pi, Tau Kappa Epsilon, Sigma Chi, Zeta Tau Delta, Sigma Tau Gamma and Iota Phi Theta.

"It's a great way to help out the community. It beats just sleeping in on a Saturday morning. It helps someone else rather than being lazy. I don't work so I have to be productive in some type of way," said Tau Kappa Epsilon member James Tuck.

Other people who showed up include IEEE, Model UN, Roots & Shoots, and members of the community.

"Everyone thought it was a great idea. It wasn't hard to convince people to come and do this," Davenport said.

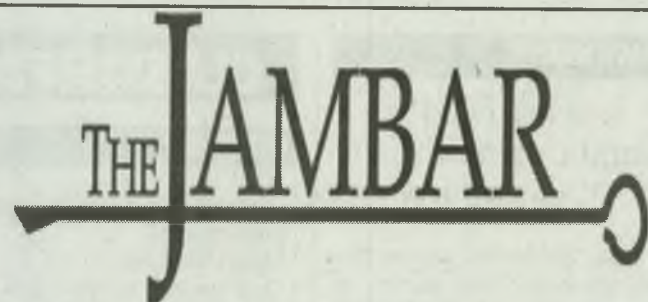
Davenport plans to continue Wick Park cleanup events in the future with a litter pickup during more opportune weather conditions.

"This was a really good day; it's the first of its kind I think for the neighborhood group and for the YSU student body," said Phil Kidd, member of the Wick Park Neighborhood Association and creator of the Defend Youngstown blog.

Kidd said that for the first year of the Wick Park Neighborhood Association, they focused on recruiting members, boarding up vacant properties and raising more than \$500 to make changes in the neighborhood. Over the past year, the organization's main focus was reaching out to the YSU student body, which took a great interest.

"With all these pieces and all these different people that are living in this neighborhood, our group is trying to work to bring it all together," Kidd said.

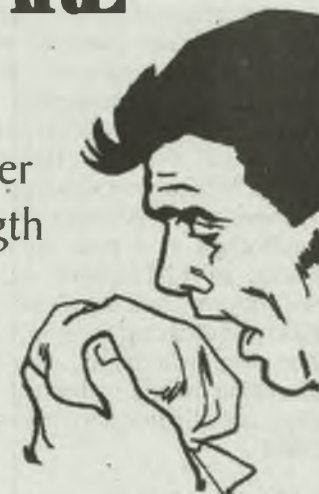
Kidd urges anyone who is interested in getting involved to check out the group's website at <http://wickpark.org>.



Pass the Word... Not your Germs!

Now Available at the
Kilcawley Candy Counter
HEALTH CARE
in individual doses:

- Advil, Aleve, & Bayer
- Tylenol Extra Strength
- Excedrin
- Pepto (2 dose pk)
- DayQuil Caps
- Throat Lozenges
- Allergy and Sinus Caps
- Cough Drops and Kleenex
- Rolaids and Tums
- Chapstick
- Hand Sanitizer



Kilcawley Candy Counter
www.kc.ysu.edu

WHAT DO YOU THINK?

SEND US AN E-MAIL

THEJAMBAR@GMAIL.COM

Send letters to:
thejambar@gmail.com

GOT AN OPINION?

TheJambar.com



Homemade Chicken Dinners

Every Wednesday
\$6.50

Chicken, tossed salad, mashed potatoes, gravy & pie!
Take out available

St. John's Episcopal Church

11:30 a.m. - 1:00 p.m.
323 Wick Ave. - Youngstown
330-743-3175
(across Wick from YSU's Jones Hall)

Looking for the Best Student Job on Campus?

Are you looking for real experience to help land that real job?

Then look at *The Jambar*! Applications are now being accepted for the upcoming 2011-2012 academic year [August-May] student positions. All positions receive a paid stipend. Applicants will be interviewed by the Student Media Committee in mid-April.

Who should apply?

To apply for a paid position you must:

- (1) be enrolled in YSU's spring 2011 semester.
- (2) be in good standing.
- (3) and you must have completed course **ENG #2622 News Reporting** or be currently enrolled in ENG #2622.

Applications Now Being Accepted

If you do not meet all three of these requirements you will not be considered for a PAID Jambar position; however please do e-mail the *Jambar* for VOLUNTEER staffing opportunities at thejambar@gmail.com.

■ *Jambar* editor and manager positions also require the successful completion of initial journalism and/or professional writing and editing courses. A copy editing test is required and will be given prior to your interview date. If hired in a manager/editor position, you must be a full time student during the fall/spring semesters you are employed with the *Jambar*

■ Advertising and sales positions require an outgoing personality, phone skills, and reliable transportation. Completion of Eng #2622 is not required for this position.

■ *Jambar* design positions require having successfully completed initial design or related photography courses.

Where to pick up an application:

Jambar applications are available from Lynn Haug in the Kilcawley Staff Office located on the upper level of Kilcawley Center. Pick up an application and simply check the the positions that most interest you.

Application Deadline: 1pm, Friday, April 1, 2011

APPLICATION
DEADLINE:

1 p.m. Friday, April 1, 2011.
Interviews will be scheduled for mid-April.

OUR SIDE

The four-year roller coaster ride

The Jambar
EDITORIAL BOARD

RELATED STORY

Chancellor, page 1

All that we have been told of the future of higher education, our future, has become a thing of the past.

In 2009, Gov. Ted Strickland launched the laudable plan for higher education, promising 100,000 Ohio college grads by 2017.

In 2010, the lame-duck governor cut a full month's installment from YSU's state funding.

And on March 13, Higher Education Chancellor Eric Fingerhut will step aside before those cuts come to fruition.

And so we trade one extreme for another. Mr. Strickland is gone, and his plan will follow. But what will become of us?

Gov. John Kasich has tapped a new chancellor, one who supports his agenda to slash state education budgets and curb expenses from public employees.

While Kasich champions Senate Bill 5, which fiscal conservatives argue would free college administrators to make budget cuts affecting state employees without consulting unions, prospective Chancellor James Petro will throw his support behind the deregulatory legislation.

Petro may go so far as to implement "charter universities," a concept of privatized higher education he proposed on his short-lived campaign for governor in 2006.

The chancellor to be is familiar with balancing the books as Ohio state auditor and broadly administrating as attorney general. We don't doubt he will run a tight ship.

And like Strickland and Fingerhut before him, Petro will share political kinship with his governor.

Strickland's plan for higher education was implemented with ease under the first ever governor-appointed chancellor, and now that congruous, politicized partnership will choke the air out of Strickland's education legacy.

But we're ready. Our administration made preemptive cutbacks shortly after Mr. Kasich was elected.

We only hope that will be enough to see us through until the next ominous state election once again brings political change and, systematically, new leadership — whoever that may be.

ABOUT THE JAMBAR

Since being founded by Burke Lyden in 1931, The Jambar has won nine Associated Collegiate Press Honors. The Jambar is published twice weekly during the fall and spring semesters and weekly during the first summer session. Mail subscriptions are \$25 per academic year. Additional copies of The Jambar are \$1 each.

OUR SIDE POLICY

The editorial board that writes Our Side editorials consists of the editor-in-chief, managing editor and news editors. These opinion pieces are written separately from news articles and draw on the opinions of the entire writing staff. The Jambar's business manager and non-writing staff do not contribute to editorials, and the adviser does not have final approval.

YOUR SIDE POLICY

The Jambar encourages letters to the editor. E-mail submissions are welcome at editor@thejambar.com. Letters should concern campus issues, must be typed and must not exceed 400 words. Submissions must include the writer's name and telephone number for verification and the writer's city of residence for printing. Letters are subject to editing for spelling, grammar and clarity. The editorial board reserves the right to reject commentaries that are libelous or that don't defend opinion with facts from reliable sources. The editorial board will request a rewrite from the submitting writer based on these requirements.

Letters will not be rejected based on the view expressed in them. Letters may be rejected if they are not relevant to Jambar readers, seek free publicity or if the editorial staff decides the subject has been sufficiently aired. The Jambar will not print letters that are libelous, threatening, obscene or indecent. The Jambar does not withhold the names of writers of letters or guest commentaries.

The views and opinions expressed in letters and commentaries on the opinion page do not necessarily reflect those of The Jambar staff. Editorials do not necessarily reflect the opinions of the faculty, staff or administration of Youngstown State University.



The views of this syndicated artist do not necessarily agree with those of The Jambar.

Tear down your altars and lifeless idols



Failing on purpose

Chris Cotelesse
COLUMNIST

I once worked at a Circle K. I was the nighttime clerk, or the guy that had to do all the tedious or disgusting things no one wanted to do during the day. I was tired of dead end jobs so I applied for a managerial position.

I didn't get it of course. Someone had to stack the Gatorade.

I hope you try your hardest and fail.

It means you're ambitious. You push the boundaries of what you know you're capable of. If no one ever bit off more than they could chew, only the A students would succeed.

And even then, they'd only achieve as much as their grade point averages determined. They would never try for any more, and the world would be blander for it.

I often run up against a wall that is too thick for my hands to break or too tall for my legs to jump. I ask out high-maintenance girls. I apply for positions that require more than a natural curiosity.

It isn't a half-hearted attempt either. I really try. I hand write "like" letters, and I take the initiative on projects I'm not qualified to perform. I do all of this with the assumption that I'm going to fail.

Everyone expects you to "stick with what you're good at." It makes sense. You wouldn't expect a quadriplegic to sign up for gymnastics.

But I'm not going to let anyone predetermine my limits, including myself. It's not just a matter of underestimating, or being underestimated.

I'll probably never change the world but I want to join the Peace Corps and try anyway. I may never date a movie star, but if I meet one I'll sure ask.

I continually set myself up to fail and fail hard because I won't know how much I can achieve otherwise. I mean, part of it is just to see the look on people's faces when I approach them with my intentions.

I screw my most confident smile on tight and act like nothing is unusual. If I fail because I don't try, then I won't know where I could have succeeded.

"Happiness is beneficial for the body but it is grief that develops the powers of the mind," French novelist Marcel Proust said.

What he meant was that good feelings make us want to keep our lives just as they are, but disappointment challenges us to become something different.

If everything always went smoothly, I'd know I hadn't done enough. I couldn't know the end to my talents, and I couldn't know the disappointment that would drive me onward.

If I never failed, I'd be a failure.

Letter to the Editor

In the current debate over Ohio Senate Bill 5, proponents have deliberately misled the public on issues regarding public sector union contracts. Let's just take a look at one mentioned in an editorial by The Vindicator that involves sick day conversions that could have consequences for public employers.

Sick day conversion is a deferred benefit where unused sick days are prorated and converted into what might be called severance pay. For example, over 30 years, a teacher may have accumulated as many as 300 sick days, and if they retire they could be paid for 45 days or about one and half days per year. When critics of public unions talk about this practice, they usually ignore the fact that workers receive compensation for only a small percentage of their accumulated sick leave.

Nor do they discuss how the accumulation of sick leave serves the interests of taxpayers and allows public agencies and schools to operate more effectively. Unions and employers have negotiated this policy as an alternative to a "use it or lose it" system of sick days. While the policy benefits workers, it also saves money for public employers, maintains coverage for public services and encourages workers not to abuse sick leave. Here's how.

Under a "use or lose it" system, workers would have an incentive to use their sick days within the year. That would likely increase the number of sick days used, and in most settings, that would require public employers to pay substitutes (for teachers) or overtime to other employees. Alternatively, they could provide less service. Simply put, a "use it or lose it" system would cost taxpayers more and decrease public services. Classes would not be covered, police patrols not run, potholes not fixed and fires not extinguished as quickly.

Commentators on both the right and the left, as evidenced by recent comments on both Fox and MSNBC, agree that the goal of SB 5 and similar bills is to undermine organized labor and thus shore up the power of the Republican Party, not to balance state budgets. In their pursuit of political goals, proponents of the bill, both public officials and commentators, are presenting incomplete and skewed information about the wages, benefits and working conditions of Ohio's public workers. Wouldn't it be more responsible and honest if they could base their arguments on fair and complete information instead of drumming up resentment through false claims?

John Russo and Sherry Linkon
Co-directors, YSU Center for
Working-Class Studies
Members of the YSU-OEA



WHAT DO YOU THINK?

SEND US AN E-MAIL

THEJAMBAR@GMAIL.COM

Food for thought: Author visits YSU, talks dangers of fast food

Chelsea Miller
ARTS & ENTERTAINMENT
EDITOR

Fast food has become a staple of most busy college students' diets, partially because of the prevalence and convenience of these restaurants in the U.S. today. But some people, like Youngstown State University freshman Dan Whippo, don't consider where the food they are eating comes from.

"I eat it at least once a day," Whippo said, adding that he never questions the source of his daily meals.

Award-winning journalist and author Eric Schlosser will use his experiences with the fast food industry to enlighten students like Whippo.

At YSU on Wednesday, Schlosser will be presenting his documentary, "Food, Inc.," which has been instrumental in exposing the secrets of the fast food industry.

As part of YSU's Skeggs Lecture Series, the documentary will be played in the Williamson College of Business Administration's auditorium at 2 p.m. Following the film, Schlosser will provide commentary and answer questions from the audience.

The film, directed and produced by Robert Kenner and co-produced by Schlosser, examines corporate farming in the U.S. and the effect it has on consumers of the fast food industry. According to the film, health and safety of food produced by multinational corporations is often ignored for the profit made by mass-

producing food at low prices.

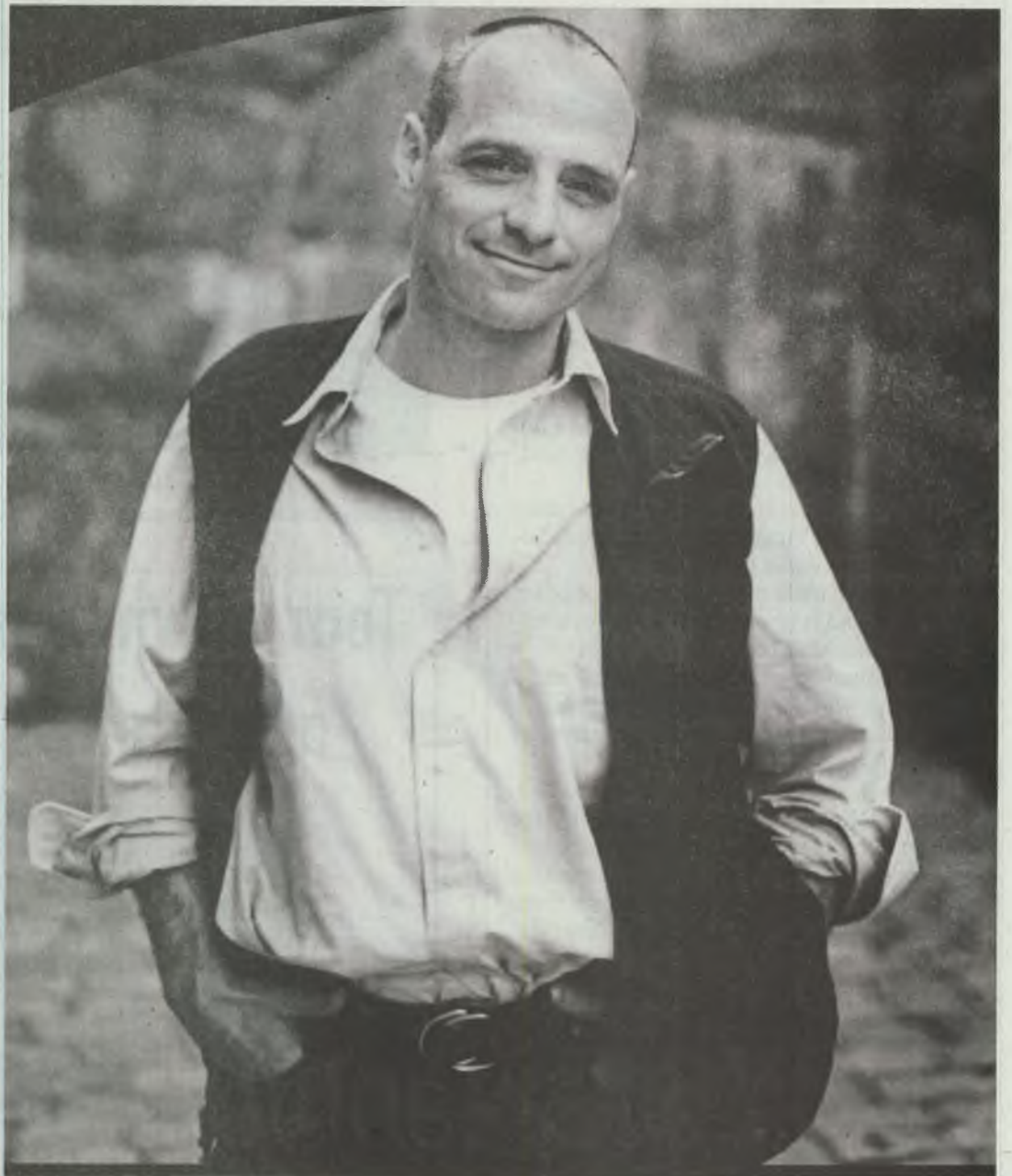
A fan of the film, sophomore Dominic Milone said he was planning to attend Wednesday's lecture.

"I thought that it was pretty informative. It was really good," Milone said. "You don't hear the stories about the farmers and how they raise the chickens and cows."

As an investigative journalist, Schlosser has published several New York Times bestselling novels including "Reefer Madness," which looks at America's thriving underground marijuana business, and "Chew on This," which explores the fast food business and the workings of industrial agriculture. Schlosser's first novel, "Fast Food Nation," published in 2001, was translated in more than 20 languages and later made into a feature film of the same title directed by Richard Linklater.

Before his career in journalism, Schlosser worked as a playwright and for an independent film company. In addition to working on the films "Fast Food Nation" and "Food, Inc.," Schlosser served as executive director of the Academy Award-winning film "There Will Be Blood."

An additional lecture will be given Wednesday at 7:30 p.m. at the De Yor Performing Arts Center. This lecture will be based on Schlosser's book "Fast Food Nation," with commentary and a question and answer session. Schlosser will also sign books after the presentation. The event is free and open to the public, but tickets are mandatory for the De Yor performance. Tickets can be obtained at the YSU Info & PC lab.



Award-winning journalist and bestselling author Eric Schlosser will visit campus Wednesday to present "Food, Inc.," a film exposing the secrets of the fast food industry and corporate farming. Some of Schlosser's other works include "Fast Food Nation," "Reefer Madness" and "Chew on This." Photo courtesy of Jacquelyn LeViseur.

'Fun with Opera' to hit area schools

Chelsea Telega
REPORTER

Youngstown State University and the Dana School of Music are educating children of the Mahoning Valley by bringing music to their schools through a program titled "Fun with Opera."

The program, which was adapted six years ago, travels to area elementary, middle and high schools. The group teaches students the basics of opera and performs an assortment of different musical selections, all improvisation material.

This technique is known as "improva," a mixture of improvisation and opera.

The members of the traveling group are experienced enough to make it work depending on their situation.

"As long as you're comfortable with the pianist, the rest sort of just happens off the cuff," said YSU student and program director Max Pivik.

The group's primary objective is to teach mini-opera lessons to the students that they then perform. During the performance, the kids pick songs that they like best from the show. At the end, the "Fun with Opera" group, along with the children, piece together an original playlist of pieces.

Pivik is no newcomer to the



Pivik

musical arts. He's been attending YSU since 2002. He spent his first two years of college as a saxophone major. Pivik realized singing became his "venting" mechanism when he became overwhelmed with the saxophone. He decided to utilize his most pertinent instrument instead: his voice.

"Singing was my vent. When I got frustrated with my playing, I would sing," Pivik said.

Pivik became a vocal performance major and will receive his degree in May. Four years ago, David Vosburgh, director of opera at YSU and of Opera Western Reserve, offered Pivik the directing position of "Fun with Opera."

The program was derived from Opera Western Reserve and has built its reputation over the years. Pivik has taken over the role as director and made it his own. He plans to stay with the program after graduation.



Max Pivik (pictured) performs in YSU's production of "Amelia Goes to the Ball" with soprano Diana Farrell. YSU's Dana School of Music is bringing music to area elementary, middle and high schools with a program called "Fun with Opera." Photos courtesy of Max Pivik.

yo* calendar

Brought to you by
[the yo* magazine]
a special twice-a-year
publication of
The Jambar

- | | |
|---|---|
| Rockband Tuesdays
Tuesdays, 8 p.m.
Slim's Bar and Grille
21+ | 1 neme night
Wednesday, 9 p.m.
Lemon Grove Cafe
* |
| JP and the Gilberts with Girls with Guitars
Tuesday, 8:30 p.m.
The Lemon Grove Cafe
\$3
* | Ultimate DJ
Wednesday, 9 p.m.
The Royal Oaks
21+ |
| Open Stage
Tuesday, 10 p.m.
Barley's
18+ | Comedy Open Mic
Wednesday, 9:30 p.m.
Cedars Lounge
18+ |



Journalism professor behind fake Emanuel tweets

Mark Caro and Cynthia Dizikes
CHICAGO TRIBUNE

CHICAGO Dan Sinker, a journalism teacher at Columbia College, says he was behind the fictitious Twitter account "MayorEmanuel," a foul-mouthed double of the real candidate and Chicago Mayor-elect Rahm Emanuel.

Sinker tells the Atlantic magazine his punk rock attitude and deep interest in Chicago politics led him to take on Emanuel's persona.

"My wife has asked me, 'Why did you actually start tweeting?' And for the life of me I can't remember," Sinker told the magazine. "I remember I was at home. I think everyone had gone to bed. And I remembered, 'Oh, I have that account. This might be kind of funny.'"

During the campaign, the tweets were popular for their absurdity and incessant profanity — the latter drawn from Emanuel's real-life affinity for four-letter words. And the make-believe Emanuel was prolific, posting nearly 2,000 tweets since late September.

The virtual Emanuel complained that he didn't know it was OK to bring a ventriloquist's dummy to a debate. And he marveled at a tiny model of Tokyo somebody gave him and couldn't wait to crush it while wearing a Godzilla suit.

The fake Emanuel even echoed the dismay of Chicago Bears fans with Jay Cutler when the quarterback left the NFC championship game early in the second half because of an injury. "Hey, Cutler, my knee hurt before I had to dance 'Swan Lake' once. And you know what? I (expletive) danced the (expletive) out of it."

Singer tells the Atlantic his secret was known only by his wife, a small circle of friends and one Chicago Public Schools teacher. Others came close to identifying him, Sinker said. An intern at The Wall Street Journal was onto him early, as was a reporter at Crain's Chicago Business. But no one could muster any proof.

Now that the cat is out of the bag, Emanuel (the real one) says he will keep his commitment to donate \$5,000 to the charity of Sinker's choice. Details to follow in the coming days.

Columbia journalism student Cari Mirretti said she was stunned when she learned through Twitter (where else?) that her professor was the fake Emanuel.

"I squealed when I found out," said Mirretti, who had Sinker for an introduction to journalism class last semester. "It's so crazy, I can't believe it."

Mirretti said she didn't even know who Emanuel was until she discovered the fake

Emanuel posts. She signed up for the feed immediately.

"I would have voted for him just because of that fake Twitter account," she said.

Mirretti said the news was even more surprising because she never found Sinker particularly funny in class. "And now, I'm like, he's actually funny," Mirretti said. "I feel like I know someone who's a celebrity now."

Around the corner from Mirretti, a receptionist leaned over her keyboard, reading the Atlantic story on her computer.

"We have a celebrity now, huh," she said and laughed. "Too bad I don't have Twitter."

Sharon Bloyd-Peshkin, an associate professor of journalism at Columbia, said she congratulated her colleague when she heard the news.

"I was totally surprised," said Bloyd-Peshkin, who said she has known Sinker for about six years. "There has been so much speculation."

Bloyd-Peshkin praised her colleague's Twitter feeds, calling them a "brilliant" parody.

"Dan caught all those elements that were distinctly Rahm and made the most of them. He just ran with them," Bloyd-Peshkin said.

She said her favorite feed was the last anecdote where Emanuel and Mayor Richard Daley are on the roof and Daley is growing celery.

"There is a real change in that part of the Twitter stream," Bloyd-Peshkin said. "All of a sudden it becomes a story at the end and gains this poignancy and power."

Wyatt Danz did not have a Twitter account before taking Dan Sinker's Mobile Journalism class in the spring of 2010.

Danz, 21, a junior studying broadcast journalism, said Sinker made his students create Twitter accounts on the first day of class if they did not already have them. Later in the semester, the students posted live tweets of a campus speech by Arianna Huffington, founder of the Huffington Post.

Danz said he followed the MayorEmanuel tweets, but didn't know Sinker was behind it.

"It makes sense," Danz said, laughing. "He's a character. He's quirky and has got a funny sense of humor. Any topic you talk to him about, he's an expert on it."

Danz first heard about Sinker from a cousin who knew of him from the fanzine Punk Planet, which Sinker ran until it shut down in 2007. Danz was determined to take a class with him at Columbia, and said the class and Sinker exceeded his expectations.

"Honestly, it was the most challenging and useful class I've ever taken. I feel ready to take on the future because of it," he said. "Anybody who has ever had him (Sinker) likes him."



thejambar.com

JAMBAR STAFF

EDITOR-IN-CHIEF:
Josh Stipanovich330-941-1991

MANAGING EDITOR:
Lamar Salter330-941-1807

NEWS EDITORS:
Andrea DeMart.....330-941-1989
Joe Giesy330-941-1989

COPY EDITOR:
Emmalee C. Torisk....330-941-3758

A&E EDITOR:
Chelsea Miller330-941-1913

SPORTS EDITOR:
Jordan D. Uhl.....330-941-1913

ONLINE EDITOR:
Doug Livingston.....330-941-1913

DESIGN EDITORS:
Sam Marhulik.....330-941-1807
Nick Young330-941-1807

ASSIST. COPY EDITOR:
Amanda Bowlby.....330-941-1913

A&E REPORTER:
Jared Buker330-941-1913

COLUMNIST:
Chris Cotelesse.....330-941-1913

SPORTS REPORTER:
Joe Catullo330-941-1913

REPORTERS:
Caitlin Fitch.....330-941-1913
Marissa McIntyre330-941-1913

GRAPHIC DESIGNERS:
Bonnie Siembieda.....330-941-1807
Ellen DeCarlo330-941-1807

SALES MANAGER:
Jonathon Fauvie330-941-1990

SALES ASST.
John Mamonunis330-941-1990

RECEPTIONIST:
Veronica Wesley330-941-3095

BUSINESS MANAGER:
Olga Ziobert.....330-941-3094

ADVISER:
Mary Beth Earnhardt330-941-3095

CONTACT THE JAMBAR

E-MAIL..... editor@thejambar.com
FAX330-941-2322

twitter
BREAKING NEWS
BLOGS
VIDEO
twitter.com/TheJambar
FOLLOW THE JAMBAR

Q&A...

with Dr. A

YSU President Cynthia E. Anderson will host informal open forums for students and employees on March 8 and 9.

This is your chance to ask questions to President Anderson on any topic or issue. The forum is part of the president's efforts to improve internal campus communications.

Students Tuesday, March 8, 2 to 3 p.m., Chestnut Room, Kilcawley Center	Employees Wednesday, March 9, noon to 1 p.m., Gallery, Kilcawley Center
---	---

Light refreshments will be served

For more information, contact Ron Cole, director of University Communications, 330-941-3285 or racole01@ysu.edu

Youngstown STATE UNIVERSITY

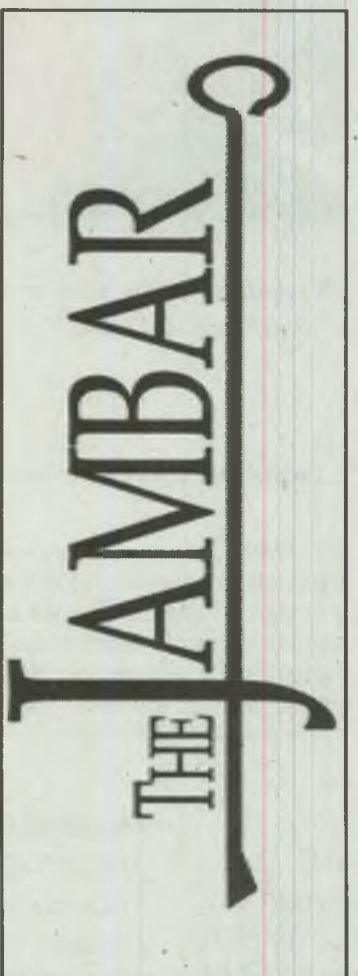
Hey, Remember that sweet job I had last year? Well, I'm doing it again.

Want in?

Apply online at cedarpoint.com/jobs

NEW! WINDSEEKER

FRIENDS



Quest

a forum for STUDENT SCHOLARSHIP
Youngstown State University

QUEST 2011

A forum for student scholarship is
TUESDAY, APRIL 5

Deadline to register is
MARCH 21

Logon to:
www.ysu.edu/quest



Penguins break nine school records

Sophomore Samantha Roberts gasps for air before heading back underwater. Roberts broke her school record, with a time of 2:18.52, at the Horizon League Championships last week. She also placed fourth in the 100-yard breaststroke. Photo courtesy of Sports Information.

Joe Catullo Jr.
SPORTS REPORTER

A sixth-place finish was good enough for the Youngstown State University swimming and diving teams this weekend at the Horizon League Championships.

The team broke nine school records in eight events on Saturday at Cleveland State University for a final score of 308.5.

The University of Wis-

consin-Green Bay won the championships, which started Wednesday and ended Sunday, with a final team score of 788.5.

Green Bay has won the event for seven straight seasons for the women, and Milwaukee won in the men's events. YSU, however, does not have a men's swimming and diving team.

Head coach Matt Anderson seemed pleased with the girls' performances.

"[Overall], it went pretty well," Anderson said. "There

was good teamwork with nine records in eight events."

Sophomore Samantha Roberts beat her old school record in the 200-yard breaststroke [2:18.52, fifth overall]. Plus, Roberts finished fourth in the 100-yard breaststroke.

The Penguins' relay team [4x400 freestyle] nearly set a new school record with a time of 3:30.57.

Senior Caitlin Cook finished her final event as a Penguin sixth in the 200-yard butterfly. Earlier, she set a new school record in the same

event with a time of 2:06.74.

Anderson said a couple of the girls, including Cook and Roberts, exceeded expectations. He added that Casey Hill did so in the diving events, and Kirstin Walker did so in freestyle. Junior Walker finished 16th in the 100-yard freestyle while another junior Penguin, Nishani Cicilson, finished 14th overall.

In the 1,650-yard freestyle, freshmen Megan Ciampa and Brittany Vigar were successful in the event. Ciampa [17:36.19] finished eighth and Vigar [17:53.67] in 12th place.

With a final time of 2:07.79, freshman Laura Paz finished ninth in the 200-yard butterfly. Sophomore Hill won the three-meter diving championship on Wednesday. She became the first YSU diver to win a league title since Kalyin Leveto in 2005.

YSU will lose five seniors — Amanda Carpin, Cook, Alana Kane, Ashley Williamson and Kari Tridle — before next season begins. As Cook mentioned last week, the team is building around the new recruits, and the team is "getting there."

COMMENTARY

Beware the Ides of March

Jordan D. Uhl
SPORTS EDITOR

The time has come, hoops fans: the month of March. Countless hours of productivity will be thrown out the window in favor of this sports spectacle.

Before Selection Sunday on March 13, college basketball teams across the country will compete in their conference tournaments. For the Penguins, the road to spring success looks rocky.

But let's examine the rest of the conference.

The number one and two seeds are the University of Wisconsin-Milwaukee and Butler University. Consequently, both teams have byes for the first two rounds and only need one win a piece to get a shot at the Horizon League crown.

Butler is the defending champion but isn't nearly the same team that gave Duke University a scare last year.

The third seed, Cleveland State University, faces the last place University of Illinois-Chicago. Cleveland State should win this one easily.

With the fifth seed, the University of Detroit Mercy's enormous size and belligerent physicality, Loyola University, the eighth seed, will most likely fall.

The most exciting first-round matchup will be when sixth and seventh seeds Wright State University and the University of Wisconsin-Green Bay meet. Wright State owns the season series with victory margins of two and three points.

Even though Wright State has been on a downward spiral late in the season, the team's only wins have come by way of Horizon League bottom feeders. Green Bay has a dismal road record, 4-11. This will undoubtedly play a fac-

tor and give Wright State the slight edge it needs.

Now we arrive at YSU. Sitting ninth out of 10, the Penguins will first square off against fourth seeded Valparaiso University, which defeated the Penguins on both encounters this season. The first wasn't much of a contest as Valpo handled YSU 79-55. When they met for the second time, YSU came ready to play, taking them to overtime before falling 86-78.

In the world of sports, when the playoffs arrive, it's not a matter of which team has the best record, but rather who finds a rhythm at the right time. Not to say the former doesn't matter, but teams that pose the greatest threat in the playoffs are the ones who get hot near the end of the season.

That description couldn't fit any team more appropriately than YSU.

While their record doesn't exactly show it, the Penguins began harmonizing near the end of the season, beating Butler and Bowling Green State University. They took both Valpo and Milwaukee to overtime and lost a close decision to Wright State. It's a different, more mature team than when the season began. Not to mention it's hard to beat a team three times in a season.

That being said, I'm going with Valpo. YSU is absolutely dismal on the road. Winless, actually. I'd like to imagine they'll put up a fight, but YSU will need to build a lead and hold onto it. Closure has been an issue as several games have been lost in the closing minutes.

After that, the Crusaders would face Milwaukee, the number one seed. Sorry, Valpo, but the buck stops here. Milwaukee goes into the title game.

On the other side of the bracket, I have Cleveland State over Wright State to

Campus Connection

Who do you think will win the Horizon League Tournament and why?



"YSU. I was born to be a Penguin, dude. I just got to keep it real."

Jay Morris, freshman



"Butler. They lost to Milwaukee, but they still have a better team."

Randy Knight, senior



"Cleveland State. They've been in the lead all season."

Tyler Vitullo, sophomore



"Cleveland State. They're a pretty solid team."

David Drummond, senior

ing a potential spot at the Big Dance. Not this year, Panthers.

Butler's good, but not quite good enough. The team lacks that standout player that comes through in the clutch, a "this year's Gordon Hayward."

Nobody, in the Horizon League at least, is stopping Cole this year. He's NBA-bound, most likely, and put up numbers against YSU that only Blake Griffin could match. With that, I predict the Vikings over the Bulldogs in a close game before handling Milwaukee for the title.

The Player of the Year unanimously goes to Cole, and the first-team awards are set, but I disagree. Here is mine.

Cole is the league leader in points per game, total points steals and assists; it's a no brainer. Vaughn Duggins from Wright State and Robo Kreps from UIC round out the guards. Both are hot shooters, and Kreps excels from behind the arc as well. Both are consistent facilitators.

Eli Holman of Detroit leads the league in rebounds, fourth in blocks and makes 60.8 percent of his shots, a sure choice for center.

This may be a bit of a stretch, but Damian Eargle at forward. While he's ninth in rebounds with 172, you need to remember that he shared the paint with another dominant big in Vytas Sulskis. However, Eargle leads the league in blocks with 86, something that shows his heart being an undersized big.

Cole and Duggins are actual first teamers, with forward Matt Howard from Butler, Milwaukee's forward Anthony Hill and guard Brandon Wood from Valpo finishing the lineup.

Holman is a second-teamer and Eargle was named to the All-Newcomer Team.

The tournament tips off Tuesday at 7 p.m.

SCHEDULES

MEN'S BASKETBALL
March 1- @ Valpo

WOMEN'S BASKETBALL
March 3- UIC
March 5- LOYOLA

MEN'S TENNIS
March 5- CLEVELAND STATE
March 14- @ Bethune-Cookman
March 15- @ Northern Illinois (in FLA)
March 15- @ Western Illinois (in FLA)

WOMEN'S TENNIS
March 6- @ Akron
March 16- @ Pittsburgh
March 19- BOWLING GREEN
March 26- @ Milwaukee