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NFL hopefuls showcase their talents at YSU Pro Day

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SPORTS REPORTER

On Tuesday morning, scouts from NFL teams filled the Watson and Tressel Training Site as five Youngstown State University seniors displayed their talents at YSU Pro Day.

Penguins Jamaine Cook, Mark Pratt, Aronde Stanton, Will Shaw and Lamar Mady performed in front of 12 NFL scouts. Among the scouts were representatives from the Cleveland Browns, the Pittsburgh Steelers, the New England Patriots and the New York Giants.

Cook admitted that he was nervous coming into the event. He described the experience as "huge."

"I was up at 5 o'clock this morning, rolling around, tossing, thinking about that 40 that I had to start over four or five times," he said. "It's the biggest interview of your life."

Shaw said he enjoyed the experience of having all the scouts watch the five players go through drills and "slept like a baby" the night before. He said having the familiarity of YSU helped him stay focused during the Pro

Day drills.

"Seven days a week you spend your whole time training with them, so there's kind of more of that comfort level with having them around," he said.

At Pro Day, the seniors displayed their strength, stamina and speed in various drills, including bench press repetitions, a vertical jump and a 40-yard dash. Individual defense and offense position drills closed out the day's events.

Cook, Pratt and Stanton bench-pressed 225 pounds 23 times each, while Shaw outdid his teammates with 24 reps.

Mady had already showcased his skills at the 2013 NFL Scouting Combine by benching 225 pounds 35 times, the second-best performance. He had been disappointed in his time, 5.48 minutes, for the 40-yard dash.

Mady said he was thankful for the second chance to show his skills. He said that he performed a lot better at YSU's Pro Day than at the NFL Combine.

"I feel like I made a statement," he said. "All in all, it was a pretty good day."

Cook led the way in the vertical jump with a jump of 40.5 inches, while both Shaw and Stanton reached 34.5



Lamar Mady participates in a drill during YSU Pro Day on Tuesday as NFL scouts look on. Photo by Dustin Livesay/The Jambar.

inches. Pratt reached 25.5 inches, and Mady recorded 26. In the 40-yard dash, Shaw recorded the fastest time with 4.73 minutes. Stanton ran a 5.09, Mady ran a 5.32, Pratt ran a 5.41 and Cook recorded a 4.78 time.

Cook was not satisfied with his 40-yard dash time, but felt confident in his showing. He plans to keep working out and is going to stay focused on the goal.

"I did all I can to prepare myself up until this point, so now the rest is out of my hands and we'll see what the Lord has in store for us," he said.

Before the draft, Mady is going to play things by ear while keeping himself in tip-top shape. He plans on visiting the Carolina Panthers over spring break.

"It's just waiting on teams to call me and see if they want

to meet with me and pretty much just getting myself ready for football," he said.

Shaw has a similar mindset as the five Penguins wait out the next month and a half for the draft.

"I don't get too ahead of myself," he said. "Once it happens, I'm sure I'll get nervous. I'll probably be fine until that moment, and then I'll start worrying about something."



Carrie DeMarco, a counselor at the Student One Stop, explains the benefits of the location to Slayman Awadallah, a sophomore criminal justice major. Photo by Chris Cotelesse/The Jambar.

One Stop: no stress, no mess

Codie Talley
REPORTER

The Student One Stop recently opened in Meshel Hall; it will provide student-friendly services, such as help with registration, financial aid and bill payment.

Dan Procopio, director of the Student One Stop, said he thinks it is a great asset to students. He said students' questions and concerns will be addressed "in an effective and friendly atmosphere."

"It will benefit students because they can come to one place. They know they'll have one staff they can go to," Procopio said. "It is an office that works in support of financial aid and a hub dealing with any issues regarding enrollment."

Before the Student One Stop opened, students had to go to a few different places to complete ev-

erything.

YSU student Sean Ferguson said the Student One Stop's existence makes life easier for students.

"Before, it was very hectic because you had to walk to different places to get everything you need. Now, you can just go to one place for all of your information, and it's very convenient," he said.

Carrie DeMarco, a counselor at the Student One Stop, said the service center will greatly benefit students.

"I think the One Stop will serve as an effective customer service area and one place where students can get many questions answered about their academic records and financial accounts," she said.

Procopio said the Student One Stop saves money and time. Instead of providing staffing for several different services, all of the services are centrally located and staffed — thus cutting costs.

Passing the torch

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NEWS EDITOR

The Youngstown chapter of the International Association of Torch Clubs is offering a new \$1,000 scholarship for both undergraduate and graduate students at Youngstown State University.

The scholarship requires applicants to write and present an essay at a Torch Club meeting. The scholarship is being funded by the club itself and by a \$500 donation from Perc Kelty, widower of Gene Kelty who taught English at YSU.

Tom Copeland, professor emeritus of English at YSU, said the group is looking for fluid and well-informed essays.

"This was partly a device to make us well known, but it's important we give students the chance to express themselves," Copeland said. "Don't do it just for a requirement; do it because you have something to say."

Copeland said he's sure that the biggest fear ahead of death is public speaking.

The Association of Torch Clubs was founded in 1924 by William Bullock in Minneapolis and includes groups in the United States and Canada.

The Youngstown chapter was founded in 1932 and is a group of 16 members who meet at YSU once a month to

have dinner and hear a speech by one of its members. Four members of the Youngstown chapter are former YSU professors.

Charles Darling, professor emeritus of history at YSU, has been a member since the 1970s.

"We've had a host of talented people in the group and some great presidents over the years," Darling said.

The club has a high rate of its writers published in its quarterly magazine, "The Torch." The scholarship recipient will also have the chance to be published in the magazine.

"We have a record of large numbers being printed in 'Torch' magazine," Darling said. "Articles are based on all kinds of subjects. Social, cultural, political, economical, and [we] recently had a piece covering the arts."

Darling said it takes a couple of hours out of your month.

"Anyone can join, but we recognize that we're old people," Darling said.

To enter, participants should prepare a paper copy of their essay to read as well as an electronic copy. Students can email their submission to Copeland at tecopland@neo.rr.com.

Design students tasked with major project

STAFF REPORT

The Youngstown State University block logo that hangs on the side of the Verizon tower can be seen for miles in any direction, but the iconic brand may be changing within the next few months.

The YSU chapter of AIGA, the professional association of design, is redesigning the logo to be used on pins, official brochures and even to light up the Youngstown skyline.

"The current block logo is being used less and less," said Mark Van Tilburg, executive director of marketing and communications at YSU. "It is very dated in my opinion."

He said he has wanted to change the logo since he began working at YSU about four years ago.

"It was quite adequate in its day, but its day has passed. I think it's just time for something that young people are going to identify with more," he said.

He enlisted the help of AIGA and its faculty adviser, Rich Helfrich, for a more modern design.

Five groups, led by the club's senior members, are

each working on their own design to present to Van Tilburg on April 1.

"We didn't give them any strict parameters," Van Tilburg said. "I didn't want to restrict them."

He said he gave the students two criteria to guide their work: It has to say "YSU," and it has to use red, black and white.

"They have creative freedom to come up with something in line with what Mark [Van Tilburg] had presented to them," Helfrich said.

Van Tilburg said along with a more contemporary theme, he and his marketing team directed the students to incorporate YSU's mission of being an urban research institution into their themes.

"This is part of that process is we try to upgrade all of our branding elements," he said.

He said he chose AIGA because of their previous work designing for the Rich Center for Autism and said the project will benefit both the university and the students involved.

"They're looking for projects that are real world, that may well indeed end up getting used a lot," he said. "And this will."



Members of the student group AIGA are redesigning YSU's block logo. Photo by Chris Cotelesse/The Jambar.

Spreading the faith in Jamaica

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REPORTER

The InterVarsity Christian Fellowship of Youngstown has chosen three of its Youngstown State University student members to go on a weeklong mission trip to Jamaica.

Members will leave Saturday morning and will stay on a Jamaican college campus. During the trip, students will write about the local culture and will practice Christian principles.

Carinda Mickens, president of the InterVarsity Christian Fellowship of Youngstown, is one of the students going on the trip.

"The purpose is a missions trip. We will be sharing the gospel of Jesus Christ with those students," she said. "And we will be living with them and praying for them."

Mickens added that the group will be enlightening the

local people about the Christian faith.

The group will be led by Dan Geogorian, a campus minister at InterVarsity Christian Fellowship for undergraduate student ministry at Hiram College, Marietta College and YSU. The cost for the trip is \$1,500 per person.

Kadrian Hinton, another YSU member who is going on the trip, said she was thankful for this opportunity.

"I feel so blessed to have the opportunity to fellowship and evangelize with other students across the world. This trip is confirmation that the God we serve is so great," she said.

Her motivation for the trip is to spread the word of God, but she is especially excited for one specific reason.

"I think I'm most excited to get ministered to rather than ministering to others. I'm eager to see how God uses us in Jamaica," she said. "I am eager to learn from the students

there and have the chance to share as well."

Aaron Hughes-Ware, the third student going on the trip, also expressed his excitement for the mission trip.

"I cannot wait to see how God will work during this trip," he said.

Kortney Opencar, a second-year student at YSU, said she thinks it is great that a group from YSU is doing something this prestigious.

"It would encourage others [to] join groups like this to expand their horizons," she said. "Traveling to Jamaica would be a great opportunity, and even getting a small chance of being able to help the world speaks for itself. It's simply wonderful."

Opencar said she would also like to see the world one day.

"Programs that follow the InterVarsity Christian Fellowship's example make me want to become a part of something that big," she said.

Charges upgraded to manslaughter in FAMU hazing death

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Prosecutors have upgraded to manslaughter the charges facing former FAMU band members in the hazing death of drum major Robert Champion.

They also charged two more former band members, Henry Nesbitt, 26, and Darryl Cearnel, 25, in the hazing.

The Orange-Osceola state attorney's office sent an email to attorneys for the former band members Monday afternoon, notifying them that their clients will be charged with manslaughter in addition to the felony hazing charges on which they were arrested last spring.

Most were charged last May in connection with Champion's beating on Nov. 19, 2011, in Orlando.

On Monday, State Attorney Jeff Ashton also decided to charge Nesbitt and Cearnel, who was performing CPR on Champion when paramedics arrived. Nesbitt called 911, according to the sheriff's investigative summary.

It was not immediately clear why Ashton decided to make the changes and what roles Nesbitt and Cearnel are thought to have played. Neither cooperated with the Orange County sheriff's investigation into Champion's death, according to a summary released last year by the state attorney's office.

Lawyers for most of the former band members were annoyed Monday to discover that prosecutors were adding charges as a pretrial conference in the criminal case was about to begin at the Orange County Courthouse.

Manslaughter, a second-degree felony in Florida, is punishable by up to 15 years in prison. Last spring, the 10 were charged with felony hazing, a third-degree felony. The maximum for felony hazing is five years.

On Monday, the Champion family applauded Ashton's "courage in amending theses charges to be more [commensurate] with the heinous crime committed," said the family's attorney, Christopher Chestnut.

Ashton notified the family of the changes late last week,

Chestnut said.

Champion's parents had been disappointed and upset last May when Lawson Lamar, who then was state attorney, decided to charge those involved with Champion's death only with felony hazing.

Pamela and Robert Champion Sr., who live in Georgia, also were skeptical about the number of band members charged at the time, considering more than 20 people were aboard the parked charter bus on which Champion was beaten.

"This is what we've been saying all along, and finally someone has the courage to hold these folks accountable," Chestnut said, adding that a felony hazing charge alone essentially "was a slap on the wrist and basically an endorsement to continue the practice."

Chestnut also criticized FAMU, saying Champion would not be dead and no one would be facing jail time if the university had done a better job preventing and controlling hazing within its famed ensemble.

Champion, 26, one of six drum majors who led FAMU's marching band in 2011, died after he was beaten on a charter bus parked at the Rosen Plaza hotel in Orlando, where the band stayed during the Florida Classic weekend.

His death led to the suspension of the band, the retirement of longtime director Julian White and the ouster of then-FAMU President James Ammons. The university also is a defendant in a wrongful-death lawsuit filed by Chestnut.

The Florida Classic, which has been a critical fundraiser for Florida's only public historically black college, is the Rattlers' annual rivalry football game with Bethune-Cookman University that features a "battle of bands."

Circuit Judge Marc Lubet, who is presiding over the FAMU criminal case, asked Assistant State Attorney Nicole Pegues whether prosecutors were "planning on arresting anybody else." She replied, "I think we have everybody that we're going to charge."

The judge scheduled a pretrial conference for Aug. 2, meaning that any trial would occur later.

Defense lawyers told the judge that preparing for a trial has been difficult because the case could involve as many as 100 witnesses.

Apple's iTunes U hits 1 billion downloads as online education takes off

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(MCT)

Apple announced Thursday that its iTunes U offering has surpassed 1 billion downloads, as online education becomes more accepted at schools in the United States and more popular worldwide.

iTunes U offers free educational content from colleges, libraries, museums and more that can help professors create materials for their courses, which can be offered to students using the same platform.

For example, Stanford University in Palo Alto, Calif. — which offered the first publicly available iTunes U site after joining Apple for the pilot project in 2004 — offers lectures from its courses, as well as course materials, faculty presentations, event highlights and more on the service. Apple singled out Stanford in its news release for being one of two entities to produce more than 60 million downloads on its own.

"With the incredible content offered on iTunes U, students can learn like never before — there are now iTunes U courses with more than 250,000 students enrolled in them, which is a phenomenal shift in the way we teach and learn," Apple software chief Eddy Cue said in Thursday's announcement.

Online education has become more accepted and widely used on college campuses in the past few years, as evidenced by the emergence of massive online open courses, or MOOCs, which offer education on the Web to anyone.

The system is beginning to garner wider acceptance. San Jose State University announced

in February, for example, that it will partner with Mountain View, Calif.-based MOOC company Udacity for the first such courses to be eligible for college credits, offering three lower-level math courses for \$150, a much smaller fee than such classes typically cost at the state university. Also in February, the American Council on Education recommended credit for four Coursera undergraduate math and science courses from Duke University, the University of Pennsylvania and University of California-Irvine; Coursera is also a Mountain View-based MOOC company.

iTunes U growth also showed a spike in recent years, as online education has become more accepted. The company announced that it had surpassed 300 million downloads on the service in August of 2010, a little more than three years after the service launched; less than three years later, it has added 700 million more.

A large percentage of that growth has come from overseas, with Apple saying Thursday that 60 percent of its downloads originate from outside the United States.

"Because of iTunes U, I have been able to introduce students and colleagues in China to research on the links between chronic multitasking, information overload and stress; discuss research publications and degree programs with students in Europe; and exchange information about the influence of neighborhood design on community levels of physical activity and obesity with students in Australia," UC-Irvine professor Dan Stokols said in Thursday's release.

Stokols reaches 170,000 students on iTunes U with a course in environmental psychology, Apple said.

Skeggs Lecture Series

Bob Woodward

Presidential Leadership and the Price of Politics

Thursday, April 4, 2013 at 7:30 p.m.
Stambaugh Auditorium, Youngstown, OH



Since 1971, **Bob Woodward** has worked for *The Washington Post* where he is currently an associate editor. He and Carl Bernstein were the main reporters on the Watergate scandal for which *The Post* won the Pulitzer Prize in 1973. Woodward was the lead reporter for *The Post's* articles on the aftermath of the September 11 terrorist attacks that won the National Affairs Pulitzer Prize in 2002. In 2004, Bob Schieffer of CBS News said, "Woodward has established himself as the best reporter of *all time*."

Woodward has authored or co-authored 17 books, all of which have been national non-fiction bestsellers. His most recent book, *The Price of Politics* (September, 2012), based on eighteen months of reporting, is an intimate, documented examination of how President Obama and the highest profile Republicans and Democratic leaders in the United States Congress attempted to restore the American

economy and improve the federal government's fiscal condition.

Woodward was born March 26, 1943, in Illinois. He graduated from Yale University in 1965 and served five years as a communications officer in the United States Navy before beginning his journalism career at the Montgomery County (Maryland) Sentinel, where he was a reporter for one year before joining *The Washington Post*.

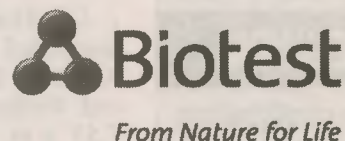
The lecture is free and open to the public.

Tickets are **mandatory** and seating is on a first-come, first-serve basis.

Ticket distribution will be limited to four per person and must be picked up between 8:00 a.m. and 8:00 p.m. March 25 through March 27 (or until they run out) at the Information and PC lab in Kilcawley Center located on the YSU campus. Tickets must be picked up in person.

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NEWS BRIEFS

YSU Women's Club plans clothing drive

From 9:30 to 11:15 a.m. on Friday, the YSU Women's Club will accept clothing donations to raise money for its scholarship fund and the Silver Lining Cancer Fund. Club members will collect new and gently used seasonal women's and men's clothing, shoes, jewelry, purses and accessories; they will be stationed in the Presidential Suites of Kilcawley Center. For more information or to volunteer, contact Tina Weintz at jkweintz@ysu.edu or 330-941-3092.

YSU grad designs Taylor Swift's website

Ryan Firm, a 2009 graduate of YSU, recently helped to design country music star Taylor Swift's website for her "Red" album. While at YSU, Firm majored in graphic design, and he's now the creative director at Checkd.in, a creative technology agency based in Nashville, Tenn. Besides Swift, Firm has also designed mobile, Web and social fan engagement campaigns for clients like Toby Keith, Dunkin' Donuts and Wrangler Jeans.

YSU Women's History Month to feature screenings, discussions

YSU will celebrate Women's History Month throughout March with several free events that are open to the public. For more information, call 330-941-2320.

POLICE BRIEFS

Reckless Recreation

On Thursday, YSU Police responded to a call from the Andrews Student Recreation and Wellness Center staff at 7:55 p.m. A student injured his back while playing basketball and was lying on the court when officers arrived. The student was helped up and applied a bag of ice to his tailbone. Officers phoned an ambulance; no other medical attention was needed. The student rested with ice for half an hour before putting on his clothes and leaving the facility.

Student sent to hospital

On Thursday, YSU Police reported to Kilcawley Center where a man with a record of seizures was acting in a concussed manner. The man had difficulties responding to questions regarding his location and the date. When an ambulance arrived on the scene, the subject was transported to St. Elizabeth Health Center for treatment. At 7:45 p.m., an officer drove the male back to campus.

YEC student suspended for drug possession

On Thursday, an officer was dispatched to Youngstown Early College for a juvenile student suspected of possessing marijuana and drug paraphernalia. The subject received a 10-day suspension from school. The student and his guardian were advised that the report was sent to the Mahoning County Juvenile Justice Center to be filed.

The **YO*** Magazine

The Yo* Magazine, a subdivision of The Jambar, welcomes your involvement — and involvement from all YSU students, faculty and staff.

A meeting to discuss this semester's issue of The Yo* Magazine will be held at 2 p.m. on Friday, March 22, in the basement computer lab of Fedor Hall.

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University of Chicago police to investigate officer's posing as protester

Kim Geiger
CHICAGO TRIBUNE
(MCT)

CHICAGO — The University of Chicago Police Department placed two of its employees on administrative leave Monday and launched an investigation after university officials acknowledged that an officer had posed as a protester during a demonstration over university hospital trauma care last month.

The university officer's undercover activity was first revealed by the campus newspaper The Chicago Maroon, which published pictures on Friday that appear to show the officer holding a protest sign and texting information about the demonstration to a fellow member of the university police force.

In a statement over the weekend, university President Robert J. Zimmer and Provost Thomas F. Rosenbaum said the officer's actions were "totally antithetical" to the university's values.

In addition to the internal police investigation, Zimmer and Rosenbaum said they would appoint an "external independent reviewer" to look into the matter.

In recent years, activists have demanded wider access to trauma care on the South Side. The University of Chicago Medical Center serves as a trauma center for patients up to age 15, and the Feb. 23 protest was part of a campaign by community, youth and student groups to pressure the university to accept trauma victims up to age 21.

Protesters who attended the demonstration — which included a news conference outside the medical center and a march to the home of university President Zimmer — said the undercover officer looked out of place.

"She kind of looked like a police officer to me, to be honest," said protester and former student Alex Goldenberg. "But I didn't think enough of it to go up to her or anything like that."

The officer's actions became

known last week after an unidentified person approached Maroon reporter Madhu Srikantha with pictures showing the officer participating in the protest. Other photos showed the officer typing text messages addressed to a "deputy chief."

"In crowd w(ith) sign," one message said. "All is well."

Srikantha said she asked campus police officers if the woman at the protest looked familiar, and they identified her as a fellow officer. The reporter said she called the officer to verify, and "she admitted to being there and to being working." But the Tribune could not reach the officer for comment.

University officials had no knowledge of an undercover operation, said spokesman Jeremy Manier.

"The event plan created and implemented by UCPD did not approve of any officer actively participating in the protest," university Chief of Police Marlon Lynch said in a statement.

Olivia Woollam, a student protester who served as a liaison with the police on that day, said she was alarmed to learn that a police officer had infiltrated the demonstration. Organizers had met with police and administrators before the demonstration, had arranged for Woollam to act as the liaison and had received approval of the route for their march, Woollam said.

"Especially given the level of communication that was undertaken the day before the protest, it seems extremely peculiar to me and a definite setback," Woollam said.

The campaign for wider access to trauma care was sparked by the 2010 death of Damian Turner, who was shot just blocks from the university hospitals but was transported almost 10 miles away to Northwestern Memorial Hospital, which has an adult trauma center.

The groups involved in the protest were Southside Together Organizing for Power, an affiliated youth group Fearless Leading by the Youth and the student group Students for Health Equity.

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Metal kids with metal hair



Michael Bradac, Bobby Spencer, Frankie Propst and Tony Jenkins make up local metal band Among The Fallen. The band recently signed with a management company, and members plan to expose everyone to their brand of metal music. Photo courtesy of Frankie Propst.

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The reality of breaking into the music business is very apparent to Youngstown State University accounting major Frankie Propst.

"A lot of people are like, 'What?' when I say I'm an accounting major," Propst said, clad in a leather jacket and a Bullet for My Valentine shirt.

As a 13-year-old, Propst formed a band with his friend, Bobby Spencer.

"Frankie and I have had the same mindset since we met each other and started playing music together. It just makes it that much easier to be that close with your other band members," Spencer said.

Spencer said he and Propst have been able to grow together as musicians and as friends.

"Being around other musicians definitely helps you grow," he said.

After hitting many ruts, Propst and Spencer were introduced to the two final piec-

es of their puzzle: drummer Michael Bradac and guitarist Tony Jenkins.

Now, after two years with a solidified band lineup, Among The Fallen signed to CB Entertainment on Feb. 1.

"Since we've gotten Mike and Tony, we've progressed a lot," Propst said. "It's been a long, long journey — especially for me and Bobby."

After going through bassists, drummers and a name change, it's been refreshing for the four to focus on the music.

"I had been playing guitar for a few years before the guys asked me to play bass for them. When I had heard the songs they had already wrote before joining the band, I just knew instantly that the

opportunity to play bass for them was the right decision," Jenkins said.

Propst said the music is the focal point for Among The Fallen. As the band's primary writer, Propst looks to his bandmates to make the songs stronger.

With metal, it's difficult to construct guitar riffs and drum beats around lyrics, so the lyrical content comes last when composing a song, he said.

"What I do is I count the syllables for each line, and I write the lyrics to fit that," Propst said.

Propst said he wants the music, rather than the lyrics, to connect most to the audience.

"I want the lyrics to match the flow of the music. I'm

not going to be singing about flowers if it's a heavy guitar part," Propst said.

During a song off the band's 2012 EP, "The World Dies," the musical content of the song speaks for the theme, while the lyrics back up the idea.

This song is the favorite among all four band members. It's essentially about the world dying due to pollution and humanity's apathy.

"It starts out hectic, and in the middle, it slows down, and it feels nice," Propst said. "Then, the music builds up, and it comes to a point where, lyrically, we're saying how we can't keep going."

Bradac said it took a while to write.

"We wanted something that perfectly and accurately depicted us as a band," Bradac said.

The song is an eight-minute roller coaster of emotions.

The band agrees that recording "The World Dies" was an experience unlike any other.

"Recording in the studio was like living a dream.

We were able to design, create and produce our own story, explained with each and every song we created," Jenkins said.

They slept in a garage in the middle of February to avoid traveling an hour a day to record. Surviving on lunchmeat and ramen noodles, the band took time to focus on the music.

"It's a very tedious work environment. There's a lot of stop and go, a lot of doing things over until it's absolutely flawless," Bradac said.

Although they had to rough it, the band members agree it was an enjoyable experience.

"Just being in a studio and hearing your music grow one step at a time all the way to the final mixing is an amazing feeling," Spencer said.

Now with a management company to back them up and an EP under their belt, the band shows no signs of slowing down.

"We don't have any signs of stopping. Metal, specifically, there is not a lot of hype in this area. It's difficult and not ease of success," Propst said.

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—BOBBY SPENCER, AMONG THE FALLEN

'GOLDEN CHILD' HAS NBA CHOPS

Derik Sheppa
REPORTER

Kendrick Perry, combo guard for the men's basketball team, could be the second Youngstown State University basketball player to make it to the NBA.

Perry, a junior and criminal justice major from Ocoee, Fla., is ranked on the DraftExpress website as 62nd overall in the NCAA Juniors group. Perry averages 16.9 points per game and has increased his free-throw percentage from 70.6 percent to 84.8 percent this season.

If Perry is drafted, he will be the second YSU basketball player to make it to the NBA. The first, Leo Mogus, played in the NBA from 1947 to 1951.

"He is a respectful and kind kid, and is a great leader," said Jerry Slocum, coach for the YSU men's basketball team. "He is a special player and person."

Perry said he was really

only nervous for his first game as a collegiate player.

"When they were announcing the starting lineup, I was jumping around and breathing heavy. Everybody was looking at me like I was nuts," he said.

During his freshman season, Perry appeared in all 30 games, starting in 23 of those games. He averaged nine points, 3.6 rebounds and 4.1 assists per game. Perry was a three-year letter winner at Edgewater High School.

As a sophomore, Perry started all 31 games and led the team and Horizon League in scoring, with 16.8 points per game. He was named to the National Association of Basketball Coaches All-District 12 Second-Team, and was also a First-Team All-Horizon League selection. Perry led the league in scoring and steals, setting YSU's single-season steals record with 74.

Perry's accomplishments have earned him nicknames like "KP3." Former YSU guard Ashen Ward took to

calling Perry the "Golden Child."

"He joked around, saying I was destined for great things, and [that] if I work hard enough, the sky is the limit," Perry said.

Perry had a number of influences while growing up and bases his game off the traits of multiple players like Jamal Crawford of the Los Angeles Clippers, Russell Westbrook of the Oklahoma City Thunder, and Rajon Rondo of the Boston Celtics. But one player stuck out.

"Allen Iverson was my favorite. It's how I got my number," Perry said. "He did everything right, and was an amazing basketball player."

In his free time, Perry likes to draw and write lyrics. Despite his athletic skills and obligations, Perry manages to maintain a 3.5 GPA and wants to apply for a job with the FBI.

"Kendrick is what is good about college athletics," Slocum said. "He is a hard worker on the court and in the classroom."



YSU guard Kendrick Perry drives to the basket during a game at Cleveland State University earlier in the season. Photo by Dustin Livesay/The Jambar.

Filibuster THIS

On Wednesday at 11:47 a.m., Republican Sen. Rand Paul took to the Senate floor to block the vote on President Barack Obama's nomination of John Brennan for CIA director.

His self-aggrandizing filibuster sideshow was shamelessly promoted by his staff on his Twitter account. Some tweets were even branded with the hashtag "#filiblizzard," playing off the snowstorm covering Washington, D.C.

At one point, Paul whispered to an aide, "Can you get me a candy bar or two?" He then proceeded to stuff his face. With his mouth full of chocolate and caramel and in-between loud chomps, he informed the public about the U.S. Constitution's geographical limitations.

Thanks for that; we thought the Constitution applied everywhere.

He was so moved to filibuster, allegedly, because the Obama administration could potentially use drone strikes to kill U.S. civilians in the future.

Yet roughly six hours in, Paul admitted that the CIA, which Brennan would administer, has nothing to do with the drone program. The Department of Defense does.

"This discussion tonight isn't so much about John Brennan, or his nomination," Paul said. "It's about principles that are bigger than the people. It's about constitutional principles that really we shouldn't give up on."

We're not understating Paul's concerns; this just wasn't the proper forum to raise them.

If only he was on the Senate Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs, he could have an avenue to express his frustration with Obama's drone strikes!

Oh, right. He is. Paul could write press releases and op-eds lambasting Obama for something that hasn't even happened yet, all without interrupting the nomination process.

After enduring the most unproductive Congress since the 1940s, the American people were promised cooperation from Senate leaders. Partisanship be damned, they cried, as they heralded a hollow agreement.

Filibustering, while sometimes useful, often places an unnecessary impediment in the way of progress.

Republicans, like Paul, are often forced to comply with the Democratic majority. Democrats earn this distinction by winning more Senate races. In other words, more people in more states favor the ideas touted by Senate Democrats.

Instead of filibustering and looking like poor sports, Republicans need to adapt to the changing social climate and become more, well, likable.

What Paul did made a mockery of the legislative process, and tossing M&M's into his mouth after a few candy-coated clusters of libertarian rhetoric made him look childish.

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CDC warns of drug-resistant 'superbug,' urges facilities to act

McClatchy Newspapers (MCT)

Government officials want the nation's health care providers to step up efforts to halt the spread of a drug-resistant "nightmare bacteria" that attacks the bloodstream and kills up to half of patients who become infected.

In the first half of 2012, nearly 200 hospitals and acute care facilities treated at least one patient for the lethal "superbug" known as CRE, according to new data from the U.S. Centers for Disease Control and Prevention.

Dr. Tom Frieden, director of the CDC, called CRE a "nightmare bacteria" because of its high mortality rate, its resistance to nearly all antibiotics, and its ability to spread its drug resistance to other bacteria that otherwise would be vulnerable to vaccines.

"It's not often that our scientists come to me to say that we have a very serious problem and we need to sound an alarm. But that's exactly what we're doing today," Frieden said Tuesday in a telephone press briefing.

Patients receiving long-term or complex medical care in hospitals and nursing homes are at the greatest risk for CRE infection. The bug is spread mainly by unclean hands, but medical devices like ventilators and catheters increase the risk of infection because they allow the bacteria to get deep into a patient's body, Frieden said.

CRE stands for carbapenem-resistant Enterobacteriaceae, part of a family of more than 70 bacteria that live in the digestive system. A strain of the superbug

killed seven patients in 2011 at the National Institutes of Health Clinical Center in Bethesda, Md., but the deaths were not disclosed until 2012.

In their wake, the CDC issued recommendations for health care facilities to stop the spread of the bacteria, and many saw dramatic declines in CRE infections as a result, Frieden said.

But many facilities haven't adopted the recommendations, and the bacteria continue to spread. If the health care community doesn't do a better job of containing it, experts say, it could advance beyond hospitals and nursing homes, where it has been concentrated. The fear is it could follow the pattern of another bacterial superbug, known as MRSA, which has turned up in schools, gyms and other public facilities.

"Compliance with hand-washing, with using gowns and gloves properly, remains a challenge, and it's something that we call on health care facilities to work with their providers" to do a better job of, said Arjun Srinivasan, the CDC's associate director for hospital-associated infection prevention programs. "We have the weapons at our disposal right now to stop this from becoming a bigger problem."

Nancy Foster, vice president of quality and patient safety policy at the American Hospital Association, said hospital testing should be a facility's decision, based on the prevalence and risk of CRE in the area. The added cost of testing and the protocol that comes with it is often an expense that many hospitals would struggle to fund, but Foster said the AHA supports hospitals looking for creative ways to finance those efforts.

Over the last decade, the proportion of Enterobacteriaceae

bacteria that is resistant to carbapenem antibiotics has grown from 1 percent to 4 percent, while the prevalence of the most common CRE has grown from 2 percent to 10 percent.

"That's a very troubling increase," Frieden said. "The good news is that we still have time to stop CRE. Many facilities can act now to prevent CRE from emerging, or if it has emerged, to control it."

He called on health care facilities to adopt a "detect and protect" strategy. Among the steps: increasing patient testing, including incoming and transferring patients, and requiring immediate notification of results; following special hygiene guidelines when dealing with CRE-infected patients; and dedicating rooms, staff and equipment for CRE patients.

Another step would be removing medical devices, like catheters, as quickly as possible to avoid infection, and prescribing antibiotics more carefully to avoid overuse, which increases drug-resistant infections.

Betsy McCaughey, chairman and founder of the Committee to Reduce Infection Deaths, a patient advocacy group, said Frieden's recommendations were disappointing and "half-baked" because they didn't call for universal mandatory CRE screenings at hospitals and public reporting of the data.

"Any patient planning to go to in a hospital has a right to know if there are germs in that hospital," McCaughey said.

Only six states — Tennessee, Oregon, Minnesota, Colorado, Wisconsin and North Dakota — require reporting of CRE infections in hospitals, Frieden said, adding that the CDC supports those measures.

Internet piracy getting worse

The Philadelphia Inquirer (MCT)

The new Copyright Alert System that went into effect last week is a weak response to the rampant Internet theft of music, films, games, and television programs. But it's better than doing nothing to combat the wrongheaded assertion that intellectual property should be free to anyone who can grab it.

Artists deserve to be compensated for their efforts, and so should the companies that take risks to promote and distribute their work. Stealing songs and movies to pass among friends or to sell in a black market robs the originators of their incomes.

Online file-swapping has so damaged the music industry that this is the first time since 1999 that it has seen a tiny increase in revenue. More than a decade ago, the industry shut down Napster's free file-sharing service and created inexpensive and easily download-

ed music files. But it hasn't fully solved the theft problem.

In fact, the Irdeto security firm told the Wall Street Journal that the 5.4 billion instances of pirated content that it detected online in 2009 mushroomed to 14 billion last year. Independent film distributor Kathy Wolfe said she lost more than \$3 million in 2012 as a result of stolen content.

Under the new alert system, the five largest Internet service providers — Comcast, Verizon, AT&T, Cablevision, and Time Warner Cable — will search peer-to-peer sharing websites to determine if copyrighted material is being used without permission. Other, smaller ISPs are expected to join in. When someone illegally sharing a song or movie is found, he will be issued a series of six warnings aimed at stopping him.

The Center for Copyright Infringement, which is coordinating the new system, says service providers won't monitor users' Internet traffic, which should allay fears about an invasion of privacy.

The warnings start with mild e-

mail alerts that assume the violator may not know that what he is doing amounts to theft. If subsequent notices are ignored, a provider can slow down the violator's Internet service for 48 hours. There are no repercussions after that, although it's possible that information provided by the alert system could be used to file lawsuits against content thieves.

The alert system is aimed at educating, rather than punishing, consumers. But the light approach may prove too lenient to be effective. The threat of litigation might discourage massive pirating by large-scale operations. But slowing down a 14-year-old's Internet speed for two days may not be enough to deter him from downloading first-run movies and music on his laptop to share with his friends.

It may be that the real value of the alert system will be to provide enough information to come up with an even better idea to stop theft. Internet pirates keep inventing ways around security systems. Their victims have to figure out how to stay a step ahead.

Opportunity knocks: Former Penguin carving niche in NFL



Last NFL season, former Penguins cornerback Brandian Ross (29) was signed by the Oakland Raiders and played in 14 games. Photo courtesy of Tony Gonzalez/Oakland Raiders.

Steve Wilaj
SPORTS EDITOR

Nowadays, you can find Brandian Ross in a classroom on Youngstown State University's campus as he finishes his psychology degree. But on Dec. 2, the former Penguins defensive back was in a much different venue.

It was just over two years since Ross last played for YSU, and he was finally receiving his long-awaited opportunity.

With the Oakland Raiders hosting the Cleveland Browns in week 13 of the NFL season, Ross — in his first year with Oakland — was forced into action because of an injury in the Raiders' defensive backfield.

He entered in the middle of the second quarter at safety — a position he had only practiced at for the previous three weeks.

Ross finished the remainder of the game at safety, totaling three tackles and playing well enough to earn future playing time.

"I got my first tackle and was like, 'OK, this is for real now,'" Ross said. "I think just

getting continued snaps on defense it was like, 'I'm here now.'"

Ross ended his first year in the NFL with a stat line of 14 games played, 17 total tackles and three assisted tackles. He received his first-career start in week 17 at San Diego, in which he recorded five tackles.

"It was a pretty good year — pretty successful, I think, for my career," Ross said. "Hopefully, I can build off the last start and continue to start and get more opportunities to make plays."

While studying at YSU this semester, Ross recently began training with Willie Danzer, YSU's assistant strength and conditioning coach, to prepare for the next NFL season.

Danzer said Ross should eventually receive the opportunities that he craves for a simple reason: his work ethic.

"He knows that his athleticism gets him to the NFL, but the reason he succeeds in the NFL is because he's intelligent," Danzer said. "He understands that this is part of his job. He's got to train harder than everybody else if he wants to be better than everyone else. He puts in the time, and his nutrition's on point."

From 2007 to 2010, Ross was a four-year letter-winning cornerback for YSU. For his career, he had 223 total tackles, seven interceptions, three fumble recoveries and two forced fumbles.

However, the Raiders asked Ross to expand his abilities and play multiple defensive back positions. For this reason, Ross is focused on increasing his muscle size and weight.

"I need to get bigger — to about 205 pounds — so if I do have to play safety, I'm at a comfortable weight," he said.

Danzer said that goal shouldn't be difficult for Ross to attain.

"He's got the unique ability that by doing things, he can put weight on really simply," he said. "We're still pushing the envelope of his athleticism, too."

Ross didn't always have an exceptional work ethic. He learned the importance of taking care of his body during his brief time with the Green Bay Packers, who signed Ross as an undrafted free agent in 2011.

In Green Bay, he studied under cornerback Charles Woodson, an eight-time Pro Bowler and former AP NFL

Defensive Player of the Year.

"Valuable learning experience," Ross said. "That's what's really important — taking care of your body and being prepared for the next week, or you're not going to play."

Ross also made another valuable connection while with the Packers.

It was with Reggie McKenzie, the director of player personnel for the Packers during Ross' time in Green Bay. McKenzie became Oakland's general manager prior to the 2012 season and subsequently signed Ross to the Raiders.

"I think he has a lot of faith in my abilities and what I'm capable of doing on the field," Ross said of McKenzie. "I'm just hoping that he has enough faith in me and realizes my potential."

When it comes to Ross' potential, Danzer said he believes the sky is the limit.

"I've never seen anybody with my own two eyes that has the physical gifts that he does," Danzer said. "He's incredibly fast. He's deceptively strong and explosive. I honestly think that if he gets in the right system and he gets a fair shake, he can be really, really good."

SPORTS BRIEFS

Baseball splits doubleheader with Morehead State

In the first game of Tuesday's doubleheader, the Penguins lost, 3-1, to Morehead State University. Freshman Jared Wright allowed just two hits and one earned run in four innings during his first start as a Penguin, while reliever Josh North allowed one earned run in two innings of work. Reliever Erik Okleson pitched two scoreless innings. In game two, Marcus Heath hit a three-run homerun in the eighth inning to seal the Penguins' third victory of the season. Kris Moules had three hits and two runs scored, and Mike Accardi finished the second game with two hits and three runs scored.

Women's basketball to host HL tournament game

After winning its last three games, the women's basketball team will host a Horizon League tournament quarterfinal game on March 13 at Beeghly Center. The Penguins have already clinched at least the third seed in the tournament; they can clinch the second seed with a victory over the University of Detroit Mercy on Thursday, or with a loss by Loyola University Chicago on either Thursday or Saturday. The Penguins' 21 wins this season are the program's most since the 1999-2000 season.

STANDINGS

Horizon League

	Conference	Overall
1. Valparaiso	13-3	24-7
2. Detroit	12-4	20-11
3. Wright State	10-6	19-11
4. Green Bay	10-6	17-14
5. Youngstown State	7-9	17-14
6. UIC	7-9	17-14

PENGUIN SPOTLIGHT



Marcus Heath

Year: Junior
Height: 6'0"
Hometown: Burghill
Position: Outfield/
First base

In the second game of YSU's doubleheader at Morehead State University on Tuesday, first baseman Marcus Heath broke a 7-7 tie in the top of the eighth inning with a three-run homerun. It would eventually lead to a 10-7 YSU win. Heath finished the game 2 for 4 with three RBIs and a run scored. On the season, Heath — the Penguins' cleanup hitter — is batting .267 with nine RBIs. In 2012, Heath hit .244 with eight doubles, three homers and 27 RBIs.

Ready for redemption



Shawn Amiker (4) attempts a layup during YSU's matchup with Loyola University Chicago on Tuesday. The Penguins won, 62-60, to advance in the Horizon League tournament. Photo by Dustin Livesay/The Jambar.

Steve Wilaj
SPORTS EDITOR

At Wright State University on Saturday, there was a men's basketball team wearing red Nikes and red uniforms with the word "Penguins" across their chests.

The team, which got smacked by the Raiders with a score of 72-45, appeared to be the Youngstown State University men's squad.

It was. However, Penguins guard DJ Cole said it wasn't them at all.

"That wasn't us, the way we played them last week," he said.

On Friday at 6 p.m., Cole and the Penguins will get another chance to show WSU their true colors. After defeating Loyola University Chicago, 62-60, on Tuesday in the first round of the Horizon League tournament, the team will meet the Raiders in the second round.

"We're excited to come and play them," Cole said. "We're just ready to get after them again and show them how we really play, how we can battle."

Considering YSU's matchup with the Loyola Ramblers, there's no doubt the Penguins (17-14, 7-9 HL) can battle.

YSU played Loyola to a 29-29 tie in the first 20 minutes. The teams were still deadlocked at 60 with 12 seconds remaining.

With possession of the ball, Cole drove the left lane, stepped back and knocked-down a fade away jumper from just outside the paint with 2.5 seconds remaining.

With that, the Penguins won the fight.

"Coming off of our worst effort of the year on Saturday, to bounce back and to fight and to play like that was just a tremendous win for us," said men's basketball head coach Jerry Slocum. "It was just a tremendous game of character for our guys. We responded to every challenge."

Their next challenge, third-seeded WSU, is 19-11 on the season.

In addition to Saturday's beat-down, YSU played the Raiders on Jan. 23 at the Beeghly Center. The Penguins won that matchup, 68-61.

While the Penguins know they can compete with WSU, Slocum said YSU must approach Friday's game with new ideas.

"Obviously, we'll be in late at night and very early tomorrow morning to find to try out a different game plan," he said.

Once again, that game plan will likely be made with the absence of the leading scorer, Kendrick Perry, in mind.

"We thought it was going to be going a little bit better than it has," Slocum said. "Everyday he gets a little bit better, but I'm not taking a chance. ... He's really got to be ready. He's not going at 80 percent."