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SOCIETY

Keep 'em separated

YSU says coed rooms unnecessary

"A lot of people will say, 'It's the opposite gender, oh, no!'"

Samantha Feldman, Oberlin College junior



Sarah Sole
Editor-in-Chief

In selecting a roommate for next fall, Samantha Feldman didn't think about gender so much as who would be the best roommate.

"It's generally like any other roommate process," said Feldman, a junior at Oberlin College who will live in a coed room for the first time next fall.

Coed rooming has been an option at Oberlin for about six years, Feldman said. Four separate dorms allow gender-blind housing on specific floors.

Although some universities offer coed rooms for students, Danielle Meyer, associate director of Housing and Residence Life at Youngstown State University, said YSU is not immediately focused on providing the option.

The University of Akron, Cleveland State University, Ohio State University and Kent State University do not offer coed rooms either.

Though the university has heard of the movement for coed rooms and strives to be up to date, "we haven't seen a need for it," Meyer said. One or two students have requested the option this year, she said.

While Meyer said YSU would never dictate its policies by the actions of outside universities and colleges, she said that if the coed room movement proves popular, YSU would talk to colleagues at other state institutions to see how the coed room option was faring.

YSU would always keep the possibility open, she said, but she doesn't see the option becoming available in the near future.

Campus housing is coed by floor or by wing. The exceptions are Beuchner Hall and the University Courtyard apartments, which the university does not administer. Beuchner is all female, and at the Courtyard, men and women do not share apartments.

While coed rooming is unavailable at YSU, Feldman said students at her school think the option is a good one.

"Oberlin is a very, very liberal place," she said. People take for granted that coed rooming is available.

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ACADEMICS

TaskStream: Friend or Foe to Ed Majors

J. Breen Mitchell
News Editor

TaskStream is an electronic portfolio system required by the Beeghly College of Education for all education majors, but there are mixed views on its benefits to the students.

According to TaskStream's Web site, the system is used to "advance educational excellence by providing our clients with the highest quality web-based software," as well as to "foster continuous improvement throughout the education network."

The price ranges from \$25 per semester up to \$99 for four years. Dr. Philip Ginetti, Dean of the Beeghly College of Education, said that TaskStream helps both faculty and students in submitting course work and spotting problems in time to solve them.

"If we see an area where the students are having trouble, we can adjust accordingly," Ginetti said.

He added that students use TaskStream to submit data through the Web, and while it collects data on their performance, it also provides students with tools.

"It's really a very helpful tool in planning their lesson," said Ginetti.

"If they're making a lesson plan on decimals, it will bring up the Ohio standards for a lesson plan on decimals."

Ginetti also said that TaskStream could be helpful with job interviews, because students can add video and burn a disc, which he said could be used to showcase teaching style for future employers.

Some students say that they don't feel that TaskStream is helpful enough to be worth the price.

Tina Felger, a senior majoring in middle childhood education, said TaskStream has some benefits, but overall she doesn't think it's worth it for students.

"Personally, I don't feel that TaskStream is worth the money, but I wasn't required to pay for it myself because I was enrolled before the deadline of personal purchasing," Felger said.

She said that she thinks that

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ACADEMICS

Summer enrollment heats up as more students return to YSU

Sarah Sole
Editor-in-Chief

According to the preliminary enrollment summary figures from institutional research, summer enrollment has increased from 2006, when 4,482 students enrolled, to 4,732 students enrolled in 2007.

Seniors represented the largest

"Finishing in four years is becoming harder."

Shearle Furnish, dean of CLASS

part of total students taking summer courses from figures from 2005 to 2007, and YSU faculty and administration differ on the reasons behind the seniors' decisions to go

that many students choose to take summer courses to complete general education requirements and free up time during fall and spring semesters for their major courses. Remedial courses can also be taken in the summer to help students meet prerequisites.

Dobson said it also makes sense for transient students — who live near Youngstown on break, but attend college elsewhere — to

take summer courses at YSU while they are home for the summer.

"Summer's been popular," Dobson said, but added that the semester is not for everyone, as some courses are accelerated.

Dobson said she doesn't believe students take summer courses to help them graduate on time. In the College of STEM for

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BUSINESS

U Gotta Eat, and they're gonna deliver

Alumnus and students bring food courier service to Youngstown

Richard Louis Boccia
Managing Editor

Derek Caffè wants you to enjoy your lunch. He'll even bring it to you.

The YSU alumnus is bringing a big city food delivery service to Youngstown, and after investing \$10,000 and immeasurable passion into his courier company, U Gotta Eat, business is starting to take off.

The hardest part is explaining the service to potential customers.

"If you can't make it out to the restaurant, the restaurant will come to you," Caffè said.

U Gotta Eat delivers a hot meal from area restaurants in 30 to 60 minutes for \$3.99. Customers call ahead, order by cred-

it card and U Gotta Eat makes all the arrangements. Caffè and his business partners work like mobile waiters to half a dozen restaurants in Youngstown. East of Chicago Pizza, Joë Restaurant, Coney Island Hot Dog Express, Great Harvest Bread, Kravitz Delicatessen, Galaxy Seafood and Station Square work with U Gotta Eat. Office customers can pay in cash.

Caffè said he's offering customers the chance to avoid the rush of traffic and expand their lunch break with the time they'd spend picking up food themselves. "It's not a lunch break" when people have to beat the clock to eat, he said.

The man behind the idea

For Derek Caffè (right), the stakes of starting a business are high.

"I'm burning all bridges — this has to succeed no matter what," he said.

Long before graduating from The Rayen High School, Caffè knew he wanted to avoid being a "nine-to-five." From age 13 he wanted to be a CEO, and he dresses the part, almost always wearing a suit.

Combine that with the confident walk and talk he learned serving in Iraq with the U.S. army and many people who meet him think he's not from Youngstown. He wants to break that preconceived notion about the city.



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News Briefs

Accounting prof receives award

David E. Stout, a professor in the Williamson College of Business Administration, received the Distinguished Achievement in Accounting Education Award from the American Institute of Certified Public Accountants. Stout teaches in the area of cost/managerial accounting.

Students place fourth in national competition

The Integrated Marketing Communications Campaigns team from the Williamson College of Business Administration placed fourth in the District 5 American Advertising Federation's National Student Advertising Competition in Lexington, Ky. The team created a campaign for AOL's AIM instant messaging entitled "What's Your AIM?" developed throughout the Spring semester.

Police Briefs

Expelled YEC student trespasses

YSU police responded to a call regarding a student who had been expelled from Youngstown Early College trespassing outside of the Beeghly Physical Education building on May 15. The student was issued a trespass warning to stay off all YSU property and was permitted to leave.

Paramedics assist commencement attendee

Paramedics were called to the YSU commencement ceremony on May 17 in response to a person having trouble breathing on the second floor. Medics advised that an EKG was not within normal range, but the individual refused to be transported to the hospital against the advice of medics on the scene.

M2 gate damages student's car

YSU police were sent to the M2 parking deck Monday in reference to property damage. A student reported that the deck entrance wood gate dropped down onto the hood of her vehicle, causing slight paint damage. Several digital photos were taken.

Family breaks Courtyard Apartment gate arm

A YSU police officer was dispatched to the 200 parking lot of the Courtyard Apartments on Monday in reference to a damaged parking gate arm. A maintenance employee reported that security cameras showed a family exit a vehicle on Sunday and manually break the gate arm off before entering the lot.



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Her mother had more of a reaction than her father did about her decision to move in with her guy friend, Feldman said. She was originally surprised and a little hurt that Feldman didn't discuss something that she viewed as a big change with her. She was also concerned about college students' abilities to control an attraction to someone they live with. Eventually though, her mother came to accept the situation.

"A lot of people will say, 'It's the opposite gender, oh, no!'" Feldman said.

Coed rooming is not the only situation where sexual orientation could be a challenge.

While many people did not previously consider lesbian, gay, bisexual or transgender cohabitation, two homosexuals can share a room as well, Feldman said.

"Anything can happen these days," she said. "It's not so black and white."

Feldman, however, is frank about the platonic state of her relationship with her roommate.

"I've never considered him in that way," she said. "That kind of thing can destroy a friendship."

Feldman said she will live in a divided double, so she and her roommate will basically have their own space.

All colleges should have some space for gender-blind housing, Feldman said. Ideally, there should be one-gender halls and gender-blind dorms available.

"It's really about having a safe space for everyone," she said.

Some students at Wesleyan University have already experienced coed habitation.

Maureen Pyne Isleib, associate director of residential life, said that

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most professors only use TaskStream because they are required to, and that she is annoyed by having to post assignments on it for professors to evaluate.

Senior special education major Missy Leeme agreed that while some of TaskStream's features, such as lesson plan formats, are helpful, submitting them is often difficult. She said that the site is not user friendly, and that even faculty members have trouble with it.

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example, students can do co-ops or take other enrichment courses during the summer, she said.

For some students, summer courses are necessary.

Dr. John Yemma, dean of the Bitonte College of Health and Human Services, said the majority of majors in this college, with the exception of criminal justice majors, have to take summer courses in order to graduate in four years.

Though they can complete internships and clinics throughout the year, summer is the most practical time for some students to complete their off-campus programs, Yemma said.

Since each program has a semester lineup of courses in sequential progression, students who get out of sequence by missing a course requirement must wait a year for a class to be available again, Yemma said.

HHS students are also locked in their programs. When students come into the college, it is assumed that they will go full-time, including in the summer, Yemma said. Without going in the summer, students wouldn't finish the program in four years.

Finishing in four years is also a requirement for accreditation, which most majors need, Yemma said.

Shearle Furnish, dean of the College of Liberal Arts and Social Sciences, said that since students in that college don't need to finish in four years to be accredited, it might affect how long it takes them to graduate, especially for students who work to put themselves through college.

Though more people are deciding to take summer courses, he is unsure of the reason behind their decisions, he said.

"Finishing in four years is becoming harder," Furnish said, adding that the state tracks graduations over six years, which points to the four-year completion becoming more difficult.

Like the HHS students, pre-medical students must take summer courses in order to obtain their B.S. in two years, said sophomore Sarah Maher.

Maier said courses are required in the summer, and for her part, she is loaded up with course require-

ments. Wesleyan University has offered coed habitation for well over 10 years.

Erik Youngdahl, a sophomore at Wesleyan, has roomed with a female friend that he knew for about a year before they shared a room.

"People are surprised when they hear about it," Youngdahl said, adding that they often ask if the two roommates are dating.

Youngdahl said that rooming with a girl is more or less the same as rooming with a guy. Personality is more of an issue than gender is, he said.

Living in an undivided double room, Youngdahl and his roommate's beds are right next to each other's.

Cohabiting has been a small adjustment, he said.

The roommates turn around when they change, but Youngdahl said he was used to doing that when rooming with a guy.

"It's really not something that occurs to you after a while," he said. "At the end of the day, it stops being important."

Youngdahl said each school should have a session to gain public feedback on the consensus for coed rooms.

While he said that some people would be uncomfortable with a university that endorses the option, schools should see if they could accommodate whoever the minority turns out to be in some way as well.

YSU students have mixed opinions about the possibility of coed rooms becoming available on their campus.

Sophomore Kelly Culbertson said guys and girls have different living styles that would clash if

they roomed together. The bathroom could become an issue, she said, since girls have more products than guys usually do.

"To be honest, I don't know how many people would really want to do it," she said.

Living with someone of the same sexual orientation might also turn into physical attraction.

"It would probably be hard for that not to happen," Culbertson said.

Culbertson, however, said that she thinks roommates can live together without becoming attracted to each other. Doing so might take certain personality types though, she said.

Freshman Megan Calderone said coed rooms would pose a problem if a studious girl were to room with a guy who likes to party.

Calderone also worried about the possibility of sexual tension.

While some girls can just be friends with guys, other girls think every guy is available, she said.

"I don't think it would be a good idea at all," she said.

Senior Drew Greskovich, however, said that coed rooming situations happen anyway. When two guys room together and a girlfriend comes over, the other roommate has to deal with her, he said.

Greskovich said keeping the genders apart makes things easier.

"You don't have to worry about the hair and the makeup and all the hell with the bathrooms," he said.

Greskovich, however, said that he could see people being in platonic relationships living in a coed room. The university can make the option available, and it might attract more students to campus, he said.

she likes TaskStream.

"The lesson plan formats are very helpful. I really like that it puts the standards in the lesson plans," Barron said.

Barron said that she thinks more students would appreciate TaskStream if the university would underwrite some of the cost.

"Requiring education students to purchase something so expensive makes TaskStream less appreciated by students," said Barron.

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Wesleyan College in Connecticut has offered coed habitation for well over 10 years. Oberlin College has offered it for about six, according to a student there.

Yet many of our state colleges do not offer this option.

For a variety of reasons, Youngstown State University needs to make coed habitation available for interested residents. First, if similar state institutions do not offer this option, YSU could make it a unique selling point. Second, our university needs to be aware of ways to make each student comfortable, from attending classes to choosing potential roommates. Part of the student experience for many is living on campus in a safe environment.

While this area can perhaps be known for its socially conservative views, YSU needs to break the mold. Universities are supposed to be open-minded, right? Yes, coed habitation can be a sexually charged issue, but only if we view it through archaic lenses.

Sexual temptation from living together isn't necessarily present only when a man and woman live together. It may not be present at all. What if a gay male and a straight female live together? Or something that's possible at YSU: what if two gay women or two gay men live together? Separation of genders doesn't guarantee the absence of sexual tension.

At the same time, individuals of the same sexual orientation can — and do — cohabitate platonically. Learning how to live in close proximity while keeping sex out of a relationship takes maturity, but the resulting growth will come in handy upon graduation.

Besides, attraction is complex, and not a given.

Separation of gender doesn't occur in the workplace. We shouldn't have to draw lines in our dorm rooms.

Students can grow from experiencing gender-blind cohabitation, but only if they choose to. While gender-blind habitation should be available, single-gender housing by building or floor should also be available. The university should try to make every person comfortable.

For campus residents picking a roommate, personality and compatibility may be more important than gender.

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Why are you taking summer classes?



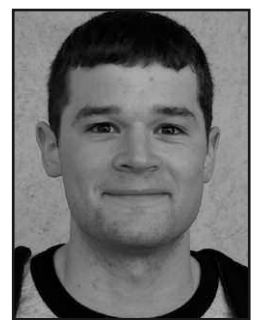
Joe Meloni, sophomore



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Ben Detweiler, junior

“Engineering department, you gotta keep up.”

“The classes I’m taking weren’t available in the spring.”

“To stick with my attendance schedule and graduate on time.”

“Changed my major. Had to catch up.”

LETTER TO THE EDITOR

Editor,

This letter is in response to the articles concerning the California Supreme Court ruling to overturn the gay marriage ban. Although I am a heterosexual male, I would like to comment on this so-called “controversial” issue.

According to societal standards, a homosexual person is one who is sexually attracted to others of the

same sex. Except for a genetic variation of nature, they are virtually identical to their heterosexual counterparts. They feel the very same kind of attraction to the same sex as heterosexuals feel about the opposite sex. Now, granted, there are those people who freely choose this behavior as a form of “lifestyle” but that accounts for a very small population of homosexuals.

In fact, if one is not genetically

predisposed for this behavior then by definition they are not truly homosexual but rather some deviant variation of perverted behavior.

Some would argue that the Bible condemns homosexuality, but I believe (through the persistence of science) this behavior will be proven to result from natural genetic variation. One can draw on the example of retarded people (no offense intended) who by no action

of their own are born comparatively slow or deficient in mental, physical or emotional growth.

Homosexual people are therefore entitled to engage in sexual behavior consistent with their genetic makeup so long as it is between consenting adults. To deny them this right would be the same as denying heterosexuals their right to consensual sex. Some would argue that sexuality is strictly for the purpose of reproduction, but

yet the animal kingdom has many variations of species who also cannot reproduce.

Human beings are sexual beings as was intended by their creator and to suggest that a genetic variation of nature somehow makes homosexuals less human is indeed an inhuman concept.

Joe Bialek
 Cleveland

COMMENTARY

Clinton needs to make swift, graceful exit so Obama can focus on McCain

Wayne Madsen

MCT

In the wake of her trouncing in North Carolina and her skin-of-the-teeth win in Indiana, it's abundantly clear that Hillary Clinton should embrace reality and drop out of the Democratic presidential race.

It's highly probable, indeed, that the junior New York senator would have lost blue-collar Indiana, if Rush Limbaugh had not persuaded tens of thousands of Republicans to join his mischievous Operation Chaos and crossover to vote for her.

Her hopes of seating the renegade Michigan and Florida delegations at the Denver convention in late August clearly were a pipe dream whose bubble has long since burst.

Seating delegations from states that were banned because they violated party rules would have been

an act of cynical chutzpah almost unrivaled in the annals of American politics.

Michigan and Florida rightly were taken to the woodshed by the Democratic National Committee for ignoring party rules and moving their presidential primaries to earlier dates than allowed.

In the wake of that ruling, Clinton, Obama, and the other major Democratic candidates solemnly pledged not to campaign in those two states and it was understood that the 350 delegates from those states would not be seated in Denver's Pepsi Center.

Moreover, there is mounting evidence that Florida moved up its primary as part of a ploy by the Sunshine State's GOP to embarrass their Democratic counterparts.

State Democratic Chairwoman Karen Thurman's backroom deals with the Republicans to approve the earlier Florida primary and her rela-

tionship with the Clinton campaign, indeed, should be the focus of a party probe. If proved, the DNC ought to level sanctions on both Thurman and Clinton for trying to game the system and undemocratically corral most of the state's 210 delegates into Hillary's pen.

Although Obama and all the other Dem contenders withdrew their names from the Michigan primary ballot, Clinton deviously permitted hers to remain.

After finishing first in those uncontested elections, Hillary began to fall further and further behind Obama in legitimately contested states. That's when her strategists shamelessly decided to try to seat the rump Michigan and Florida delegations.

Clinton continues to divide the Democratic Party at a time when it should be marshaling its forces to defeat John McCain in the November election by capitalizing

on the public's utter disgust with the Bush administration's failed economic and military policies.

Both Hillary and her now sycophantic husband, Bill, are tarnishing whatever legacy they had left from their eight years in the White House. Over the years, the Clintons have shown a propensity to sidestep the rules and then try to change them after they find themselves behind as the game reaches the late innings.

Now the paramount question is about to become: Do Hillary and Bill have the sportsmanship to acknowledge defeat and do the honorable thing by working hard to back Sen. Obama and their fellow Democrats in the fall election.

Already there are indications from some Clinton insiders that Hillary's personal ambitions would be best served if her Senate pal John McCain were to win in November. That could still leave the White

House door ajar for her in 2012 probably the last year she could reasonably expect to run for the presidency.

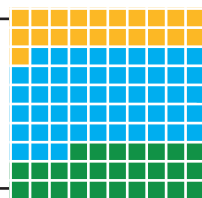
It's commonly accepted that a thinly veiled signal from Hillary could send millions of her supporters to the sidelines this November in effect, allowing McCain to overcome the Democratic Party's huge advantage in registered voters.

Such an action — even if not publicly acknowledged — would create a huge rift inside the Democratic Party and perhaps send anti-war advocates, environmentalists and blacks scurrying to form a new, more progressive party.

That would be a stunning tragedy for America by delaying the healing process the nation so desperately needs before it can once again take its place as an admired leader in the family of nations.

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YSU men take it all off

For the Youngstown State University men who went the Full Monty, life imitated art as the actors grappled with letting it all hang out for a community audience for the first time.

While junior Brandon Smith donned nothing but a loincloth for "Joseph and the Amazing Technicolor Dreamcoat" and even streaked through his high school, getting naked in front of hundreds of Youngstown friends and neighbors was terrifying. Still, he and his castmates had the support of the audience even if they didn't have the support of underwear.

"While its a little unnerving having a little old lady say she's seen 'the goods,' they always smile and wink while they say it, and no one is ever judgemental," he said.

Still, Smith struggled with his self image after gaining weight from quitting smoking three months ago.

"As the rehearsal period went on, the body image issues only got larger and larger — no pun intended," he said.

YSU graduate Tony Scarsella purposefully gained 25 pounds for the unpaid role, but as he pointed out, the weight is an integral part of his character.

Like the others, Scarsella described the nudity as daunting. When they cleared the set to do the strip number all the way for the first time, he realized, "I'm really going to be standing naked in front of people."

Two days before opening the underwear came off and the guys found themselves sharing the stage with a fully-clothed technician as the crew adjusted lighting cues to get the right silhouette effect.

Scarsella said it was fun once they accepted that the audience would see it all.

It was also the first time going totally nude onstage for YSU student David Munnell. For Munnell, agreeing to bare it all was scary at first.

"However, the cast that was picked was so supportive that I quickly got over it," Munnell said.

Fear transformed into exhilaration throughout the course of rehearsals, and now Munnell describes himself as "quite the exhibitionist."

Smith agrees, adding that Munnell was the only one not terrified on opening night. By the time the show wrapped, the guys had stripped for seven audiences, including a midnight show with extra nudity.

In the end, it was a freeing experience.

As Smith put it, "I'm actually more comfortable being naked now than I am for the 30 seconds we're in the man thong."

Nude, crude and rarely in the mood

"Full Monty" reveals funny soft side

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The Full Monty bares it all as working class men lose their clothes to keep from losing their livelihoods and their families.

The Oakland Center for the Arts brings this British musical comedy to the states, setting it in an economically depressed town where steel workers lose their jobs. With references to contaminated ground and the guys naming their stripper act Hot Metal, this show could take place in Youngstown.

With scenes punctuated by pelvic thrusts and stripper costumes that leave little to the imagination, gender boundaries are set and broken from the opening number, where the discord of "Scrap" is the sound of men who don't feel like men anymore and women who hoot and holler at male strippers.

Lipstick, powder, hair and cleavage all become props for the ladies who adjust them during "It's A Woman's World," the anthem they sing after invading a men's room. When their primping turns to all-out self-congratulation on their sexual dominance, it's clear that the girls have taken over more than just a Buffalo strip club men's room. They run their husbands' lives as well.

Women tower over men, jeering at their undressed bodies, measuring, poking and prodding. At one point, the guys are literally under a magnifying glass as the cast cries out their insecurities: fat, old and ugly.

This gender role reversal depicts men as sex objects when women gain the upper hand in finances. Still, the men discover another kind of empowerment when nudity becomes a weapon to scare off a female repo agent and a tool to make money at a strip club.

The real comedic genius comes with the terrible first attempts at stripping. Nudity earns real laughs while avoiding vulgarity — that's saved for the dialogue. One of the best scenes has the men stripping down to their underwear for the first time. It's a Dove soap inner beauty commercial for men as the cast bares diverse body types.

The cast

Ric Panning's earnest lead performance borders on overacting, but he brings fire that sometimes keeps scenes moving. If his lack of poise leaves the audience wondering what his striptease will look like, the awkward moments suit his character, as if out-of-work loser Jerry Lukowski himself were plopped onstage instead of Panning. His nasal, rock growl tenor is sometimes reminiscent of "Rent."

Suzanne Shorrab and Alecia Sarkis are almost maternally in their maturity, watching the adolescent antics of their men with subdued disappointment. That's when the women aren't cutting loose themselves at the strip club. Family drama balances the show's naked antics and profanity.

YSU graduate Tony Scarsella is Jerry's mellow friend Dave whose big belly is a character unto itself, receiving insults and even a love song directed to its big round globe.

YSU student David Munnell does a lot with little lines and gestures as Malcolm, creating the most likable character in the show by combining boyish grief with weary obligation to his job and ailing mother. His soft tenor and childlike demeanor adds needed sweetness to the show.

YSU graduate Gary Shackleford shows good physicality running into walls as Ethan, and the other characters point out he's got a lot of "glimmer" when he drops trou. Shackleford shows even more sparkle in a glittery

dance instructor costume that lets him show off the cha-cha.

In "Big Black Man," Kenneth Brown captures the heart of the show: real guys getting real laughs for dancing. Brown brought the house down with a few Michael Jackson moves thrown in for fun.

Anna Frabutt's hilarious aging showbiz insider Jeanette acts as stage mom to the guys, talking a big game about her entertainment experience but fanning herself at the first sign of nudity. Her oversized hair bows and colorful shirts capture her character's attempt to hold onto the glamour of once performing with top talent.

Stepping in for Joey Monda on three performances, YSU student Kage Coven hits genuine notes in a non-showy performance as the son that Jerry might lose if he doesn't get his act together.

Unfortunately, Eric McCrae plays the bit stereotypical gay stripper without a hint of irony. A twist of self-awareness of the cliched characterization could have made it funny.

YSU senior Juleah Buttermore shows that a little can go a long way, wringing laughs out of the small part of Estelle with her comic delivery.

The crew

Levels frame unequal relationships throughout as characters fight, hug, sing and dance on staircases and tables.

As in "Batboy," director Robert Dennick Joki makes the cast a part of the audience by placing the actors with their backs to the house

in the opening number and having a choir sing from the back in the finale.

Fran Comstock's lighting and set design gets the job done, and the master touch is the urinal repurposed for every scene from actual plumbing in a bathroom to a flower pot in an upwardly-mobile house.

A Chippendales dancer stares down from posters around the house, a constant reminder of what the Full Monty's men are not. For the real guys, it's a losing fight against the Chippendales of the world.

"Life with Harold" has the feel of a big production number, but it lacks focus. YSU graduate Heidi Davis shimmies her chest and performs vocal acrobatics, but the dance lesson in the background distracts from the action rather than supporting it. A great moment when Davis falls into the dancers' arms from a platform shows what could have been in terms of choreography. However, the sheer energy of the finales in acts I and II is a credit to choreographer and YSU graduate Richard Bell.

A funky band led by John Smiley blows the house away, but that can be a problem. When an excellent band overpowers competent singing, it's too much of a good thing.

If a couple of notes crack, it almost feels like they should — these are mill workers, not stars of Broadway. The men's vocal performances hit the right notes of quiet vulnerability as they struggle with self-loathing and something much scarier: tiny red thongs.

SPORTS

Women's soccer team travels to Trinidad

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Four years ago, coach Anthony James took his former team, West Virginia Wesleyan College, to Trinidad, and ever since, his women's soccer team at Youngstown State University has wanted to go, too.

"I have been looking forward to it for two years now, and yet it is hard to believe we are leaving in a matter of hours," said Katelyn Bonn, who plays center midfielder for the team, before the trip.

From May 10-17, the women's soccer team went to Trinidad and Tobago, on a trip designed to expose the team to a culture other than their own, where soccer is the top sport in the nation. James said soccer is like a religion in Trinidad.

James and his assistant coach are both originally from Trinidad, but he said that there are many other reasons for the trip.

"I have always believed that education not only revolves around what goes on in the classroom," James said, "so to be exposed to a different culture and get the chance to see how other people live will be a great opportunity."

Before they left, James and the team talked before the trip about their expectations.

"I want the girls to be able to appreciate all that they have here in the U.S.," he said.

James said the team will also have the

opportunity to enjoy the beaches and historic places.

James said the three games the team played against the Trinidad national team would provide a great environment and an opportunity to showcase YSU's team and potentially become a recruiting hotbed in the future. The YSU team won all three games.

Team members said that they were excited for the trip.

"I am obviously excited for the sandy beaches, sunny skies and crystal clear water," said right outside defender Carrie Mae Wack.

Wack said that while packing for the trip caused some extra stress during finals week, she was sure it would be worth it.

Another source of excitement and nervousness were the games the team played on the trip.

Wack said that the crowd would be the largest she had ever played for, but that she expects them to appreciate YSU's play, which she described as "finesse soccer."

Bonn said that she also thought that the team's style of play would be respected by the national team, saying that, while soccer was not the main focus of the trip, she is confident that they would play well.

"More than anything, I think this trip will be a great bonding experience," said Bonn.

Striker Natalie Brady agreed, saying that the team has been looking forward to the trip for a long time.

"We are all just really glad it is here and we can all have a good time together and share the great memories," she said.

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Delivering to Youngstown

Food couriers have operated for years in Cleveland, Akron and Columbus, where deliveries save people from office vending machines at lunch. U Gotta Eat's combined restaurant menu resembles a big city tourist guide.

Without a brick and mortar store, U Gotta Eat is a decidedly modern operation with plans to spread its name by word of mouth. Caffe's childhood friend "2Fly" Keith Logan will help develop a YouTube commercial that they hope will go viral.

UGottaEatNow.com lists participating restaurants and other terms, like the \$10 minimum for orders.

Caffe says studying business finance at YSU prepared him to start a company. He found the idea on Entrepreneur.com when he graduated in December 2007.

"The first thought was to leave Youngstown," he said, but "I saw opportunity, a service that anybody could use."

The company name reflects the universal need for food. Caffe says some people could use food delivery, from "the soccer mom who's strapped for time" to "the working professional" who wants a meal delivered at the office.

Caffe thinks the business will succeed because the service industry is booming, replacing the manufacturing that has left Youngstown. U Gotta Eat also taps into the lively Youngstown restaurant scene. Google Maps lists thousands of restaurants within a few miles of campus, which Caffe said means the field for food couriers is wide open.

Growing hungry

U Gotta Eat wants more partner restaurants, who sign an agreement with U Gotta Eat so that the company can avoid waiting in line. Caffe said he encourages workers to contact new restaurants to offer more choices to customers and reflect the diversity of the area's food culture. To convince restaurants to take part, he describes additional business and added convenience to owners. He also points out that Columbus has had a food delivery called Cafe Courier since 1989, which he contacted for pointers.

"I had always heard. If you can make it in Youngstown, Ohio, you can make it anywhere else in the world," Caffe said.

"If you don't believe in yourself and your service, no one else is going to believe in you," he said.

Customers are believing. "People automatically love the idea," Caffe said, although orders have been sporadic since deliveries began in April.

One of U Gotta Eat's first orders came from an unexpected customer: a woman calling from South Carolina.

"We can't send food to South Carolina," Caffe said laughing, but the customer wanted to send a tray to a grieving family in Boardman. So she Googled food delivery in Youngstown.

Caffe's friends and partners recommend the service at their other jobs to advertise, but the challenge is changing people's eating habits.

Caffe has his eye on expansion, envisioning little hubs all over the area to deliver to the entire Boardman, Warren and Youngstown metro area.

Making partners

Still, Caffe doesn't want to create a business that can't survive without him, or one so big that it forgets individual workers. His associates are all called partners, even if they primarily deliver food or take orders over the phone. He wants them to be more than just cogs in the wheel like larger business.

Sophomore Dan McNamara recognized Caffe's passion for business and the strength of the courier concept immediately.

"When I realized that it was such a good idea, I had to hop in," McNamara said.

The New Jersey native grew up 30 miles south of New York City in Edison, where he said food delivery businesses thrive.

"It's what America wants," he said, because of the convenience of delivery and the information service provided by the menu guide. McNamara plans to make deliveries between classes once the summer session starts.

As Caffe and McNamara sit and talk business, new ideas appear. When McNamara suggests putting menu guides in hotels like Gideon Bibles, it's just another example of collaboration.

The two liken their partners to other small groups with big ideas, like the founders of Google. As with the search giant, U Gotta Eat shows interest in bigger issues of social responsibility. Caffe and McNamara say the courier model cuts down on the environmental impact of driving because instead of everyone going to lunch, it comes to them in one vehicle.