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**Wednesday, Sept. 29, 11 a.m. to 1 p.m.** YSU's Department of Political Science and Rigelhaupt Pre-Law Center host Law Day in the Presidential Suite of Kilcawley

Center on the YSU campus. Representatives from numerous law schools will be present to answer questions. Catalogs, applications and financial aid information will be available. For more information, call 330-941-1672 or 330-941-3436.

**Wednesday, Sept. 29, 12:15 p.m.** The YSU Dana School of Music's Flute Studio performs a free Music at Noon concert in the Butler Institute of American Art.



**"You want me to wear what?!"** Joshua Green and Zach Campbell portray Jack Gable and Leo Clark in University Theater's production of "Leading Ladies," opening Thursday, Sept. 30 in Spotlight Arena Theater at YSU. See News Brief for more details.



Chris Hedges speaks 12:30 p.m.  
Thursday in the Chestnut Room.

**Thursday, Sept. 30, 12:30 p.m.** Pulitzer Prize-winning reporter and best-selling author Chris Hedges, former foreign correspondent of *The New York Times*, presents “Empire of Illusion: The End of Literacy and the Triumph of Spectacle” as part of the 2010-11 Dr. Thomas and Albert Shipka Speaker Series at YSU. The free lecture will be in the Chestnut Room of Kilcawley Center. Hedges won the Pulitzer Prize for Explanatory Reporting in 2002 for coverage of global terrorism and the 2002 Amnesty International Global Award for Human Rights Journalism.

**Thursday, Friday, Saturday and Sunday, Sept. 30, Oct. 1, 2 and 3.** University Theater presents its opening main stage performance of the comedy “Leading Ladies” in Spotlight Arena Theater on the campus of YSU. Thursday, Friday and Saturday performances start at **7:30 p.m.**, with Sunday matinee at **3 p.m.** Performances also scheduled for **Oct. 8, 9 and 10.** See News Brief below.

**Thursday, Sept. 30, 8 p.m.** YSU’s Dana School of Music presents award-winning violinist Hristo Popov in Bliss Recital Hall. See News Brief below.

**Thursday, Sept. 30.** YSU’s Women’s Studies Program and Mahoning Valley Sojourn to the Past present two talks by civil rights leader Minnijean Brown Trickey. Presentations will be **9:30 a.m.** in McKay Auditorium, located in Beeghly Hall on the YSU campus, and **7 p.m.** in St. Columba Cathedral on Wood Street in Youngstown. A reception will be held **5:30 to 6:30 p.m.** in the Museum of Labor and Industry on Wood Street. For more information, email [gmgerardo@ysu.edu](mailto:gmgerardo@ysu.edu).

**Friday, Oct. 1, 3 p.m.** YSU Board of Trustees meets in the Trustees Meeting Room on the first floor of Tod Hall.

## YSU deemed ‘Military Friendly School’

For the second consecutive year, Youngstown State University has been named a Military Friendly School by *G.I. Jobs* magazine, a publication designed for military members transitioning back to civilian life.

The honor ranks YSU in the top 15 percent of all colleges, universities and trade schools nationwide for its efforts in welcoming and accommodating post-military students.

“It’s difficult to come out of a highly structured environment into one that’s not,” Jim Olive, program manager of YSU’s Office of Veterans Affairs, said about the transition into university life. “That’s our basis. We set up the Office for guidance and referral as a single point of contact for student veterans. It helps them feel more comfortable knowing we’re here to try to answer their questions.”

Launched in May 2009, the YSU Office of Veterans Affairs helps military veterans adjust to college life by assisting with admissions, financial aid, registration and advising, offering classes exclusive to veterans and generally “building an environment that’s familiar and recognizable” for those still adapting to the change, Olive said.



Among the information provided in a survey for *G.I. Jobs*, Olive included a feature at YSU he felt was unique—an advisory council made up of students, faculty and community representatives that advises the Office and university on veterans affairs issues.

More initiatives are underway for the new academic year, including a proposal for the university to award undergraduate credit for military service and a plan to achieve campus counseling services targeted to the needs of veterans.

But the biggest factor Olive recognizes for YSU's continued success as a Military Friendly School is the faculty and staff. "The support has been tremendous," he said. "The university is knowledgeable and empathetic to the experiences and sacrifices our military students have made. And it makes all the difference."

To see the full list of 2011 Military Friendly Schools, visit [www.militaryfriendlyschoools.com/mfspr](http://www.militaryfriendlyschoools.com/mfspr).

### **'Leading Ladies' opens in Spotlight Arena Theater**

University Theater presents its opening main stage performance of Ken Ludwig's farce "Leading Ladies" Sept. 30 to Oct. 3 and Oct. 8 to 10 in Spotlight Arena Theater on the campus of Youngstown State University.

Thursday through Saturday performances begin at 7:30 p.m., with Sunday matinee performances at 3 p.m. All seats in Spotlight Theater are general admission. Patrons are encouraged to make reservations early.

The comedy centers on two English Shakespearean actors, Jack and Leo, who find themselves so down on their luck that they are performing "Scenes from Shakespeare" on the Moose Lodge circuit in the Amish country of Pennsylvania. When they hear that an old lady in York, Pa., is about to die and leave her fortune to her two long lost English nephews, they resolve to pass themselves off as her beloved relatives and get the cash. The trouble is, when they get to York, they find out that the relatives aren't nephews, but nieces.

The cast includes Deanna Scott of Toronto, Ohio, Aaron Kubicina of Cortland, Daniel Temelkoff of Liberty, Cheney Morgan of Boardman, Brittany Grant of Campbell, Zachary Campbell of East Liverpool, Joshua Green of Youngstown and Rebecca Anderson of Cortland. Directing the show is Dennis Henneman, professor of Theater and Dance.

Tickets may be purchased by calling the University Theater Box Office at 330-941-3105. Tickets are free for YSU students with an ID. Tickets are \$10 for adults and \$5 for senior citizens, YSU faculty and staff, high school and college students from other universities, Penguin Club members and YSU alumni. Parking is available in the Wick Avenue parking deck for a nominal fee.

### **YSU Job Expo features nearly 60 employers**

Nearly 60 employers from local, regional and national companies will participate in Youngstown State University's Fall 2010 Job Expo 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Wednesday, Sept. 29, in the Chestnut Room of Kilcawley Center.

The expo, sponsored by YSU's Career & Counseling Services, allows YSU students and alumni to meet with employers, discuss employment opportunities, receive organizational information and distribute resumes. To view the company profiles, visit [www.ysu.edu/career-services](http://www.ysu.edu/career-services) and click on "Job Expos."

Students in all majors are welcome. Registration is available at the door or on PenguinLink.

For more information, contact Susan George in the Office of Career & Counseling Services at 330-941-3299.

## **Peace Corps recruiter visits campus**

A recruiter from the Peace Corps will be on the campus of Youngstown State University from 3 to 4 p.m. Wednesday, Sept. 29, to talk about the organization.

The meeting is in The Gallery of Kilcawley Center.

The Peace Corps traces its roots and mission to 1960, when then Senator John F. Kennedy challenged students at the University of Michigan to serve their country in the cause of peace by living and working in developing countries. From that inspiration grew an agency of the federal government devoted to world peace and friendship.

Since that time, more than 200,000 Peace Corps volunteers have served in 139 host countries to work in the areas of education, business development, environment, health and youth development.

For more information, call Christina Hardy, YSU career coordinator, at 330-941-3514.

## **Campus flu shot clinic set for Oct. 7**

Want to avoid the flu bug this year?

The YSU Student Health Clinic and Northside Medical Center are sponsoring a flu shot clinic 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. Thursday, Oct. 7, in the Student Health Clinic in Kilcawley House residence hall.

Members of the YSU community, as well as friends and family, are encouraged to participate. To receive a flu shot you must be 18 years of age or older.

No appointment is needed. Vaccination fee is \$20 .

The Student Health Clinic is located on the first floor of Kilcawley House, which is adjacent to Kilcawley Center. The entrance is facing University Plaza.

## **Workshop focuses on farm succession planning**

A free workshop titled “Introduction to Farm Succession Planning” will be held 9 a.m. to noon, Tuesday, Oct. 5, in Room 228 at the Youngstown State University Metro College at Southwoods in Boardman.

The workshop is open to farmers and other small business families who would like to explore options for transferring ownership to the next generation. Topics such as valuation, legal and tax considerations, timetable planning and transferability will be discussed among others.

The workshop is presented by YSU’s Ohio Small Business Development Center, the Ohio Employee Ownership Center at Kent State University and Braintree Business Development Center. The workshop will also be of interest to business and financial consultants, bankers and economic development professionals.

The YSU Metro College at Southwoods Commons is located at 100 DeBartolo Place, off of Market Street in Boardman. Facilitators of the event include Bob Cohen of Braintree, Roy Messing of the Cooperative Development Center at KSU and Edward R. Klesack of Centaurus Financial Inc.

Participants need to register in advance by calling 330-672-0333 or e-mailing [rmessin2@kent.edu](mailto:rmessin2@kent.edu).



Hae-Jong Lee

## Dana Choral performance set for Oct. 4

The YSU Dana School of Music presents its Fall Choral Concert 8 p.m. Monday, Oct. 4, in St. Columba Cathedral, 159 West Rayen Ave.

The concert, directed by Hae-Jong Lee, director of choral activities at the Dana School of Music, is free and open to the public.

A “Banquet of Baroque Music” will feature Monteverdi’s *Magnificat* and selections from Handel and Bach performed by Dana Choral Ensembles and guest ensemble, the St. Columba Cathedral Choir, directed by Dan Laginya. Instrumental music will be provided by students from the Dana School of Music.

“The Dana Fall Choral Concert features some of the most glorious Baroque music, including *Beatus vir* and selections of *Vespers 1610* by Monteverdi, one of the most cherished early Baroque Italian

composers,” Lee said. *Magnificat* for seven voices, the final movement of *Vespers 1610*, is the centerpiece of the concert. “The piece presents an exciting and virtuosic soli throughout the piece, in addition to the exciting finale tutti chorus,” Lee said.

## Guest violinist lectures, performs this week

The Dana School of Music at Youngstown State University presents award-winning violinist Hristo Popov at 8 p.m. Thursday, Sept. 30, in Bliss Recital Hall.

Popov will lecture on early 20<sup>th</sup> century Eastern European composers and perform a violin recital, including selections from Bartok, Vladigerov and Enescu. He is currently in residence at the Dana School of Music.

The lecture and the recital are free and open to the public. Parking is available in the Wick Avenue deck for a nominal fee. For more information, call 330-941-3636.

**Please note:** This concert was originally scheduled for Thursday, Oct. 7, and is listed in print schedules for that date.

Popov is a prize-winning violinist at the Kozian International Violin Competition, silver medalist at the California Young Artist Competition, winner of the Grand Prize at the International Institute of Music (Germany, USA) and first place winner at the American String Teachers' Association Chamber Music Competition. He has appeared as guest artist in numerous



Hristo Popov

festivals, including the Park City International Music Festival, Plovdiv International Chamber Music Festival, Summit Music Festival in New York and the Interharmony International Music Festival. He has performed in major performing arts centers across the nation, including Carnegie Hall in New York, the Dorothy Chandler Pavilion in Los Angeles, Severance Hall in Cleveland and the John F. Kennedy Center in Washington D.C

He said St. Columba Cathedral's acoustics are similar to the Baroque-era church acoustics. He also indicated that the performance of *Vespers 1610* is particularly meaningful, as it celebrates the 200th anniversary of that composition.

For more information, contact the Dana School of Music at 330-941-3636.