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Monday through Friday, Sept. 20 to 24. YSU Housing and Residence Life presents "Safer Sex Week," featuring a variety of presentations, discussions and activities ranging from HIV testing and alternatives to sex to GLBT and "Sex and the Cinema." For a full schedule, visit <http://cc.ysu.edu/student-services/livingoncampus/>.

Monday, Sept. 20, 8 p.m. Dana School of Music Faculty Artist Recital featuring Brian Kiser, tuba, in the Bliss Recital Hall.

Tuesday, Sept. 21, 11:30 a.m. YSU's College of Fine and Performing Arts and the Youngstown Jewish Community Center conduct a joint news conference at the JCC, 505 Gypsy Lane, to announce a new partnership. The news conference will be followed at **noon** with a performance by YSU Jazz Ensemble.



Donald Johanson

Tuesday, Sept. 21. The YSU Board of Trustees meets in the Presidential Suite of Kilcawley Center on the following schedule: **12:50 p.m.**, Academic and Students Affairs Committee; **1 p.m.**, Investment Subcommittee; **2 p.m.**, Audit Subcommittee; **3 p.m.**, Finance and Facilities Committee; **4 p.m.**, Executive Committee.

Wednesday, Sept. 22, 12:15 p.m. YSU Jazz Combos performs a free Music at Noon concert in the Butler Institute of American Art.

Wednesday, Sept. 22, 8 p.m. Dana School of Music Percussion Studio Recital in Bliss Hall, Room 2326.

Thursday, Sept. 23, 7:30 p.m. Renowned American paleoanthropologist and author Donald Johanson will present a lecture in the Ford Family Recital Hall of the DeYor Performing Arts Center in downtown Youngstown. Question-and-answer and book-signing sessions will follow. The talk is free and open to the

public, but tickets are required. Tickets are available at the Information Center in Kilcawley Center.

Friday, Sept. 24, 1 p.m. Cynthia E. Anderson will be officially installed as the seventh president of YSU during a ceremony 1 p.m. Friday, Sept. 24, in Stambaugh Auditorium. A reception will follow in the Stambaugh Auditorium Ballroom. Students, faculty, staff and the general public are invited. Those planning to attend the installation should contact Heather Belgin at 330-941-3497 or habelgin@ysu.edu.



YSU President Cynthia E. Anderson

Friday, Sept. 24, 5:30 p.m. Ivania del Pozo, YSU professor of Foreign Languages and Literatures, gives the keynote address at the YSU Hispanic Heritage Celebration in the Chestnut Room of Kilcawley Center. The event, which is free and open to the public, also includes food, informational booths, dance and musical entertainment. The theme of the event is “Listen to our Hispanic Voices” and is coordinated by the Hispanic Heritage Planning Committee through YSU’s Office of Equal Opportunity and Diversity. For more information, call 330-941-3370.

Friday, Sept. 24, 7 p.m. YSU volleyball team plays UW-Green Bay in Beeghly Center. The squad also plays **2 p.m. Saturday, Sept. 25**, against UW-Milwaukee.

Friday, Sept. 24, 7 p.m. YSU women’s soccer squad plays UW-Milwaukee in Stambaugh Stadium. The team also plays **noon, Sunday, Sept. 26**, against UW-Green Bay.

Saturday, Sept. 25, 4 p.m. The Penguins football team takes on nationally-ranked Southern Illinois in Stambaugh Stadium.

Sunday, Sept. 26, 3 p.m. Dana School of Music Faculty and Guest Artist Recital, featuring the New Amici Trio in Bliss Recital Hall.

YSU students qualify for national Green Energy final

A team of six YSU students from the College of Science, Technology, Engineering and Mathematics will compete as a national finalist for the 2010 Green Energy Challenge in Boston on Oct 2.

The YSU team qualified for the finals by winning the Challenge’s first-round competition against 12 universities in the spring. In the finals, YSU will compete against the Milwaukee School of Engineering and last year’s winner, the University of Washington, for an \$8,000 award.



Three members of the YSU Green Energy Challenge team stand with Mike Garvey, president of M-7 Technologies, inside M-7’s manufacturing facility in Youngstown. From the left are Juren Raske, Chris Barcey, Garvey and Justin Hosseininejad.



Brittany Stillwagon

“We are thrilled to be selected as a finalist,” said YSU team captain Brittany Stillwagon of Bloomingdale, Ohio, who graduated this spring with a degree in electrical engineering. “When you consider that we were chosen over such schools as Purdue and Penn State, it reinforces the quality of our education here at YSU.”

This is the first year YSU entered the Challenge, sponsored by ELECTRI International and the National Electrical Contractors Association.

Other team members include: Chris Barcey of Canfield, Justin Hosseininejad of Youngstown and Juren Raske of Youngstown (electrical engineering); David Wright of Youngstown (electrical engineering technology) and Josh Mashburn of Struthers (civil engineering).

The Challenge requires teams to run an energy-use audit on a local business and create an in-depth proposal for alternative energy options. The YSU team chose M-7 Technologies in Youngstown. With only two months to perform the analysis, formulate a plan and prepare a 50-page submission, the team produced a winning final report that M-7 Technologies President Mike Garvey called “exciting, informative and extremely well presented.”

With significant energy demands for manufacturing and repairing large-scale industrial products, M-7 was utilizing no forms of alternative energy before the team presented a number of green solutions. The students proposed implementing solar panels, wind turbines and hydroelectric generators on the M-7 site to minimize energy consumption and employ renewable, natural energy sources like the Mahoning River. Cost estimates, tax-credit solutions and a return-on-investment analysis were also included in the team’s project.

Garvey said the proposal is doable and financially feasible. “It’s more than just about the finances,” he said. “It’s about the responsibility we have to the environment to find new solutions.”

The team is still in coordination with M-7 Technologies, which Stillwagon described as “an extremely green company of forward-thinkers” and “a huge help in our success.” The company is already in the process of implementing some of the strategies the students detailed.

Competing in the finals on Oct. 2, the YSU team hopes to turn green into gold. “The accomplishment these students have already achieved is extraordinary,” said Thomas Travers, executive director of Mahoning Valley NECA. “With the expertise, energy and focus they have demonstrated, we are confident that their success will continue when the final champion is announced in October.”

Phi Kappa Phi at YSU earns national Chapter of Excellence Award

Chapter 143 of the Honor Society of Phi Kappa Phi at Youngstown State University has earned the honor society’s 2009-10 Chapter of Excellence Award, one of just 13 chapters nationwide to receive the honor.

The award, earned under the leadership of former president Tammy King, associate dean of the YSU Bitonte College of



Health and Human Services, recognizes Chapter 143's success in maintaining an active local organization involving students, faculty and professional staff. Becky Geltz, director of Institutional Research at YSU, is the current chapter president.

YSU's Phi Kappa Phi chapter has inducted more than 3,000 students, faculty, professional staff and honorary members since it was chartered in 1972. The chapter also administers several local scholarships and award programs, through which it has presented thousands of dollars in scholarships and awards over the years, and its members have earned national scholarships and awards as well.

With 296 active chapters across the United States, Puerto Rico and the Philippines and more than a million members, Phi Kappa Phi is the nation's largest and most selective, all-discipline honor society. Its mission is to recognize and promote academic excellence in all fields of higher education and to engage the community of scholars in service to others.

The society has chapters on more than 300 college and university campuses in North America and the Philippines. Membership is by invitation only to the top 10 percent of seniors and graduate students and 7.5 percent of juniors; faculty, professional staff and alumni who have achieved scholarly distinction also qualify.

Well-known Phi Kappa Phi members include President Jimmy Carter, Secretary of State Hillary Rodham Clinton, Supreme Court Justice Ruth Bader Ginsburg, author John Grisham, YouTube co-founder Chad Hurley, broadcast journalist Deborah Norville and Ohio State University football coach Jim Tressel.

Nationally, the society offers annual scholarships and awards to its members and to students seeking support for study abroad activities, including a \$15,000 fellowship for members entering their first year of graduate or professional study. For more information about Phi Kappa Phi and Chapter 143, visit <http://cc.ysu.edu/phi-kappa-phi/>.

Listen to WYSU 88.5 FM on mobile phone with new 'app'

WYSU 88.5 FM, Youngstown State University's public radio station, has launched the new WYSU Public Radio App, where users can listen to WYSU live on their mobile phone, pause and rewind the live audio, and view the program schedule for all the WYSU streams at once.

The new app also allows users to explore On Demand content, search for stories, bookmark a story for later and wake up to WYSU with the alarm clock.

"WYSU is working to provide the programming that our listeners have come to expect on all platforms," said David Luscher, WYSU associate director. "We are very excited about this app and to extend our reach into the digital world."

The app has several features, including:

- Live streams from WYSU – listen even while



This is how the new app from WYSU appears on

traveling.

- DVR-like controls (pause, rewind and fast forward), allowing listeners to pause the live stream then pick up right where they left off.
- Integrated program schedules.
- Listen to WYSU in the background while browsing the web or checking e-mails.
- Quick access to public radio programs from multiple content providers (NPR, PRI, APM and WYSU).
- Easy access to past programs.
- Radio Bookmarks allows listeners to save what they were listening to, replay, follow-up or share later.
- “Search Public Radio” feature finds stories or programs across hundreds of stations and web pages and makes it easy to play them instantly.
- A built in Sleep Timer and Alarm Clock allows users to go to sleep and wake up to your favorite station.

The WYSU Public Radio App is sponsored WYSU and Listener-Interactive. For more information, visit www.wysu.org or www.listener-interactive.com.

Civil rights leader visits YSU campus Sept. 30

Youngstown State University Women’s Studies Program and Mahoning Valley Sojourn to the Past present two talks by Minniejean Brown Trickey on Thursday, Sept. 30. The 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 downtown Youngstown.

A reception will be held 5:30 to 6:30 p.m. in the Museum of Labor and Industry on Wood Street. The reception will include a performance by the Youngstown Connection.



Minniejean Brown Trickey, shown here entering Little Rock Central High School in 1957.

Brown Trickey is one of the nine African American teenagers who integrated Little Rock Central High School in 1957. She and the eight others subsequently became known as the Little Rock Nine. They endured taunting, physical violence and the Arkansas governor’s attempt to prevent them from entering the school. President Eisenhower dispatched federal troops to ensure the safety and ability of the Little Rock Nine to enter Central High.

Brown Trickey has dedicated her adult life to peacemaking, environmental issues, developing youth leadership, diversity education and training, cross-cultural communication and gender and social justice advocacy. For more information on Brown Trickey, visit www.minnijean.com.

The event is co-sponsored by YSU Center for Applied History, YSU Student Diversity Programs, YSU Office of Equal Opportunity and Diversity and the Youngstown City Schools. For more information, contact Mehera Gerardo, director of YSU Women's Studies, at gmgerardo@ysu.edu.



YSU Women's Club hosts fall reception

The Youngstown State University Women's Club announces its kick-off event, The Annual Wine & Cheese Fall Reception, on Wednesday, Sept. 29, from 5 to 7 p.m. at the McDonough Museum of Art on the YSU campus.

All YSU affiliated women, including current and retired female employees, wives/widows/female partners of all current or retired employees, female members and the wives/female partners of current and past Board of Trustees members are invited to the event and eligible for membership.

This year, the Women's Club extends honorary membership to YSU's first female president, Cynthia E. Anderson.

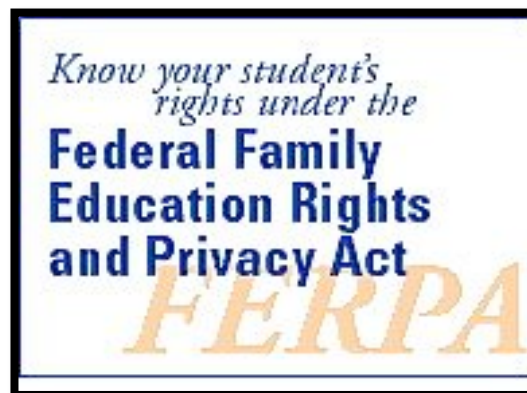
The opening event is an opportunity to renew old friendships, make new acquaintances, enjoy wine and hors d'oeuvres, win door prizes and view the new museum exhibit "CINDER Works" by Susanne Slavick. The cost is \$5 per person. To RSVP and for further details, contact Melanie Loew at 330-941-1646 or mjloew@my.ysu.edu.

The YSU Women's Club, founded in 1968, supports the tradition of education and advocacy to enhance the lives of women at YSU. The organization also identifies YSU community needs and the resources to meet those needs, supports scholarships for YSU students and promotes the university. For more information, visit <http://www.ysu.edu/womensclub/>.

FERPA is topic of campus session

LeRoy Rooker, the nation's leading expert on the federal Family Educational Rights and Privacy Act, will present an informational and question-and-answer session on student and faculty rights under FERPA on Thursday, Sept. 23, at Youngstown State University.

There will be two sessions: 9 a.m. to noon, and 1:30 to 4:30 p.m. Both presentations will be in the Presidents' Suite in Kilcawley Center. All YSU faculty and staff members who deal with student records are invited to attend.



The event is co-sponsored by the Provost's Office and the Office of the Vice President of Student Affairs. Questions about FERPA, how it affects individuals in their university responsibilities, educational records and access to them will be addressed.

Rooker is a senior fellow with the American Association of Collegiate Registrars and Admissions Officers and has dealt with issues on FERPA, a comprehensive federal law that provides privacy protections for student education records, for over 20 years. Having served as director of the Family Policy Compliance Office at the U.S. Department of Education, Rooker administered laws and policies designed to help protect the rights of America's 58 million students, completed a major revision to FERPA regulations, published comprehensive guidance on the application of FERPA and HIPAA to student health records and traveled extensively to provide FERPA compliance training at conferences and schools.

Registration is required. To register, contact Marsha Cozzo at 330-941-1589 or mcozzo@ysu.edu.

Annual Law Day set for Sept. 29 on campus

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

Students interested in studying law can stop in to receive information about various law school programs. Representatives from numerous law schools will be present to answer students' questions, and catalogs, applications and financial aid information will be available.

For more information, contact Paul Sracic, chair of the Department of Political Science and Rigelhaupt Pre-Law Center, at 330-941-1672, or call the Political Science Office at 330-941-3436.