

## NewsOutlet exposes students to real journalism

Junior journalism major Doug Livingston understands the importance of building up a good file of news articles in order to advance his career. While he has had quite a few articles published in *The Jambar*, he wanted to do more.

That's where TheNewsOutlet.org came in.

TheNewsOutlet.org is a new program in YSU's journalism department in which students produce in-depth, community-focused articles, video and audio news pieces for professional publication and broadcast in *The Vindicator*, Vindy.com and WYSU 88.5 FM.

Now, Livingston's clip file includes front page feature articles, video journalism stories and on-air radio news spots.

"The journalism program is offering a great opportunity to gain real-world experience working alongside established journalists," said Livingston, one of six student interns in the program. "I can't say enough about this program and what it is doing for students."

Created in September 2009 with the help of a grant from the Raymond John Wean Foundation, TheNewsOutlet.org is the vision of YSU journalism director Alyssa Lenhoff and journalism professor Tim Francisco.

"The news media is changing," said Francisco, "and we needed to start better preparing our students to engage in multi-platform media."

The project, housed in a converted study lounge on the second floor of DeBartolo Hall, has produced stories on

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*Katelyn Carusso, center, YSU journalism student and a member of TheNewsOutlet.org team, works in the radio lab in DeBartolo Hall as journalism faculty members Tim Francisco and Alyssa Lenhoff look on.*

## Third Frontier important for YSU and the community, dean says

Issue 1, the May 4 ballot initiative to extend the Ohio Third Frontier program, is receiving increasing support across the state, including right here at YSU.

"YSU recognizes that the Third Frontier is an important activity not only for us as a university but for the entire community," said Martin Abraham, dean of the YSU College of Science, Technology, Engineering and Mathematics.

In March, the YSU Board of Trustees unanimously approved a resolution in support of the initiative.

"Issue 1 will continue to foster job creation through the advancement of new products and services based on science and technology research and development, thus ensuring Ohio's ability to create and compete for jobs, today and in the future," the resolution says.

Approved by Ohio voters in 2005, Third Frontier is aimed at re-energizing Ohio's economy by investing in emerging technologies and building new and existing companies. Since then, the program has sparked \$6.6 billion in economic activity, \$2.4 billion in wages and more than 48,000 jobs and helped launch more than 571 new

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## PT professor's Right to Move group takes shape

Most of us don't think much about the ability to move our bodies – until we can't.

For many of those with mobility difficulties, from birth or through injury or for a plethora of other reasons, physical therapy is a readily available option for treatment.

But what about those who live in poverty and cannot afford such treatment? How can they function and lead fulfilling lives?

Marleen Iannucci, YSU professor of Physical Therapy, has asked those same questions, and is working to create solutions through the creation of the Right To Move volunteer organization.

Right To Move, a concept Iannucci has been contemplating for nearly a decade, is an organization focused on the intersection of movement disability and poverty. The goal, she said, is advocacy, education and service on international, national, state and community levels.

"Movement disability," Iannucci said, "could mean any disability affecting a person's ability to physically move at home or in the community. We are addressing situations where this disability is further constrained by poverty."

Right To Move was introduced two years ago as a part of YSU's doctor of physical therapy curriculum. Students spend half of the class working on community service projects, and the other half learning about Right to Move and making advancements and suggestions on the overall development of the organization.

Iannucci is currently preparing to in-



*Marleen Iannucci, professor of physical therapy, presents a Pete the Penguin doll to a girl in a rural village outside of Xian, China. The girl suffers from a brain injury and is one of the patients the PT faculty and students visited and assessed on their trip to China last summer.*

roduce Right To Move as a campus-based nonprofit volunteer organization, recruiting projects and volunteers via its website. While the group is still in its infancy, it has already tackled several projects, large and small.

"Projects can be long or short-term but will occur at every level," Iannucci said. "It's really up to the volunteers and the partnerships they form with a specific group or organization. We are simply showing how a project at each level can work and be effective."

Community-based volunteer efforts thus far include a campaign to help nursing home residents file tax returns for the \$300 stimulus bonuses available to them. Currently underway are plans for an education initiative working with downtown business owners on hiring workers with disabilities and another on emergency preparedness.

On a grander scale, Right To Move made its first international effort this past summer, when Iannucci accompanied Weiqing Ge, assistant professor of Physical Therapy, and

five third-year graduate students on a trip to China. The group visited an impoverished village and assessed the availability, or lack thereof, of therapy options for the disabled.

"This is a long-term project," Iannucci states. "We went and assessed the situation, and asked ourselves 'What can we do together to improve this situation?' It will obviously take some time to reach that goal."

While Right to Move is based in the Physical Therapy Department, Iannucci said she would like to see other disciplines involved.

Iannucci has also approached the American Physical Therapy Association about expanding Right To Move to other colleges.

"Issues of poverty are ongoing and occur everywhere," she said. "'Flash in the pan' efforts just won't do anymore. We as educators and scholars need to link into community engagement and hook people through whatever they are passionate about." ■

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# Faculty & Staff

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Several faculty members in Counseling made presentations at the American Counseling Association International Conference in Pittsburgh in March. **Victoria Kress**, professor, co-presented on three topics: "The Beginning Counselor's Survival Kit: 30 Creative Activities and Interventions," "Publishing in ACA Referred Journals: Suggestions from the Council of Editors," and "Client Non-Suicidal Self-Injurious Behavior: Considerations for Clinical Supervision." **Jake Protivnak**, assistant professor, and **Don Martin**, professor, presented "Creating an Urban School Counselor Education Program: University and School Connection." Protivnak also co-presented "Creativity in the High School Setting: Music Interventions for School Counselors" and "Future Counselors Advocating for the Profession." **Kenneth Miller**, associate professor, co-presented "To CACREP or Not CACREP: Research Findings on the Reasons and Motivations for Pursuing or Not Pursuing Accreditation." And **Deborah Jackson**, assistant professor, presented "Alcohol and Drug Assessment Practices with Student Offenders at Colleges and Universities."

**Dorcas Fitzgerald**, professor of Nurs-

ing, and **Sue Leson**, assistant professor of Human Ecology, were contributors of review questions for *Davis' Q & A for the NCLEX-RN Examination*, edited by Kathleen Ohman and published by F. A. Davis in March. Fitzgerald wrote gerontological nursing questions, and Leson wrote dietary questions.

**Jonelle Beatrice**, associate executive director of Student Life and director of the Center for Student Progress, was the featured guest speaker for the opening ceremony of Indiana University of Pennsylvania's new Center for Student Success. The IUP Center for Student Success was modeled after YSU's Center for Student Progress and was developed in consultation with YSU's Center for Student Progress staff.

**Faculty and students from the YSU Beeghly College of Education** participated in the 7th Annual Educational Research Exchange at the University of Akron. The annual conference provides an opportunity for YSU graduate students in the College of Education to gain professional skills and experiences in presenting their research and building relationships with colleagues at other universities. Each year the ERE is co-sponsored by YSU, Cleveland State

University, Kent State University and the University of Akron. YSU graduate students who presented this year included **Nicole Ad- amson**, **Frank Bellamy**, **Emily Herman** and **Druana Perren**.

**Cameron Hughes**, programmer/analyst 4 from the application development group in Computer Services, had the paper "Transcript Mining Using Epistemic Agents and Interrogative Entailment" published in the *Proceedings of IEEE International Conference on Intelligent Computing and Intelligent Systems*, Shang Hai, China. Hughes is co-author with recent YSU graduate **Tracey Hughes**. Both are graduates of YSU's master's program in Computing Information Systems.

**Peter Norris**, professor of Chemistry, and YSU students presented results from their American Chemical Society funded project at the spring national meeting of the American Chemical Society in San Francisco. Students **Krista Cunningham** and **Antony Okumu** presented the poster, "Safe Alkyl and Acyl Azide Synthesis Using Arylsulfonyl Azides," while Norris presented a paper entitled "Synthesis and Metal-catalyzed Decomposition of Furanose-derived Diazoesters." ■



Jack Fahey

## Fahey named VP

Jack Fahey, who came to YSU 30 years ago and has worked in various capacities in the Division of Student Affairs, will become interim vice president for student affairs on July 1.

Fahey, currently YSU executive director of Student Services and ombudsperson, will replace Cynthia E.

Anderson, who becomes university president on July 1.

"Jack Fahey has a passion for YSU and our students," Anderson said. "He will place their interests and welfare at the forefront of all of his decisions. I look forward to working with him on behalf of our students."

Read more in *eUpdate* at <http://cfweb.cc.ysu.edu/marketcomm/index.cfm>. ■



Connie Schultz

## Graduation speaker

Pulitzer Prize-winning journalist Connie Schultz will receive a Doctor of Humane Letters degree at YSU's spring commencement on Saturday, May 15 in Beeghly Center.

Schultz, a columnist for *The Plain Dealer* in Cleveland and *Creators Syndicate*, will receive the degree and speak at the commencement for graduate students at 2:30 p.m. U.S. Rep. Tim Ryan will receive an honorary degree and speak at the commencement for undergraduate students at 10 a.m., also in Beeghly Center.

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# Constantini donates \$200K to new Williamson building



Don Constantini

Don Constantini, chief executive officer and founder of Falcon Transport and Comprehensive Logistics, has made a \$200,000 gift for the construction of the new Williamson College of Business Administration building.

A 1966 business administration graduate of Youngstown University, Constantini said the new business building comes with many benefits.

“First, it benefits the university, making YSU more competitive among peer institutions,” he said. “Second, the building provides students a state-of-the-art academic environment. And third, the new building will help support our local business community through increased partnerships and opportunities.”

The gift is part of the Kresge Challenge. In December 2008, the Kresge Foundation of Troy, Mich., committed a \$1.2 million challenge grant, charging YSU to raise \$2.4 million to meet the challenge. To date \$2.1 million has been received. Constantini’s gift leaves \$299,000 remaining to be raised to meet the challenge and complete the campaign.

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## TheNewsOutlet.org

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topics ranging from lottery ticket sales to revitalization efforts in struggling area neighborhoods. *The Vindicator* has already published approximately 25 stories from the group, many of which have appeared on the front page.

“Overall, it’s been everything I hoped for in that the students are eager and fun to be around,” said Todd Franko, editor of *The Vindicator*. “The day-to-day aspects can be a challenge, but just when a day or an issue becomes a tremendous headache, up will pop a result from a student that reinforces what this mission is and what it can be.”

WYSU-FM also joined as a founding media partner. The station has aired four student stories, which are inserted into regular NPR news programming such as *Morning Edition* and *All Things Considered*.

“It has been a pleasure for us to work with the students developing radio stories to air on WYSU,” said Gary Sexton, WYSU director. “We do not currently have

a news department, so this partnership with TheNewsOutlet provides us with a great opportunity to provide local stories to our audience.”

The experience seems to be paying off—literally. Three students have already been hired as part-time employees of *The Vindicator*, and one student has applied to intern with National Public Radio.

The project has also been noticed outside Youngstown, Lenhoff said. Wright State University in Dayton is interested in using YSU as a model for its own projects, and YSU has been trading ideas with the City University of New York Graduate School of Journalism.

Lenhoff and Francisco said the project is a finalist for a grant through the prestigious Knight Foundation and that they hope to expand into other local media. The project also has plans to move this summer to a permanent home in the basement of Smith Hall.

For more information, visit [www.TheNewsOutlet.org](http://www.TheNewsOutlet.org). ■

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## Third Frontier

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Martin Abraham

companies. The initiative, which will not raise taxes, has broad-based support, including Gov. Ted Strickland and his opponent, Republican gubernatorial candidate John Kasich, as well as legislators on both sides of the aisle, business, labor and newspapers across the state.

Through the Third Frontier, YSU and local businesses have received nearly \$4 million in grants to develop research partnerships with local companies.

For instance, YSU and Fireline TCON in Youngstown have received \$2.1 million in Third Frontier funding to create the new Center of Excellence in Advanced Materials Analysis at the university. Also, the Third Frontier Internship Program has placed 163 YSU students in 42 different companies across the region. The Internship Program is run through the YSU Small Business Development Center, in cooperation with the YSU Center for Transportation and Materials Engineering.

“Being able to take new technology out into the marketplace and develop new products results in new jobs, and that’s the primary intent of the Third Frontier program,” Mark Peters, general manager of Fireline TCON, said at an Issue 1 campaign meeting in late March in downtown Youngstown.

“If we don’t keep our young people here or draw back the ones we have lost, then our economic plan is not going to work,” U.S. Rep. Tim Ryan said at the meeting. “These young people are coming to work for these technology companies in the Mahoning Valley.”

Matt Cox, Issue 1 campaign manager, emphasized that passage of the initiative will not raise taxes. “Third Frontier is a bond program that takes public money and matches it with private dollars to invest in starting new businesses,” he said. ■