

Student explores Darrow's lost bootlegger trial

Take a colorful bootlegger and speak-easy owner who was gunned down by mobsters, and an internationally heralded agnostic lawyer known for his wit and compassion, put them together in Prohibition-era industrial Northeast Ohio, and you have the beginnings of what might be a great movie.

Or, in Jonathan Kinser's case, a great research paper.

"It's a fascinating story, and a story that is not known to many people," said Kinser of Kinsman, Ohio, a YSU graduate student of history.

"There are so many different facets, so many personalities. Bribes, lawyers, guns. And they all converge right here in Northeast Ohio."

Kinser presented his research paper, titled "Clarence Darrow's Lost Retirement Trial 1928-1930: Defending the Bootleg King of Warren, Ohio," at the fourth annual Hawaii International Conference on Arts and Humanities in January.

The 23-page paper, which chronicles famed American lawyer Clarence Darrow's involvement in the bribery trials of Warren businessman/bootlegger James Munsene, was written for a graduate seminar taught by David Simonelli, YSU

assistant professor of history. The paper will be the basis for Kinser's master's thesis and, he hopes, a future book.

"Jonathan's research is significant," said Fred Viehe, YSU associate professor of history and Kinser's thesis adviser. "The Munsene trial has never been mentioned before, neither by Darrow in his autobiography nor by his biographers. It is extremely rare for a historian – not to mention a graduate student – to discover new factual material."

Kinser, who received a bachelor's degree in secondary education from YSU in 2002, said he was doing research on Prohibition and speak-easies in Trumbull County when he stumbled across Munsene, an Italian immigrant who arrived in Warren in 1916.

A one-time steelworker, Munsene became a wealthy, well-known businessman, operating a profitable Warren speakeasy, according to Kinser's paper. In 1926, however, he was indicted for allegedly bribing Trumbull County's sheriff to

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YSU graduate student Jonathan Kinser stands outside the boyhood home of famed American lawyer Clarence Darrow in Kinsman in Trumbull County. Kinser, who lives in Kinsman, recently presented a paper on Darrow at an international conference in Hawaii.

Spring enrollment dips 1.6%

Spring semester enrollment is down by 204 students or 1.6 percent from last spring, but the number of minority students continues to grow.

Headcount enrollment – the actual number of students on campus – is 12,192, down from 12,396 in spring semester 2005.

Full-time equivalent enrollment also is down, from 9,731 last spring semester to 9,660 this spring (a 0.7 percent decline).

Tom Maraffa, special assistant to the president, said the FTE enrollment also is about 75 below the amount projected in the university's budget.

Maraffa noted that spring enrollment is relatively predictable and is largely

dependent on fall semester enrollment. Spring enrollment this year is about 95 percent of fall enrollment, or about the same ratio as the previous year.

"It tells us that it's right where it should be," he said.

On the other hand, the number of minority students increased nearly 6 percent, from 1,764 last spring to 1,868 this spring semester. Since spring semester 2001, minority enrollment has jumped by 631 students or nearly 34 percent.

Minority students now make up 15.3 percent of the university's enrollment, up from 11 percent in 2001.

Maraffa also noted that more students are registering later for classes than in the past. For instance, 70 percent of

YSU students in spring semester 2003 registered for classes at the close of the previous fall semester. This year, about 64 percent had registered in that time frame.

A rundown of enrollment is available on the Web site of the Office of Institutional Research at <http://www.ysu.edu/institutional-research/>.

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By the numbers...

YSU spring semester enrollment:

Year	Total	Minority
2006	12,192	1,868
2005	12,396	1,764
2004	12,360	1,619
2003	12,215	1,550
2002	11,833	1,473
2001	11,155	1,237

Source: YSU Office of Institutional Research

Professor helps develop policy for organ donors

BY KELLY NOYES

More than 90,000 men, women and children are on the nation's organ transplant waiting list.

Brendan Minogue knows that all too well.

Minogue, professor of philosophy and religious studies at YSU, is the ethics consultant for LifeBanc, a federally chartered and funded agency that procures and distributes organs for transplantation in Northeast Ohio.

Three years ago, during a faculty improvement leave, Minogue helped develop a new policy for LifeBanc on donation of organs following cardiac death, a policy that Minogue said could signifi-

cantly increase organ donations.

"Organs become useless very quickly," said Minogue, who holds a master's and Ph.D. in philosophy from Ohio State University.

"We lose a vast number of organs because they can't harvest them in time. With the new policy, we're hoping that it will make a difference in how many useable organs we can transplant. We're getting much better at it."

Traditionally, organs are harvested from donors following whole brain death, which is the cessation of all measurable brain function. Over the past several years, the number of organs from brain dead donors has been inadequate to meet the needs of dying patients waiting for organs.

As a result, there has been renewed interest in organ donations following cardiac death (DCD), rather than brain death.

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Brendan Minogue

CATALYST Book Club features 'Achievement Gap in U.S.'

BY KELLY NOYES

The CATALYST Faculty Book Club enters its seventh semester with a book on the achievement gap in U.S. schools.

Mike Theall, director of the Center for the Advancement of Teaching And Learning at Youngstown State, has chosen the book, "The Achievement Gap in U.S. Education" by Dr. Mano Singham as the newest addition to the book club.

Singham will lead a public forum and panel discussion of the book 7:30 p.m. April 26 in Kilcawley Center.

Interest in the book club has been

steady, Theall said.

"We usually have about 10 people involved each semester," he said. "We would like to have more, but it's a nice group."

Although the club is open to anyone, YSU faculty make up the majority of the group. Theall said he would like to broaden the club's membership this semester to people

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Mike Theall

Byline

YEC: YSU's community commitment



Larry Johnson

By Larry C. Johnson
Dean
Youngstown Early College

Youngstown Early College continues to thrive on the YSU campus.

YEC, now in its second year in Fedor Hall, is a unique high school that is the result of a partnership between the Youngstown City School District and YSU. YEC received start-up funding from the Bill and Melinda Gates Foundation and the KnowledgeWorks Foundation.

The partnership shows YSU's commitment to the community, and at the same time, adds to the diversity of the campus.

In fact, next year, YEC's doors will be open to all public and private school students entering the 9th grade who meet the reading requirements and reside within the Youngstown city boundaries. For the first two years of operation, only 8th-graders enrolled in the Youngstown City School District were eligible to apply.

There are currently 113 high school freshmen and sophomore scholars enrolled at YEC. And we hope to admit many more scholars, who are seeking a great opportunity to change their lives.

In an effort to move away from the typical high school culture and image, we refer to our students as scholars and our teachers as faculty. This terminology is not meant to make our scholars feel separate from the high school experience, but to give them the feeling that they are special – and they are.

YEC provides a great occasion to change the lives of students who traditionally have not had access to universities to further their education. Many of our scholars are, in fact, first-generation college students.

YEC is the first early college high school on the campus of a four-year public university in Ohio. Students have the opportunity to fulfill the requirements for a high school diploma through a blend of high school and university courses and, by the time they graduate from high school, can earn up to 60 college credits toward a four-year degree.

Some of our scholars have made the adjustment to campus life much faster than expected. We currently have scholars in their sophomore year of high school who have already earned as many as 18 semester hours of college credit.

YEC is in the midst of recruiting scholars for the 2006-07 school year. The goal is to receive between 150 and 200 applications and accept approximately 100 incoming scholars. Applications must be submitted to YEC on or before March 24.

A series of information meetings in February were set up for parents and students at the middle schools and throughout the community. Soon, we will know how many scholars submitted applications to be part of this truly unique high school/college experience.

Interested parties can still apply even if they did not have a chance to attend an information meeting. Those interested in more information can also call either Marcia Haire-Ellis at 330-480-5876 or myself at 330-744-7923. ■

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Campus News Roundup

RecycleMania competition begins

YSU has joined 90 other colleges and universities in the national 2006 RecycleMania competition, which runs through April 8.

RecycleMania pits university recycling programs against each other in a 10-week competition to see which institution can collect the largest amount of recyclables, the least amount of trash, and have the highest recycling rate.

Faculty, staff and students are encouraged to use recycling bins throughout campus, as well as the recycling

center on Adams Street in the Smoky Hollow area.

During February, YSU Recycling is presenting prizes to individuals on campus who are caught recycling. During March, YSU Recycling will have an educational display with information and free gifts in Kilcawley Center.

For more information, contact Dan Kuzma, director of YSU Recycling, at 330-941-2294 or djkuzma@ysu.edu. Visit www.ysu.edu/recycle for up-to-date standings in the contest. ■

Seeing red...

Ravonne Maxon of Clinton, Ohio, a junior pre-med student at YSU, prepares to make a donation at a blood drive in Kilcawley Center in January. The two-day drive collected 100 pints of blood. Delta Zeta sorority helped with the drive in coordination with YSU Student Government. The Red Cross worker is Tina Raine of North Canton.



WCBA offers tax assistance program

The Williamson College of Business Administration is again participating in the Volunteer Income Tax Assistance program.

VITA, a program sponsored by the Internal Revenue Service and started at YSU more than 20 years ago, utilizes trained YSU students to help people from throughout the Mahoning Valley complete their tax forms. The free program is geared mostly for students, the elderly and middle- to low-income residents.

Tax preparation and filing sessions will be conducted

throughout February, March and April on the fourth floor of Williamson Hall.

Remaining sessions: Saturday, March 4, 11 a.m. to 4 p.m.; Friday, March 10, 4 to 7:30 p.m.; Thursday, March 16, 4 to 7:30 p.m.; Saturday, March 25, 11 a.m. to 4 p.m.; Saturday, April 1, 11 a.m. to 4 p.m.; and Saturday, April 8, 11 a.m. to 4 p.m.

Taxpayers seeking assistance should call 330-941-3084 for appointments, or may walk in on a first-come, first-served basis. ■



On the run...

Ashlee Russo, a senior from Boardman, drives down court during the Penguins' 71-63 victory over Butler in Beeghly Center on Feb. 2. The Horizon League basketball tournament for both men and women begins Feb. 28.

Faculty/Staff

Presentations

Rangamohan V. Eunni, assistant professor, Management, presented the paper "Intentions, Institutions and Venture Growth: An Exploratory Study of SME's (Small and Medium Enterprises) in Brazil" at the Academy of International Business-Northeast Meeting in Cleveland.

Allen D. Hunter, professor, Chemistry, co-presented "The STaRBURSTT-CyberDiffraction Consortium Undergraduate Research Initiative" at the ACA National Meeting in Orlando Fla. He also co-presented "The Synthesis and Characterization of Poly(Cyclodiborazane) Derivatives Incorporating Bis(Alkylthio)M aleonitrile Derivatives" at the 2005 Chemical Institute of Canada National Meeting in Saskatoon, Saskatchewan.

G. Jay Kerns, assistant professor, Mathematics and Statistics, presented "Data Augmentation for the Analysis of Coarse Woody Debris in an Old-Growth Riparian Forest" at the Joint Mathematics Meetings in San Antonio, Texas in January.

Mustansir Mir, special assistant to the provost for international initiatives and director of the YSU Center for Islamic Studies, delivered the paper "Farahi and Islahi on the Bible" at the Muslim-Christian Centre of the University of Edinburgh in Edinburgh, Scotland. Mir also served on the Fulbright National Screening Committee for graduate students in Washington, D.C.

Amy Weaver, Learning Resource coordinator, Nursing, presented "Safe Patient

Handling: Protect Your Patient While Protecting Your Back" at the Ohio Nurses Association Conference in Toledo.

Professional Activities

Samuel Adu-Poku, assistant professor, Art Education, was an invited speaker at Arizona State University in January and February on multicultural education issues. He made presentations to graduate students in the School of Art, as well as a presentation to an art education graduate class.

Kin P. Moy, assistant professor, Electrical Engineering Technology, presented six technical papers in the 2006 IEEE EMC Workshop in Dearborn, Mich. He also served on the organizing committee responsible for the technical paper review. The workshop focused on international and national EMC standards and was attended by over 130 people from the automotive industry and academic institutions.

Publications

Allen D. Hunter, professor, Chemistry, co-authored "2,5-Bis(2,2-diphenylethenyl) thiophene" in *Acta Cryst* in 2005.

David Stout, professor and endowed chair, Accounting and Finance, published "Commentary on 'The Long Road to Publishing: A User-Friendly Expose'" in the June 2005 issue of *Accounting Education: An International Journal*. ■

Submit items for Faculty/Staff to Wendy Wolfgang, associate editor, at wawolfgang@ysu.edu.

In memoriam...

Sally M. Hotchkiss



Sally Hotchkiss

Sally M. Hotchkiss, 76, former associate provost and dean of graduate studies at YSU, died Feb. 4 following a lengthy battle with emphysema.

Hotchkiss earned a bachelor's degree in psychology from Randolph-Macon Women's College in Lynchburg, Va., and a master's and Ph.D. in psychology from the University of Minnesota.

While working as a graduate assistant at Minnesota, she was assigned to team-teach with another graduate student,

Sandford N. Hotchkiss. They were married from 1954 until his death in 1998.

She joined the YSU faculty in 1968. In 1982, she was named associate provost and dean of graduate studies, the first woman to rise to that administrative level at the university. She retired from YSU in December 1992, after serving as acting provost in her final year. Sandford Hotchkiss also was a long-time member of the YSU faculty.

The family requests that donations be made to St. James Episcopal Church Memorial Garden Fund, 7640 Glenwood Ave., Youngstown, OH 44512 or Goodwill Industries, 2747 Belmont Ave., Youngstown, OH 44505. ■



Count on it...

D'Andre Veal, an eighth-grader at Hayes Middle School in Youngstown, works on a calculator during the MathCounts competition Feb. 7 in Kilcawley Center. Dozens of students from schools throughout Mahoning, Trumbull and Columbiana counties participated. The competition was sponsored by the Mahoning Valley Society of Professional Engineers, Rayen College of Engineering & Technology, Dominion East Ohio, D.D. Davis Foundation and General Motors Lordstown.

YSU fills network analyst, accounts customer service, associate counsel posts



Bob DeFrances



Greg Morgione



Jason Rakers

Jason Rakers, former senior network analyst at Allegheny Energy in Greensburg, Pa., is the new director of network services at YSU.

The university also recently hired **Bob DeFrances** as the new manager of customer services in the Office of Student Accounts and University Receivables, and **Greg Morgione** as associate general counsel.

Rakers, who started at YSU in January, replaces Tom Doctor, who retired in February 2005. He earned a bachelor's degree in management from St. Francis College in Pennsylvania and a master's degree in information systems management from Robert Morris University in Pittsburgh. He is currently studying for a doctorate in information systems and communications at Robert Morris.

"I really like the environment of working in higher education," he said.

Rakers said hopes to help YSU lever-

age new services and functionality from its network.

DeFrances, a native of Boardman and a 1982 graduate of Cardinal Mooney High School, received a bachelor's degree in business administration from YSU in 1988 and a master's degree in business administration from YSU in 1990.

He previously was a trust administrator for Bank One, a financial advisor for Merrill Lynch and worked in computer operations for Catholic Healthcare Partners Information Technologies in Youngstown.

The Office of Student Accounts and Receivables was previously called the Office of the Bursar. James Herschel, director of the office, said DeFrances is in charge of implementing the office's new customer service plan aimed at better serving students.

"He's going to be the point man for helping students and others who have problems or other concerns," Herschel said.

Morgione, who earned a law degree in 1998 from the Cleveland-Marshall College of Law, was the city of Youngstown's deputy law director from January 2005 until his appointment at YSU in late 2005. He previously was Youngstown's assistant law director from 2000 through December 2004. Prior to that, he was an associate in the law offices of Daniel Daniluk in Warren.

Morgione also earned a bachelor's degree in business administration from the University of Cincinnati. ■



'Most likely to succeed'...

Singer-songwriter Bari Koral performed in Peaberry's in Kilcawley Center Feb. 7. The appearance was part of a continuing series of spring semester events sponsored by the Office of Student Activities. Koral, who the Village Voice dubbed "among the most likely to succeed," recently released her third CD.

Darrow's lost trial

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gain protection for a gambling club that Munsene wanted to open.

A jury found Munsene guilty, and he was sentenced to three years in prison. An appeals court, however, ordered a new trial. At the second trial, Munsene was again found guilty, and again the verdict was reversed and a third trial was granted.

That's when Clarence Darrow surfaced. Darrow, 71, who was born and raised in the small Trumbull County town of Kinsman, was just coming off the famous Scopes' "Monkey" trial and was arguably the most famous defense attorney in the nation at the time.

"Darrow still felt that something was missing in his stellar legal career: a win in his old home county," Kinser writes.

The trial, which this time was moved to Ashtabula County, started on May 7, 1928. "Anticipation was high and there was a palpable sensation in the air that something big was going to happen as people began to come in to town from all over," Kinser writes in his paper.

In both the third and subsequent fourth trials, the jury was hung and could not reach a verdict. A new date – for a fifth trial – was set for June 1930.

But the trial never happened. On Oct. 29, 1929, the stock market crashed. Darrow, who had been representing Munsene free of charge, lost most of his savings. A plea bargain was reached. Munsene was sentenced to one-year probation and fined all taxable-costs of the five trials, or just over \$2,000.

Darrow went into retirement, only to resurface in the famous Massie murder

trial in Hawaii in 1932. He died six years later.

Munsene went on to thrive as the owner of clubs and dog-racing tracks in the Trumbull County area. But in 1941, while standing at the bar of his restaurant, Munsene was gunned down by two hit men from Detroit allegedly sent by the Cleveland mob.

Kinser, who hopes to pursue a doctorate in history, said he interviewed several people, including Munsene's daughter, who now lives near Miami, Fla., to write the paper.

He said he thinks it is important that people learn about and celebrate local history, including people such as Munsene.

"A lot of people seem ashamed of some of the history of our area, but it's our history and we should embrace it," he said. "Yes, it's gritty and it's sometimes violent, but it's ingrained in us and our processes. You can't hide from it." ■

Organ donations

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DCD applies to patients who cannot be declared dead, based on brain death criteria. According to the new DCD policy, these patients can become organ donors, after cessation of cardiac and respiratory function when withdrawn from life support.

Minogue said he is confident that the new policy will make a significant difference in the number of useable organs that can be transplanted

Under the policy, organ donors are removed from life support, pronounced dead and taken directly to the operating room to begin the procurement of the organs, saving precious time otherwise wasted when patients are pronounced dead in their hospital room, he said.

Minogue said he believes that DCD will increase organ procurement between 10 and 20 percent. "That would be wonderful," he said. "So many lives would be saved."

Minogue first got involved with organ

donation in 1973, when his wife, Judith, was diagnosed with polycystic kidney disease, a genetic disorder characterized by the growth of cysts in the kidneys which eventually causes kidney failure. On July 10, 2002, Judith received a new kidney, donated by a friend. Both Judith and her donor are doing well.

Minogue said there are many people who are not only registered as organ donors following death but also are registered as living donors.

"It's amazing that we can transplant organs after someone has died, but it's even more amazing to do it while the donors are still alive," he said.

At this time only kidneys, livers and bone marrow are transferable through a living donor. "The donors are true heroes," Minogue said.

Started in 1986, LifeBanc serves a population of 4.3 million people and works

with more than 80 hospitals throughout northeast Ohio. More than 2,500 Ohioans who need an organ transplant are on the national waiting list. ■



Pen-demonium...

Students cheer on the Penguins during the "Paint Beeghly Red" basketball doubleheader Feb. 2. The promotion, aimed at attracting students to the basketball games at Beeghly Center, featured contests, a pizza party and free tickets to Jerry Seinfeld's concert March 17 at Stambaugh Auditorium. The event was presented by Intercollegiate Athletics, Student Government Association and the Student-Athlete Advisory Committee.

Spring enrollment

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The report also says:

- While enrollment is down compared to last spring semester, it remains significantly higher than five years ago. In spring 2001, enrollment was 11,155. Enrollment this spring is 1,037 students or 9.3 percent higher.
- The Bitonte College of Health and Human services saw the biggest enrollment increase over last spring at

3 percent, while the College of Arts and Sciences and the Rayen College of Engineering and Technology each experienced increases of 2 percent.

- On the other hand, enrollment in the Beeghly College of Education is down 9.3 percent. The Williamson College of Business Administration (4.4 percent) and the College of Fine and Performing Arts (2.3 percent) also experienced drops. ■

CATALYST Book Club

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outside the campus, including people from the Youngstown City School District and Youngstown Early College.

"The book this semester is a bit different," Theall said. "Normally, the books center on higher education, but this one touches on all levels of education."

"An Achievement Gap in U.S. Education: Canaries in the Mine" discusses the negative political and social consequences of the education gap, why it is a problem and exposes myths about the cause of it. It also examines why good teaching practices are relatively rare and why poor teaching methods occur more frequently in minority and poor school districts.

Singham is a professor of physics at Case Western Reserve University in Cleveland and the director of the University Center for Innovation in Teaching and Education. He has researched and conducted seminars and workshops for university faculty on teaching and learning. He earned a bachelor of science

degree from the University of Colombo in Sri Lanka, and master's and doctoral degrees in theoretical nuclear physics from the University of Pittsburgh.

Book discussions are held Wednesday afternoons between noon and 1 p.m. in the CATALYST offices, Room 139B in Tod Hall. Meetings started Feb. 8 and 22 and continue March 8 and 22 and April 12 and 26. "People can jump in at any time during the semester," Theall said.

CATALYST has purchased 10 copies of the book for the first 10 people who enroll in the book club and commit to pre-reading assigned chapters and participating in the series of six discussions. Additional books may be purchased through the publisher.

For more information about CATALYST or to enroll in the book club, contact Theall at 330-941-1320 or e-mail mtheall@ysu.edu. ■

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