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YSU students will be out in force as the Penguins take on Western Illinois at homecoming this Saturday in Stambaugh Stadium. Read about homecoming activities in this edition of the YSU News Briefs.

This Week

Monday, Oct. 24 through Saturday, Oct. 29. YSU celebrates 2011 Homecoming Week. See News Brief below for activity highlights.

Monday, Oct. 24, 5:15 p.m. The Hope Foundation of the Mahoning Valley presents the third annual Bocce Game of Hope, in conjunction with YSU's homecoming activities. The event takes place at Cassese's MVR at 410 N. Walnut St. in the historic district of Smoky Hollow, east of the YSU campus.

Monday, Oct. 24, 8 p.m. YSU's College of Fine & Performing Arts, the Dana Concert Series and the Dana School of Music Choral Department presents the Fall Choral Concert in St. Columba Cathedral in Youngstown. The concert is free. For more information, contact the Dana School of Music at 330-941-3636.

Tuesday, Oct. 25, 5:30 p.m. “Veteran’s Disability: The Barriers to Survivability” will be presented in the Presidential Suites of Kilcawley Center on the campus of YSU. See News Brief below.

Wednesday, Oct. 26, 12:15 p.m. YSU's Percussion Ensemble is featured at the Music at Noon performance in the Butler Institute of American Art. The event is free and open to the public. To see what else the Percussion Ensemble has in store for fall, check out the News Brief below.

Wednesday, Oct. 26. The YSU Board of Trustees meet in Tod Hall on campus – **3:30 p.m.**, University Affairs Committee in the President's Conference Room, and **4:30 p.m.**, Special Board of Trustees meeting in the Board of Trustees Meeting Room.

Friday, Oct. 28. Youngstown-based women's group Women Hand in Hand will announce its new YSU scholarship at their 25th anniversary celebration in the Butler Institute of American Art. For tickets to the dinner, call 300-716-4020. For more information about the scholarship, see the News Brief below.

Friday, Oct. 28, 3 p.m. The YSU women's soccer team plays its last match of the season at home against Valparaiso.

Friday, Oct. 28, 3 p.m. The 16th annual WCBA Alumni Banquet honors four graduates in Williamson Hall on the YSU campus. For information or to make reservations, contact Christine Shelton at 330-941-3068 or cgshelton@ysu.edu.

Friday, Oct. 28, 7 p.m. Lawrence C. Ross Jr., author, lecturer, filmmaker and humorist, speaks in the Ohio Room of Kilcawley Center. Free and open to the public. See News Brief below.

Saturday, Oct. 29. Seven former standout student-athletes will be inducted into the YSU Athletics Hall of Fame. A breakfast buffet will be held at **9 a.m.** and before the ceremony at **10 a.m.** Both events will take place in the Chestnut Room of Kilcawley Center on the YSU campus. See the News Brief below.

Saturday, Oct. 29, 1 p.m. YSU football hosts Western Illinois at Stambaugh Stadium for this year's homecoming game.

Scholarship to benefit African American mothers

Women Hand in Hand, a Youngstown-based women's group celebrating its 25th anniversary this year, will mark the occasion by creating a scholarship to benefit African American women who are mothers and students at Youngstown State University.

Founded in 1986 by Doris Perry, the group's primary function has been providing educational opportunities for mothers who want to attend college but lack the financial resources to do so. The organization contributed \$25,000 toward the new Women Hand in Hand Scholarship, and the YSU Foundation matched the amount to create a \$50,000 endowment.

Dr. Ruth Quarles, the group's president, said the greater part of Women Hand in Hand's contribution toward the endowment came from gifts made in memory of the founder's late husband, Dr. Earnest Perry, who died in July 2010. He was a prominent local surgeon, community leader, and former member of YSU's Board of Trustees.

Since its inception, Dr. Quarles said, the group has raised more than \$225,000 to benefit mothers in the Youngstown, Warren and Campbell areas. Women Hand in Hand sponsors an annual luncheon as its primary fundraiser, usually in May. The organization has no administrative costs because group officers and members are all volunteer, so fundraising proceeds and contributions are used exclusively to pay for tuition, books and fees for students.

"Women Hand in hand is the vehicle by which intelligent mothers are able to transform their lives and the lives of their children through education," Dr. Quarles said. "This organization's only premise is that African American women can not only succeed but excel if given an opportunity and a hand up. We help change our community, and the world, one mother at a time, because one woman saw a need and extended her hand to make a difference."

Some of the group's scholarship recipients are now "stars in our community," said Dr. Quarles, "with advanced degrees and the strength of character and confidence to impact many."

To qualify for the Women Hand in Hand Scholarship, an applicant must be an African-American mother, attending YSU as a full- or part-time student with a GPA of at least 2.2. Sophomores, juniors and seniors are eligible. The scholarships will be renewable for up to four years. Recipients will be selected by the group's executive committee.

The new scholarship will be announced at the group's silver anniversary celebration, a dinner dance and fundraiser, set for Friday, Oct. 28 at the Butler Institute of American Art. For tickets to the dinner or for more information about the new scholarship, call 330-716-4020. Tickets for the dinner-dance will not be available at the door.

YSU: A Military Friendly School for three straight years

For the third consecutive year, Youngstown State University has been designated a Military Friendly School by G.I. Jobs, a magazine for military personnel transitioning into civilian life.

The 2012 Military Friendly Schools list honors the top 20 percent of colleges, universities and trade schools that are doing the most to embrace America's military service members and veterans as students.

In its effort to help student veterans find the right school, G.I. Jobs incorporated a survey of student veterans for the first time. This feedback provides prospective military students with insight into the student veteran experience at a particular institution based on peer reviews from current students.

"The Military Friendly Schools list is the go-to resource for prospective student veterans searching for schools that provide the right overall experience," said Michael Dakduk, executive director for the Student Veterans of America. "Nothing is more compelling than actual feedback from current student veterans."

The 2012 list of Military Friendly Schools was compiled through extensive research and a data driven survey of more than 8,000 schools nationwide. The full list is available at <http://www.militaryfriendlyschoools.com/mfslList.aspx>.

The YSU Office of Veteran Affairs was established January 2009 as part of the YSU Division of Student Affairs Division and reports directly to the Vice President of Student Affairs. The office assists YSU students who have served or are currently serving in the armed forces in attaining their educational goals. The office also actively engages in the recruitment of prospective students with military history. For more information, visit <http://web.yсу.edu/veterans>.

YSU celebrates 71st Homecoming this week

Youngstown State University's 2011 Homecoming Week kicks off Monday, Oct. 24, with activities and giveaways leading up to the 71st annual Homecoming Parade and football game on Saturday, Oct. 29.

This year's parade begins at 11 a.m. and will proceed up Fifth Avenue to Stambaugh Stadium. Following, the YSU Penguins host Western Illinois. Kickoff is set for 1 p.m., and the crowning of homecoming king and queen will take place at halftime.

Highlights for the week include:

Monday, Oct. 24

- Arby's Breakfast Sausage Biscuit Eating Contest, 5 to 7 a.m., Kilcawley Center
- "Build a Penguin" and photo booth, 10 a.m. to 2 p.m., Campus Core of Kilcawley Center.

Tuesday, Oct. 25

- Magic and illusion act by Jason Alan, 10 a.m. to noon, The Hub of Kilcawley Center
- Photo dog tags and Penguin sand art, 10 a.m. to 2 p.m., Campus Core of Kilcawley Center



- Denny's Burger Eating Contest, noon, Kilcawley Center

Wednesday, Oct. 26

- Red and White Day—sport YSU colors to win prizes, 9:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m., Kilcawley Center
- Caricature artist, 10 a.m. to 2 p.m., Kilcawley Center

Thursday, Oct. 27

- Old West photos, 10 a.m. to 2 p.m., Campus Core of Kilcawley Center
- “The Best Wing-Ding Eating Contest in the Valley,” presented by Buffalo Wild Wings, noon, Kilcawley Center

Friday, Oct. 28

- Free Arby's breakfast to the first 200 students with a valid YSU ID, 8 to 9:30 a.m., Arby's at Kilcawley Center
- Student Affairs Careers Celebration, 11:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m., Ohio Room of Kilcawley Center

“Divine Nine” author to speak on campus



Lawrence C. Ross Jr.

Author, lecturer, filmmaker and humorist Lawrence C. Ross Jr., speaks 7 p.m. Friday, Oct. 28 in the Ohio Room of Kilcawley Center.

The event, which also includes a book-signing, is free and open to the public. The lecture will focus on the history of African American fraternities and sororities and how they can grow their organizations, and it's sponsored by the YSU Division of Student Affairs and the Divine Nine/National Pan-Hellenic Council. (The Devine Nine refers to the nine historically black fraternities and sororities.)

Ross has written five books, including *The Divine Nine: The History of African American Fraternities and Sororities*, which is in its seventh printing with more than 50,000 copies sold to date. It also remains on the Amazon.com African American studies bestsellers list, and for the past year has been the number one best-selling book among African American college students.

Ross earned a bachelor's degree in history from UCLA and a master of fine arts from the UCLA School of Theater, Film and Television. He has lectured at more than 300 universities, as he is universally recognized as an expert in the field of African American fraternities and sororities. He has appeared on National Public Radio, Good Morning Atlanta, and has been interviewed in *Ebony*, *Savoy*, *Essence*, the *Los Angeles Times*, *Africana.com*, and the *London Times*, among others. For more information, visit <http://alpha1906.com/>.

2011 YSU Athletics Hall of Fame Class honored Saturday

Seven former standout student-athletes will be inducted into the Youngstown State Athletics Hall of Fame on Saturday, Oct. 29.

The class of 2011 includes: Pat Crummey (football), Craig Haese (men's basketball), Brad Hennessey (baseball), Brianne Kenneally (women's basketball), Melissa Lyczkowski (volleyball), Kristen Meech (volleyball) and Jeff Ryan (football).

The class will be inducted at the 27th Annual Hall of Fame Induction breakfast at 9 a.m. in the Chestnut Room of Kilcawley Center. A ceremony will follow at 10 a.m. The class will also be introduced at halftime of the YSU-Western Illinois football game later that afternoon.

For information on attending the ceremony, contact YSU Athletics at 330-941-7208.

This year's inductees:

Pat Crummey, offensive tackle, football, 1998 to 2001. Crummey was a four-year letterwinner, a 2001 First-Team All-American and a two-time First-Team All-Gateway Conference selection in 2000 and 2001.

Craig Haese, men's basketball, 1997 to 2001. Haese was a four-year letterwinner. He was named the 2001 YSU Male Athlete of the Year and made the First-Team All-Mid-Continent Conference as a senior in the 2000-01 season.

Brad Hennessey, pitcher, baseball, 1999 to 2001. Hennessey was a three-year letterwinner and the 2001 Mid-Continent Conference Co-Pitcher of the Year. He was a first-round pick (21st overall) in the Major League Baseball Amateur Draft by the San Francisco Giants.

Brianne Kenneally, women's basketball, 1997 to 2001. Kenneally was a four-year letterwinner and was a member of the 1998 and 2000 NCAA Tournament-qualifying teams. She also helped lead the Penguins to back-to-back Mid-Continent Conference Regular-Season Championships in 1998 and 1999.

Melissa Lyczowski, setter, volleyball, 1998 to 2001. Lyczowski was a four-year letterwinner. She is the school's all-time leader with 4,820 assists and owns the top two slots on the single-season assists list with 1,373 in 1999 and 1,289 in 1998.

Kristen Meech, volleyball, 1998 to 2001. Meech was a four-year letterwinner and is the school's all-time leader in total blocks with 562.

Jeff Ryan, quarterback, football, 1998 to 2001. Ryan was a four-year starter at quarterback and led the Penguins to the 1999 national championship game and the 2000 FCS playoffs. He ranks third all-time with 6,226 passing yards and holds the school record for most rushing yards by a quarterback with 1,872.

Percussion Ensemble premieres *Forms of Things Unknown*

The Youngstown State University Percussion Ensemble presents the world premiere *Forms of Things Unknown* at 8 p.m. Wednesday, Nov. 2 at the Butler North Annex on the YSU campus.

Forms of Things Unknown is a concert-length piece for 15 percussionists composed by David Morgan, YSU associate professor of Jazz Studies and String Bass. Morgan's compositions have been performed throughout the world.

"My primary goal was to compose an evening of music for percussion that would never become boring for the audience or the performers," Morgan said. "The piece is in a circular form that reflects the cycles of time and the earth. Each movement flows into the next with no set-up time between. The percussion writing reflects my contemplation of the artistic possibilities inherent within various dichotomies, including pitched and 'non-pitched' percussion, strict notation and improvisation, metal and wood, sticks and hands, harmony/melody and rhythm, loud and soft, tradition and innovation, cerebral and visceral, and space and time."

The piece was commissioned by the Youngstown Percussion Collective, a YSU student organization.

"This project has challenged our musical minds as well as brought the members closer together in search of a common goal," YPC President Bob Young said. "The world premiere should be an exciting event."



The YSU Dana School of Music Percussion Ensemble. Top row, left to right: Sarah Sexton-Belz, Roger Lewis, Matt Hayes, Bob Young, Jeff Farber, Dustin May, Dylan Kollat, Moriah Placer. Seated, left to right: Dr. Dave Morgan, Eric Zalenski, Evan Gottschalk, Nick Sainato, Megan Seivert, Keith Born, Ed Davis, Troy Schaltenbrand, Dr. Glenn Schaft.

Glenn Schaft, YSU director of Percussion Studies, said: "This project provides our students the rare opportunity to participate in an entire artistic creation project from its very conception, through planning, fundraising, performance, recording a compact disc, mixing and mastering the recording, and distributing the music worldwide, all the while working on a daily basis in meetings and rehearsals with a world-class composer in David Morgan, who just happens to be a faculty colleague at the Dana School of Music. Our students are fortunate to have the opportunity to present a great piece of music to the world and this experience will enrich their lives for many years to come."

A free will offering will be accepted to help offset expenses associated with recording the music in January 2012. The Butler North Annex is located next door to the Butler Institute of American Art at 524 Wick Avenue in Youngstown.

Dana Symphony Orchestra sets concert for Oct. 31

Opera, song and ballet music is the focus of a concert by the Dana School of Music's Symphony Orchestra 8 p.m. Monday, Oct. 31, in Powers Auditorium in downtown Youngstown.

The orchestra, under the direction Professor John Wilcox, opens the concert with Rossini's Overture to La Cenerentola (Cinderella), followed Strauss's Four Last Songs, featuring soprano soloist professor Misook Yun. Following intermission, the ballet interludes from Verdi's opera I Vespri Siciliani titled The Four Seasons, (Winter, Spring, Summer, and Fall), will be performed. The concert will conclude with the Overture to I Vespri Siciliani.

Tickets are \$5, \$4, and free for anyone showing a valid YSU ID. Tickets are available at 330-744-0264.

Expert presents program on veteran disability

"Veteran's Disability: The Barriers to Survivability" will be presented 5:30 p.m., Tuesday, Oct. 25, in the Presidential Suites of Kilcawley Center on the campus of Youngstown State University.

While recent legislation like the Post 9/11 GI Bill and the Veterans Disability Protection Act, provide some protections and services, veterans with disabilities continue to suffer emotional and physical barriers to survivability.

Jim Olive, coordinator of YSU's Office of Veterans Affairs, says that since the Civil War technology and even better medical treatment has prolonged the lives of many soldiers. "Those that offer disability services can't keep up," Olive added. "It think programs like this provide educational and awareness of the issues."

YSU campus, which has been designated as a "veteran-friendly" campus for the past three years and has well over 100 student veterans, and the numbers keep growing.

For more information, contact the YSU Office of Veterans Affairs at 330-941-2503 or 330-941-2523. The event is sponsored by the Community Diversity Program Series, a yearlong calendar of diverse events, which provides cultural and educational awareness to the community.