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## This Week

**Tuesday, Jan. 17.** YSU spring semester begins.

**Tuesday, Jan. 17, 10 a.m.** The Ohio House Agriculture and Natural Resources Committee will conduct a hearing to address recent earthquakes in the Youngstown area. The hearing, which will feature testimony from a panel of experts, will be in the Chestnut Room in Kilcawley Center.

**Wednesday, Jan. 18, 7 p.m.** Caldwell B. Esselstyn Jr., a former internationally known surgeon, researcher and clinician at the Cleveland Clinic will speak on how diet and lifestyle changes can end the heart disease epidemic in the country, in the Ohio Room of Kilcawley Center. Carrie Clyde, YSU Wellness coordinator, said response to the event has been great and that there is no more room for any other attendees.

**Thursday, Jan. 19, 8 to 11 a.m.** Gwendolyn E. Boyd, a prominent advocate for women's equality and for the recruitment of black Americans into science and engineering, gives the keynote address at the 10<sup>th</sup> annual Rev. Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. Diversity Breakfast in the Chestnut Room of Kilcawley Center on the YSU campus. Call 330-941-3516 or 330-941-2086. The YSU Office of Student Diversity Programs sponsors the event.

**Friday, Jan. 19, 7:05 p.m.** The men's basketball team plays Milwaukee at Beeghly Center. The team also plays **2:05 p.m. Sunday, Jan. 22** in Beeghly against Wisconsin-Green Bay.

**Sunday, Jan. 15, 1 p.m.** The YSU swimming and diving team hosts Ohio University in the Beeghly Natatorium.



Bryan DePoy

## **Three deans launch F&PA scholarship**

One current and two former deans of Youngstown State University's College of Fine and Performing Arts have teamed up to start a new scholarship fund to support students in the college.

The Reaching for Tomorrow's Stars scholarship is the first-ever scholarship campaign for the F&PA College at YSU, which houses the Dana School of Music and the departments of Art, Communication and Theater/Dance.

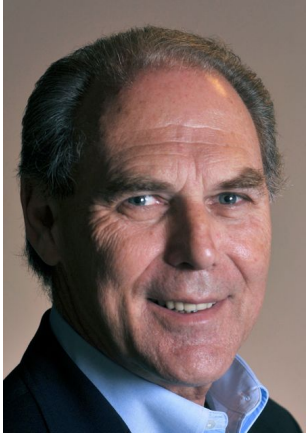
Bryan DePoy, F&PA dean, and two former deans of the college – Joe Edwards and George McCloud – have together pledged \$10,000 to initiate the scholarship campaign. The initial fund-raising goal of the campaign is \$100,000 to establish an



Joe Edwards

endowment that will provide scholarship funding in perpetuity.

“As deans, we have experienced the immense joy of shaking the hands of numerous graduates during commencement ceremonies,” said DePoy, who became dean in 2009. “We know that many of those students would not have completed their college careers without financial assistance of some kind. Too, our goal with this scholarship is to ensure that we have a diverse array of scholarship opportunities to attract the very best students into our distinguished academic programs.”



**George McCloud**

McCloud, F&PA dean from 1997 to 2005, said student scholarships remain critical to attracting and retaining students in the college. “That is why this scholarship fund is so important,” he said. “It will allow students to pursue and reach their professional goals and personal dreams.”

“The F&PA College strives to be a distinguished, nationally-recognized center for education in the fine and performing arts,” said Edwards, who served as F&PA dean from 2005 to 2009. “This scholarship extends the extraordinary tradition of excellence for the future.”

The dollar amount and number of scholarships will be determined by the amount of money raised for the endowment. The scholarship is for undergraduate or graduate students pursuing any degree in the College of F&PA and is renewable based on academic standing and by meeting benchmarks indicating progress toward a degree. “This is not a typical scholarship,” DePoy said. “Students receiving the scholarship must achieve success benchmarks by successfully progressing through their degrees in steady fashion. Graduate students are also

eligible for the scholarship, which is somewhat unusual.”

For more information or to make a donation, call the YSU Office of University Development at 330-941-3119 or visit [www.ysu.edu/givetoysu](http://www.ysu.edu/givetoysu).

## **Paramount exhibit runs through Feb. 3 at McDonough**

Visit the Liberty-Paramount Theater as it was in its heyday with photos, memorabilia, moving pictures and storytelling at the Paramount Project Exhibition that runs through Feb. 3 at the McDonough Museum of Art on the campus of Youngstown State University.

Designed by the architect C. Howard Crane and originally titled The Liberty Theater, the facility in downtown Youngstown opened in 1918 as a 1700-seat theater, featuring silent movies and America’s finest vaudeville stars. Despite modernization efforts, the renamed Paramount Theater was not able to survive the effects of deindustrialization and suburbanization and has lay dormant and in decay since 1976.

The Paramount Project Exhibition is part of The Paramount Project, a current effort aimed at restoration of the terracotta façade of the building. The remainder of the building is no longer viable for restoration and will be

demolished to make way for an open gathering space. The McDonough exhibit includes a simulation of the vision for the gathering space.

In addition, the exhibit features the Paramount Oral History Project, videos of individuals’ memories of the theater. It also features the YSU Students Motivated by the Arts’ K-16 educational gallery. The SMARTS Stars of the Paramount Parade Tour was created by Becky Keck, Leslie Cusano, Heather Seno, Joyce Mistovich and features original work by renowned



**Rendering by Strollo Architects of the restored terracotta façade of the Paramount Theater in downtown Youngstown.**

pop artist Chris Yambar.

The museum is open 11 a.m. to 4 p.m. Tuesdays through Saturdays. Admission is free. Call 330-941-1400 or visit [www.mcdonoughmuseum.edu](http://www.mcdonoughmuseum.edu).

The Paramount Project Committee hosts a benefit event 6 to 8 p.m. Saturday, Jan. 21 at the museum to celebrate initiation of Phase 1 of the project. The benefit event is free and open to the public.

## **Historical Center's Workshop Series starts Saturday**

The Youngstown Historical Center Archives/Library 2012 Winter Workshop Series begins Saturday, Jan. 21, with "Intro to Genealogy at YHC Archives/Library."

The workshop runs from 1 to 2:30 p.m. at the Youngstown Historical Center, 151 W. Wood St., Youngstown. Topics covered will include a review of methods and tools available to genealogists, resources available at the archives and other local institutions, and the opportunity for hands-on research and networking with other genealogists.

Future sessions include: Saturday, Feb. 18, "Preserving Your Family Heirlooms and Treasures"; and Saturday, March 17, "So, Just What Is an Archives?"

The cost is \$10 per person per session. Reservations may be made by calling 330-941-1314 or 330-941-1433.

## **Financial Aid Awareness Week**

With the priority deadline looming to apply for federal student aid, the YSU Office of Financial Aid and Scholarships is hosting Financial Aid Awareness Week Jan. 23 through 26.

The priority deadline date to complete the online Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA) and the Institutional Aid Application is Feb. 15. The form can be completed at [www.fafsa.ed.gov](http://www.fafsa.ed.gov).

Staff from the Office of Financial Aid and Scholarships will be available to distribute forms and answer questions regarding grants, scholarships and loans on the following schedule:

- Monday, Jan. 23, 10 a.m. to 3 p.m., Kilcawley Center, 1<sup>st</sup> Floor across from Candy Counter.
- Tuesday, Jan. 24, 10 a.m. to 3 p.m., Kilcawley Center, 1<sup>st</sup> Floor across from Candy Counter.
- Wednesday, Jan. 25, 10 a.m. to 3 p.m., Kilcawley Center, 1<sup>st</sup> Floor across from Candy Counter.
- Thursday, Jan. 26, 10 a.m. to 3 p.m., Kilcawley Center, 1<sup>st</sup> Floor across from Candy Counter.

The Office of Financial Aid and Scholarships is located in Room 203, Meshel Hall. For more information, visit [www.ysu.edu/finaid](http://www.ysu.edu/finaid). Students with questions should contact the Office at 330-941-3505 or [ysufinaid@ysu.edu](mailto:ysufinaid@ysu.edu). To schedule an appointment with a financial aid counselor, call 330-941-3506.