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This Week

Tuesday, March 20, 3 p.m. YSU baseball plays Notre Dame (Ohio) in Cene Park in Struthers.

Tuesday, March 20, 7:30 p.m. Wade Rathke, chief organizer for ACORN International and author of *Citizen Wealth: Winning the Campaign to Save Working Families*, speaks on "Labor and Community Organizing: Boundaries and Opportunities" in the Ohio Room of Kilcawley Center.

Wednesday, March 21, Noon. The women's tennis team takes on Pittsburgh at the Boardman Tennis Center.

Wednesday, March 21, 3 p.m. and 5 p.m. The YSU softball squad opens the



The YSU softball team opens its home schedule this week.

home schedule with a doubleheader against Niagara at McCune Park in Canfield. The team also plays Butler at 1 and 3 p.m. **Saturday, March 24 and noon Sunday, March 25.**

Wednesday, March 21, 4 to 6:15 p.m. The Penguins 2012 football squad takes to the field for the first practice of the spring in Stambaugh Stadium. Practices, including two scrimmages, lead up to the 40th annual Red-White Spring Game at 7:30 p.m. Friday, April 13 at the stadium.

Wednesday, March 21, 5:30 p.m. "Reproductive and Sexual Health Sleeping with Uncle Sam," a lecture by Alexandra Lord of the National Park Service, will be in McKay Auditorium in Beeghly Hall. The event is part of YSU's celebration of Women's History Month.

Thursday, March 22, 4 p.m. "The Education of Shelby Knox," a documentary about a teenage girl who joins a campaign for comprehensive sex education in the high schools of Lubbock, Texas, is screened in McKay Auditorium in Beeghly Hall. A panel discussion follows. The event is part of YSU's celebration of Women's History Month.



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Friday, March 23. Social Work Day in the Chestnut Room of Kilcawley Center. See News Brief below.

Friday, March 23, 4 p.m. “Sex + Money: A National Search for Human Worth,” a documentary about domestic minor sex trafficking and the modern-day abolitionist movement fighting to stop it, will be screened in Room 132 of DeBartolo Hall. The event is part of YSU’s celebration of Women’s History Month.

Saturday, March 24, 8:30 a.m. to 4 p.m. YSU’s 19th annual Dana School of Music Flute Festival will be in Bliss Hall. The event is designed for flute players of all levels and will include workshops, vendor exhibits, guest artist performances, a master class and a closing concert. Participants should bring their own instruments. The cost to attend the festival is \$16 per student if registered before March 24, and \$20 at the door. Parents are welcome to attend free of charge. Registration forms are available at www.fpa.edu.ysu or by calling 330-941-1831.

Saturday, March 24. Rookery Radio, the student-run Internet radio station at YSU, hosts the first Rookery Radio Benefit Bash at the Lemon Grove in downtown Youngstown. For more information, visit <http://www.rookeryradio.com/>.

Book by YSU prof featured at English Festival

Youngstown State University’s English Festival marks a first this year – a novel written by a YSU faculty member.

The Coming of the Dragon by Rebecca Barnhouse, professor of English, is on the reading list for this year’s festival, March 28 through 30 on the YSU campus.

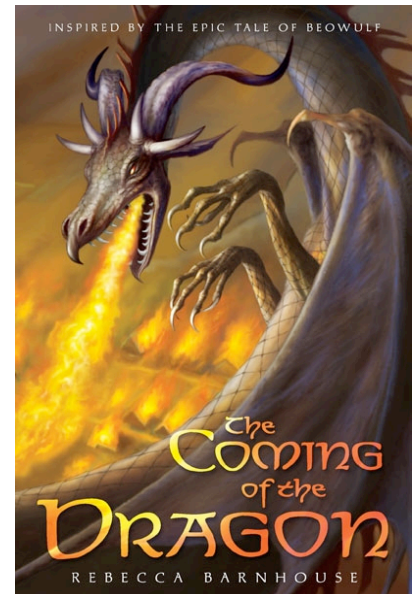
It’s the first time in the 34-year history of the Festival that a book written by a YSU faculty member has been on the list.

“It’s a wonderful novel that earned its way onto the reading list and very much deserves to be there,” said Gary Salvner, chair of YSU’s English department and co-director of the English Festival.

About 3,000 junior and senior high school students from dozens of schools across the region participate in the English Festival every year. Students must read books on the Festival’s book list in order to attend. At the Festival, students hear lectures from the authors and attend workshops and labs on writing, poetry, journalism and more.

Dragon is Barnhouse’s second novel and was inspired by *Beowulf*. She also authored *The Book of the Maidservant* and, most recently, her third book, *Peaceweaver*, a stand-alone companion book to *Dragon*. For more on the books, visit <http://www.rebeccabarnhouse.com/index.html>.

A native of Vero Beach, Fla., Barnhouse earned a doctorate in medieval literature from the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill. She has been named a Distinguished Professor in Teaching at YSU and was awarded the Northeast Ohio Council Award for Teaching Excellence.



Rebecca Barnhouse

QUEST celebrates student research on April 3

Dozens of Youngstown State University graduate and undergraduate students showcase their scholarly achievements at the 22nd annual QUEST Forum for Student Scholarship 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. Tuesday, April 3 in Kilcawley Center.

The event is free and open to the public.

Cash awards will be presented in a variety of categories.

“An entire day devoted to recognizing and celebrating student scholarship is rare,” said Jeffrey Coldren, YSU director of Undergraduate Research and Scholarly Activities. “Unlike other universities that possess excellent research reputations based largely upon the work of faculty members and graduate students, YSU’s QUEST is devoted to scholarship that is initiated and performed largely by students. The fact that freshmen and sophomores can get actively involved in research

projects with full professors is unusual on college campuses today.”

Over the past several years, QUEST has provided opportunities for students to share their achievements and creations with students and faculty, hone their presentation skills, and receive university recognition for their achievements.

QUEST includes research and scholarship in all forms – scientific findings, musical scores, engineering designs and analyses, panel discussions, poetry readings, dance performances, honors and senior theses, study abroad experiences, and more. For more information on past QUEST presentations, visit www.ysu.edu/QUEST.

For complete program information, visit www.ysu.edu/QUEST or contact Director of YSU Undergraduate Research Jeffrey Coldren in the YSU Department of Psychology, 330-941-1617 or jtcoldren@ysu.edu.

Prolific author/skeptic gives Shipka lecture April 5

Michael Shermer, founder and editor of *Skeptic* magazine and executive director of the Skeptics Society, speaks 12:30 p.m. Thursday, April 5 in the Chestnut Room of Kilcawley Center on the campus of Youngstown State University.

The presentation is part of the Shipka Lecture Series. It is free and open to the public.

Shermer earned a bachelor's degree in psychology from Pepperdine University, a master's degree in experimental psychology from California State University, Fullerton, and a Ph.D. in the history of science from Claremont Graduate University. He was a college professor for 20 years, teaching psychology, evolution, and the history of science at Occidental College, California State University Los Angeles and Glendale College.



Michael Shermer

His latest book, *The Believing Brain: From Ghosts and Gods to Politics and Conspiracies – How We Construct Beliefs and Reinforce Them as Truths*, examines how beliefs are born, formed, nourished, reinforced, challenged, changed, and extinguished. He also is the author of *The Mind of the Market*, on evolutionary economics; *Why Darwin Matters: Evolution and the Case Against Intelligent Design*; *Science Friction: Where the Known Meets the Unknown*, about how the mind works and how thinking goes wrong; *The Science of Good and Evil: Why People Cheat, Gossip, Share Care, and Follow the Golden Rule*; *In Darwin's Shadow*, about the life and science of the co-discoverer of natural selection, Alfred Russel Wallace; *The Borderlands of Science*, about the fuzzy land between science and pseudoscience; *Denying History*, on Holocaust denial and other forms of pseudohistory; *How We Believe: Science, Skepticism, and the Search for God*, on the origins of religion and why people believe in God; and *Why People Believe Weird Things* on pseudoscience and superstitions.

Shermer is a blogger (Skeptic.com), a regular lecturer on campuses across the nation, and a guest on a variety of TV shows, including Donahue, Oprah Winfrey, Penn and Teller, Dennis Miller, Larry King Live, the Colbert Report, Dateline, 20/20, and Nightline.

In addition, he was a competitive long-distance bicyclist from 1979 to 1989 and co-founded the Race Across America, a 3,000-mile event in which he competed five times. He also produced a series of documentaries on cycling. A neck disorder common to long-distance bicyclists is named after him – Shermer's Neck.

Official: Keep social workers safe

Victoria Marion, president of the Ohio chapter of the National Association of Social Workers, will call on agencies and universities to do more to promote safety measures for social workers when she speaks at Social Work Day on Friday, March 23 on the campus of Youngstown State University.

The event, which runs from 8:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. in the Chestnut Room of Kilcawley Center, is held in recognition of Social Work Month in March.

Marion speaks at 9:45 a.m. She is preceded on the program at 8:50 a.m. by Danielle Smith, executive director of the Ohio chapter of NASW, who will talk about “The Legacy of Social Work.”

Also on the agenda is Dennis Morawski, chair of YSU's Department of Social Work, and Bradley Smith, director of Ohio NASW Region IV.



Victoria Mason

NASW strongly advocates that improved safety precautions be taken for all social workers, both at

the agency level with improved practices and at the university level to prepare future social workers. In a study from the American Federation of State, County and Municipal Employees, more than 70 percent of the affiliates reported that front-line workers in their agencies have been victims of violence or experienced threats of violence in the line of duty, and over 30 percent reported incidents involving physical assault.

The YSU Department of Social Work sponsors Social Work Day to celebrate the profession of social work and to honor—and thank—the many field educators who give of their time and expertise each year to supervise BSW and MSW student field interns.

The National Association of Social Workers (NASW), in Washington, DC, is the largest membership organization of professional social workers with 150,000 members. The Ohio Chapter consists of 3,900 members. It promotes, develops, and protects the practice of social work and social workers. NASW also seeks to enhance the well being of individuals, families, and communities through its advocacy.

Job Expo attracts 50+ employers

Youngstown State University's Spring 2012 Job Expo is 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Wednesday, April 4 in the Chestnut Room of Kilcawley Center.

More than 50 employers from local, regional and national companies will be available to discuss employment opportunities, distribute organizational information and accept resumes from YSU students and alumni.

All majors are welcome. Registration is available on PenguinLINK or at the door. Participants are advised to wear interview apparel and bring several copies of their resume.

For more information, contact Susan George in the Office of Career & Counseling Services at 330-941-3299.

Diversity celebration is March 29

Zahid Bukhari, president of the Islamic Circle of North America and executive director of the Center for Islam and Public Policy, will speak at Youngstown State University's 2012 Diversity Leadership Recognition Celebration 6 p.m., Thursday, March 29 at Mr. Anthony's in Boardman.

The cost is \$35.00 per person or a table of eight for \$280. Reservation deadline is March 22. For more information or to make reservations, contact the YSU Office of Equal Opportunity & Diversity at 330-941-3370. Proceeds from the event fund student scholarships through an endowment that has been established with the YSU Foundation.

The purpose of the event is to celebrate and embrace diversity at YSU and in the community.

Honorees include: Leaders of Tomorrow (Rebecca Banks, Cary W. Dabney, Anita Gomez and Ohio Lady Advocates co-founders: Sarah J. Lowry and Molly Toth); Campus Leadership (Ana M. Bobby, Sherri R. Lovelace-Cameron and Jacqueline Robertson); Community Leadership (Tom Anderson, Bob "Doby" Dean, Carole McWilson and Penny Wells). The recipients of the Diversity Leadership scholarship are Mark A. Jones Jr. and Marilyn Bills.



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