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Life after death

Former NFL quarterback lectures about depression



Eric Hipple speaks in the Chestnut Room to YSU students and staff. Hipple spoke about his career, life and the effects of depression on Tuesday. Photo by Joe Catullo Jr./The Jambar.

Joe Catullo Jr.
SPORTS EDITOR

Twelve years ago, Eric Hipple, a former quarterback for the Detroit Lions, left on a business trip. The morning he left, he woke his 15-year-old son, Jeff, whose eyes were already beginning to tear up from a battle with depression.

"Jeff, I know what's going on, but I got to go," he said. "We'll talk about it when I get back."

But Hipple didn't make it in time. The next day, his son shot and killed himself.

"Learning and knowing what I know now, I would have been able to save his life," Hipple said. "I'm still affected today from it. You cannot help it, but I see it in a totally different picture now."

Hipple said his new purpose in life is

to help people become aware of depression, an illness he has also fought.

Hipple shared his story at Youngstown State University on Tuesday in Kilcawley Center's Chestnut Room.

Students and staff filled the room, including Greg Gulas, assistant director of student programming, who has seen the effects of depression firsthand.

Gulas first read about Hipple's story in ESPN approximately five months ago. It took Gulas back to his first semester as a graduate student at Ohio University 35 years ago.

In Gulas' first semester, one person hanged himself, and another jumped from a dorm window.

"After listening to him, I walked away more knowledgeable of how I can help anybody that is out there seeking help for any type of depression," Gulas said. "I'd

like to think I can at least point them in the right direction now."

The National Alliance on Mental Illness reports that 15 million American adults suffer from depression in a given year. Without treatment, symptoms tend to increase and could potentially lead to suicide.

Before his son's death, Hipple didn't realize how severe the disease could be.

"I took him to the doctor, but not to get him healthy. I took him to the doctor to prove to him there was nothing wrong with him," Hipple said.

That decision still haunts him.

Hipple's own depression began three years earlier, after his business, Hipple Associates, based in Heartland, Mich., tanked.

"We just went flat, and everything fell apart," Hipple said.

Hipple sold his portion to a competitor, who offered him a job in Arizona.

The new job required training.

Hipple's wife, Shelly, drove him to the airport the morning he was scheduled to leave. While driving along Interstate 75, Hipple glanced at his wife and clutched a piece of paper.

On it he wrote, "I'm sorry. I love you."

Traveling 75 mph along the interstate, Hipple handed his wife the note and jumped out of the car.

The next thing Hipple remembered was lying in a hospital bed with his parents on the left and a psychiatrist on his right.

The psychiatrist told Hipple's parents that they wanted to give him a psychometric evaluation, a test health professionals use to gauge a person's mental fitness.

"If you ever do that, I will never talk to you again," Hipple said he told his parents.

Hipple was never assessed.

His depression worsened after his son died in 2000.

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Meet Chief John Beshara

Marissa McIntyre
ASSISTANT NEWS EDITOR

Gregory Jones was walking toward campus Wednesday afternoon when John Beshara saw him pitch a can behind the McDonald's on Fifth Avenue.

Littering has always been one of Beshara's pet peeves.

After a background check turned up a warrant for Jones, Beshara made another arrest in his career of more than 20 years on the force.

Beshara said he's not sure about how many arrests he has made — more than 1,000, he figures.

But this was his first arrest as Youngstown State University's police chief.

"Drinking an open can of beer — what kind of image does that portray to the kids?" Beshara said after completing the arrest.

Most students' safety concerns involve the area sur-



YSUPD Chief John Beshara patrols campus on Wednesday. Beshara boasts more than 20 years of policing experience and is a YSU graduate. Photo by Chris Cotelesse/The Jambar.

rounding campus.

"I see a lot of weird activity in the parking garages and on the streets surrounding campus," freshman Alex Pustinger said. "I think that's a little too close for comfort."

Beshara said he plans to continue the YSUPD's relationship with the city police to keep people like Jones away from campus.

Beshara graduated from YSU with both his bachelor's degree and master's degree in criminal justice and law enforcement.

He said the last few days have been a whirlwind because he was offered the job as YSU police chief on Friday and started on Monday. He's

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Greeks talk unity

Kevin Alquist
NEWS REPORTER

Members of Greek life held a mixer in the Ohio Room of Kilcawley Center on Tuesday to voice concerns and unify.

Fraternity and sorority presidents refused to comment on the charges brought against Kappa Alpha Psi, a fraternity in the National Pan-Hellenic Council, Inc., which is under investigation for an alleged hazing.

Instead, they used the event to promote communication among Greek organizations that previously did not foster strong relationships.

The mixer also provided networking opportunities

among fraternity and sorority organizations that may not regularly associate with one another.

"This is a starting point for them and an opportunity to talk about what can be done better as a team," said Carrie Anderson, Pan-Hellenic adviser.

Michael Koziorynsky, GCL chairman and member of the Alpha Phi Delta fraternity, said the event was organized to bring everyone together.

"Our goal ever since Greek life began is to be one strong unit, and this is a way to stick together and stay strong," Koziorynsky said.

Jimmy Mszanski,

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Former ACE treasurer enters 'no contest' plea

Jordan D. Uhl
NEWS EDITOR

After nearly two years, the Association of Classified Employees' former treasurer Carol Hovanes pleaded no contest to one misdemeanor count of theft.

Hovanes, 59, of New Middletown, was convicted of misappropriating roughly \$13,000 of ACE funds, but an

audit conducted by the union later revealed that nearly \$17,000 could have been disbursed by the then-treasurer.

Hovanes, who still retains her position at the Maag Library circulation desk, refused to comment.

Bob Bush, assistant county prosecutor, took the smaller amount because the larger figure came too late, and Hovanes may not have made those transactions.

"Our position was, because this lady [Hovanes] came forward, gave everything, gave a number to the union, that was the number we used. Then they went ahead and did an audit," Bush said.

Attorney Ira Mirkin, ACE's legal representation, began seeking damages on behalf of the union in July 2010. Hovanes' attorney, David Mascio, said his client has repaid \$9,928.42 and believed she

"had paid full restitution."

"We're seeing a fair and equitable solution," Mascio said. He did not want to comment on future repayments to cover the remaining discrepancy, as a civil suit is ongoing.

Bush was quoted in the Vindicator on Wednesday, saying that the ACE union was uncooperative in the investigation.

"The notion that they weren't cooperative is com-

plete and utter nonsense," Mirkin said.

Certified mail sent by Mirkin indicated communication, not responded to by Bush, from as early as July 2010.

"I personally delivered, to [Bush], 3,400 personal records, if that's what you call a failure to cooperate," Mirkin said. "I don't know where this is coming from."

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ELI students Ibrahim Al-Jumeer, Abdunah Allhurrayif and Hakem Ahmhairat converse using their English skills in a Maag Library lab. Photo by Shannon Watson/The Jambar.

ELI acclimates international students

Shannon Watson
REPORTER

The English Language Institute, located in the basement of Maag Library, is what many international students consider home. Several of these students can be found outside the library, chatting over a cigarette and coffee.

They look like typical Youngstown State University students, but they are on campus for a different reason: to develop their English-speaking skills.

"The main goal is to improve English language skills to acquire admission to the university," said Lynn Greene, ELI coordinator.

The international students

must pass an English proficiency exam in order to gain acceptance.

Program participants are considered non-regular students, and their ages range from 17 to early 30s. Most of the 67 students are from Saudi Arabia, Iraq, Jordan and Turkey, and their educational backgrounds vary.

"These aren't typical classes," Greene said. "They are learning English 24/7."

Their daily schedules include grammar, reading, writing, listening and vocabulary.

The students are expected to pay their own way, but scholarships are sometimes provided to those enrolled in the program.

ELI student Ibrahim Al-Jumeer, who was given gov-

ernment money from his home country of Iraq, is planning to study nursing at YSU before he returns home.

Dong-Hyuk Kim comes from South Korea and is also on a scholarship. He said his aunt lives in Boardman and came to the U.S. 15 years ago, which is how he heard of YSU.

YSU utilizes the students' diverse backgrounds in multiple ways.

"We hook the students in with other classes such as geography and business," Greene said.

Some students also tutor in their native languages.

"It's a role reversal," Greene said. "It helps our students feel useful and gives them a sense of empowerment."

Greene said ELI students

aren't much different from so-called "typical" YSU students.

"The success depends on how much the student puts into the experience," Greene said. "Some students come here thinking it's a time to party; others come here with their eye on the prize."

The goal of the program is not only academic, but also cultural.

"We want to acculturate them and experience America," Greene said.

Each year, the ELI takes the students on trips to attractions such as Niagara Falls and Amish Country.

"It's much cleaner here and less crowded," Kim said about the area.

Abdunah Allhurrayif from Saudi Arabia and Hakem

Ahmhairat from Jordan echoed Kim's sentiments.

"There is no difference between here and home, except for the traffic and education system," Ahmhairat said.

Allhurrayif said he likes the respect Americans have for one another.

The students do try to branch out of the ELI.

"We want to and like to talk to the university's students," Allhurrayif said with a smile. "[It's] just not about the university itself."

Allhurrayif said he enjoys the conversations he partakes in during classes.

Most of the students said they enjoy living in Youngstown.

"They have all of what we need to study here," Ahmhairat said.

A year after scandal, new sexuality class at Northwestern University

Chicago Tribune
MCT

CHICAGO — There's a new class on human sexuality at Northwestern University, but it's safe to say that this one won't feature any live sex-toy demonstrations.

A year has passed since school officials, amid a firestorm of embarrassing publicity, canceled another sexuality class after psychology professor J. Michael Bailey hosted an optional lecture on female arousal that concluded with a woman being penetrated by a motorized sex toy.

The new class, "Sexual Subjects: Introduction to Sexuality Studies," is taught by Lane Fenrich, a popular history and gender studies professor who also teaches yoga on the side.

He's quick to emphasize that his course is not intended to replace Bailey's, but he expects it to grow to be just as popular. Fenrich's class was capped at 95 this first quarter; Bailey's at one time enrolled 600.

"That class was much more geared toward sexual practices. This is more broadly gauged," said Fenrich, 49, whose course also focuses on sex in culture and history. "This introduces them to the major questions, the major thinkers."

Open to all undergraduate students, it also serves as an introductory class within the gender studies program, which until 2000 was called women's studies.

Faculty members were already developing the course "when this whole debacle came with the psychology class. That was our opportunity," said Mary Weismantel, program director.

It comes at a time when sexuality studies are gaining legitimacy nationally, Weismantel said. Northwestern's program has helped establish it as a leader of the field, she said. The university launched the new course with the intention of showing that sexuality classes can be taught responsibly. That doesn't mean that sexually explicit ma-

terial will be censored, she stressed.

"The one thing we feel strongly about is, the controversy isn't about should you deal with very sexually explicit material or shouldn't you," Weismantel said. "It's about teaching students the ethical treatment of subjects."

On the first day of class, Fenrich asked students to define sex, which he said "turned out to be a lot more complicated, and fun, than many had been expecting."

The session touched on how some acts are viewed as sexual in some cultures but not in others, what makes someone male or female, and why it matters so much.

The course is intended to prepare young people for today's sexually diverse society and culture, Weismantel said. Freshmen arrive on campus confused from the mixed messages in a society that glorifies sex through imagery but also censors it, she said.

Fenrich, who also teaches "American Gay and Lesbian History," is hugely popular among students, who thank him during their graduation speeches, Weismantel said. His research reflects interest in the Holocaust, AIDS policies and the arts, and he also serves as a freshman dean.

"One of his gifts as a teacher is his ability to lucidly translate and convey rather dense and sometimes theoretical considerations," said Michael Sherry, a Northwestern history professor who was Fenrich's dissertation director. "That's very hard to do."

Fenrich is openly gay and lets students know that from the beginning.

"I don't think they have to be told, but I do (tell them)," said Fenrich. "It's important to what I teach. I don't talk about my sex life, but I do openly identify. It's just a matter of fact, and who I am."

Times have changed since Fenrich attended college at Pacific Lutheran University in Tacoma, Wash., in the early 1980s. He recalled reading an announcement left in the school dining hall about a gay and lesbian group.

"They gave you a phone number to

call for information," said Fenrich. "I was in the closet. It was like: 'Oh, there is no way I am going to call that number. It's a secret society.' ... I never did."

While gay students today find more acceptance, they still struggle with their sexuality and cultural expectations.

"It makes a huge difference for them to have role models," Fenrich said.

On campus, Fenrich has seen a broader variety of students enroll in sexuality classes. At one time, administrators balked at even listing his "Gay and Lesbian History" class by name in the university catalog.

"Coming to college, having learned very little to nothing about gay studies, their hunger for that information is huge," he said. "That's straight students as well as gay students. They just recognize there is this whole arena of information they don't know."

The new "Sexual Subjects" class covers topics ranging from "Queering the Color Line" to "The Politics of STD Prevention." One day, he had students dancing in the aisles, to show why parents were alarmed by the changing styles, from ballroom dancing to the bump-and-grind.

One recent lecture focused on the gap between public views of sexual morality and private behaviors. Fenrich discussed a New York Times article that caused a national scandal in 1968 when it revealed that a Barnard College student was living with a man. The young woman was labeled a "prostitute" and "alley cat" in public diatribes and letters, and she eventually dropped out of college.

On a large overhead screen, Fenrich displayed a slide with a quote by then-Barnard President Martha Peterson, who complained: "Public interest in sex on the college campus is insatiable."

"I guess at Northwestern we're a little familiar with this kind of controversy," Fenrich said, with a grin.

One student, freshman Erin Anderson, 19, of Memphis, hadn't planned to take the course until she read students' positive reviews of Fenrich.

As a conservative, Anderson said, she "had to step out of my comfort zone." The class has challenged some of her political positions but helped her to bolster her arguments with logic on "everything from gay marriage to premarital sex to Planned Parenthood," she said.

Camille Beredjick, 21, of Tampa, said she took Bailey's class last spring, finding some of it useful and entertaining but not as academically rigorous. She didn't witness the sex toy demonstration, having left 10 minutes before it began, she said.

Fenrich's class "is what Bailey's should have been," Beredjick said. "This is a much better way of looking at these issues."

Bailey declined to talk about the controversy that led to his class being canceled. At the time, he issued a statement reiterating that the after-class lecture in question had been optional, that students were adults and that they'd been warned that a graphic demonstration of "kinky sex" was to follow.

Ken Melvoine-Berg was the guest speaker that day, whose lecture included the sex-toy demonstration. He said last week that his lecture, which he continues to give in nonacademic settings, has grown more popular after the notoriety it achieved at Northwestern. The couple who performed the sex act is now married, said Melvoine-Berg, a self-described sex educator, author, psychic and owner of Weird Chicago Tours.

He also complained that Northwestern never paid him the \$300 he was owed for the lecture — a payment he said he would donate to a Northwestern student sexuality awareness club if it's ever forthcoming.

University spokesman Al Cabbage declined comment on whether Melvoine-Berg was paid.

Fenrich said that he has felt no pressure from school administrators about his class material — and does not expect to.

"Other than dancing," he said, "there are no live performances."



Members of Greek life meet at a mixer in Kilcawley Center on Tuesday. Representatives from each fraternity and sorority were present to discuss group unity. Photos by Kevin Alquist/The Jambar.

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president of the Sigma Chi fraternity, said the strong turnout for the mixer shows strength in numbers.

Joe Boyd, president of Iota Phi Theta, said he hopes to see the entire Greek system on the same page.

"The point of the meeting was to bring everybody together to keep a strong bond within the Greek system," Boyd said. "It's for support and keeping communication up so there is no disconnect."

Mandy Alcorn, Pan-Hellenic president at YSU, spoke to the group, asking the students to "live your values."

"It's important for us to realize that and to get rid of any negative ideas toward one another," Alcorn said.

Alcorn added that GCL recently decided to unite the three separate councils of Greek life into one.

Erin Hall, vice president of programs for NPHC, said she is glad to see unity in action.

"I'd like to see more unity between all of the chapters,"

Hall said. "We couldn't have Greek life if we didn't all care."

Alpha Omicron Pi sorority members Brea Maltony and Kayla Cardenas said the meeting marked progress for Greek life at YSU.

"It shouldn't have taken another incident to bring us together," Cardenas said.

She added that the meeting was long overdue.

"It made me feel like we are all one, no matter what our race or chapter we belong to," Maltony said.



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NEWS BRIEFS

Bliss Hall recital features retired faculty member

Roman Rudnysky, a retired faculty member from YSU's Dana School of Music, will perform in Bliss Recital Hall at 3 p.m. on Sunday. The concert is free and open to the public. Rudnysky will play selections from Beethoven, Debussy and Chopin, as well as a piece written by his late father. Rudnysky served on the Dana School of Music faculty from 1972 until his spring 2011 retirement. He received a Distinguished Professor Award in 1990.

Dana Symphony Orchestra to present winter concert

John Wilcox, associate professor in the Dana School of Music, will direct the Dana Symphony Orchestra's winter concert, which will be held on Monday at 8 p.m. The three winners of the annual Dana Young Artist Competition will perform. This year's winners are Stephen Cline of Salem; Brian Newell of Youngstown; and Kevin Snyder of McDonald, Pa. Tickets are available at the DeYor Box Office.

POLICE BRIEFS

Dental hygiene clinic patron told to cease contact with student

On Monday afternoon, a female dental hygiene student told YSU Police that a male clinic patron had given her a Valentine's Day card containing a \$50 bill, and that during the previous evening, he had called her personal cell phone to make an appointment and to ask her to dinner. The student told the patron to stop contacting her, and the patron requested that the card and money be returned to him. YSU Police contacted the patron and told him that he could no longer contact the student, or have his teeth cleaned at the dental hygiene clinic; doing so will result in his arrest. The patron could, however, pick up his gift to the student, which the student left at the university's police station.

Students fight over Twitter

On Monday evening, YSU Police responded to a call regarding a fight that occurred outside of Lyden House. When officers arrived, the fight had been broken up. Two of the students were still there and spoke with officers. They said the verbal confrontation began over statements made on Twitter. One of the students said that similar confrontations have happened before — but that this time one of the students threatened to punch another in the stomach. No physical contact was made, however. YSU Police told both parties to avoid contact with each other and to ignore any further tweets.

McDonough fire alarm activated after malfunction

On Monday, YSU Police and the Youngstown Fire Department were called to the McDonough Museum of Art after a fire alarm went off. After checking the entire building, YSU maintenance and the YFD captain discovered that a smoke detector located on the ceiling of the third floor open office was activated when the first floor mechanical room air compressor malfunctioned, causing heat to travel throughout the building. Maintenance was unable to reset the alarm, and the building was locked down until the unknown problem with the air compressor could be resolved.

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"The documents that Mr. Mirkin provided us was the result of a grand jury subpoena, and all files were in relation to Ms. Hovanes," Bush said. "We were looking for other people of interest. They were not in the file."

Mirkin requested notification of any hearing, yet was not informed of Hovanes entering a plea agreement process.

"Despite the requirements, ... my client had received no prior notice of charges against Ms. Hovanes or any potential plea agreement," Mirkin's letter stated.

Mirkin said ACE would object to any plea agreement, which didn't include restitution from Hovanes, and intended to object during Hovanes' plea hearing. He was not notified of the proceeding until after it happened.

"I find out yesterday afternoon for the first time there was a court hearing," Mirkin said.

Bush said Mirkin was not notified about the hearing because he was not listed as a victim in the case docket.

"I don't think the union is in that file as a victim because they did not cooperate," Bush said.

Although Hovanes is still employed by the university, the human resources department is evaluating possible punishment.

"Once HR is fully informed of the circumstances surrounding this situation, it will assess the situation in the context of rules and procedures already in place and make a determination at that time what, if any, actions need to be taken," Kevin Reynolds, chief human resources officer, said in an email.

Judge John M. Durkin will sentence Hovanes on March 29. Bush said probation for Hovanes is likely.

Bush said Mirkin would be able to voice his objection to a plea deal without restitution at the sentencing.

"You can bet he'll be there, and the court will hear what he has to say about this restitution issue," Bush said.



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been doing meet-and-greet events and has been in meetings to acquaint himself with the position.

Beshara said he looks forward to settling into his new position so that he can interact with others and work the parts of his job that he loves the most.

"College is great. Students come in with big imaginations," Beshara said. "They shouldn't have to worry about being safe while they're here."

Getting out and talking to students is one way Beshara plans to bring a feeling of safety to campus.

"Police people have to be good at communicating," Beshara said.

Beshara comes into the job from the Mahoning County Sheriff's Department. He said he has some big plans to improve several aspects of policing.

He said he believes that controlling what may seem to be a small violation is the foundation for keeping order during the more serious violations.

Beshara said he often notices cars on Ohio, Pennsylvania and Michigan avenues that are parked the wrong way on the street; he will issue a citation when he sees this.

"We have to keep order. As simple as it is, no matter how small, we try to deal with it," Beshara said.

He added that if the police department were to slide on the small violations, this doesn't mean they would do so for the "big stuff."

He said he understands that students often use Wick Park to work out, and even though it's off campus property, the YSU PD likes to patrol the area.

"Students use it, so because of that, we keep it safe for them," Beshara said.

Beshara said he is a firm believer in communication and said it's vital to the safety of the community.

He said he plans to implement a chain of command within the police department so that everyone knows who to report to, leaving less room for miscommunication. Beshara will execute this plan only after talking with the department.

"To attempt to do anything right, you have to get input from those involved," Beshara said.

He said he would also like to improve the technology used by the police department.



Campus Connection

What are your concerns with campus safety?



"I see a lot of weird activity in the parking garages and on the streets surrounding campus. I think that's too close for comfort."
— Alex Pustinger, freshman



"I have friends that live in the apartments near campus, and I want to feel safe when I'm there."
— Nikki Rendziniak, freshman

ment by investing in Rapid ID fingerprint scanners and license plate scanners.

Rapid ID scanners would identify persons who don't have their identification on them. They would do so by scanning that person's fingerprint; in a matter of minutes, the scanner would then bring up their picture, information and whether warrants are out for their arrest.

License scanners are devices that attach to the dashboards of vehicles and scan all license plates and bring up alerts in case the car has been reported stolen or if the driver is wanted.

"People in the city come through campus all the time," Beshara said. "It's important for us to know who is on campus 24 hours a day."

He said theft is a problem on campus. To cut down on theft, Beshara plans to patrol "hot spots," such as the dorms and parking lots, for thievery.

"Students, don't leave anything important on your

seats with your windows down," Beshara said.

"I have friends that live in the apartments near campus, and I want to feel safe when I'm there," freshman Nikki Rendziniak said.

Beshara said he plans to communicate with the hosts of parties that occur near campus to defer activity before it gets out of hand.

"Underage drinking is not a large problem, but it is a problem," Beshara said.

He said the department would continue patrolling beyond university borders and assisting the Youngstown Police Department to improve the problem.

"I love my job," Beshara said.

When Beshara was attending YSU for his master's degree, attorney Patty Wagner, chairwoman of the criminal justice and forensic science program, had had Beshara as a student.

"We knew that he was destined for greatness," Wagner said.

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Cooperation is in the documentation

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Attorney Ira Mirkin, legal counsel for the Association of Classified Employees, wasn't notified of Tuesday's hearing involving the union's former treasurer Carol Hovanes, who pleaded no contest to one count of theft.

Mirkin represents the union that Hovanes stole from but wasn't notified.

Really?

Mirkin then realized that he was accused of being uncooperative in the investigation leading up to the plea entry after reading Wednesday's edition of the Vindicator.

"The notion that [the union representatives] weren't cooperative is complete and utter nonsense," Mirkin said.

Copies of certified mail and receipts affirming their arrival at the office of Bob Bush, assistant county prosecutor, prove Mirkin's effort.

"YSU-ACE requests that I be notified at once of the times, dates and locations of all court proceedings relating to charges against Ms. Hovanes so that YSU-ACE may present its objects to the court if necessary," a hand-delivered letter from Mirkin read.

It was written on July 14, 2010.

"We're going two years back here," Mirkin said.

Mirkin made constant attempts to communicate. He wrote formal requests for hearing notices and hand delivered thousands of pages to Bush.

All Mirkin did not do was camp out in front of the courtroom.

The city is cracking down on loiterers downtown, so that probably would not have worked either.

"The documents that Mr. Mirkin provided us was the result of a grand jury subpoena and all files were in relation to Ms. Hovanes," Bush said. "We were looking for other people of interest. They were not in the file."

Despite what Bush may feel about Mirkin's cooperation and legitimacy for an objection to the plea bargain, nearly 400 union members were stolen from and as a representation in a legal system that is intended to represent justice, fairness and equality, their voice should have been heard.



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The hard truths of newspapering

The Philadelphia Inquirer (MCT)

When it comes to the realities of life in journalism, no one prepared me more while I was an undergrad at Virginia Commonwealth University than Bill Turpin.

He was No. 2 in the department of mass communications when I arrived in the fall of 1979 after three years in the Army. In a previous life he had been a small-town newspaper publisher. And in that small Southern town, he saw every day the impact he had on his community.

If readers didn't like something in his paper, he heard about it. If they didn't get their paper on time, they let him know. He could be confronted while in line at the grocery store, on the sidelines at a Little League game, or while out with his family. And there was no deflecting responsibility. As a small-town publisher, he was the editor, the advertising director, the circulation manager, and whatever else needed to be done on any given day.

Sometimes an apology was in order, and a promise to make things right: for a typo or factual error, for an ad that wasn't run as promised, for a late paper. Other times he had to stick to his guns: for unflattering coverage of a local politician, for opinions that made someone want to cancel a subscription.

No business person in his right mind wants to anger readers, advertisers, neighbors, friends, colleagues. But one of the realities of journalism, Turpin would remind us, is that newspapers aren't just a business. They come with added burdens and responsibilities. And one of those tasks is to point out the truth, however uncomfortable,

as best as it can be determined. I don't mean truth in some godlike, omniscient way delivered from paragons of virtue. And Turpin never looked at the profession or its practitioners that way either. I mean reporting on the truth as it is determined from the facts at hand, as fairly and accurately and responsibly as possible.

Of course, sometimes when you do that, someone is going to be upset. And you'll hear about it — in Turpin's case very up close and personally. If you can't handle that kind of pressure, and in the process stand up for your good name and your publication's, you don't belong in the business. Back down, degrade that good name in any way, and you have no business.

So why do I keep using the word business instead of profession or even noble calling? Because of the other reality check Turpin passed along.

In our senior year, we took a newspaper-management class from Turpin that went way beyond the ins and outs of herding cats in a newsroom. We spent half our time shadowing a local publisher to learn about all aspects of the business: circulation, advertising, business, production. Then we had to create our own fictional paper, from staffing, to realistic budgets for each department, to designs for everything from the newsroom to the pressroom.

It was quite the adjustment from all those reporting and editing classes. A classroom full of Woodward and Bernstein wannabes were being pestered with questions like, "Where are the bathrooms for your employees?"

I can't say that I became an expert in any of that, but I did take away the message that Turpin repeated over and over: No matter

how talented the writers and photographers, the editors and page designers, the advertising and production staffs, they couldn't put those talents to use if your newspaper wasn't making money.

Thirty years later, the money isn't being made. And changing economic realities require that newspapers adjust or die. So I applaud attempts to expand the readership and re-create an industry — whether through tweets, Facebook, apps, and a host of online products I have yet to figure out how to use — in order to retain and create jobs for talented people, and to keep serving the community.

At the same time, I confess to being just a bit more worn down and a little more discouraged with each round of layoffs. More were announced in Philadelphia last week. Regular reports of the company being sold, and allegations about behind-the-scenes games being played, aren't that great for morale either.

Occasional bouts of discouragement, however, don't mean I don't think that newspapers shouldn't change with the times and technology. Or that I think that any one of us is indispensable. Yes, it is incredibly difficult to imagine a newspaper without certain individuals. And, yes, some days it's just hard to walk in the door knowing that others won't be with you any longer.

But, as with all things, we get a brief blink of an eye to do our best, to add to the debate, to make gentle the life of this world. And in that time, we hope, through our efforts, that we've made a contribution, and in the process, have stood up for our good name and our newspaper's.

There is no business without that name.

Heartland Institute: Not a think tank, just in the tank

McClatchy-Tribune News Service (MCT)

The purported Heartland Institute internal documents leaked to media outlets last week were not exactly revelatory.

Collectively, the 100 or so pages describe an advocacy group going about the business of pushing its agenda and raising money to help it do so. Chicago-based Heartland has been doing that since it was created in 1984 "to discover, develop and promote free-market solutions to social and economic problems," according to its current mission statement.

Still, the leak and Heartland's response to it are useful reminders to anyone seeking hard information about controversial issues: Words such as "institute," "center" and "council" in an organization's name do not necessarily signal impartial inquiry or dispassionate investigation. Any organization can call itself a "think tank," but sometimes spin is just spin.

When the documents first appeared on the Internet last Tues-

day, Heartland quickly confirmed that some of its materials had been "stolen." On Wednesday, Heartland declared one two-page memo to be an outright fake but said the rest of the material had not yet been reviewed to see if anything had been altered.

By Thursday, Heartland chief executive Joseph Bast wrote in a blog post that the organization still didn't know if any documents had been modified. And in a letter sent Saturday to some Internet sites that had posted the documents, Heartland's general counsel said the group still was investigating whether the documents had been altered.

Authenticating the documents isn't that difficult. Heartland created and possesses the originals, after all. If it could discredit them, it would.

One thing the documents describe is Heartland's long-running campaign to discredit the solid science of climate change. A new initiative featured in a document called "2012 Fundraising Plan" describes strategies to inject doubts about climate change into the science curricula of elementary and

secondary schools. One obstacle, it says, is that "principals and teachers are heavily biased toward the alarmist perspective."

In his Thursday blog post, Mr. Bast addressed that specific quote, which had appeared in a New York Times story. He did not deny having made the sweeping generalization; he affirmed it. "Of course most principals and teachers are biased," he wrote. "Most are liberal Democrats."

He did not cite research backing up the charge. It makes you wonder about the evidence behind other Heartland claims.

Heartland's efforts to deny the threat of climate change don't advance the interests of human civilization, but they align perfectly with the financial interests of the oil, mining, transportation and energy generation industries that oppose pollution regulations and support groups like Heartland.

Such organizations start with the conclusions they prefer — say, "free-market solutions to social and economic problems" — and try to work backward. Some "think tanks," in other words, merely are in the tank for their ideologies.

Daddy Day Care

Full-time job as a stay-at-home dad

Kacy Standohar
FEATURES EDITOR

As Joe Ciavarella reads a bedtime story to his 3-year-old daughter at 8 p.m., he wraps up a busy day of work, classes, Play-Doh and Barbie dolls.

The 25-year-old said that even though his daughter is the reason he's back in college, he is exactly where he wants to be: at home.

Joe Ciavarella is a full-time stay-at-home dad and a full-time Youngstown State University student studying early childhood education. He has been the primary caregiver in his family for almost three years, but recently took a 25- to 30-hour-a-week job at West Corporation, where his wife works about 40 hours a week.

He said she still makes more money than he does, but he gets to spend precious time with his daughter.

"Before she was born, I wasn't going to go to college. But when my wife told me she was pregnant, I sat down and thought about it," Joe Ciavarella said. "I wanted to give her a better life than what I had growing up, so I fell back on my second passion, which is teaching children."

Joe Ciavarella resides in Niles with Emily, his wife of three years, and his daughter, Lennon.

"My wife is a hippie who loves the Beatles," he said.

Joe Ciavarella said he feels society often looks down upon stay-at-home dads.

"People just assume you're lazy and that you don't want to work, but it's not that," Joe Ciavarella said. "I cook, I clean and I do all the shopping for her."

He said the best part about being a stay-at-home dad is getting to spend time with his daughter.

"It's definitely a good feeling being able to stay at home with her and be a part of the enrichment process. I get to hang out with her and have fun," he said. "I get to be a kid again with the adult responsibilities."

Joe Ciavarella said a lot of dads are disconnected from their kids because they're always working.

A regular work day for Joe Ciavarella involves dropping Lennon off at preschool in the morning and going to work. Then he's on dad duty for the rest of the day, leaving little time for himself.

His wife leaves for school before either Joe Ciavarella or their daughter wakes up.

"We get up around 8 a.m. and get breakfast," Joe Ciavarella said. "I give her a bath and do her hair and everything. Then I pick her up at 3:30 p.m. She normally goes to bed around 8. Being a dad is, like, my full-time job and then some. You got doctors' appointments, and you have to know what they're doing at all times."

Emily Ciavarella doesn't get home until almost midnight, and she also attends YSU full time as a nursing major. Her schedule doesn't allow her to make her daughter breakfast in the morning or tuck her in at night.

The typical responsibilities of a mother fall on Joe Ciavarella.

"By the time she gets home, Lennon is already in bed," he said. "I wish she [Emily] could be a stay-at-home mom because I know how much she misses it."

Emily Ciavarella stayed home with her daughter for six months after Lennon was born.

She said working full time is bittersweet.

"Sometimes it is relaxing, but after a while, I start to



Joe Ciavarella embraces his 3-year-old daughter, Lennon, on campus Tuesday. She is the reason Ciavarella was motivated to attend YSU. Photo by Kacy Standohar/The Jambar.

"It's definitely a challenge, but I respect stay-at-home moms and single parents. I've learned responsibility."
-Joe Ciavarella

miss her," she said.

Joe Ciavarella said there are downfalls, though. When they are all together on the weekends, Lennon yearns for her mother's attention, and Joe Ciavarella said he sometimes feels shunned after spending so much time with his daughter during the week.

But, for him, it's still one of the best feelings in the world.

The Ciavarellas rely on the support of their family and

each other.

"We have a great support group, and I guess that's the biggest thing about both of us being in college and working full-time jobs," Joe Ciavarella said.

Still, Joe Ciavarella faces criticism every day, but said the experience has been memorable.

"It has also opened my eyes up more to what a stay-at-home mom actually does," he said.

In between being a father and an employee, Joe Ciavarella said he tries to make time for his studies. He brings Lennon to one class on Tuesday.

"With both of us going back to work, it has cut down daddy-daughter time," he said.

Joe Ciavarella said he de-

cidated to take on another project amidst his busy life. He is conducting a survey regarding gender bias in advertising.

"Items like Jif peanut butter and Wuggle Pet toys have advertisements that are geared toward mothers," he said. "As a primary caregiver, that bothers me. Because, if I'm doing all the shopping for food and toys, I'm not going to buy your product if it's geared towards mothers only."

"My biggest thing is that I actually lost friends over it because of my views," Joe Ciavarella said. "They think I'm being sexist about it."

Gender bias in advertising is something Joe Ciavarella said he hopes to change, but has experienced little success thus far. He started a Twitter account specifically for the survey, but has received little response.

"It's definitely a challenge, but I respect stay-at-home moms and single parents," he said. "I've learned responsibility."

Dodge, duck, dip, dive

Chelsea Telega
ARTS & ENTERTAINMENT EDITOR

Students will lace up their tennis shoes and test their dodging abilities on Friday with victory in their hearts and balls in their hands.

The Urban Gaming Club at Youngstown State University will host its first dodgeball event at 2 p.m.

Nick Uroseva, president of the Urban Gaming Club, started Humans vs. Zombies at YSU in the fall of 2010. Humans vs. Zombies is a prolonged game of tag that chooses a team member to stalk others with foam darts or rolled socks.

Uroseva said he wanted to expand the group into something more general.

The group obtained the Urban Gaming Club title this semester, and its members expect big things. Uroseva said his goal is to schedule one game each month.

"It was a suggestion of one of the members we have, just as something different to do," Uroseva said. "When the weather gets nicer, we hope to play in the Rec 5 area and the tennis courts by Kilcawley."

Uroseva said he wants to incorporate four square and Nerf wars in addition to outdoor dodgeball games.

Joe Conroy, intramural sports coordinator at YSU, helped the group plan, and said they were organized with exactly what they wanted to accomplish.

Conroy gathered information about other universities that participate in the same type of games and how often each university plays.

Conroy used this information to help with organizational meetings and planning. However, he gives the group credit for bringing the idea to life.

"When students want to do something, half

of the job gets done. They will push it, and they have the student population at their hands," Conroy said.

Danny Bogue, vice president of the Urban Gaming Club, regularly visited his brother at Ohio State University during weekends and said they have a similar system that he actively participated in.

After being part of an even bigger group with the same motive, Bogue stumbled upon YSU's Urban Gaming chapter. He immediately knew he wanted to be a part of it.

Bogue traveled alone to Pennsylvania State University for a Humans vs. Zombies invitation and met YSU's team for the first time. His dedication took the rest of the team by surprise.

Uroseva said Bogue wrote on the group's Facebook page, saying that he wanted to meet them there. No one had ever talked to Bogue before, though, so they were unsure whether he would make it.

When Bogue did show up, Uroseva said he was instantly excited.

"That's what is great about a group like this. You immediately have something in common with everyone, and everyone becomes so close," Uroseva said.

After traveling to different colleges such as PSU, Purdue University and Bowling Green State University, the team recognized the positive energy surrounding the events and knew that YSU needed to be on board.

Uroseva and Bogue each say they hope the Urban Gaming Club will improve the reputation of YSU's events and build a community within the university.

"We want to kind of design different games and events for different people to come to," Uroseva said. "We want to get away from the stigma that this is just a commuter school, and give people the option to be a part of something other than just class."

Yo* Calendar

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Yoga

Thursday, 9:30-11 a.m. and 6-7:30 p.m.

Fellows Riverside Gardens \$10



Unlimited Bowling

Thursday, 9 p.m.-midnight

Camelot Lanes

\$8



DJ Tom Angelo

Saturday, 10 p.m.-2 a.m.

Up A Creek Tavern

Gospel Jazz

Sunday, 6 p.m.

Kilcawley Center, Chestnut Room



Pianist Roman Rudnytsky

Sunday, 3 p.m.

Bliss Recital Hall



Romney proposes to cut income tax rates

McClatchy Newspapers (MCT)

Mitt Romney proposed Wednesday to cut individual income tax rates for all Americans by 20 percent, a promise he hopes will jumpstart his campaign for the Republican presidential nomination and the American economy.

It also could add to the government's sky-high budget deficits and growing debt unless offset with other tax hikes or matched by sweeping cuts in spending, the kind that have eluded other Republican presidents who made similar promises.

Ronald Reagan and George W. Bush used the pledge of sweeping tax cuts to win the White House, failed to cut spending, and watched deficits soar.

"Absent anything else, this cuts revenue by a lot," said Roberton Williams, a senior scholar at the Tax Policy Center, a joint project of the Brookings Institution and the Urban Institute, two Washington center-left think tanks.

"To do his tax plan, and balance the budget, and protect the defense budget, is going to be very difficult," added Josh Gordon, policy director at the Concord Coalition, a group that promotes fiscal discipline. "You would need annual spending cuts that would be about the size of the cuts the (congressional) supercommittee failed to accomplish over 10 years."

Romney insisted that his bold tax proposal would create jobs, boost the economy

and would not cost the federal government a dime in lost revenue.

"I'm going to lower rates across the board for all Americans by 20 percent," Romney told a rally at a Christian school in the Phoenix suburb of Chandler, hours before facing off with rivals in an Arizona debate. The debate was the last for the four candidates before Feb. 28 primaries in Arizona and Michigan and the March 6 Super Tuesday contests in 10 states. Romney leads in Arizona polls but is neck and neck with rival Rick Santorum in Michigan surveys.

His proposal to cut tax rates across the board was aimed politically at conservatives who have refused to rally to his campaign. Yet he also said he'd limit some deductions for wealthier Americans, a move that could open him to criticism from conservatives who chafe at any proposals aimed at the rich.

Romney compared his proposal to Reagan's. His campaign noted that his proposal would reduce top marginal tax rates on higher incomes from 35 percent to 28 percent, noting that was the top rate that Reagan signed into law in 1986.

He said the tax cuts would boost the economy, leading to a 6 percent jump in wages at non-corporate businesses, a 10 percent increase in investment, and a 16 percent increase in business receipts. He said it would create 2.5 million jobs within two years.

Aides said Romney would make permanent the Bush-era tax cuts scheduled to expire on Dec. 31, then cut all tax rates by 20 percent.

Although President Barack Obama this week signed an extension of a payroll tax cut that will add nearly \$100 billion to this year's deficit, his campaign ripped Romney's proposal, saying it would add to the government's deficits and debt.

"His proposals to date actually increase the deficit by \$2 trillion over the next decade. Will his new tax plan drive up the deficit even further?" Obama's campaign said.

Indeed, even before he proposed the deep cuts in income tax rates, a Tax Policy Center analysis found that Romney's other tax proposals would cost the government \$180 billion in revenue in 2016, assuming the Bush tax cuts were extended for all taxpayers.

Romney insisted the tax cuts would not add to the federal budget deficit because the economy would grow faster and he'd slash federal spending.

"The economy will grow," said Williams, but he added: "There's never been enough growth from tax cuts to pay for the tax cuts."

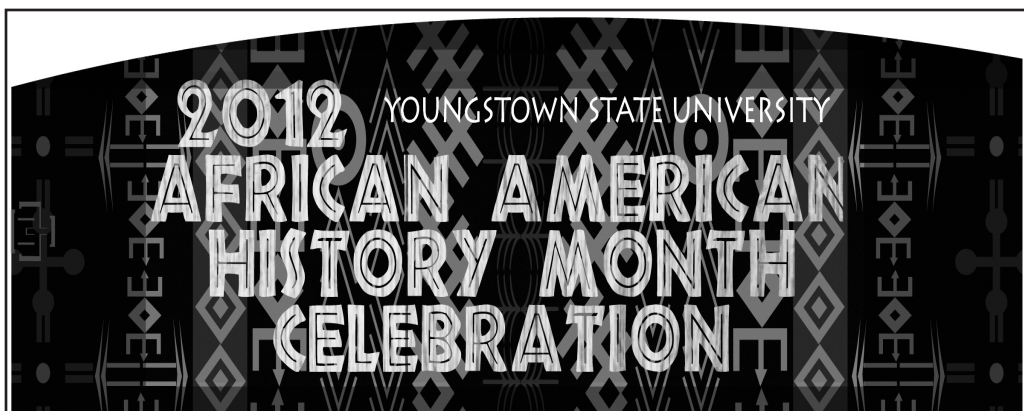
Romney also said he would mitigate the tax rate cut for wealthy Americans — he did not define the income level qualifying as wealthy — by imposing new limits on tax credits, deductions and exemptions they now get.

"The result will be a pro-growth tax code that still raises the necessary revenue, retains the existing progressivity, and ensures that middle-income Americans see real tax relief," his campaign said.



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Proverb of the Month: "Rising early makes the road short." Wolof proverb, Senegal

Saturday, February 4
Noon-6:00 p.m., Chestnut Room, Kilcawley Center

THE AFRICAN MARKETPLACE

The Marketplace is one of the popular attractions of African American History Month at YSU. In the tradition of an African weekly market, vendors from the community and neighborhoods near and far beyond Ohio bring goods, artistic creations, clothing, books, jewelry and ancient artifacts from Africa and the African Diaspora. The festive and social atmosphere is enlivened by the music and dance performances of the versatile and dynamic Harambee Youth Group.



Saturday, February 18
7:30 p.m. The Chestnut Room, Kilcawley Center

ENTERTAINMENT BY GROUP FROM NEW JERSEY THE FACES OF BLACK HISTORY

The Prospect Theatrics of Newark, New Jersey is a drama group that has been performing all over the nation, bringing to life on stage the major contribution of African Americans to America from slavery to the first African American President of the United States. This live musical show salutes many well known celebrities, personalities and history makers in an entertaining and educational format for all ages. In an eclectic musical mix, this year's production includes a tribute to Michael Jackson and a salute to the Tuskegee Airmen.



Thursday, February 9
5:00 p.m. Reception, Bliss Hall Art Gallery

6:00 p.m., Panel Discussion, The McDonough Museum of Art

RECEPTION AND PANEL DISCUSSION ON AFRICAN AMERICAN ARTISTIC DISPLAY

THE ART OF LOUIS BURROUGHS

Louis Burroughs' art is motivated by current events and what he calls "the nation's obsession with religion, sports and global domination." Influenced by the paintings of Jean Michael Basquiat and Robert Colescott as well as the forms and shapes of African masks and sculptures, his art is rooted in the African American experience, dating from the sixteenth century to the present. The narrative represents the struggle of African Americans against oppression, servitude, subjugation and enslavement of any type.



Saturday, February 11
11:00 a.m. St. Andrews A.M.E. Church,

521 Earle Avenue, Youngstown

AFRICAN FITNESS DANCE CLASS

Dance for a Cure is the initiative of Educ Group Inc., under the leadership of Eboni Bogan. Its goal is to raise awareness in the fight against breast cancer. Donations are \$10 for adults and \$5 for youth.



Monday, February 13
7:30 p.m. Jones Room, Kilcawley Center

KEYNOTE LECTURE BY HEIDI DURO: THE BIRACIAL/MIXED EXPERIENCE

Heidi W. Barrow is a New York Times best-selling author of *The Girl Who Fell from the Sky*, a coming of age story of a young, biracial girl growing up in the 1980s in Portland, Oregon. Based loosely upon elements of Duro's own life, the story has captivated readers across the nation, landing on the Indie Bestseller List and receiving an NAACP Image Award nomination. In 2008, *The Girl Who Fell from the Sky* received the Bellwether Prize for literature of social change. Ms. Duro is a graduate of Stanford University, Columbia's Graduate School of Journalism, and the Yale Law School. A book signing and reception will follow the lecture.



Tuesday, February 21
7:30 p.m. The Gallery Room, Kilcawley Center

LECTURE BY SHAWN WILLIAMS: "BLOGGING WHILE BLACK"

With the rise in visibility and popularity of a black presidential candidate in Barack Obama in 2008, African Americans learned quickly to communicate their concerns through blogging. Bloggers who were not used to seeing African American bloggers often misunderstood black bloggers' message, while others downplayed the significance or urgency of their concerns, while others perceived them as generally antagonistic. "Blogging While Black" conveys the experiences of the speaker and other online bloggers and provides tips for journalists who want to make inroads in their use of the social media. Shawn Williams is an outstanding journalist who has contributed to major newspapers around the country and participated in numerous bloggers' roundtable discussions. Williams is a graduate of Texas A&M University and a recipient of a President's Achievement Award for 1992-1996.



Sunday, February 26
6:00 p.m. The Chestnut Room, Kilcawley Center

AN EVENING OF GOSPEL JAZZ

The precious gems of jazz and gospel, both of which are profoundly rooted in the rich heritage of the African American cultural experience, have been around for a long time. Join us as we explore these rich traditions through some of our most gifted and talented YSU students—and a special guest to be revealed that evening. This event is free and open to the public.



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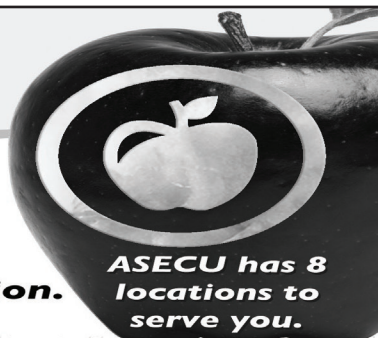
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Angle of attack

Swimming, diving prepare for upcoming conference tournament

Joe Catullo Jr.
SPORTS EDITOR

For most Youngstown State University teams, the ultimate goal is to win the Horizon League Championship.

The swimming and diving teams have a different goal: beat the University of Illinois at Chicago.

"The goal to beat UIC has been there all year," head coach Matt Anderson said. "They were directly ahead of us last year. We were actually ahead of them after the first day last year."

The swimming team has its sights set on fourth place.

Anderson said it is not higher because swimming is different from other sports.

"It's not like a basketball game where it's a matter of how the ball bounces in," Anderson said. "For us, we can pretty much look at our times and see where every single kid is going to place."

Anderson said the HL favorite is Cleveland State University. He added that the Vikings need to have a terrible meet in order for the Penguins to finish above them.

The Penguins finished sixth overall in last year's tournament.

"I wouldn't necessarily say that they have faster swimmers, because we're pretty good, too," Nishani Cicilson said. "We have a big team this year, a really good team. It's mainly just sticking through the four days."

Last year, Cicilson finished 11th in the 50-yard freestyle and the 100-yard backstroke. She placed fifth in the 50-yard freestyle in the 2010 tournament with a time of 23.92 seconds.

One of Cicilson's goals is to



Sophomore Megan Ciampa practices for the final time in Beeghly Center on Monday. The swimming and diving team departed shortly after to take part in the Horizon League Championship in Milwaukee. Photo by Dustin Livesay/The Jambar.

break the school record of 23.82 seconds in the 50-yard freestyle preliminaries that she set in 2010.

"Individually speaking, we can see a lot of school records falling," Anderson said. "I think everybody on the team is ready to swim fast times. Cicilson has a very good chance of breaking her school record in the 50."

Cicilson is one of four seniors competing in their final collegiate meet, and freshman Ashley Dow is getting her first look.

"I've looked at the times to know where I have to go," Dow said. "I would like to be in the top eight."

Dow won HL Player of the Week for the week of Jan. 16-22. She won two of three individual events at the Butler Invi-

tational.

The diving team has another mindset because it is more of an individual sport, said junior diver Casey Hill.

"We're always striving to help the team, but our scores are done a little differently," Hill said. "As a team, we're aiming to help them no matter what."

Hill is looking to duplicate her performance from last year's meet, winning in the three-meter dive with a score of 284.20 points. She also finished sixth in the one-meter dive, scoring 232.415 points.

"We're hoping that she can repeat that this year," said diving coach Nick Gavolas. "I'm looking to put everybody in the top 12, which would be huge. We haven't done that for, like, seven years, so I'm looking for-

ward to this meet."

Hill and Gavolas said the team's experience is vital. No freshmen or seniors are on the team.

"From an individual's perspective, they've got a year under their belt, and they know the competition," Gavolas said. "They're not going to be as nervous, which showed on the freshmen last year."

In order for the swimmers and divers to have a good meet, they must peak at the right time, and Anderson said it is showing.

"In swimming, more than any other sport, the idea of peaking at the right time is huge," Anderson said. "We're really looking forward to see what they can do now that they've had some rest. We're already seeing it in practice

Too little, too late for YSU hockey

Nick Mancini
SPORTS REPORTER

As the ice melts on Youngstown State University's hockey team, the players and coach are thawing out from a chilling season record.

The Penguins finished 6-19, something coach Mike Poljak said wasn't what they wanted to see.

"Record[wisely] and stat-wise, the season didn't go as planned," Poljak said. "We definitely played the type of hockey I knew we could play by the end of the season, which showed by us beating nationally ranked [University of Pittsburgh] and knocking them out of nationals."

YSU beat the Panthers, 3-1, on Feb. 10 at the Ice Zone in Boardman.

Freshman defenseman Mike Gorgacz agreed with Poljak's thoughts about the season.

"I don't think we had the season we were all hoping for, but there were still some high points for us," Gorgacz said. "I think we finished stronger than how we started, which was good."

The Penguins face the challenge of replacing their five senior leaders. Poljak said they would be missed.

"The seniors were a huge part of our team," Poljak said. "They all played a lot of minutes and were relied on game in and game out. I am proud of their efforts and positive impact on our team. They will all be successful in the near future."

Freshman forward John Vanasdale said the team should be able to recover from losing its seniors, even though it will be tough.

"Unfortunately, we lose some seniors, two of our goalsies," Vanasdale said. "But we have faith in our goalie for next season."

Freshman Wiley Collett will take over the goaltending duties next season. He won his only start this season, 7-1, against the University of Rochester on Dec. 3.

Poljak said next season

would take a team effort. He can already see Vanasdale and Gorgacz stepping up.

"John is an exciting player that is sure to put up big numbers," Poljak said. "Mike is a powerful forward that began to adjust well to the speed and physicality of college hockey near the end of the season."

Vanasdale was second on the team in both goals and total points with nine and 20. Gorgacz finished the season with a goal and three assists, contributing most on the defensive end.

Gorgacz said it means a lot to be thought of as an emerging leader.

"Honestly, I learned pretty much everything from the seniors this past year," Gorgacz said. "I look forward to leading the team and having a better season than we had last season."

Vanasdale said the opportunity excites him.

"I just need to come in every day, work hard, make sure you are there and doing what you have to do," Vanasdale said. "I think I can do that pretty well and help improve the team next season."

Poljak cited sophomore defenseman Brian Helbley as someone who showed great improvement last season. He sees him getting only better.

"His continuous solid play led to him playing a significant amount of minutes every game," Poljak said.

Gorgacz said he also looks forward to getting better for next season.

"Personally, going to the gym every day is real important," Gorgacz said. "A lot of guys work out over the summer. All of it is on your own, and it is just a matter of how much better you want to get."

Poljak said he hopes the team is ready for next season, and said the Penguins deserve a break in the offseason.

"Offseason is for the guys to get away from hockey for a little while," Poljak said. "They can get into the gym, do well in their classes and then come back next season, hungry to play."

HIPPLE PAGE 1

Hipple buried himself in alcohol and drugs, and he was caught driving under the influence one night.

"I didn't listen to the judge," he said. "With my attitude, I didn't really care because I was blinded."

He said he was offered several plea deals, but didn't care and was given a 90-day jail sentence.

One random day, a guard pulled him aside and said, "Hey, Eric. I lost my son to a drive-by shooting. If I can get through it, so can you."

Hipple's life changed after the confrontation. He wanted answers as to why his son died. He wanted answers to what happened in his own life. He knew this was not his legacy.

After serving 58 days in jail, Hipple was released and wound up working at the University of Michigan Depression Center.

Working at the center allowed Hipple to find the answers to his questions. Hipple said he wishes he could have learned it 15 years earlier.

Before Hipple owned an insurance company, he was the starting quarterback for the Lions. They drafted him 85th overall in the fourth round in 1980.

Hipple's first career game was on "Monday Night Football" against the Chicago Bears in 1981.

"Can I play in the league?" Hipple asked himself before the game. "Am I good enough?"

Hipple threw for 336 yards and four touchdowns and ran for two more scores.

He threw for 10,711 yards and 55 touchdowns in his ca-

reer that lasted until the 1989-1990 season when his body told him to retire.

"When you leave the game, it's interesting," Hipple said. "That transition is really tough, and even though I adapted pretty early on, it finally caught up to me. I just didn't feel I belonged to anything."

Hipple now travels the country as often as possible to share his story.

"I want others to be able to have that information so when they come across a similar circumstance, they'll be able to intervene and save a life rather than be looking on the other side of it and doing this route," he said.

In the Chestnut Room, numerous student-athletes from the volleyball, basketball and football teams were on hand.

Two volleyball members said they could relate.

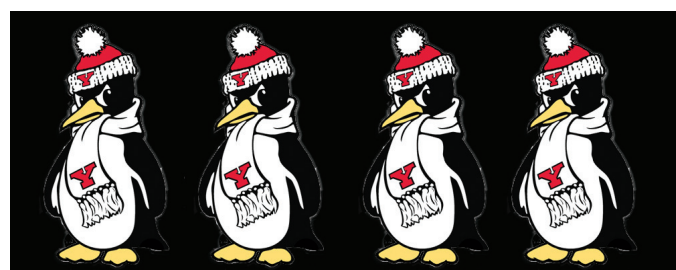
"It was just really good to hear that even major athletes go through problems, and we can relate to that and make sure there isn't any serious problems within the team," sophomore volleyball player Missy Hundelt said.

Freshman Brianna Bartlett, Hundelt's teammate, expressed similar sentiments.

"For one, it was great to hear him speak to relate to a player that has gone through what he did," Bartlett said. "As athletes, we do get stressed out a lot, and at least we have our team to fall back on."

Hipple said he tries his best to share his experiences and knowledge with those unaware of the dangers of depression.

"We're all in this together, and nobody's alone," he said.



Horizon League Standings

Men's Basketball

- 1 Valparaiso
- 2 Butler
- 3 Detroit
- Cleveland State
- 5 Milwaukee
- 6 Youngstown State
- 7 Green Bay
- 8 Wright State
- 9 UIC
- 10 Loyola

Women's Basketball

- 1 Green Bay
- 2 Wright State
- 3 Detroit
- 4 UIC
- 5 Butler
- 6 Loyola
- 7 Cleveland State
- 8 Valparaiso
- 9 Youngstown State
- 10 Milwaukee

Penguin Spotlight



Vicky Rumph

Height: 5' 5"
Year: Junior
Hometown: Mnt. Forest, Ontario
High School: Norwell
Position: C/INF

Junior catcher Vicky Rumph shares this week's Horizon League softball honors with sophomore pitcher Casey Crozier. Rumph, named HL Softball Player of the Week, went 5-9 at the plate in three games against the University of North Carolina, the University of South Carolina Upstate and Howard University. She went 3-3 against Howard with a home run, double and three runs scored. Crozier was named HL Softball Pitcher of the Week.

Upcoming Games

Men's Basketball

Feb. 23
Wright State
Beeghly Center
7 p.m.

Feb. 25
Detroit
Beeghly Center
2 p.m.

Women's Basketball

Feb. 23
at Wright State
7 p.m.

Feb. 25
at Detroit
2 p.m.

March 3
at Cleveland State
2 p.m.