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Opening the closet door

Karen Bell
REPORTER

With the goal of providing comfort for those seeking to express themselves, YSUnity has events planned at Youngstown State University for this week.

Thursday is the big day that the lesbian, gay, bisexual, transgender, questioning, intersex and ally community has been looking forward to: National Coming Out Day.

A closet door will be set up for anyone wishing to “come out.”

Lisa Ronquillo, YSUnity president, said she hopes the closet will help individuals feel free to express themselves.

“[The closet is] a symbolic gesture of finally being able to free oneself and be truthful to whoever you are,” Ronquillo said. “One of my goals is to be able to allow every voice, every member, to shine through and have a chance to tell their story.”

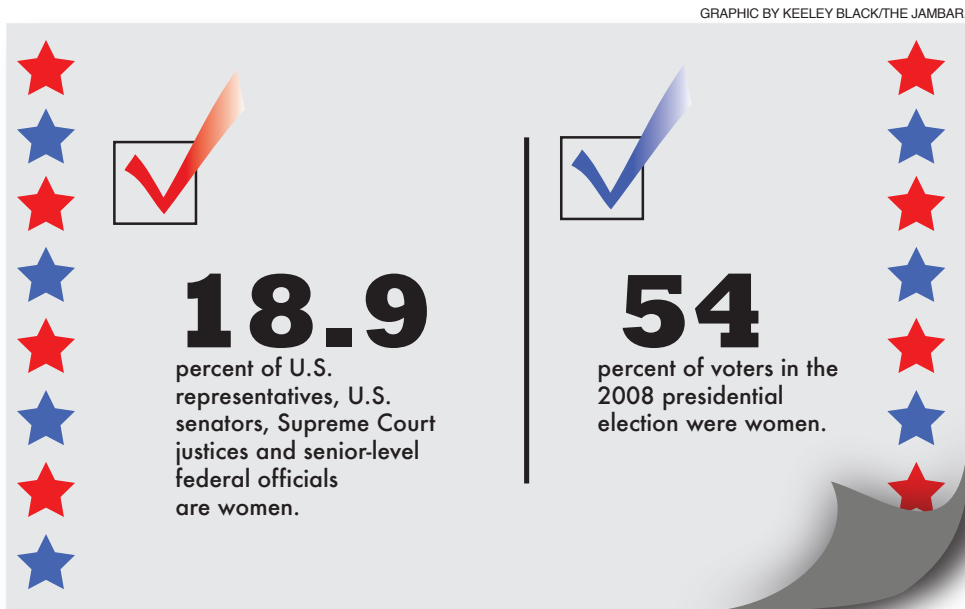
Sophomore Tim Bortner said he hopes the event will attract straight students as well as LGBTQIA students.

“That’s what the ‘A’ stands for: ally,” Bortner said. “This week is for



YSUnity painted The Rock on Monday to promote Coming Out Week, a national celebration of accepting one’s sexual orientation. Photo by Chris Cotelesse/The Jambar.

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Women and their political impact

James Toliver
REPORTER

Although underrepresented, women’s votes are crucial to the outcome of this election.

Figures from the Federal Election Commission show that a record number of women have filed papers to stand for election. In 2012, 296 women filed for election to a House of Representatives seat and 36 filed for a seat in the Senate.

Twenty-two women serve in senior or Cabinet-level positions in the Obama administration. Many of these positions are critical to U.S. foreign policy and security, including secretary of state, ambassador to the United Nations and secretary of homeland security.

Forty-five men serve in senior Cabinet-level positions.

Diana Palardy, interim director of women’s studies at Youngstown State University, said this reflects the historical trend that men are appointed to the highest-ranking government positions at a

rate of 2-to-1.

At 50.8 percent, women compose the majority of the U.S. population. Despite this majority, women are still insulated from a comparable representation in government and politics.

According to the Center for American Women and Politics, the U.S. is ranked 78th in terms of women who participate in government.

No woman has ever served as president of the U.S. or the vice president. Only two women, Geraldine Ferraro and Sarah Palin, have ever been on the presidential ticket of a major party. Both were vice presidential candidates.

There are 91 women serving in the 112th U.S. Congress, representing 17 percent of the total seats. Non-voting delegates hold three of these seats. Seventy-four of these seats are in the House of Representatives, and 17 are in the Senate.

The latest diversity survey by the U.S. Office of Personnel Management shows that 44 percent of federal employees — excluding postal workers

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Pink out YSU

Karen Bell
REPORTER

The ladies of Zeta Tau Alpha plan to turn Youngstown State University pink on Oct. 23 for Pink Out Day in support of National Breast Cancer Awareness Month.

“We like to do as much as we can to help out the cause,” said ZTA sister Genina Notareschi. “I feel like I am doing something proactive and meaningful to not only help advocate breast cancer awareness and education, but also honor the men and women who have been affected by the sickness.”

ZTA members host the Pink Ribbon Cheer Classic every year. Last year, the event brought in more than \$115,000. This year’s Classic is scheduled for Oct. 28.

The Classic is a cheerleading competition among local high school cheerleading teams, community organizations and anyone else who wants to enter.

ZTA adviser Kim Caputo founded the event in 2001 by combining her passion for cheerleading and the sorority to raise money for breast cancer awareness.

Since the first Classic, ZTA has raised more than

\$700,000, which has been donated to Susan G. Komen for the Cure.

The Classic isn’t a small event either. More than 5,000 spectators gathered to view last year’s competition of more than 90 competitors.

“I was a cheerleader in high school, and I participated for three years,” said ZTA sister Emily Bosela. “That’s actually what drew me into Greek life, so it’s pretty awesome.”

Many cheerleading groups around the area use the Classic as a practice for even larger competitions.

“It’s really rewarding to know that I was a part of something that was helping donate so much money for an amazing cause and helping women all over,” Bosela said of her experience in the Classic.

Now, Bosela helps host the event.

“There really are no words to describe how wonderful it feels to be a part of something this amazing,” she said. “It gives me chills just thinking about it.”

The Classic is not the only event that ZTA sponsors to help spread the word about breast cancer.

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Air quality issues discussed in Ohio Room

Kevin Alquist
ASSISTANT NEWS EDITOR

On Friday, Deborah Cowden, president of the Greene County Medical Society, spoke for more than an hour in the Ohio Room of Kilcawley Center about the air quality issues presented by natural gas and oil drilling.

Cowden, an Ohio native and Wright State University graduate, used current scientific literature and examples of air pollution from natural gas wells in states such as Pennsylvania, West Virginia and Colorado to present her case to a crowd of approximately 50 students, instructors

and concerned citizens.

She said the problems presented by hydraulic fracturing are not the same as those of traditional oil and gas drilling.

“These wells are not your grandfather’s oil and gas wells,” Cowden said. “It’s not what they used to do. It was not as lengthy, and there were not as many chemicals involved.”

Cowden used information from the Environmental Protection Agency and various oil and gas companies to support her statement.

She said that more regulation is necessary for preservation of air quality and that Ohio citizens should be informed before supporting fracking in Ohio.

Some of the major chemicals that Cowden cited as being particularly dangerous include benzene, toluene and xylene. Breathing in these chemicals, she said, is harmful, and it is associated with complications such as headaches, numbness in the limbs and potentially even cancer.

Ray Beiersdorfer, a Youngstown State University professor of geological and environmental sciences, said lectures like Cowden’s are vital to informing the public.

“It’s important that people understand that even if nothing goes wrong [with the oil and gas wells], there are still hazards related to leakage of chemicals and gases,” Beiersdorfer said. “Even under nor-

mal circumstances, where there are no leaks, there are still hazardous materials involved.”

Beiersdorfer cited a personal experience with chemical fume exposure from an oil pump jack in Kern River, Calif., that left him with a headache.

“My experience was only acute exposure,” Beiersdorfer said. “Long-term, chronic exposure, even at low levels, is dangerous.”

Josh Intagliata, a business major and Youngstown resident, said he is divided on the issue.

“I think drilling may be good for the economy around here, but it sounds like it is dangerous for the environment and our drinking water,” Intagliata said.

YSU loses long-time contributor and advocate

Justin Carissimo
REPORTER

The campus community lost a valuable member on Sept. 28, when Mary B. Smith — a former instructor, administrator, recruiter and adviser to students (and much more) — died at Park Vista Retirement Community.

Smith was 100 years old. She devoted more than 40 years of her life to Youngstown State University, watching it grow from a small private college of 723 students to the much larger campus of 13,813 students that exists today.

Paul McFadden, president of the YSU Foundation, frequently visited Park Vista. McFadden said Smith was a great person who loved the university.

“So many alumni revere her. ... She has made a profound difference in so many students’ lives,” McFadden said. “I’ve known her since I was a student. She engaged herself in helping athletes and all students. I returned to work for the university, and our relationship took off.”

Smith arrived at Youngstown College with her husband, the late Joseph Earl Smith, in 1939, and she was employed as a biology instructor.

A few years later, Smith became head of the department of health and physical education; she also served as the assistant registrar and the college field representative.

In the years before her retirement, she worked, at various times, as the college’s recorder, the registrar, the assistant to the dean of admissions and records, and the director of career planning and placement.

Jim Morrison, associate director of the Penguin Club, said he’s known Smith since 1966, when YSU was more like a family than a university.

Morrison said Smith was an avid supporter and follower of YSU’s athletic teams.

“She and her husband housed a number of the football players in their home back before dormitories were around. Many had mentioned how they opened their homes to the stu-



Mary B. Smith

dents,” Morrison said. “So much has changed, but she was an athletically inclined person all her life.”

In addition, Smith developed an efficient system to register and bill students — long before the existence of widely available and affordable computers.

“There was a group of university employees in the ‘60s that took trips to various universities to get ideas to develop the registration process,” Morrison said. “We visited the University of Dayton to develop ideas for registration.”

In 1970, Smith was listed in the Who’s Who of American Women. She belonged to the American Association of Collegiate Registrars and Admissions Officers, as well as the Ohio Associations of Collegiate Registrars and Admissions Officers. Smith was also an active member of the Penguin Club and the League of Women Voters, along with the patroness of the

Sigma Alpha Iota Music Fraternity and a national member of the United Nations. Of the Tri-Sigma sorority, she was both a member and a college adviser.

In 2001, Smith was named as YSU’s Penguin of the Year, and she was inducted into the YSU Athletics Hall of Fame in 1990.

YSU President Cynthia Anderson said she remembers when Smith served as the university’s registrar.

“During that time, things were very different than now. It was a very personalized system,” Anderson said. “You saw Mary if you needed a mentor, advisement, if classes you needed were closed and if you needed an exception made. Mary Smith did it all; she was very well known.”

During the 1950s and 1960s, Anderson said, all YSU correspondence likely had Smith’s name on it. Until approximately the past year and a half, Smith remained “quite active” at YSU, even appearing at the faculty awards two years ago.

Anderson said Smith will be missed by members of the YSU community, both past and present.

“If you talk to anyone who’s worked at YSU in the past 50 years, it’s a guarantee they knew Mary,” Anderson said. “She was certainly a wonderful lady.”

Collaborations involve nanosensor technology

Sarah Thomas
REPORTER

The engineering and biology departments at Youngstown State University are working to develop technology that may be able to detect small traces of anthrax or explosives using nanosensors.

The nanosensor consists of nanotubes made of carbon with amino acid links. These are connected to an electric current, which detects the presence of a compound by measuring any disturbance in the current. If a compound interrupts the current, it will cause a change of voltage. The change in voltage causes an indicator, such as a light bulb, to signal the presence of the agent.

The use of amino acids makes the nanosensor highly sensitive. Amino acids have binding sites that are able to specifically bind the target molecules.

The sensor would be able to sense bioterrorist agents or specimens in concentrations of parts per million. Therefore, the sensor would be able to sense one part hazardous compound per every million parts of another compound.

This ability renders the sensor useful to the military, SWAT teams or the U.S. Department of Defense. The sensor could

even be used to detect microbes in food shipments.

Pedro Cortes, an assistant professor of civil and environmental engineering at YSU, is the project’s principal investigator.

Cortes recruited Diana Fagan and David Asch, both associate professors of biological sciences, to assist him in finding the proteins needed to create the sensor.

Amino acids are the building blocks of proteins. The identification of the proteins associated with the target compound will allow for the synthesis of the amino acids needed to make the sensors.

Fagan locates the protein using a phage display library, which is a collection of viruses that each have a different protein on the surface that will be tested for the ability to bind to the molecule of interest.

Once the protein is located, the DNA that coded for that particular protein is given to Asch, who sequences the DNA. The characteristics of the protein coded by the DNA are determined using bioinformatics, computer analysis of the DNA. Xiangjia Min, an assistant professor of biological sciences, conducts the bioinformatics.

Then, Cortes engineers the nanotubes.

Cortes has been investigating the creation of the



In a workstation in Ward Beecher Hall, Pedro Cortes, an assistant professor of civil and environmental engineering, tests nanosensors that may one day be able to detect trace amounts of anthrax or explosives in the air. Photo by Sarah Thomas/The Jambar.

sensors for four years. His research began at New Mexico State University, and he’s been working on the project at YSU for approximately one year.

The research is funded by the YSU College of Science, Technology, Engineering and Mathematics, but Cortes said the team is assembling a proposal that will be submitted to institutes such as NASA and the Defense Advanced Research Proj-

ects Agency, a government agency that develops new technologies for military use.

“We need enough data to show that we can produce [the sensors] to expand the work,” Fagan said.

Cortes hopes to eventually make the sensor wireless, which is a key development in making it useful to Navy SEALs.

Cortes said the team is just scratching the surface of the technology’s potential.

“The next thing is the blood detection application for Navy SEALs,” Cortes said. “If the SEAL is unconscious, the detector will be able to tell if the soldier is wounded.”

Fagan is working to locate proteins that bind to human serum albumin, the protein found in the highest concentration in human blood. This protein will be bound to the sensor, which will be used to detect human blood.

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everyone to come together and feel free to express himself or herself.”

Although Bortner said he feels safer, he still doesn’t feel fully free to be himself.

“This is a very conservative area, so I do feel like I have to hide it more than I would like to,” Bortner said.

Ronquillo said she agrees.

“Even after much acceptance, there is still much difficulty in carving out a place in this world for people of the LGBT,” she said.

Between 6 and 8 p.m. on Thursday, YSUnity will host a NOH8 photo shoot. Participants will place a single strip of duct tape over their mouth and write “NOH8” somewhere on their face to symbolize their voices being silenced from Proposition 8 in California on Nov. 4, 2008.

Sophomore Jonathan Croes-Lanspeary said this week means a lot to him; it’s what convinced him to join YSUnity.

“It’s always been a lot of fun and very busy, which kind of explains the



YSUnity chalked the sidewalks in the campus core on Monday to promote Coming Out Week. Photo by Chris Cotelesse/The Jambar.

style of our group as well,” he said.

Ronquillo said she hopes next week will further humanize an already isolated group.

“We go home, cook dinner with our partners, watch TV together, etcetera,” Ronquillo said. “There’s no weird or intriguing mystery that surrounds

the partnership that two people of the same sex share that is different from a heterosexual couple.”

Ronquillo brought new ideas for YSUnity activities with her from New York, where she was involved with another LGBTQIA organization.

“I’ve actually been planning the closet idea since mid-summer and am looking forward to its fruition,” Ronquillo said.

On Monday, YSUnity painted The Rock and drew on the sidewalks with chalk.

On Tuesday, a flash mob will take place around noon at The Rock to get the week rolling.

Then, on Friday, the entire campus community has the chance to show its pride for YSUnity Pride Day.

Coming Out Week will end on Friday with a roundtable discussion at 5 p.m. in the James Gallery of Kilcawley Center.

All week, a YSUnity information desk will be set up from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. on the first floor of Kilcawley Center.

POLICE BRIEFS

Police stumble upon wanted man

On Sunday, a man came into the lobby of the YSU police station, complaining of pain in his legs from being hit by two cars years ago. After looking up the man's information, police found that Stark County had a warrant out on him for robbery and identity fraud. The man was transported to St. Elizabeth Health Center, and police placed a hold on him and notified the Stark County sheriff.

ELI student goes missing

A YSU police officer arrived at an apartment on Pennsylvania Avenue on Saturday after reports of a student's roommate who had been missing for two days. The student was scheduled to take a trip with the English Language Institute on Thursday, the day he went missing, but opted out at the last minute. The officer found the missing student's wallet and saw that his ATM cards and student ID were missing. After calling the missing student on a telephone number provided by his roommate, the officer found the number to be invalid. Later, the missing student contacted police, but he was unable to explain his whereabouts due to a language barrier and his limited knowledge of the area.

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NEWS BRIEFS

Reading conference scheduled for month's end

The 2012 Annual Reading Conference will be held Oct. 26 and 27 at YSU; this year's theme is "Creating a Sense of Wonder that Engages ALL Readers." Keynote speakers are David Adler, the author of more than 200 books including math texts, biographies and historical fiction; Barbara Moss, professor of literacy education at San Diego State University; Janice Almasi, professor of literacy education at the University of Kentucky; Conrad Storad, author of more than 40 science and nature books for children and young adults; and Kevin O'Malley, author/illustrator of the Miss Malarky series. Conference attendees can choose from 37 breakout session presenters, who will discuss topics like blogging with students and using digital technologies in the classroom. The conference is a collaboration that includes YSU, Kent State University, the University of Akron, Cleveland State University and the Ohio Council of the International Reading Association. This year's event is dedicated to Philip Ginnetti, former dean of the Beeghly College of Education. Sessions will be from 7:30 a.m. to 3 p.m. on both days. The cost is \$90 per day or \$150 for both days; it includes breakfast, lunch, parking and materials. Register by Oct. 17 at <http://web.ysu.edu/bcoe>, or call 330-941-3215 for more information.

Get a taste of university life at Crash Day

YSU's second Crash Day is planned for Oct. 20 from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. Prospective students — along with their parents, family and friends — will have the opportunity to learn about the campus, meet faculty members, attend a volleyball game, enjoy a tailgate lunch and cheer on the football team. All activities are free. To register, visit <http://crash.ysu.edu>. For more information, call 330-941-2000 or toll free 877-468-6978. Another Crash Day is planned for Nov. 16.

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At Oktoberfest in Boardman Park on Sept. 30, ZTA sisters passed out pink ribbons and shower cards, and they raffled off baskets to raise money for the cause.

Some ZTA sisters, including Notareschi, will pass out pink ribbons to fans at Cleveland Browns football games. The NFL is one of ZTA's sponsors.

Student organizations are being asked to think pink and sign up for a cheerleading competition and bra-decorating contest.

"We have opened up the competition to all student organizations, so anyone who wants

can participate," Notareschi said. "Organizations can even team up."

Pink Out Day is just days before the big Classic, and the sisters have a day packed full of events, including cornhole competitions and bagel-eating contests. They'll also have pink T-shirts for sale.

"All of us are so thankful to have such an awesome alumnae chapter of Zetas to help us with Breast Cancer Awareness Month," Notareschi said. "We wouldn't be able to pull off the Pink Ribbon Cheer Classic without them."

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— are women. Of the total white-collar positions, 82 percent were of a professional, administrative or technical nature. However, only a little more than one-fourth of these occupations are senior-level positions.

There are 301 women sitting on the federal bench, reflecting 22 percent of the total judgeships. There are three women on the U.S. Supreme Court. This represents 75 percent of all women who have ever served on the nation's highest court.

At the state level, there are six governorships held by women — in North Carolina, South Carolina, Oklahoma, New Mexico, Arizona and Washington. Twenty-three states have never had a woman serve as governor.

Both presidential candidates are trying to attract female voters by highlighting what their administrations would do to continue the advances women have made.

Palardy explained that the

voting trends of women are informed by more than the traditional "women issues."

"Contrary to popular thought, female voters in both political parties are just as concerned, if not more so, about the economy in this election as they are about social issues," Palardy said, citing a study conducted by the Pew Research Center. "For the past three decades, women have voted more based on issues related to whether or not they want a bigger government with more services for women, the poor and the elderly, or a smaller government with fewer services."

She added that women tend to vote Democrat.

"The last time that the majority of women favored a Republican president over a Democratic one was in 1980 and 1984, when Ronald Reagan ran for president, though in George W. Bush's 2004 re-election campaign, the gender gap was not

nearly as pronounced as it is now," Palardy said.

Opinion on campus reflects the varied factors women are taking into account when they enter the voting booth.

Kelli Froats said abortion is one of the most important issues to her.

"I'm definitely pro-life. I just can't support someone who supports murder," she said. "Any private business should be able to restrict access to contraceptives. If it's a government agency, it's fine [to mandate access], but private businesses should have a choice."

Brittany Yoho said she thinks Barack Obama has a better plan for the middle class and for student loans.

Megan Carter also discussed what would influence her choice in November.

"My support for gay marriage," she said. "I like Obama's health care plan. Romney's tax plan, I don't think it's fair."

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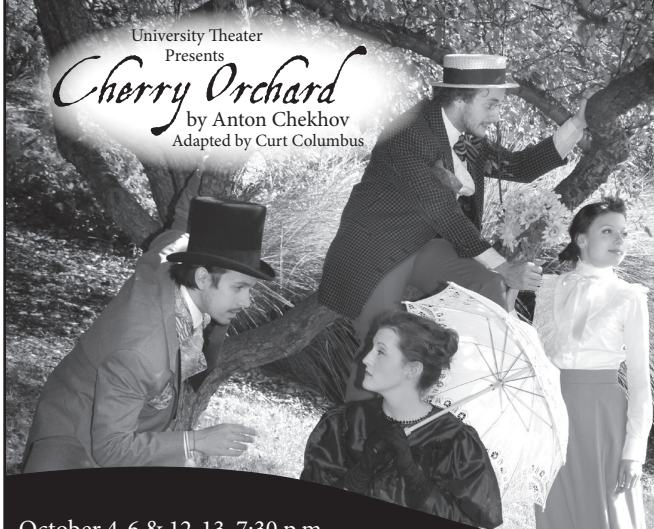


Application Deadline Extended for the B.S. in Dental Hygiene

Applications are still being accepted for the new B.S. in Dental Hygiene program. The deadline has been extended from **September 15, 2012 to October 15, 2012.**

Interested students may apply for the program in the Bitonte College of Health and Human Services Dean's Complex—Cushwa Hall 2064.

Students must have a minimum GPA of 2.7 in selected core courses and a cumulative GPA of 2.5 or better. The core dental hygiene courses must be completed with a "C" or better by the beginning of the 2013 spring semester.



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'It's what I love to do' Five-piece band goes for the big time



Andrew Brest, David Kohout, Zach Kaikis, Johnny Davidson and Doug Izenas make up the band Lights Camera Distractions. They are rehearsing in anticipation for upcoming shows in Youngstown. Photo courtesy of David Kohout.

Marissa McIntyre
ARTS & ENTERTAINMENT EDITOR

Members of Ohio- and Pennsylvania-based band Lights Camera Distractions are willing to put their lives on hold to reach their rock and roll dreams.

After forming in 2007 and going through several lineup changes, the band has settled down with five members who are now preparing to head back to the studio and play shows in Youngstown.

David Kohout and Andrew Brest, both students at Youngstown State University, may be a bit of a distance from the remainder of the band — Zach Kaikis, Johnny Davidson and Doug Izenas, who reside in Pennsylvania — but they said this doesn't get in the way of their practices.

"When we do get together to prac-

tice, we don't get bored of playing the same things, and we all usually come with a lot of ideas," Kohout said.

He's been in bands that would practice four times a week, and doing so became more like a job to him. That's why the distance doesn't bother him.

The latest lineup got together two years ago. In the summer of 2011, they traveled to Georgia to record with producer Lee Dias who has recorded with bands like From First to Last and Mayday Parade.

Although they're proud of the album, Brest said they don't push it much.

"We haven't pushed it much because a lot of the songs were written before either of us were in the band, and our sound now is so different," Brest said.

The band is finalizing details to record in Boston over the summer with producer Jay Mass, who has recorded with bands such as Transit, Tidal Fight

and State Champs.

Tidal Fight is one of the band's musical influences, along with Norma Jean, Taking Back Sunday, Anti-Flag and more.

"We always have a hard time explaining to people about our sound," Kohout said.

Members of Lights Camera Distractions said they're excited to record new music this summer, primarily because they've established their sound as a five piece.

Their music has pop punk influence with a hint of heavy guitar.

Kohout and Brest said they hope to live comfortably by performing one day. But until then they are OK with funding their band.

"We're usually always investing our own money. I don't care, though, because it's what I love to do," Brest said.

"Yeah, he's our sugar daddy," Kohout said.

Aside from gas prices, the band has

put thousands of dollars into their tour van, which bit the dust in February.

Since they have been unable to tour, they've been writing for their new record and rehearsing for their first show in Youngstown, during which they'll play new music.

"I'm more excited for people to hear the new stuff," Kohout said. "The new set of songs are going to be who we really are."

Members said they realize it's now or never to go for the big time.

"My whole life, since I can remember, I've wanted to do music," Brest said.

He said whenever he gets positive feedback from a fan, it shocks him.

"On tour, we've had people buy our merch and then want us to autograph it. I'm like, 'We're nobody. Why do you want my autograph? It's just going to ruin the shirt,'" Brest said.

The hairy details about Hairy Mugs for Jugs

Taylor Phillips
REPORTER

The guys of the Andrews Student Recreation and Wellness Center now have a new reason to sport extra facial hair.

Six Rec Center student employees are growing out their beards to raise awareness for breast cancer. The program, Hairy Mugs for Jugs, has the men growing out their beards until the end of the fall semester.

"We've raised \$200 over the past five weeks," said Jeff Davidson, a sophomore participant.

A board at the entrance to the Rec Center shows the growth of the beards, as well as progress made during the fundraiser. All funds will be donated to the Pink Ribbon Cheer Classic, which is scheduled for Oct. 28 at Beeghly Center.

"If you donate more than \$5, you can get your name up on the board to support us," Davidson said.

Senior Tyler Bass came up with the idea for Hairy Mugs for Jugs. He said growing his beard out is easy — and kind of fun.

"Every year, we do something special for breast cancer," Bass said. "So, we came up with growing our beards out."

The main reason for the students' participation is Linda Frank, the Rec Center's administrative assistant.

Frank was diagnosed with breast cancer 23 years ago. Both of her children were around 4 years old at the time of her diagnosis.

"I was very scared," Frank said. "At that time, there wasn't as much hope for survival as there is now. I guess I associated my diagnosis with a death sentence."

Frank said she's proud of the participating students.

"It means a lot, especially to people like me who have had breast cancer and beat it," she said.

Corey Vukovic, a graduate student participant, said that his burgeoning beard itched at first.

"But it's way past that point," he said. "Words of advice: Shave at the neck because you don't have to worry about it itching too bad."

Andy Schumaker, a senior participant, said he's not even attempting to trim it.

"I'm just going to let it go," he said. "You got to comb it every once in a while to get all the food out."

Schumaker then demonstrated his grooming tips by picking his beard with a comb.

"You got to go big, or go home," he said. "People probably think we are homeless, but I swear we aren't homeless. So, campus security, please don't hassle us."

Seniors Russell Hendrix and Tony Carney are also participating in Hairy Mugs for Jugs.

The bearded boys will make an appearance at the



The board explaining the Hairy Mugs for Jugs fundraiser is located outside of the Rec Center. The men plan to grow their beards until the end of the semester. Photo by Taylor Phillips/The Jambar.

Pink Ribbon Cheer Classic.

"We will be doing something a little special at the Cheer Classic," Vukovic

said. "But you will have to go to find out because it's a surprise."

Visit the Rec Center's

front desk to donate or to find out more information. Follow @YSUCampusRec on Twitter to see their progress.

It ain't over yet

The Penguins took one on the chin in Fargo on Saturday.

Actually, it was a TKO.

The mighty 'Guin offense, led by Kurt Hess, was completely shut down, scoring only seven points.

In nearly every aspect, North Dakota State University outplayed YSU.

Distraught, disappointed and depressed, the boys of fall returned on a nearly silent flight to the Youngstown-Warren Regional Airport.

But it ain't over yet.

NDSU is undoubtedly the best team YSU will face in the regular season.

Eric Wolford, head football coach, stressed how his team couldn't allow the Bison to beat them twice.

It's better to lose now than when it really counts.

Adversity breeds excellence. The play-offs are still within reach.

The remainder of the schedule favors YSU. These games are winnable.

Wolford has a 24-hour limit on celebrations or sulk sessions after games. Your 24 hours is up, boys. It's time to get back to business.

The same goes for students as well.

Now is the time to show our true colors. It was easy to be hyped about our football players when they were kicking tail and taking names.

Let's show up at the Ice Castle on Oct. 20 with the same enthusiasm we showed at Heinz Field.

The red and white are waving.



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The path to a Ph.D.: Too much knowledge to fit social skills?



David Roberts
COLUMNIST

The path to becoming a college professor is a long, tumultuous road. It takes them through their fair share of hoops and challenges en route to gaining that coveted title in front of their name. Those who graduate from a university with a Ph.D. are no doubt considered a specialist in whatever particular field they chose to study. Moreover, you would be hard-pressed to be able to outsmart them on any topic that falls under their academic specialty.

According to stats compiled by the National Science Foundation in a recent New York Times article, the average student takes 8.1 years to finish a doctorate degree, usually doing so at the median age of 33. The dropout rate of students who enter doctoral programs is roughly 50 percent, and those who do finish graduate, on average, with \$50,000 in debt. When numbers like these stack up against a person, it truly is a great achievement to earn those initials in front of one's name.

Make no mistake: I personally am indebted to many college professors for giving me direction and skills to succeed in the realm of academia. In all honesty, I have never had a professor at YSU that I have not enjoyed, and I am truly thankful for that. However, I have heard stories from friends, family and acquaintances of professors who just don't teach or who expect

the students to be experts the first day they walk into the class.

A survey by the Higher Education Research Center at the University of California, Los Angeles surveyed 1,883 college students across the nation and found that a 35 percent difference existed between what students expected and what professors actually delivered in the context of the class. Furthermore, professors scored the best on skills of being confident and rational, but were worst at being inspirational. Now, it is of no fault of the professor if he or she cannot inspire the students in a class because, let's face it, some students do not intend to become scholars in areas such as American history.

Where I find the problem is when professors walk into a class, lecture like it is all business and treat every student in the classroom as a scholar of the subject. In the depths of the many years they spent burying their nose in the research needed to attain the coveted doctorate, they became fact machines but forgot how to make the material fun and engaging. The fault in my mind lies with the doctoral programs that seem to stress the research component so strongly, which, of course, is a major part of being an academic. Of course, as a college professor, you are in the business of serving college students, so why not teach that, too?

Now, don't get me wrong; I have run across many amazing professors in my academic career, and I am confident that a majority of professors would fall under those definitions. Unfortunately, some of the professors who go out of

their way to help their students and make their classes engaging and entertaining are put under pressure to produce research, which then requires teaching to take a back burner in some cases. Again, I'd like to reiterate that I realize publishing scholarly work is part of the job description and a requirement for any professor to keep his or her job at said university. Therefore, research is necessary and certainly not a bad thing by any means, but it should not be the number one priority of a college professor.

Professors are given opportunities for sabbaticals, where they are given time off from teaching duties to focus on their research. This is a noble and welcome way of providing faculty the ability to get research done while not taking away from their classes. It seems, though, that the pressure is always there on faculty, and this pressure is felt not just by the professor but also by his or her students.

It appears as if the best solution is for the world of academics to primarily put the student's education first and, within that, allow the professors to focus on teaching rather than heavily on research. The time for heavy research can be had during sabbaticals and any other agreements that can be made between the faculty member and his or her department chair. As for the professors who care little about their students and just focus on their research, I'm sure the work they do is fascinating and well worth their time and resources. But, if that's the case, they don't belong in the classroom, teaching America's youth.

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The beer'd mug



Daniel MacMurphy
WEB MANAGER

Rogue Ales, a prominent brewery located in Newport, Ore., created a new recipe of beer brewed with yeast from a man's beard.

It all started when Rogue Ales tested their newly harvested hops for yeast. The test came back negative, so the crew decided to send in a new yeast sample. As a joke, they sent in clippings of John Maier's beard to the lab. The test results proved that the hair follicles contained a yeast cell that was perfect for brewing beer.

Rogue Ales has decided to produce a beer using Maier's facial hair that will accommodate the type of yeast that his beard contains.

Maier, the brewmaster for Rogue Ales, hadn't shaven his beard since the '70s.

"Yeast is everywhere,"

Maier said.

The yeast that was developed from the brewmaster's face will be a featured component of the new beer.

"You're really not drinking the beard," Maier said. "You're drinking a great beer that happens to have a yeast in it that comes from a beard."

Rogue Ales is known for producing a variety of bizarre beers that might make one cringe. Maier has brewed up many award-winning beers for the brewery, and was one of the first brewers to join Rogue from the start.

Rogue Ales stated that the "beard beer" would be called New Crustacean, and it will be released in 2013.

Other Bizarre Rogue Beer:

Voodoo Bacon Maple Ale is a tribute to a maple bar baked by Voodoo Doughnut. Bacon Maple Ale is brewed with maple syrup, bacon and smoked malts.

The first sip provides an inter-

esting combination of ingredients that most will hate.

The beer gets better the more you drink it. Bacon Maple Ale is extremely sweet and smoky. Enjoy this beer at your own risk.

Rogue Chipotle Ale is another strange concoction that will wake you up. The beer is brewed with roasted chipotle peppers that provide a layer of smoky heat. This amber ale has won a handful of awards for Rogue Ales since 2002.

Notable Rogue Beer:

Dead Guy Ale is Rogue's flagship beer; it's a German Maibock with a deep copper color that features a rich and hearty flavor. Maibock beers are typically sweet and relatively strong. Dead Guy Ale has a few sweet spots, but watch out for its bitter bite.

Juniper Pale Ale is an American pale ale infused with whole juniper berries. The finished product is a moderately bitter brew that produces a florescent aroma along with a sweet, dry finish.



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'It's one game'

YSU crushed by Bison

Steve Wilaj
SPORTS EDITOR

Following Youngstown State University's 48-7 loss to North Dakota State University, head football coach Eric Wolford appeared surprisingly cheerful.

Laughing with YSU athletic executives and greeting Gene Taylor, Bison director of athletics, Wolford didn't look like a coach who just suffered a 41-point defeat.

Then again, he was practicing what he preached only minutes before at his post-game press conference.

"We have to move on," Wolford said. "It's one game."

Wolford added that the game could be used as a "lesson" to the Penguins.

"Mostly everything I saw today is correctable, and that's the encouraging thing," he said.

Although Wolford took a positive approach in the aftermath, it was a negative day for YSU, who dropped to 4-1 on the season.

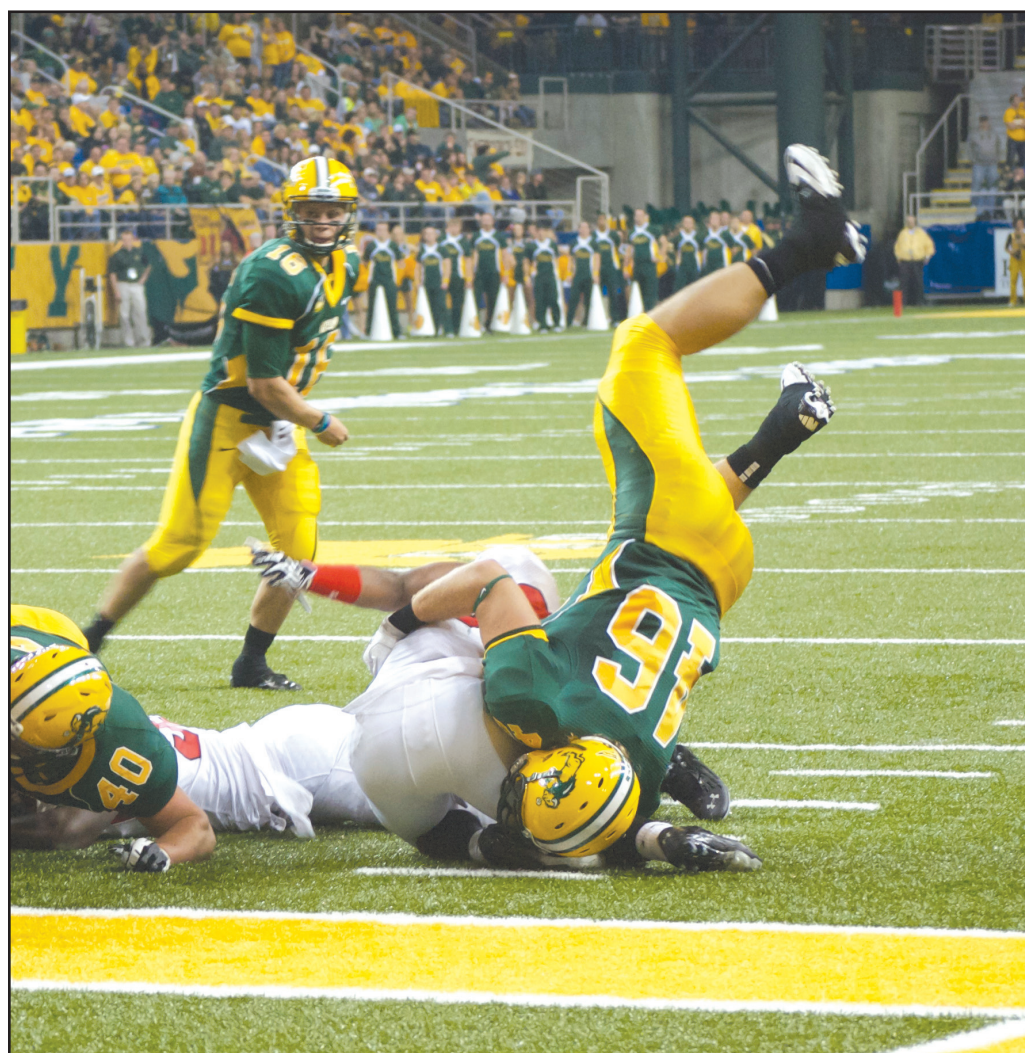
"It's obviously very disappointing," Wolford said.

The matchup that pitted No. 1-ranked NDSU against the No. 3-ranked Penguins was anticipated to be a closely contested game. However, it was anything but.

With the Bison (5-0) dominating in all phases of the game, Wolford narrowed the losing factors down to two aspects.

"We said at the beginning of the week that the game was going to come down to turnovers and the ability to convert on third down," he said. "We obviously didn't do well in either area."

YSU committed three turnovers — two interceptions and a fumble — while NDSU



Bison fullback Andrew Bonnet (46) is upended while leading the way to a North Dakota State University touchdown in the second quarter of NDSU's 48-7 victory against the Penguins. Photo by Steve Wilaj/The Jambar.

didn't commit any for the 11th straight game. On third down conversions, the Bison were 11 of 15, whereas the Penguins converted only three of 10 tries.

"We can't self-inflict," Wolford said. "We let this game get out of control very early on because of self-inflicted turnovers."

On the first play from scrimmage, YSU running back Jamaine Cook fumbled the ball, which was recovered by NDSU, setting up its first touchdown.

Later in the second quar-

ter, with YSU trailing 14-7, a pass by quarterback Kurt Hess was intercepted by Bison All-American defensive back Marcus Williams and returned 98 yards for a touchdown.

The Williams' touchdown, which erupted the all-time, record-breaking crowd of 19,065 fans inside the Fargo-dome, was the turning point of the game for NDSU, said head football coach Craig Bohl.

"Very rarely do you win a game when you have a pick-six against you," he said. "For a quarterback, that's hard to overcome."

Hess' interceptions were his first two of the season.

"It's unexpected, but those things happen," Wolford said of Hess' struggles. "I think they did a good job upfront of harassing our quarterback. Their defensive line made it difficult."

Bohl said the Penguins' struggles were partly a result of the rowdy NDSU crowd.

"They're a great, electric crowd," he said. "We certainly appreciate our students. I think they're phenomenal. It's certainly turned into a great game-day venue."

SPORTS BRIEFS

Soccer falls to Green Bay Phoenix

Even after forcing an extra period, the YSU soccer team lost, 2-1, to the University of Wisconsin-Green Bay on Saturday afternoon. The Penguins are now 6-5 overall and 1-1 in the Horizon League, while the Phoenix improved to 4-8-1 overall and 1-1-1 in the HL. YSU will host Cleveland State University on Wednesday at 7 p.m. at Stambaugh Stadium.

Volleyball wins at Wright State, loses at Valpo

At Wright State University's McLin Gym on Friday, the YSU volleyball team swept the Wright State Raiders, 26-24, 25-19, 25-22. Shannon Watson ended with a match-high 12 kills and contributed four blocks, while Jenna Cavanaugh added seven blocks. Erika West had 17 digs. In addition, Marisa Aiello registered 12 kills, and Katie Glassmeyer had a match-high 21 digs. On Saturday, Valparaiso University fought off five set points in the second set and hit .419 in the third and fourth sets, defeating the Penguins, 3-1, at the Athletics-Recreation Center. Alexis Egler led the Penguins with 16 kills and hit .286. In addition, Missy Hundelt had 13 kills and 14 digs, Cavanaugh contributed seven blocks, and West posted 16 digs. YSU hit .166 as a team. At 7 p.m. Friday, the Penguins will begin a season-long three-match home stand against Cleveland State University.

30 years at the Ice Castle



The preliminary construction phase what of would end up as Stambaugh Stadium in 1982. File photo courtesy of Maag Library.

Cory Bartek
SPORTS REPORTER

Arnold D. Stambaugh Stadium has been the home of the Youngstown State University football team since 1982.

Joe Malmisur — a Youngstown native, graduate of East High School, former YSU athletic director and Penguins fanatic — said the stadium was an absolute necessity.

"Before Stambaugh, YSU had to play at local high schools like Campbell, Fitch and Rayen," Malmisur said. "It was especially difficult for

opposing teams because they never knew where they would end up playing until the day of the game."

Also referred to as the Ice Castle, Stambaugh Stadium is located on the highest part of YSU's campus and is the tallest building in Youngstown.

"It's the first thing you see when you're coming into town," he said. "It's the skyline for the city of Youngstown."

Malmisur praised members of the university community for making the stadium a reality.

"The erection of Stambaugh speaks well of the lead-

ership of that time," he said.

Originally, Stambaugh Stadium's seating capacity was around 17,000. However, after a 1997 renovation, stands were added on the east end; this renovation added approximately 3,000 seats, bringing the stadium's capacity to 20,630.

"It gave YSU and big-time high schools a place to play, and brought a new excitement to football fans," he said.

"It also affected many high schools, prompting them to make improvements to their own facilities."

Throughout the first 29

seasons at the Ice Castle, YSU has fallen short of a .500 record only four times.

Along with the seating additions, a number of upgrades to the Ice Castle have taken place over the years.

In 2000, a sound system was added to the east and west ends of the stadium, while in 2004, a new 17-by-12.5 Mitsubishi Diamond Vision scoreboard was installed.

Also, in 2009, \$250,000 went toward replacement of the stadium's seats, and the turf was replaced last year for the third time in the stadium's history.

PENGUIN SPOTLIGHT



Nate Adams

Year: Sophomore
Height: 6'5"
Hometown: Newark, Ohio
Position: Tight end

Although sophomore Nate Adams had only four catches through the first five games for YSU, the tight end is averaging 17.5 yards per catch. In the Sept. 22 game against the University of Northern Iowa, Adams caught two passes for 30 yards and a touchdown, helping the Penguins to a 42-35 win. In last weekend's loss to North Dakota State University, Adams' lone catch resulted in 24 yards. A pre-business finance major, Adams is also the recipient of the 2012-2013 Ray Travaolini Scholarship.