



Sammarone, Hagan react

ODH releases survey of city health district

Kacy Standohar
NEWS EDITOR

Youngstown Mayor Chuck Sammarone met with Erin Bishop, acting health commissioner; Anthony J. Farris, law director; and other city officials on Monday to discuss a plan of action to correct problems cited in a recent survey of the Youngstown City Health District by the Ohio Department of Health.

The survey, conducted every three years, found 12 violations out of 41 criteria. A 2009 survey found only three violations, all relating to improper paperwork.

The Youngstown City Health District has until mid-January to file a plan of correction with the state and implement those corrections by March 1 — or else face sanctions.

Among other violations, the city health district neglected

to inspect city restaurants for years at a time — 11 are located on the campus of Youngstown State University. Out of 81 random locations selected by state surveyors, 13 were missing the proper amount of inspections.

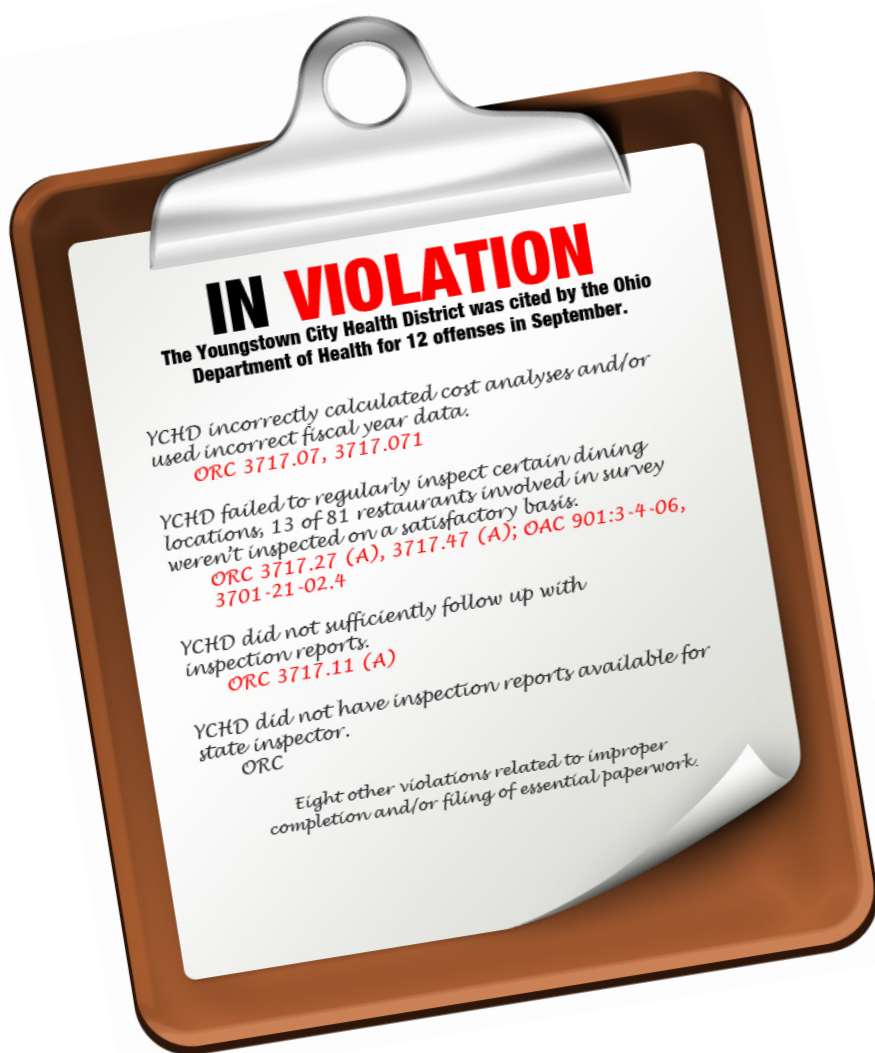
Sammarone said he instructed the health commissioner and all of the supervisors to maintain responsibility a year ago.

"I'm strong on accountability and holding them accountable for their responsibilities and also making sure that they hold the people underneath them accountable," Sammarone said.

Sammarone said he wanted to know what happened and why timely inspections weren't done from 2007 through 2011.

He said he inquired about who is responsible and asked Bishop to start an investigation to obtain that information.

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YSU prof reappointed to OSBA committee

Lee Murray
REPORTER

Labor law attorney Ronald Slipski, an adjunct instructor at Youngstown State University, was reappointed as chair of the Ohio State Bar Association's Workers' Compensation Law Committee in October.



SLIPSKI

"One of the leading in the state."

But in addition to his exceptional career in labor law, Slipski spends much of his time away from his office, choosing to teach classes at YSU for the history and political science departments. This semester, Slipski is teaching law and society, along with moot court.

"I lose money doing this," said Slipski,

laughing. "I feel as though I owe this university a great debt."

Slipski graduated from YSU with a history degree and a secondary school teaching license in the mid-1970s. He decided to continue his education at YSU, accepting an assistantship in the history department, then going on to law school at the University of Akron.

"My advisers suggested that maybe there weren't a lot of jobs in history, so they suggested I look into law school," he said. "So, I looked into it and took the LSAT and got into the three schools to which I applied, and I ended up going to Akron."

At the time, Slipski was the only member of his extended family to go to college. He said he feels that his working class upbringing helps him relate to YSU students.

"These are my people," Slipski said. "I love students, and I especially love Youngstown State students. I'd much rather teach Youngstown State undergrads than [at] law schools. Personalities are different. Youngstown students ... they're more humble."

Jerod Everly, a former student of Slipski's who graduated summa cum laude with a bachelor's degree in political science in May, said Slipski always challenged him and pushed him to do his best, especially in moot court.

"We butted heads," Everly said. "He wanted

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Matt Ohlin, front row on the left, plays clarinet with the YSU Wind Ensemble. The group will perform with the YSU Concert Band and the Dana All Star Band on Nov. 19 at Stambaugh Auditorium. Photo courtesy of the YSU College of Fine and Performing Arts.

YSU bands to honor the late Robert Fleming

Kevin Alquist
ASSISTANT NEWS EDITOR

At Stambaugh Auditorium on Nov. 19, the Dana School of Music's Wind Ensemble and Concert Band will present "Remembering Robert E. Fleming: A Musical Tribute."

The show is scheduled to begin at 8 p.m., and it will also feature the Dana All Star Band, which is made up of alumni band members from past decades.

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Business 2020 inspires high school students

Justin Carissimo
REPORTER

More than 450 high school students will catch a glimpse of the business world at Youngstown State University's Business 2020 event on Thursday. YSU will hold the 17th annual event in Kilcawley Center from 8:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m.

The event will feature three panel discussions and a guest lecture by YSU alumnus Presley Gillespie, executive director of the Youngstown Neighborhood Development Corporation.

The Williamson College of Business Administration collaborated with Junior Achievement of the Mahoning Valley to provide information

to students from 14 area high schools.

"This is a great way to educate students and prepare them for opportunities in business," said Betty Jo Licata, dean of the WCBA.

Licata will kick off Thursday's event with a welcome address.

"We're bringing students to campus to help expose them to unique career opportunities in business," Licata said.

The panel discussion will run from 10 a.m. through noon. Topics will include financial literacy, careers in business, entrepreneurship and job preparation. Students will be able to interact with clickers for each discussion.

Gillespie said he will speak to students about how they can

contribute as professionals.

"I'd like to show students what it's like working for the profit and nonprofit worlds of business. The two are very similar," Gillespie said. "In business, you should be treating customers the way you want to be treated."

Gillespie graduated from YSU in 1992 and has worked

for the YNDC since 2009. He said he hopes to share his unique perspective in the professional world with students.

"It all comes down to developing strong relationships and developing your personal branding," he said.

Gillespie also prepared a "212 video" for the students in attendance; he said he hopes it

will help them raise the bar in academics and in the business world.

"I hope they have a better understanding what employers are looking for today and what type of skills they should begin to think about," Gillespie said. "I hope they leave knowing that they can control their own destiny."

Participating high schools are:

- Austintown Fitch, Cardinal Mooney, Choffin Career and Technical Center, Columbiana County Career and Technical Center, East, Heartland Christian, Hubbard,
- Jackson Milton, Life Skills Youngstown, Mahoning County Career and Technical Center, Summit Academy, Warren G. Harding, Warren JFK and Youngstown Christian.

Contributors to the panels include Humility of Mary Health Partners, PNC Bank, Defense Finance and Accounting Service in Cleveland, Seven Seventeen Credit Union and IRS Criminal Investigation Division.

ROTC, SAE battle for charity



John Guy (center) and Patrick Bascom (bottom right), both brothers of the Sigma Alpha Epsilon fraternity, compete against ROTC members in an eating contest. The event and five other competitions were part of a fundraiser for the Children's Miracle Network. Photo by Dustin Livesay/The Jambar.

Sarah Perrine
REPORTER

On Thursday, Sigma Alpha Epsilon combined forces with the ROTC at Youngstown State University to raise money for the Children's Miracle Network.

Rookery Radio hosted the event, which featured six challenges that included eating contests, games of musical chairs and an

obstacle course.

ROTC has been active in YSU events like Welcome Week, but has never paired up with another group for an official event on campus.

Thomas Ericksen, a senior military science instructor and three-year ROTC faculty member, said he was excited about the collaboration.

"We turned a competition into something that's fun for our students and SAE's fraternity members, but at the same time, it helps benefit the commu-

nity," Ericksen said.

The SAE brothers put up a good fight, but members of the ROTC swept all six events. In the process, \$426.16 was raised for charity.

Patrick Bascom, an SAE brother, said he came up with the idea for the event.

"It's a unique way to show that fraternities are not all about how they are portrayed on TV, and ROTC knows how to have fun," Bascom said.

Bascom approached 2nd Lt. Scott Smith, a YSU graduate, about the idea,

and six weeks later, the event was in place.

"It's good to bring the fraternities and the ROTC together in order to support the cause," Smith said. "Hopefully, this is the beginning, and next year it grows bigger and bigger. Who knows, maybe one day [we] will be collecting as much money as the Zetas for charity."

SAE, Rookery Radio and ROTC will team up again for a concert on Nov. 14. All proceeds will go toward the Children's Miracle Network.

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"Once we get all this information, I will sit down with the law department, and we'll make a decision of what we do next," Sammarone said. "But the important thing is that what has happened in the past doesn't happen anymore. And we're going to make sure it doesn't happen anymore."

State Rep. Bob Hagan said he was outraged by the fact that the Youngstown City Health District ignored these inspections. Hagan plans to introduce

new state legislation, which would enact tighter regulation on health departments.

He said although he received word that the department was mending the problems, the issue isn't resolved.

"That doesn't alleviate any of the fear or feelings of paranoia that the food being served to students is safe," Hagan said. "They said there has been some improvement, but it was only done in a haphazard, hurried way."

Hagan said certain laws and regulations are set up to protect taxpayers. He said he doesn't want the Ohio Department of Health to let the local department wait until March to rectify the issues.

"I want that done immediately," Hagan said. "The taxpayers are paying money in the city of Youngstown to make sure that our students eat safely and that their food is safe to eat. They're being ignored."

Ron Cole, director of uni-

versity communications, wrote in an email that "the university has in place — through its food services operator and the food establishments on campus — several food safety programs in place to ensure that any and all food served on campus meets the highest standards in the industry today."

Hagan said he wants more accountability.

"Regardless of whether they say the food is all right and they're doing it in house

— we hope we hope that they are doing it in house — but it doesn't negate the responsibility that they abide the law," Hagan said.

Sammarone said he will continue to pursue action to ensure that city restaurants are safe.

"I don't like excuses. You have a problem. ... Somebody made a mistake. Period," he said. "Let's correct and make sure it doesn't happen again. That's how I operate."

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"The [All Star Band] is made up of alumni from as far back as the '60s to people who just graduated a few years ago," said Stephen Gage, director of bands at Youngstown State University and conductor for the event.

The event is special to many band members who were moved by Robert Fleming, the director of bands at YSU from 1968 to 1984. Fleming died in December.

"He helped fortify the YSU band from the late '60s through 1984," Gage said. "Subsequently, he continued to be a mentor for alumni and students in the Dana School as a conductor and a teacher of music."

Donald W. Byo, a conductor of the Dana All Star Band and personal friend

of Fleming, recommended Fleming for band director in 1968 to Charles Aurand, former dean of the College of Fine and Performing Arts.

Before coming to YSU, Fleming was the band director for Warren G. Harding High School.

"He had a great impact on this school," Byo said. "His biggest forte was communicating with all the area band directors effectively."

Gage said he considers Fleming a personal hero.

Graduate student Eric Bable will also help conduct the concert. He said the show will be a seminal event for him.

"It's my largest conducting stage yet, given the size of this event and what it

means," Bable said.

Also conducting the show will be Brandt Payne, director of athletic bands, and Joseph Edwards, former dean of the College of Fine and Performing Arts.

Students Keith Born and Matt Ohlin, both members of the wind ensemble, said they are excited for the show as well.

Born, a second-year percussionist in the ensemble, said he enjoys seeing where Dana graduates end up after college.

"It's incredible to see where some of the bigger names in the band end up and how good they've become," Born said.

Ohlin, a clarinet player in the ensemble, praised Gage's ability to challenge his students with new and exciting mate-

rial to play and perform.

"Every year, he likes to pick at least one big piece and have us play it," Ohlin said.

This year, Gage chose "The Pines of Rome," an iconic 20th century composition. Though an orchestra performs the original composition, the ensemble will mimic it with their wind instruments.

"To do that makes us think about how we play our instruments musically and characteristically," Ohlin said. "[The blending of the two] creates a unique sound."

Tickets to the show will be available at the door; they're \$5 for adults, \$4 for seniors and students, and free for YSU students with valid ID.

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to bring out the best in me. He was always there to motivate you."

Everly said Slipski's classes helped him learn to think critically. In 2011, the university's moot court team won the Midwest Regional Tournament of the American Collegiate Moot Court Association under Slipski's guidance.

"Moot Court has to be ... one of the most rigorous critical thinking classes on campus," Slipski said.

He added that the class helps students get a deep understanding of several issues over the course of a semester.

"The students who argued [the health care act] probably know more about that than anyone else in northeast Ohio about that issue," he said.

Fischer said there was little doubt that he would reappoint Slipski based on his reputation and performance this past year.

Slipski, a Canfield resident, is a senior partner at the law firm of Green Haines Sgambati. He graduated magna cum laude from YSU in 1975, and teaches a law and society course in the political science department. He also serves for the Mahoning County Bar Foundation.

The committee that Slipski oversees is made up of lawyers that practice all types of workers' compensation law. Slipski said committee members include attorneys representing injured workers, employers and the state.

"If the general assembly proposes legislation, we weigh in if it matters to us," Slipski said.

The OSBA named Slipski as Lawyer of the Year in 2005. In 2006, he received the OSBA's Weir Award, the highest award in the state for ethics.

"He was so qualified that there was no question he wouldn't be reappointed," Fischer said.

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Suspended driver found with drug paraphernalia

On Sunday, a university police officer noticed a tan Chevrolet make an improper turn onto Wick Avenue; the officer then stopped the car and notified the 34-year-old female driver of the reason for the stop. YSU Police then discovered that the driver had been driving the car while under suspension. In addition, YSU Police found the following items in the woman's car: suspected marijuana in a clear bag, a bottle containing two pills, a green plastic crack pipe and rolling papers. The woman's car was towed, and charges are pending.

Woman trespasses at apartments — again

Around 8 p.m. Friday, the University Courtyard Apartments' coordinator called YSU Police to report a 25-year-old woman who was trespassing on the property. The woman, who had previously been issued a criminal trespass warning at the apartment complex, was in a second floor room upon YSU Police's arrival. University police handcuffed the woman and transported her to the university's police station.

NEWS BRIEFS

Activist to present 'The New Rank and File'

Staughton Lynd, an attorney and activist from Youngstown, will present "The New Rank and File, and the Walmart Moment" at the Youngstown Historical Center of Industry and Labor at 5:30 p.m. Thursday. Afterward, Staughton and Alice Lynd will sign copies of their book, "Rank and File: Personal Histories by Working Class Organizers." The event is free and open to the public. The Youngstown Historical Center of Industry and Labor is located at 151 W. Wood St. For more information, call 330-941-1314.

'RENT' opens at Ford Theater on Thursday

University Theater will premiere "RENT," the Tony Award- and Pulitzer Prize-winning musical, on Thursday in Bliss Hall's Ford Theater. RENT will run Thursday through Sunday, as well as Nov. 16, 17 and 18. Thursday through Saturday performances begin at 7:30 p.m., while Sunday matinees begin at 3 open. The production's director is Scott R. Ireland, chair of the YSU Department of Theater and Dance. Based on Giacomo Puccini's opera "La Boheme," "RENT" tells the story of a group of struggling young artists in New York City, and it tackles serious subjects like HIV/AIDS and drug addiction. For tickets, call the University Theater Box Office at 330-941-3105. Tickets are free for YSU students with valid ID; \$10 for adults; and \$5 for senior citizens, YSU faculty and staff, high school and college students from other universities, Penguin Club members and YSU alumni. Parking is available in the Wick Avenue deck for a fee.

YSU chapter honored by Phi Kappa Phi

The Honor Society of Phi Kappa Phi recently named the YSU chapter of the collegiate honor society as a Chapter of Excellence, which is the highest commendation a chapter can receive from the organization. YSU is among only 19 chapters across the U.S. to receive the award this year; by receiving the award, the YSU chapter is commended as one that meets frequently, holds annual initiations and applies often for the organization's scholarships, grants and fellowships. Phi Kappa Phi was founded in 1897 at the University of Maine; it is the nation's oldest and most selective collegiate honor society for all academic disciplines. In addition, Phi Kappa Phi boasts chapters at more than 300 colleges and universities in North America and the Philippines.

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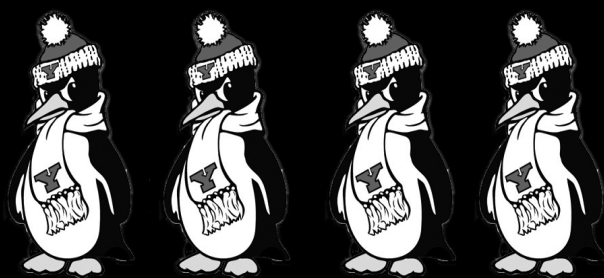
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Campus royalty

Marissa McIntyre
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More Youngstown State University students voted this year for homecoming king and queen than last year. Those 904 students made their choice, and this year's king and queen, Kingsley Ansa and Veronica Wesley, were crowned during Saturday's football halftime show at Stambaugh Stadium.

As a native of Ghana, Africa, Ansa's family and friends didn't know about American homecoming traditions. For Ansa, this didn't diminish the honor and surprise that come with being crowned YSU's homecoming king.

"I was shocked," Ansa said. "I didn't know I was going to win. Before coming here, I had never heard of homecoming."

Ansa said he told his family about homecoming and how he won his nomination.

"I talked to my mom, and she was very happy for me," he said.

Wesley smiled and waved to the crowd in her crowning moment.

She said she was shocked to hear her name being announced.

"I really wasn't expecting it," Wesley said. "It was such an awesome feeling, and I will never forget that moment."

Wesley said she and Ansa became fast friends after their nomination.

Both said that one of the best parts of being nominated was reaching out and making connections with fellow students.

"We met a few times before homecoming court was announced, but we recently became close friends," Wesley said.

"He is honestly such a sweetheart and one of the nicest people you would ever meet."

Both said they were happy to escort each other down the field on Saturday.

Ansa came to YSU to study marketing.

"I like the classes here, and I came to get an education," Ansa said.

He was nominated by the African Student Union and

was proud to be crowned and represent the group.

"Being king is a big honor," he said.

After graduating in the spring, Ansa plans to attend school in New Jersey or New York to obtain his master's degree. He also hopes to obtain his U.S. citizenship before graduation.

He said he would also like to encourage his fellow students.

"If I can be homecoming king, other students can someday, too," Ansa said. "Being from another country, this is an honor."

Wesley is a senior communications major at YSU. She is a disc jockey on Rookery Radio and secretary of the Zeta Phi Beta sorority, and she will receive a student diversity achievement award.

She said she will use her title as queen to continue to help students and be involved on campus.

"It's such an honor," Wesley said. "Winning has given me the chance to represent the YSU campus. It also gave me a huge boost of confidence and made me feel I can accomplish anything I want to in life."



Kingsley Ansa escorts Veronica Wesley downfield at Stambaugh Stadium on Saturday after they were crowned homecoming king and queen, respectively. Photo by Beth Shiller/The Jambar.

Diversity Week kicks off with improv group

Marissa McIntyre
ARTS & ENTERTAINMENT
EDITOR

On Monday, students studying in Cushwa Hall's atrium were able to take a break for an hour and watch the I.C.U. Improv group perform.

The Youngstown State University student organization performed as part of the Bitonte College of Health and Human Services' Diversity Week.

Tammy King, associate dean of the college, said she wanted a way to bring awareness to diversity while also allowing students to have fun.

King said an educational speaker is planned for the spring, while this semester is about exposing the talents of those on campus and in the city.

"Our college has a diverse community, and we want to celebrate diversity," King said.

She said she wants to bring attention to racism, grief and death, as well as how different cultures deal with these issues.

Throughout the week, two singers will perform, as well

as a martial artist.

King said the idea behind the different acts is to introduce people to different cultural perspectives.

"We wanted to address diversity not only for students, but faculty as well to come down, have some fun and maybe learn as well," King said.

Members of the I.C.U. Improv group said they were honored to perform for the first Diversity Week event.

Joe Pascarella, a junior theater major at YSU, said when the group's members were contacted to perform, they jumped at the chance.

"Go, diversity!" Pascarella said as the group exited the stage following the performance.

Group members performed a skit using the alphabet to start the next sentence of a conversation and made a story of it.

Nikita Jones, a junior theater major at YSU, said she was excited to perform for Diversity Week.

"If you go to YSU, diversity is important," she said.

"There are so many different ethnicities and races, so why

not branch out?"

Jones said the event allowed members of the group to reach out to the YSU community.

Joshua Green, a senior musical theater major, said performing during the event was a learning experience.

"It felt a little weird. I didn't think they were paying attention at first, but then more and more students were participating," Green said.

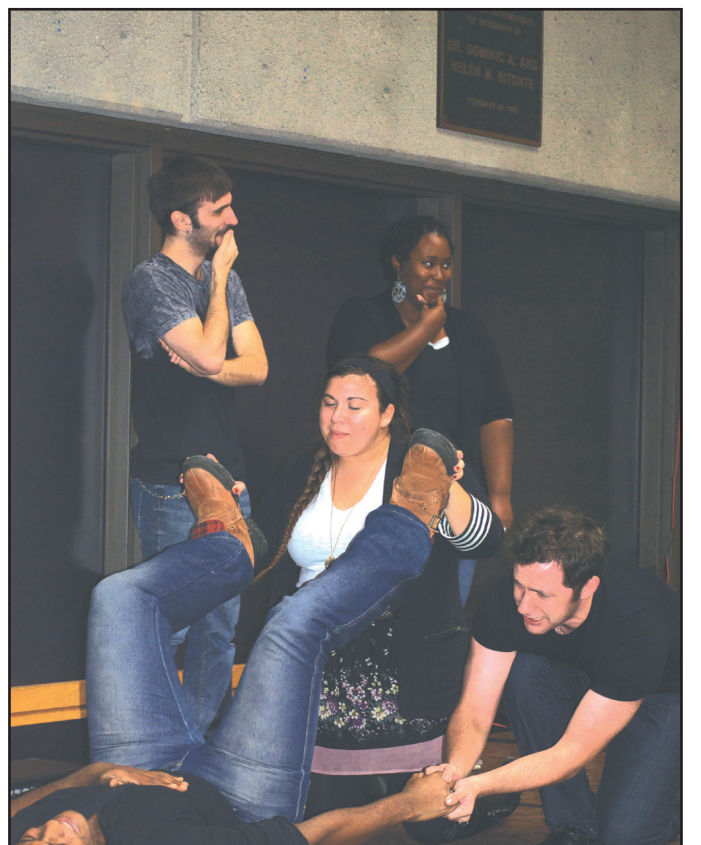
Travis Sutak was studying when the group began to perform. He said he was annoyed at first because the stage took up so much room in the lounge, but he quickly started to have fun.

"It's exciting to have something to watch in the middle of the day when you weren't expecting it," Sutak said.

Sutak said he enjoyed the performance for Diversity Week.

"It's very important to actually realize how diverse and how many different races and ethnicities we have on campus and how everyone reacts to each other," he said.

King said she hopes the rest of Diversity Week is as successful as the first day.



Joshua Green, Joe Pascarella, Marisa Zamary, Nikita Jones and Cheney Morgan of the I.C.U. Improv group perform in Cushwa Hall on Monday. During an improv skit where one of them would say "freeze" and another would start a scene based on that pose, Green acts as if he is giving birth to an alien baby. Cushwa echoed with laughter as a result. Photo by Marissa McIntyre/The Jambar.

TKE readies for Alzheimer's Disease Awareness Month

Taylor Phillips
REPORTER

The Tau Kappa Epsilon fraternity at Youngstown State University will spend November helping students become more aware of Alzheimer's disease.

Andrew England, a YSU junior and a TKE brother, said the disease affects more than 5 million Americans.

"It's the sixth-leading cause

of death in the United States," England said. "We still don't know much about what causes Alzheimer's or how to stop it."

England said it's important to raise money for the disease so more research can be conducted to try to find a cure.

The Alzheimer's Association is TKE's secondary philanthropy, with their first being St. Jude Children's Research Hospital.

When the brothers are not raising awareness for St. Jude's, they are trying hard to do

whatever they can to help find a cure for Alzheimer's.

"We held Dre Beats raffles on campus in an effort to raise awareness, and we raised over \$500 for the Alzheimer's Association," England said.

Through their work with the Ronald and Nancy Reagan Research Institute, TKE has raised \$350,000 nationally for Alzheimer's research.

Organizations such as the Student Government Association and the Greek Life community have helped out TKE

in their fight to find a cure for Alzheimer's.

Conor Mogg, a TKE brother, said he is thankful that YSU students have helped the fraternity brothers raise funds.

"I think it's awesome so many people have participated in our raffles and donated a dollar or two," Mogg said. "It's great to know that people actually care to help find a cure for this horrible disease."

Eric Sage, a senior brother of TKE, said Alzheimer's disease can affect anyone.

"I think once you see how a disease can impact anyone important to you, it's important to spread the word," Sage said.

England said he's proud that the fraternity brothers were able to raise funds, and he hopes their efforts have made a difference.

"Alzheimer's is a disease that could affect us or someone close to us, so we should all do what we can," England said. "Anything we can do helps and gets researchers that much closer to finding a cure."

You gotta fight for your right!

If you make someone look bad by exercising your rights, chances are good that someone will try to stop you.

On Monday, staff members of The Jambar were filming b-roll for a video about the Youngstown City Health District's infrequent inspections of campus dining services.

Multiple times they were told to stop by Melody Monroe, general manager of Sodexo Campus Dining Services; Matt Novotny, executive director of student services in Kilcawley Center; John Young, director of Kilcawley Center; and Tom Totterdale, manager of Christman Dining Commons.

They were given a different reason each time.

First, Totterdale attempted to prohibit filming near Jump Asian Express due to a provision in Sodexo and YSU's contract. Reluctantly, we obliged, but we quickly requested the contract from the YSU Office of the General Counsel.

There was no such stipulation.

After attempting to set up shop again in The Hub, contract in hand, the group quickly swarmed and again interfered. This time, their rationale was uncomfortable employees and business rights. The employees felt slighted by one of our headlines.

They desperately called on the university spokesman, and at one point even threatened to call President Cynthia Anderson.

Be our guest.

The reporters stood their ground, citing applicable case law and precedent, which left the handful of public employees without recourse.

After an hour of deliberation, we filmed.

Americans embody an array of liberties enumerated in the Bill of Rights. Our favorite is freedom of the press.

We owe it to you, the students, to not accept no for an answer, especially when we know damn well it's within bounds of our constitutional rights.

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New York City: truly a city of Americans



David Roberts
COLUMNIST

Since the 1800s, New York City has been the essence of the U.S. It was the gateway for millions of immigrants who flooded this nation's borders over the decades. It represents the U.S. around the world and, even to many Americans, it is known as "The Greatest City on Earth."

This week, the city encountered quite a bit of adversity with the arrival of Hurricane Sandy, but in true American fashion, the city is picking itself up and dusting itself off.

Hurricane Sandy was a unique storm by hurricane standards, as it did not take the usual eastern trajectory but instead took a western trajectory. This atypical path led to Hurricane Sandy's collision with our Eastern Seaboard.

The storm was a strong one, too; according to economists, it racked up around \$50 billion in damage. Sandy was even felt in northeastern Ohio as the surface of Lake Erie became a scene of tumultuous waves on Monday, leading to flooding and

power outages in Cleveland and the surrounding areas. As for us here in the Mahoning Valley, the most we experienced were some strong winds and several days of nonstop rain.

Meanwhile, as we wait for the sun to return, New York City does its best to dry off and get back to business as usual. Thus far, the city has done a fine job. This is not to downplay the devastation caused by Hurricane Sandy, because the storm certainly did a number on the city, but the resiliency the city has shown as it tries to get back on its feet is astounding.

In fact, there was a push for several days after the storm to continue to host the New York City Marathon on Sunday, but as of Friday afternoon, it was decided to cancel the city tradition as cleanup in the five boroughs still had a long way to go. Even though the marathon will not take place as previously planned, the idea that there was for at least a time a contingency plan to uphold the running of the race is a testament to the city's resiliency.

There has been no shortage of coverage of the damage Hurricane Sandy brought to the city's shores. The latest death toll in New York City, according to the New York Times, is more than

40. Many still await the return of power throughout the boroughs and, of course, the damage to the cityscape has to be addressed. Nevertheless, life is resuming in the Big Apple, as the city has issued a modified map of the subway system, indicating what lines are up and running again. Officials have said the majority of the city's 1,700 parks and recreation areas will likely reopen by Saturday, and the majority of schools in the city plan to reopen their doors on Monday.

Youngstown natives will be happy to know that a piece of Youngstown also survived Hurricane Sandy: the former Idora Park carousel, which now resides in Brooklyn Bridge Park and emerged mostly undamaged.

I've never been in or witnessed a storm of Hurricane Sandy's magnitude, and I have never dealt in the recovery of a storm either.

However, just from my distant observance, I'd say the quick recovery that New York City has orchestrated is one that should certainly be commended. It is the perseverance and work ethic of the people of that city and its strong-willed nature to continue to resume everyday life as soon as possible that makes New York City the embodiment of America.

The beer'd mug



Daniel MacMurchy
WEB MANAGER

As Halloween comes to a close, we welcome a new style of beer that will kindle your holiday spirit.

Christmas ales are a popular treat sold during the months of November and December.

They are typically brewed with cinnamon, nutmeg and honey, but many breweries add additional ingredients to make their Christmas beer stand out.

Great Lakes Christmas Ale has gained mass popularity in Youngstown and the surrounding area over the past few years. It was released to the public on Thursday, but you will probably have trouble finding it in stock this week.

Chalet Premier, a beer and wine retailer in North Lima, sold out of Great Lakes Christmas Ale in just two days.

A Chalet Premier employee said some customers even pre-ordered the beer.

While retailers wait to receive their next shipment of the Great Lakes brew, there are plenty of other Christmas Ales to indulge in this holiday season.

Shiner Holiday Cheer is not your typical Christmas Ale. It is a wheat beer brewed with pecans and peaches that will truly bring out the holiday spirit in you. The flavors blend well and provide an interesting take on the Christmas ale style.

Samuel Adams White Christmas brings a mixture of seasonal spices blended into a wheat beer with Christmas charm. The cinnamon and nutmeg spices give you the flavors of the season, and the orange peel pairs well with the wheat. The spices overpower the entire feel of the beer, but I believe that's what makes White Christmas a worthy winter seasonal.

Thirsty Dog's 12 Dogs of Christmas Ale provides toasted malts and caramel flavor that will

warm you up during a cold winter day. You will notice a generous amount of cinnamon with each swig. Other spices include nutmeg, ginger and honey to bring out the flavor of Christmas.

Great Lakes Christmas Ale Breakdown

Great Lakes Christmas Ale pours a light copper color that differs from other Christmas ales. Other breweries tend to darken their Christmas ales with a variety of malts and grains to extract a dark red hue. The Great Lakes version provides aromas of cinnamon and ginger. The smell of gingerbread cookies lingers throughout the whole drinking session.

The taste concurs with the aroma. Cinnamon, ginger and nutmeg dominate your taste buds while honey and malt flavors sweeten every sip. A slight bitterness will surround your palate; it is countered by a heavy sweetness.

Enjoy Great Lakes Christmas Ale while supplies last. It wouldn't feel like Christmas without it.

LETTER TO THE EDITOR

I was quite excited to see a letter in The Jambar this past week by Mr. Mike Metzinger, who endorsed Mitt Romney for president. Not only was it well written, but also it was also quite emblematic of the many endorsements that have been offered up for this year's Republican candidate. And those same reasons are precisely why I will take such satisfaction in entirely debunking the letter's claims since they are wholly insubstantial. Unfortunately, all well written letters are not necessarily well researched, and that's part of what makes fact-checking them so much fun.

Watch me go. Mr. Metzinger's factual accuracy took a dive rather quickly when he claimed the president said the following of the economy: "If I don't have this done in three years, then there's going to be a one-term proposition." What Mike failed to mention was the context of the remark: It was made in reference to the Troubled Asset Relief Program — not the economy in general. TARP, for as unpopular as it may have been, was the focus of President Obama's remark, and to suggest

otherwise is dishonest and arguably an attempt at misinformation. So, that's one mark against Mr. Metzinger's letter. I've gotta keep him honest, though, so I press on.

A second point made in the gentleman's letter is that unemployment remains "sky high." I think it's worth pointing out that Ohio's economy is performing at better levels than it has in decades, with forecasts for further improvement quite likely. So, there's a stake through the heart of Metzinger's rhetoric on that point. Our state has been very patient and resilient to get itself back on track. Under President Obama's leadership, that is happening — from the auto-industry bailout to the Obamacare signing, which is aimed at assisting more Ohioans with their health care insurance. Shall I go on?

Mike then went on to ask why Obama can't "get our economy back on track when has failed to do it in his first term?" Well, Republican intransigence certainly doesn't help, for one. But what must be stated quite succinctly is the simple arithmetic of the past four years: When President

Obama took office, we were losing jobs. We are now adding jobs each month. We progressed from losses and are now making gains, to put it frankly. How you can get that basic math wrong is beyond me, but it seemed to elude Mr. Metzinger.

I've already cast my vote for the president, and I encourage every voter to do the same to send him back for a second term. Mitt Romney's business background is one of a man that sent jobs overseas, and I don't care how many points his plan has. If your schematic for American workers is to create jobs they have no means of getting, then you're not really fit to be our leader.

You have a decision to make this election: a corporate raider or a champion of the people? President Obama has proven himself a capable leader, and he deserves four more years.

Robert Heltzel
Niles

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Ready to contend



DJ Cole drives to the basket during last season's loss to the University of Akron Zips. YSU opens its 2012-2013 season at 4 p.m. Saturday at George Washington University. Photo by Dustin Livesay/The Jambar.

Steve Wilaj SPORTS EDITOR

Kendrick Perry, shooting guard for the Youngstown State University men's basketball team, said he hasn't forgotten how last season ended.

Matched up with the University of Detroit Mercy in the second round of the Horizon League conference tournament, the Penguins were defeated handily, 93-76.

"I can't speak for everybody else, but it plays in my mind constantly," Perry said.

In that loss to the eventual HL champions, YSU committed 15 turnovers that resulted in 24 points for the Titans. Detroit also outscored the Penguins, 50-34, in a first half where YSU was sluggish from the tipoff.

"That just fuels the fire to get back out here and get ready to play," Perry said.

Trying to fix those mistakes

that plagued the Penguins in their season finale, the team has adopted a new motto: "EP."

Created by men's basketball athletic trainer Todd Burkey, EP stands for "every play and every possession."

"We never know which possession or which play will get us over the top, so we have to treat every one with importance," said senior guard Blake Allen. "Basically, every possession, play, rep in the weight room and sprint, we have to do 110 percent if we want the results to be favorable to us."

In 2011-2012, the results for YSU were favorable more often than not. With a 16-15 record, the Penguins experienced their first winning season since joining the HL in 2001.

Still, the Penguins have bigger aspirations and look to build off last season's success.

"We'll be able to draw from

our experiences," Allen said. "Hopefully, we can change the results of some of those games that [kind of] went the other way."

If so, YSU may be able to contend for the conference championship. Senior center Damian Eargle said he believes the Penguins are ready to take that next step.

"We have the squad to do that," Eargle said.

Their opportunity to contend for the HL title is boosted by the absence of perennial powerhouse Butler University. This past offseason, the Bulldogs — a top-three finisher in the HL for the past six years — joined the Atlantic 10 Conference.

"I look at it as a great opportunity," said head men's basketball coach Jerry Slocum. "It gives everybody an opportunity to be the next Butler."

Reaping the benefits of But-

ler's absence is Valparaiso University, ranked first in the preseason conference. Meanwhile, the Penguins received their highest preseason ranking ever, placing fourth out of nine teams.

And while YSU is thankful for the respect they've gained, as Eargle said, "Nobody remembers number four."

"Who cares about number four?" Eargle said. "Everybody wants to be number one, and that's what we're trying to be."

The Penguins' journey begins at 4 p.m. Saturday at George Washington University. They'll then travel to the University of Georgia on Monday for a game at 7 p.m.

As the Penguins hit the road, expect them to keep EP in mind.

"We can't take possessions off. We can't take days off. We can't even take minutes off," Perry said. "With that mindset, we should be a really good team."

SPORTS BRIEFS

YSU sweeps Wright State

The YSU volleyball team beat Wright State University on Saturday at Beeghly Center, 25-23, 25-11, 26-24. Kelsey Wagy posted a career-high seven kills and five blocks in the final two sets of the game, while Missy Hundelt contributed 15 kills and 11 digs. Both Alexis Egler and Nichele Johnson finished with nine kills, and Aly Ryan had a match-high six blocks. Overall, the Penguins posted 10.5 blocks. YSU is now 15-12 overall, and the Penguins reached 15 wins in a season for the first time since 1999; they're also 5-8 in Horizon League play and have matched their highest-ever win total within the conference. Wright State dropped to 2-28 overall and 0-12 in conference play following the match. The Penguins will finish the regular season at Cleveland State University on Thursday; the match begins at 7 p.m.

Penguins outswim Butler

At the Beeghly Center Natatorium on Sunday, the YSU swimming and diving team overpowered Butler University, 134-104; the Penguins won all 16 events in the competition. YSU finished with a time of 4:02.82 in the 400-yard medley relay, along with a time of 8:07.95 in the 800-yard freestyle. In addition, Megan Ciampa won three events for the Penguins: the 1,000-yard freestyle (11:15.09), the 100-yard backstroke (2:14.39) and the 400-IM (4:49.42). Other YSU winners and their events are as follows: Therese Stevens, 200-yard freestyle (1:59.19); Ashley Dow, 100-yard backstroke (58.70); Samantha Roberts, 100-yard breaststroke (1:08.80); Kimberly Kurtz, 200-yard butterfly (2:20.89); Chelsea Malone, 50-yard freestyle (25.95); Soyriah Davis, 100-yard freestyle (56.28); Casey Hill, one-meter dive (246.15); Tricia Vallinger, three-meter dive (252.95); Liseli Baich, 200-yard breaststroke (2:37.67); Hanna Martin, 500-yard freestyle (5:31.77); and Carly Dean, 100-yard butterfly (1:03.23). YSU will host Saint Francis University on Friday; the meet begins at 5 p.m.

PENGUIN SPOTLIGHT



Kelsey Wagy

Year: Senior
Height: 5'10"
Hometown: Greeley, Colo.
Position: Middle blocker

In Saturday's 3-0 victory against Wright State University, Kelsey Wagy recorded a career-high seven kills while adding five blocks for the Penguins. Wagy posted all of her kills and blocks in the final two sets of the YSU win, which occurred on Senior Night. Fittingly enough, Wagy is the lone senior for the Penguins. A psychology major, she is averaging 1.20 kills per set and 0.90 blocks per set.

Homecoming 2012

Rebecca Stafford of the YSU swimming and diving team looks toward the water during Friday's swim meet against Niagara in the Beeghly Natatorium. The Penguins won, 196-104. Dustin Livesay/The Jambar.

YSU defensive specialist Erika West drops to a knee for a dig during Friday night's matchup against Valparaiso at Beeghly Center. West had 25 digs in the 3-1 loss against the Crusaders. Dustin Livesay/The Jambar.

YSU's Christian Bryan (2) leaps forward for extra yards while being tackled by South Dakota's Aaron Swift (9) during Saturday's matchup at Stambaugh Stadium. Dustin Livesay/The Jambar.

YSU middle blocker Jenna Cavanaugh (16) jumps to spike the ball during Friday's 3-1 loss to Valparaiso. Cavanaugh had 8 blocks and scored 10 points in the game. Dustin Livesay/The Jambar.

Josh Fenderson (99) and Aronde Stanton (52) bring down South Dakota quarterback Josh Vander Maten (16) during Saturday's matchup at Stambaugh Stadium. Dustin Livesay/The Jambar.

Marissa White of the YSU cheerleading squad braces herself as she falls into the arms of her fellow cheerleaders during a pep rally for fall sports in the Chestnut Room of Kilcauley Center on Friday. Dustin Livesay/The Jambar.