



Newman Center celebrates 75th



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On Saturday, the Catholic Newman Center across from Youngstown State University's Cafaro and Lyden Houses celebrated its 75th anniversary with an open house, a tailgating event and a mass held downtown at St. Columba's Cathedral.

While eating snacks in the Newman Center's multipurpose room, former students shared their fond memories of the center's past. As Nicky Uerling, campus minister for the Newman Center, explained, the anniversary celebration was an opportunity for alumni to reminisce on their years at YSU.

"It is really exciting. As the campus minister, it is fun to hear — when the alumni come back — it is so fun to hear the impact that ministry had on them throughout the years," she said. "They still have this love of campus ministry. A lot of them met their spouse here."

Terry Sell, board member for YSU's Newman Center, was involved with campus ministry when he was a student in the 1960s and 1970s. Sell said he still maintains positive memories from his college days.

"[The center] used to be in the St. Joseph's Church ... they tore that church down and they moved over to this facility," Sell said. "It has been a good series of memories: some of the dinners, parties and the masses that we attended over at St. Joe's."

For current students, the Newman Center's 75th anniversary provided an appreciation for the Center's rich history.

"I'm super excited because with the 75th there is a lot of alumni coming. I really like hearing the stories about what the Newman Center was to them, particularly. Everyone might be able to grab something a little different out of their experiences with it," said Jessica Kimmet, president of the Catholic Student Association.

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YSU brings Secretary of Education's senior adviser to the Valley

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On Oct. 28 and 29, Greg Darnieder, the senior adviser to Secretary of Education Arne Duncan, will visit Youngstown. During his time in the Valley, he will participate in events at Youngstown State University and the Mahoning County Career and Technical Center.

Darnieder's presence in Youngstown is due to the efforts of Karla Krodel, the director of the YSU Metro Credit Education Outreach Department.

"I met Greg Darnieder at Washington D.C. when I was at a small, little meeting about legislative action in education — specifically about dual-enrollment," Krodel said. "And he spoke during lunch, and I introduced myself and told him I was from Youngstown. He said, quote, unquote, 'I wanna come to Youngstown.'"

A significant component of Darnieder's eminent position is to travel cross-country, meeting with education leaders — especially in troubled districts — and discussing possible tactics to improve college attendance in their areas.

"There are many students who might be qualified to go to college, but don't because of poverty, lack of resources or lack of support," Krodel said.

Darnieder will be coming to YSU for just this reason. He will participate in a college access summit on Oct. 28 that will include a series of working sessions across campus.

The summit is an attempt to discuss the low enrollment of often disenfranchised students, how to encourage increased enrollment and the ways in which professors, administration and other community leaders can encourage success.

Darnieder will kick off his time at YSU by visiting the Youngstown Early College from 8:30-10 a.m. and will move over to McKay Auditorium for the remainder of the event.

At 10:30 a.m., he will speak with YSU stakeholders, as well as other participants, about the state's policy on dual-enrollment. Dual-enrollment is any program that allows students to simultaneously enroll in two academic institutions — this typically entails high school students that take college courses for both high school and college credit.

"We are going to talk about state policy for dual-enrollment, and try to get feedback from our stakeholders to try to influence that policy," Krodel said.

At 1 p.m., Darnieder will move on to speak about collective impact policies, specifically what role collective impact can play in increasing college enrollment.

Charles Howell, the Dean of the Beeghly College of Education, explains collective impact as the ideology that, for an impact to be made on destitute educational institutes, the greater community has to rally together to act in tandem.

Darnieder will lead a session at 2:30 p.m. on college

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Melissa Wasser (left) and Tyler Brently (right) were crowned Homecoming King and Queen at halftime of Saturday's football game against Western Illinois University. Photo by Dustin Livesay/ The Jambar.

access. After a short break, he will meet at 3:30 p.m. to discuss college retention.

"Making sure that more kids have opportunities to go to college, both from a financial aid standpoint [and] an academic preparedness standpoint — we think it is very important for educators at all levels, especially the community colleges and the four year colleges, to work together to make sure that kids are on track to complete college," Howell said.

On Oct. 29, thanks to the efforts of Krodel, Darnie-

der will act as the keynote speaker for the Eastern Ohio P-16 Education Partnership's fourth annual "Excellence in Education-Celebrating our Schools" luncheon at the Mahoning County Career & Technical Center.

Krodel worked with Stephanie Shaw, the executive director of the Mahoning Eastern Ohio Education Partnership, to bring Darnieder to the event.

"YSU is a strong partner with Eastern Ohio Educational Partnership, and Stephanie Shaw is very

involved with college access issues," Krodel said. "So when I found out Greg was coming I told her, and she said 'oh do you think he would be our keynote.' He had said he wanted to come and spend a couple days, so it was a good match."

The Eastern Ohio Education Partnership is a collaborative organization that partners with educational leaders, businesses, non-profits and other pillars of the community across Ashtabula, Columbiana, Mahoning and Trumbull counties to

support education initiatives, share data and create common agendas.

The luncheon will recognize school districts throughout the Eastern Ohio Education Partnership's four-county region that received an A in Value Added, Performance Index and/or Standards Met on the Ohio Department of Education Report Card. The luncheon will also recognize an innovative teacher within these districts.

YSU is a partner with the organization and is a sponsor

for the luncheon. YSU President Randy Dunn will give a welcoming speech and introduce Darnieder at the event.

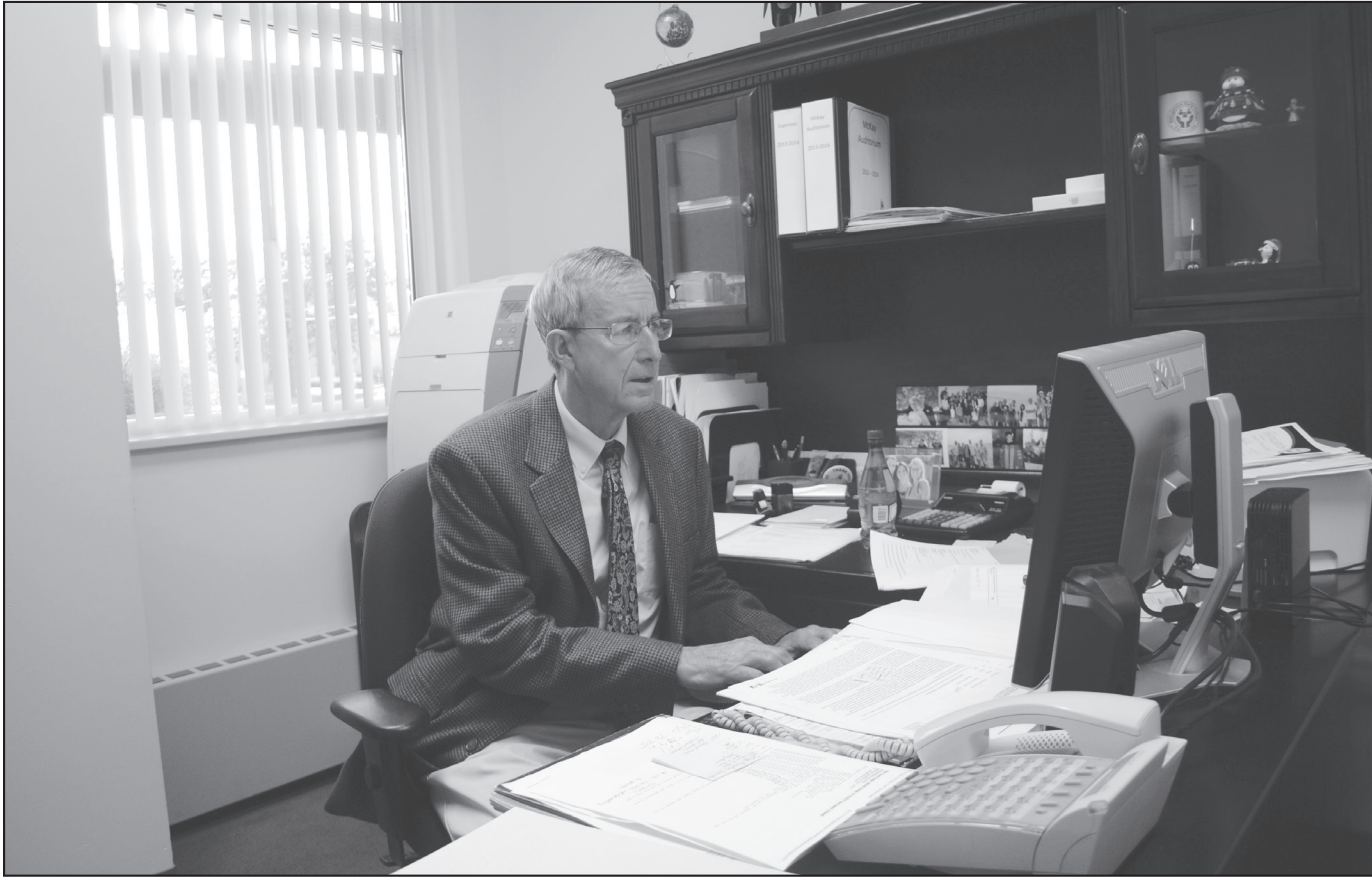
"The P-16 partnership with YSU is actually quite extensive. Dr. Anderson was on our board, Dr. Sweet is one of the folks who initially helped form the P-16 organization and Dr. Howell is now a board member," Shaw said. "So we work with them on different projects in the community; we work with them on different education initiatives. We currently have an initiative where we are working together to see why students leave high school not prepared for college, and to figure out where that gap is."

Prior to the event, Darnieder will speak in two small sessions, one with twelve essential educators and one with several business leaders.

"The morning of the 29th, we will have two small sessions. One with about twelve educators," Shaw said. "And then we will have another small session with business leaders. We will talk to him about what education means to us in the Valley and potentially how the federal government could help us in our region."

These two small sessions are also the result of the Eastern Ohio Education Partnership and YSU partnership.

"EOEP has worked with YSU Metro College and Beeghly College of Ed to determine what partners should be at the table, and to determine the purpose and outcomes of each meeting," Shaw said.



Charles Howell, dean of the Beeghly College of Education, works at his desk in Beeghly Hall. Howell assisted in bringing Greg Darnieder to Youngstown State University and organizing the itinerary. **Photo by Liam Bouquet/The Jambar.**

Non-profit leadership holds third annual mixer

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On Oct. 29, the Center for Non-profit Leadership, along with the Students for Non-profit Leadership Organization, will host their third annual leadership mixer in the Williamson College of Business Administration's Conference Center.

The Center for Non-profit Leadership offers YSU students a minor or certificate in non-profit leadership that can supplement any major.

Laura Dewberry, director of the Center for Non-profit Leadership, said that the mixer is a recruitment event meant to attract prospective students to the program.

"We are bringing together current students, prospective students, those that are interested in possibly becoming a part of the non-profit leadership academic program and recent alumni that have had success in the field," Dewberry said.

Students will be given the chance to mingle with alumni who possess non-profit business experience. The event is free and open to the general public, and students interested in non-profit ventures are encouraged to attend.

Both Diane Doddato, president of the Non-profit Leadership Organization, and Danielle Adair, vice president of the organization, expressed enthusiasm for this year's mixer.

"Of course I'm excited. It is always a good time. We always have refreshments, and — like I said — the alumni

come and you get to see people you haven't seen for awhile. You get to hear what is going on in their lives and how they've benefited from the program," Doddato said. "It is a great experience, too, for prospective students. We can tell them the fun things that we do."

Addair agreed with Doddato and said the event is a useful networking tool.

"We're very excited. This is our third year putting on this event. Usually, we have roughly around 40 individuals, and I mean it is a great opportunity just to hear from students who have graduated from our program," Addair said. "We have about seven or eight individuals who work in non-profits around Youngstown, Ohio. So, just to be able to speak to them and experience that is a great opportunity."

The event is the result of successful collaboration between students in the center for Non-profit Leadership.

"We really did it as a group, it is something that we have done for years," Doddato said. "We, as a group, decide the date and distribute fliers and invite different classes. As we are in class, we will stand up and speak to them to invite them to the mixer. It is really a group effort."

The mixer is just one of many initiatives provided by the Students for Non-profit Leadership Organization. The organization supplied funding for the "Pay it Forward" program, a philanthropic enterprise that provides funding for arts and cultures, neighborhood revitalization and youth development.

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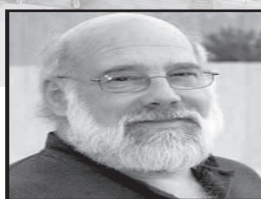
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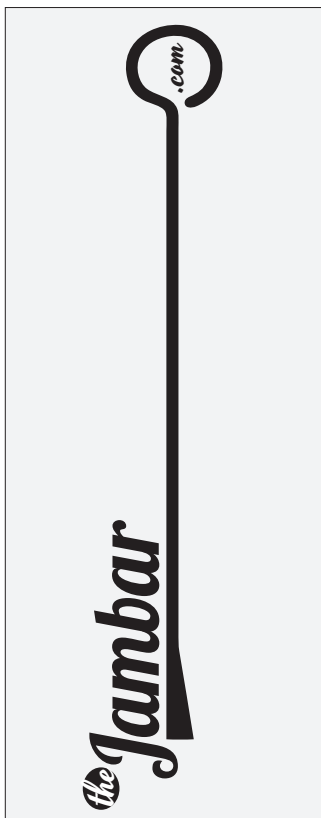
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Professor emeritus publishes 250th scientific paper

Janet E. Del Bene, professor emerita, published her 250th scientific paper — a number believed to be the most ever published by a YSU faculty member. Del Bene earned both a bachelor's degree in Education as well as a bachelor's degree in Chemistry from YSU. She also earned a PhD in Chemistry from the University of Cincinnati. Her first paper was published in The Journal of Chemical Physics in 1968. Her 250th paper, "John Pople: The Man and His Science," was published this year in the *Pioneers of Quantum Chemistry*. Del Bene retired from YSU in 1999 and has stayed active in the world of chemistry, focusing her research on quantum chemical studies of intermolecular interactions — this includes hydrogen bonds, halogen bonds and pnicoen bonds. She also received the first CERFnet Award for Excellence in Networked Applications, a two-year extension for special creativity to her NSF grant, a BBVA Visiting Fellowship at the Universidad Autónoma de Madrid, the triennial National Honorary Member Award for an Outstanding Women Chemist from Iota Sigma Pi2 and an Honorary Doctor of Science Degree from YSU.

"Disasters in Mahoning Valley History," opens Wednesday

"Disasters in Mahoning Valley History," a new exhibition at the Youngstown Historical Center of Industry and Labor opens at 4 p.m. on Oct. 23. The exhibit, made and executed by students in the Museum Curation and Interpretation Class at YSU, will be on display in the archives. The exhibit is made to be part of the celebration of Ohio Archives Month, which selected its 2013 theme as "Disasters in Ohio History." The cases feature four different disasters: The Great Flood of 1913, the Thanksgiving Day Snowstorm of 1950, the Wheatland Tornado of 1985 and "Black Monday" Sept. 19, 1977.

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Uerling indicated that the 75th anniversary is just one of many events that the CSA has planned. She said the group volunteers at the Dorothy Day House, hosts game and movie nights, holds pancake dinners and participates in group prayer sessions.

"CSA is just a great place for people to come to be formative leaders, to grow in their faith, to have a solid faith community to hang out with and to give back to their community," Uerling said.

Father Christopher Luoni, the priest assigned to YSU's Newman Center, echoed Uerling's message and encouraged everyone on campus to get involved with the Newman Center.

"Give us a try," Luoni said. "We do mass every Sunday evening at 6, and this facility is here for every young man and woman, regardless of faith. We do cater specifically to the Catholic faith, but our dinners and some of the things we do such as our bible studies, you don't have to be Catholic."



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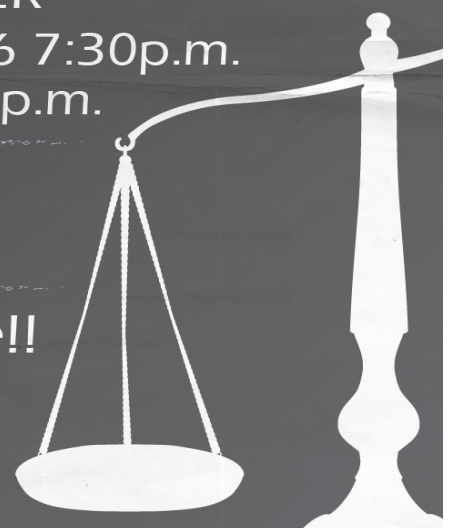
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US hopes for Syria are unrealistic, analysts say

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WASHINGTON — At a public talk this month, a European Union official eschewed the bland language of diplomacy and told some hard truths about Syria: that the West had ignored Arab leaders' warnings that President Bashar Assad wouldn't go easily, that the opposition is in no shape to negotiate and that humanitarian aid reaches few of the needy.

"Wishful thinking harms people," said Kristalina Georgieva, the EU commissioner for international cooperation, humanitarian aid and crisis response, speaking at the New America Foundation, a public policy institute in Washington. "Because of wishful thinking, people die."

Yet blunt assessments of the situation in Syria are rare in Washington, where Obama administration officials cling to the dream that a moderate opposition can coalesce, beat back al-Qaida extremists and shape Syria into a pluralistic democracy after Assad exits via a negotiated transition.

None of the conditions for such an outcome are in place, according to analysts who monitor the country's civil war, which is in its third year with a death toll of more than 115,000. And with al-Qaida

and other militant Islamists dominating the rebel side, it's unclear whether there's even the political will anymore to see the opposition carry out the stated U.S. policy goal of toppling Assad.

"Anyone paying attention to the rise of radicals has to be coming to these conclusions. Assad is better for America than a jihadist win," said Joshua Landis, the director of the Center for Middle East Studies at the University of Oklahoma and the author of the blog Syria Comment.

Though U.S. officials privately acknowledge many of the obstacles that Georgieva raised in her talk, there's little such discussion in public. At White House and State Department briefings, in congressional hearings and at think-tank events, U.S. officials keep pushing a message that the Syrian opposition is becoming more unified, moderate forces will prevail and Assad must go. There's seldom an answer to the crucial question of who or what would replace him.

Day after day, the State Department gives updates on preparations for a long-delayed peace conference in Geneva, even though opposition leaders have said they won't attend.

Even if they were to show up, they'd be representing shell organizations with little sway in the conflict. The civilian Syrian Opposition Coalition never had much constituency in the country, and

the armed Supreme Military Command's fighting core drifted away this month to join Islamist rebel alliances.

And, of course, Assad rejects the very objective of such an undertaking — his departure — so there's little reason to expect negotiations on that point, especially now that the regime again has the advantage as the rebels turn against one another and Washington takes military intervention off the table as long as a deal to remove chemical weapons holds.

Nevertheless, State Department spokeswoman Jen Psaki says the so-called Geneva 2 conference will be in mid-November, and would be based on principles that were agreed to at a first Geneva gathering in June 2012. The same old sticking point remains: The opposition won't go unless Assad's departure is a condition.

At times, the U.S. administration's talking points seem so at odds with reality that exasperated journalists have taken to challenging them in tense exchanges.

At Thursday's State Department briefing, print and television journalists shredded U.S. policy on Syria, demanding to know how there could be plans for Geneva when the opposition, in the journalists' words, "is just in complete free-fall, complete collapse" and "the outcome is already handicapped" by Assad's refusal to step down.

Even if the Geneva summit did come to fruition, an Arab newspaper columnist chimed in, any deal brokered by the political opposition would be "nixted by those who are really effective on the ground, which control territory and have the guns and so on."

"We're not naive about how challenging it is," Psaki said. "But still, given the choices, this remains the best option."

Analysts of the Syrian conflict say the problem isn't so much naivete as willful blindness. The U.S. strategic interest in Syria has narrowed to chemical weapons, and virtually every public opinion poll on the topic of Syria finds that the American public doesn't want any deeper commitment. That seems to be fine with President Barack Obama, who has refused to get dragged into another Middle East conflict as the U.S. disentangles from Iraq and Afghanistan.

Obama's reluctance to wade into Syria has ripple effects across the Atlantic, where European nations might have more open debates on the conflict but "don't lead, either," said Volker Perthes, the director of the German Institute for International and Security Affairs in Berlin.

"Mostly, we've seen parliaments looking at what Russia and the United States are doing, then wondering how they should react," Perthes said.

Like the United States, he added, Europe doesn't see any obvious solution to the crisis

and feels safe acting only on the chemical weapons issue: "It's embarrassing us all. We don't really know what to do about it."

Even Georgieva, for all her outspokenness, conceded there was no clear-cut solution. She advocated involving Assad's close ally Iran in international discussions, suggested using Syria's frozen assets to help pay for humanitarian relief for the millions of people displaced by the conflict and urged a cease-fire so that chemical weapons inspectors and humanitarian workers can do their jobs more safely.

While Georgieva couldn't offer a blueprint for a broader political solution — and she pointed out that it's not her job, as a humanitarian advocate — she emphasized that the starting point must be a "realistic assessment" of the conflict and a sober look at the unintended consequences of any international involvement.

Her remarks were so frank that the moderator, Leila Hilal, a Syrian-American scholar who is the director of New America's Middle East Task Force, felt compelled to thank her for her "candid comments," particularly on the magnitude and challenges of the humanitarian crisis.

"So many people came away from that event saying, 'I wish U.S. politicians talked like her,'" Hilal said later.



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PENGUIN PRIDE SHINES DURING HOMECOMING WEEK

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From Oct. 11 to Oct. 19, Youngstown State University hosted a multitude of events and gatherings on and off campus to get its students and community members from years past and present to feel the penguin pride.

The week kicked off with the 1920s-themed Diversity Prom and continued on with various other sponsored events such as Alpha Omicron Pi's "Smoke Out Arthritis" BBQ, Red and White Day, and the ever infamous "Build a Penguin."

Rookery Radio played continuous music all week on campus, getting the students excited for the events and for the big homecoming game against Western Illinois University that took place on Saturday at 4 p.m.

Preluding the game was a Student Government-sponsored tailgate as well as the Homecoming parade. The parade began at 2 p.m. and ran along Fifth Avenue from Spring Street to Stambaugh Stadium. The theme for this year's parade was "Penguin Pride Planet wide" and had a host of different floats, walkers and other groups present on campus and in the community.

Paige Rassega, the coordinator of this year's parade,

said that Homecoming Week and the parade is a great way to expand the knowledge of the things that happen on campus and within YSU's organizations.

"YSU is global," Rassega said. "There are study abroad programs and so many students are from different walks of life from all around the world. Our theme this year is to showcase that."

Sororities and fraternities made floats to be judged, different businesses from downtown Youngstown sponsored various things in the parade and students from different cultures paraded in clothing from their culture.

The day of the parade was a gloomy cold day of a mere 60 degrees, but the crowds still lined the streets. The procession began at the end of Spring Street, continued up 5th Avenue and ended by the stadium.

YSU President Randy Dunn headed the parade riding in a red convertible. Peer mentors from the Center of Student Progress as well as many others walked with banners in the parade. Students from different cultures had an opportunity to showcase their roots by carrying flags from their home countries.

Different themed floats,

including a "Penguins of the Caribbean" sponsored by Zeta Tau Alpha and an Antarctica themed float sponsored by Sigma Alpha Epsilon took part in the community parade.

Peer Mentor Maxwell Gocala said that homecoming week is a strengthening agent for the school and the community.

"Homecoming week lets

the community, staff, past and present student, people who want to be students be together," Gocala said, "its a big hoopla around here. Especially since our football team is doing good. The turnout is going to be huge."

After the parade, many students, staff, faculty, and community members filed into the YSU stadium to hear the

crowning of the homecoming king and queen. This year's winners were Tyler Brentley, a criminal justice major, and Melissa Wasser, a political science major.

Ending Homecoming Week was the annual Homecoming football game, where — in the cold and rain — YSU defeated Western Illinois, 24-14.



The Youngstown State University Marching Pride march up Fifth Avenue as they play the fight song for spectators during the Homecoming parade on Saturday. Photo by Dustin Livesay/The Jambar



Top Left: The Youngstown State University ROTC carry the Homecoming banner to start the parade. **Top Right:** YSU students carry international flags to represent where graduates are employed. **Bottom Left:** The YSU cheerleading squad rides on a military truck during the parade. **Bottom Right:** Members of Alpha Omicron Pi sorority wave to spectators from their float. Photos by Dustin Livesay/The Jambar

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EDITORIAL

GOT MILK?

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In recent years, health-care providers have advised mothers to favor breast milk — which can protect infants from infections — over artificial baby formula. This advice has led to some unexpected and, frankly, bizarre consequences.

Internet sites like onlythebreast.com and [\[feets.com\]\(http://feets.com\) have begun to sell unregulated breast milk to mothers who are unable to produce their own milk. On Monday, The New York Times published an article that discussed the results of a study on this unregulated practice.](http://eatson-</p>
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The results? Breast milk sold online sometimes contains harmful pathogens, including: staff, strep and salmonella. Regulated milk distributed at breast milk banks, on the other hand, was

found to be far more sterile.

To donors: we get it, you want to be a good Samaritan; you want to help a mother in need. But there are other, more helpful, ways to donate your breast milk. Remember, breast milk banks exist, and they follow voluntary guidelines set up by the Human Milk Banking Association. Additionally, online sites have one goal: make money. These sites have a vested interest in cutting expenditures while increasing sales. So,

they don't utilize an effective screening process.

To needy mothers: educate yourselves, know that infants are particularly susceptible to harmful diseases and then carefully choose your sources of breast milk. Though less convenient and less cost effective, it is far preferable to seek out the nearest regulated donor location. Your baby's health is at stake!

Finally, to unregulated online businesses: despite what

good intentions you may have, your business venture simply does not have the resources to set up and adhere to an effective and standardized screening process. You are running a huge risk; with lower screening standards, you chance attracting donors who are desperate for money and whose breast milk has already been rejected from regulated banks. And, as The New York Times demonstrated, you have set yourself up for bad press.

We must either become informed citizens who are cognizant of the risks that accompany online breast milk services, or we must call for government action and place regulations on these providers.



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Race and college admissions

The Baltimore Sun
(MCT)

Anybody who has ever encountered the college admissions process knows that there's no such thing as an even playing field. Most schools will admit that upfront. "Like all colleges," Harvard College notes on its own admissions web site, "we seek to admit the most interesting, able, and diverse class possible."

In other words, schools often try to balance out an incoming class with students who not only have good grades or high test scores but have had unusual life experiences as well as those they regard as "well rounded." Athletes often get preference (no surprise there), but so might a talented oboe player, actor or artist. There is no one set of criteria for the preferred applicant at Harvard or most anywhere else, as writing a particularly good application essay (or having a talented high school guidance counselor who knows how to edit one) can make a huge difference. It doesn't necessarily involve an accomplishment, skill or talent but little more than chance in some cases — schools often look to balance gender, geography and disability, too.

Given that reality, the desire of any state to specifically ban affirmative action in the college admissions process seems suspicious. If schools are going to consider all sorts of extenuating circumstances in the name of diversity, why not factor in a person's race? Indeed, to refuse to consider it seems a form of racism itself — the only real effect of such a ban is to make it unusually difficult for minorities to gain admission to the college of their choice.

That point of view essentially won over the 6th Circuit Court of Appeals, which ruled last November in *Schuetz v. Coalition to Defend Affirmative Action* that Michigan's prohibition on public universities and colleges from using race as a factor in setting admissions policies violated the Equal Protection Clause. Michigan voters approved that ban as "Proposal 2," an amendment to the state constitution in 2006, but as the appeals court pointed out, it essentially left minorities with an unusually high hurdle to now challenge college admissions policies.

Unfortunately, that argument didn't seem to win

over much of the conservative wing of the U.S. Supreme Court when the *Schuetz* case was heard this week. Nor does it help the law's opponents that Justice Elena Kagan has recused herself from the case because she had worked on it while serving as the nation's solicitor general. Still, even Justice Samuel A. Alito acknowledged at one point that it's a "big deal" to now require a constitutional amendment to change the law.

Make no mistake, this isn't about racial quotas. They have not been allowed since the 1978 Supreme Court decision in *Regents of the University of California v. Bakke*. But in that same decision, the high court ruled that using race as a criterion was allowed. In the last term, the Roberts court had an opportunity to abandon affirmative action entirely but did not in *Fisher v. Texas*, ruling only that affirmative action policies must be closely reviewed.

Admittedly, the argument against a ban on affirmative action is not a slam-dunk. After all, wouldn't any society's ideal be to foster policies that were entirely blind to race? But such a proposal fails to consider the sad legacy of racial discrimination in this country and the inherent disadvantage it has left African-Americans and others.

According to the U.S. Census, about 18 percent of African-American adults over the age of 25 have a four-year college degree compared to nearly one-third of whites. African-Americans are far more likely to live in poverty and not have access to the sort of college-track high school courses and counseling that are available to others.

How does one break this cycle of poverty and missed opportunity? For decades, affirmative action programs have helped minorities make significant progress — righting the scales by tipping them against historical racial discrimination. Should states like Michigan and a handful of others be able to adopt laws that strip minorities of this kind of educational opportunity? That seems ill-advised.

Already, Michigan has experienced a drop in minority college enrollment. That ought to set off bells and whistles for the justices. Better to leave matters of admissions where they belong — in the hands of school administrators — and not allow policies like Proposal 2 that will ensure only that a disadvantaged group remains disadvantaged by race.

Despite initial problems, Obamacare is still a step forward

Milwaukee Journal Sentinel
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It's hard to tell which has done more to hurt the initial phase of the Affordable Care Act: continued Republican opposition or the inept rollout of the new law. To many citizens, the rollout problems — which left millions unable to even log in to the system — simply confirm GOP propaganda that Obamacare won't work.

That's wrong. Despite those initial problems, the Affordable Care Act is still a big step forward in reforming the nation's health care system, and we believe it will prove itself in the long run. It ensures that most of those now without health care insurance will get it. It removes onerous insurance requirements such as those involving pre-existing conditions. And it will even, contrary to some of the hysteria, help small businesses provide health insurance for their employees, as James Surowiecki's the Financial Page

column on The New Yorker's website noted.

The Obama administration had an opportunity with the rollout that started Oct. 1 to at least ease the concerns of critics and mitigate the propaganda. Instead, the website proved not ready for prime time. That's a lost opportunity the Obama administration won't get back.

A New York Times article Sunday on the Obamacare rollout reported that "For the past 12 days, a system costing more than \$400 million and billed as a one-stop click-and-go hub for citizens seeking health insurance has thwarted the efforts of millions to simply log in. The growing national outcry has deeply embarrassed the White House, which has refused to say how many people have enrolled through the federal exchange."

According to the Times article: "Confidential progress reports from the Health and Human Services Department show that senior officials repeatedly expressed doubts that the computer systems for the federal exchange would be

ready on time, blaming delayed regulations, a lack of resources and other factors."

And there's this: "One person familiar with the system's development said that the project was now roughly 70 percent of the way toward operating properly, but that predictions varied on when the remaining 30 percent would be done. 'I've heard as little as two weeks or as much as a couple of months,' that person said. Others warned that the fixes themselves were creating new problems, and said that the full extent of the problems might not be known because so many consumers had been stymied at the first step in the application process."

That's the problem that will resonate through the next several months. Will people frustrated with trying to get into a system they need come back to it? If they don't, they and the country will lose out on the promise and potential of Obamacare.

That's why the administration needs to fix the problems — and fix them now.



Left: Vic Rubenstein points at himself dressed as The Penguin in YSU's yearbook, *The Neon*, in 1964. Right: The picture from *The Neon* with Rubenstein on the right. Photos by Josh Medore/ *The Jambar*.

PREMIER PENGUIN

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There is some debate over where the Youngstown State University nickname of "Penguins" came from.

Two tales are cited as the possible origin, both taking place around a 1933 basketball game against West Liberty State Teachers College. One tale cites the enthusiasm of students at the game, while the other credits students driving through two feet of snow to get to the game. Either way, by 1934, students took a liking to the nickname and it stuck.

The origin of another penguin-themed tradition at YSU is much less muddled.

Today, Pete the Penguin is at every football game, every basketball game and countless other events in the YSU community. Thirty years after the Penguin name was created, Vic Rubenstein was named to be the first YSU mascot in the autumn of 1964, going by the simple name of "The Penguin" at the time.

Rubenstein arrived at Youngstown University — the name wasn't changed to Youngstown State until 1967 — as a three-time high school dropout, taking night classes under the advisement of the Dean of Men, John Gillespie.

"I became his pet project to prove that a kid who was a high school dropout could make it," Rubenstein said. "One day, he called me into his office and he said — I'll never forget it — he said, 'Not that you owe me, but I need a penguin.'"

Rubenstein was sent to get a penguin costume head by the athletic department. The price was covered by the Athletic Department, but he did have to rent his own tuxedo.

"Every weekend, I had to pay \$19.95 at Rondinelli's tuxedo place," Rubenstein said. "They wouldn't even give me a deal."

The first time that The Penguin arrived on the field of Rayen Stadium, where Youngstown University played its football games, fans took an instant liking to it.

"We did a parade, so maybe it was homecoming, and then we went to the stadium. And, really, it was great. It was just great," Rubenstein said. "Probably one of the experiences of my lifetime. When people saw The Penguin, they had never seen anything like that before."

Rubenstein recalled one specific shenanigan involving one of Youngstown University's opponents.

"I went to the other bench and harassed them. And two coaches picked me up by my arms and escorted me away, and they were serious. They didn't do it as a joke. They escorted me away, and they thought this



was in very poor taste," Rubenstein said. "I owned the field."

Much like today, the identity of the mascot remained a secret. At least, it did for the first season of The Penguin's existence, despite attempts to unmask the true identity of the new mascot.

"I did have one or two instances where people chased me out of the stadium," Rubenstein said. "I'll never forget that. It was down Benita Avenue because they wanted to take my head off. Fortunately, my dad followed us in the car and they weren't smart enough to check the license plate."

"The second time, I'll never forget because I was on Ohio Avenue and I had a friend who lived on Ohio Avenue ... I hid in his garage for hours so they wouldn't catch me. That was kind of fun."

While at Youngstown University, Rubenstein was also the managing editor of *The Jambar* where several attempts were made to reveal the true identity of The Penguin. After a year of throwing his fellow journalists off the trail, the university sent out a press release.

"When he [the editor-in-chief] found out who it was, he said 'I'm not even going to give you the press line.' He was half-angry and half-satiric," Rubenstein said.

The revelation of Rubenstein as The Penguin was not mentioned in *The Jambar*.

After his final football season in the fall of 1965, Rubenstein graduated in the spring of 1966 and the position went unfilled for a time until the university brought in Pete the Penguin, the current mascot.

"I didn't [pass it on]. I wanted to desperately, but they either couldn't find anyone or no one was willing. I went back to Dean Gillespie and I said, 'You got to

keep this thing going,' and he said, 'We're trying,' and I don't think there was one for many years," Rubenstein said. "Although, there was a live penguin at one time."

In his final minutes as a student, before he received his diploma, Rubenstein had one final moment as The Penguin.

"When we graduated and I was introduced as senior class president at Stambaugh Auditorium, I didn't get applause for being senior class president, but when Dr. [Howard] Jones said, 'This is our penguin!'" he said. "It's really funny."

Today, being Pete the Penguin is a vastly different job than it was in its creation.

"It's much more professional. It's become part of the logo and signature, at least for the sports. I think that's really cool. It's something that it was not back then," Rubenstein said. "Everything was 'YU.' I don't think there was a graphic back then. There wasn't much emphasis on the penguin ... I think it's become very sophisticated. I think it's become an icon."

Being the first of something is always something to be proud of and judging from the numbers of YSU Penguins stuffed animals, bobble heads and cutouts in his office, it's easy to tell what Rubenstein considers his biggest accomplishment.

"It is, to me, one of the greatest moments of my life ... I love my community. I was born here, raised here. I love my college. How could any person have the beautiful opportunity of representing a university?" Rubenstein said. "It's so cool to just talk about it ... Every time I see a YSU anything, a sticker or a shirt, I just share it with them because it's one of the proudest moments of my life."

Good 'bye'? Bye week interrupts Penguins' hot streak again

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It's not exactly déjà vu, but a little over a year ago, the Youngstown State University football team was in a similar position to where it is now.

On Sept. 22, 2012, the Penguins defeated the University of Northern Iowa to improve to 4-0 on the season.

They went into their bye week red-hot, but came out ice-cold with a 0-4 for October.

After Saturday's victory against Western Illinois University, YSU (7-1 overall, 4-0 Missouri Valley Football Conference) is once again rolling. And once again, the Penguins are rolling right into a bye week.

"I wouldn't mind to keep playing," tight end Nate Adams said.

However, the Penguins will be forced to sit idle Saturday. And safe to say, they don't want a repeat of last season's post-bye-week blues.

"I'm going to give them

some time off because we need to heal up," said YSU head coach Eric Wolford. "We're still going to lift and do some conditioning and stuff like that — fundamental practices."

But there will be a different approach to this season's bye week.

"We will tee it up, though, and play a little football," Wolford said. "We're going scrimmage it up."

By doing so, Wolford hopes YSU can keep its momentum going until the Penguins head to the University of South Dakota on Nov. 2.

Defensive end Kyle Sirl agrees with the altered approach.

"I know what we used to do during the bye week," he said. "Now we're going focus on getting some rest and getting recovered and focus on what we need to take care of."

While Adams isn't in favor of the bye week interrupting YSU's five-game winning streak, Sirl has a different opinion.

"Actually, I think our bye

week is at a critical time for the stretch we're about to get into," he said.

After heading to South Dakota (4-3, 3-0), the Penguins will travel to UNI (4-3, 0-3) before returning home for games against North Dakota State University (7-0, 4-0) and South Dakota State University (4-4, 1-3).

"Anytime you get a bye week you kind of get some guys back that may have been hurt or playing through some injuries," Sirl said.

Wolford said there are a number of defensive players that are banged up and will take advantage of the extra rest.

Also, Wolford likes the opportunity the bye week presents to judge his back-ups.

"We'll tee it up with some of the younger guys to get an evaluation," he said. "We can make an evaluation of how those two's really are in the heat of the moment scrimmage-type situations."

The Penguins will catch up on their scouting as well — particularly their self-analysis.



The Youngstown State University football team celebrates during the Fall Fire Fest pep rally on Thursday night. The Penguins take a 7-1 record into a bye week before traveling to the University of South Dakota. Photo by Dustin Livesay/ *The Jambar*.

"We'll get to do a much more in-depth scouting report on ourselves and evaluate what we're doing well and what we're not," Wolford said.

And while the bye week has come during a YSU hot-streak for the second year in a row, the

Penguins simply want to handle this season's better.

"We're just going with the flow," running back Martin Ruiz said. "We'll get a lot of extra stuff in — workouts, treatments, getting our bodies healthy — and we'll be good to go."