



BEEGHLY COLLEGE WORKS TO IMPROVE STUDENT TEACHING

The Beeghly College of Education, located in Beeghly Hall (above), is working to further combine their field experience programs into a yearlong experience that would keep students in the same classroom for the entire year. **Photo by Dustin Livesay/The Jambar**

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As part of a countrywide trend, Youngstown State University's Beeghly College of Education has taken further steps this year, under Dean Charles Howell's leadership, to combine the two required student field experience programs into a cohesive, yearlong one.

"Everything is changing about teaching," Howell said. "There is a lot of pressure on teachers and there is performance pressure on schools and districts. So this is a hard environment to send kids into. We have done several things to make sure the kids are going to be more successful, one of these things is the yearlong clinical placement."

Therese Kightlinger, the admin-

istrator of student field experiences in the Beeghly College of Education, said that their goal is to combine the separate programs of pre-clinical and student teaching, or clinical, by keeping students on the same site and in the same classroom yearlong.

"The yearlong experiences start with the pre-clinical placement, so it is the semester prior to student teaching, in which they are out in the schools with limited teaching responsibilities, supplemented by coursework focused on pedagogy. Then the following semester, they stay for their student teaching experience," Kightlinger said.

Regina Rees, an YSU assistant professor of Literacy and Middle Childhood Education and the coordinator of the pre-clinical and clinical programs for Middle Education, said that the field experience program intensifies

when students move into full student teaching.

"It [pre-clinical] isn't quite so intense as the student teaching," Rees said. "With student teaching, the YSU student takes over the whole classroom as time goes on."

The purpose of this combination is multi-faceted and, according to Howell and Kightlinger, will yield an array of benefits for all parties involved.

"They [student teachers] see the movie, instead of the snapshot. The other thing they do is they see the evolving relationship between the students and the teacher," Howell said. "You know I did my student teaching in the spring and I got there in January, and the teacher had lost control of her classes. I didn't see what she did in order to lose them. It would have been very useful for me to have that year-long placement"

Kightlinger said that during same site placement, student teachers witness students' growth over an entire year, allowing them to better comprehend and plan for it.

"For the students, it is definitely looking at them getting the opportunity to see how a school year starts and how they close it, it is really getting started in understanding curriculum," Kightlinger said. "They are able to see that impact on students, what that growth looks like and what the expectations look like throughout the entire year."

Throughout the yearlong placement, parents and teachers watch the evolution of student teachers and develop dynamics with them. This permits parents' and teachers' time to better direct them in their progression,

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Budget Task Force looks to find additional savings, save jobs

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With the budget cuts that have been put in place to help reduce the university's \$6.5 million deficit, many departments will experience layoffs or will be receiving different personnel from the bumping process.

President Randy Dunn, Gene Grilli, vice president of Finance and Administration, the presidents of each union — YSU-OAE, YSU-ACE, YSU-APAS and YSU-FOP — and an additional representative from each union comprise the Budget Joint Task Force and are working together to find any way where the university can scrape up additional savings or alternative revenue.

Dunn explained that in order to count any savings or

revenue from the process, all parties must agree on the determined action.

Dunn also said that they have decided what the extra funds will go toward.

"We have determined that the first claim on any identified funding is to save the jobs of those union employees impacted by layoffs," Dunn said.

Dunn said that the task force has met three times already and plan on meeting a few more times before the semester is over.

In a press release from Oct. 18, Annette Burden said if they are to reach their goal, the process needs to be "guided by overall principles."

"First, while achieving fiscal stability is crucial, doing so must not come at the cost of undermining our ability to deliver the high quality education YSU students expect and deserve," the press release

read. "After all, obtaining the skills, knowledge, training and experience needed to achieve and succeed in the highly competitive global economy is the reason students enroll in the university."

The other principle included in the press release was that every component of the university's budget must be subject to examination and discussion by the task force.

Dunn said that he hopes all the negotiations with the task force will be completed before the end of the semester.

"While no hard and fast end date for the JTF work has been set, I think it's fair to say that we're all trying to get the budget review done prior to the layoffs taking effect—the first ones of which would be December 3," Dunn said.

YSU-NECA's poster prevails

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Students in Youngstown State University's chapter of the National Electrical Contractors Association proved they could compete on the national stage this fall, winning first place in a sustainable energy poster competition.

YSU-NECA beat out Pennsylvania State University and Purdue University in the finals of the poster session of the Green Energy Challenge, a national competition that challenges students to develop energy-efficient solutions to real life problems.

Ted Bosela, professor of engineering technology and YSU-NECA adviser, expressed satisfaction with his team's performance.

"I think it's fantastic! We went up against some big name schools, so to speak, and placed first," Bosela said. "I think it shows that our students

can compete on the national stage. First place is pretty respectable and it gives some recognition to the university; it gives some recognition to our program and to our students."

Ethan Parks, president of YSU-NECA, agreed with Bosela and added that a first-place award is a "big deal."

"We are competing against other schools from California, Washington, Georgia, Georgia Tech, Purdue — I mean, big name other schools that poster went up against, and YSU was able to come out first out of all of them. That's why it's a big deal," Parks said.

This year's Green Energy Challenge asked students to propose energy-efficient upgrades to a local parking garage. YSU-NECA developed a hypothetical proposal to make changes to YSU's M-1 parking deck, suggesting that electric vehicle charging stations be installed and that inefficient

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Class project helps deployed troops

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Earlier in the semester, students taking the Group Communication class taught by Max Grubb, an assistant professor at Youngstown State University, were required to participate in a community service project. Some students from the class decided they would use the project as an opportunity to spread goodwill to deployed American soldiers.

These students spearheaded a fundraiser they called Boxes for Soldiers and collected non-perishable items to be sent to soldiers serving overseas. The two-day collection took place in the basement of Maag Library last week.

Allyson Allwine, YSU student, helped organize the

event.

"The items we collected were granola bars, crackers, candy of all kinds, dental floss, hand sanitizer, contact solution, nuts, rice crispy treats and a few other items," Allwine said.

Fellow group member Anntonette Avery said she thinks that for a two-day class project, the fundraiser was a success.

"The fundraiser only lasted two days, and it was held in Maag Library during our Group Communication class time. We collected a little over \$50 and a couple items off of our list. We really appreciated what was given to us in that little amount of time," Avery said.

Allwine and her group collaborated with a local church to help see the fundraiser through.

"I created flyers to handout around campus and I brought all food donations to a local church, who actually did the packing of the boxes. And [with] any money that we collected, I went to the store and bought food items for the boxes," Allwine said.

She said that although she doesn't haven't any family or direct connections currently serving overseas, she was delighted to have participated in the fundraiser and would like to do it again.

"I am so happy that I got an opportunity to be a part of something such as this," Allwine said. "It was an amazing feeling to be able to give to those overseas who have done so much for us. It is something that I would be interested in being a part of again and I hope next year to get more people involved as well."

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Members of YSU's Neca student chapter accept their first place award for their Green Energy Challenge poster. From left to right: Dr. Ted Bosela, Kaylin Celedonia, David Wright, Nick Gealy, Dennis Quebe, Bob Page and Ethan Parks. Photo Courtesy of Jim Houck

lighting be swapped for LED light fixtures.

Nick Gealy, co-vice president of YSU-NECA, explained that the group's poster serves as a visual representation of their proposal.

"It's like our project all condensed into one poster. It's roughly an eighty page proposal, and we condense it all into the poster for display," Gealy said.

Bosela explained that completing this proposal for the

Green Energy Challenge allows students to obtain important hands-on experience in the field.

"Students really enjoy working on this. It's a real project. It's a real structure, a real facility," Bosela said. "They are applying a lot of the concepts they have learned in the classroom to a real world situation."

The Green Energy Challenge consists of two parts: a poster competition and a proposal competition. While YSU

students won the poster competition, they were not finalists for the proposal competition.

Mark DeMartino, co-vice president of YSU-NECA, concluded that his group's success benefits the entire university.

"It's really important for us just to get our name out there — to get our school name out there. We are starting to get national recognition as an engineering program just because we are able to win in these competitions," DeMartino said.

YSU hosts programming contest

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On Nov. 8 and Nov. 9, Youngstown State University hosted the 2013 Association for Computing Machinery International Collegiate Programming Contest's East Central North America Regional Programming Contest in the Meshel Hall computing labs.

Students from colleges in Ohio, Michigan, Indiana, Pennsylvania and Ontario competed for prizes, scholarships and recognition. Additionally, the winners of the contest, a team from Carnegie Mellon University, were able to advance to the ACM ICPC World Finals in Ekaterinburg, Russia.

Robert Gilliland, co-site director for the competition, said that the competition is a great chance for college students to showcase their range of skills.

"This is a wonderful opportunity for college students to come together and further develop both their problem-solving and programming skills along with working together in teams for this programming contest," Gilliland said.

Teams were presented at the beginning of the contest with six individual problems and tasked with creating programs to solve these problems within a time frame. Af-

terward, they were evaluated by judges on the accuracy of their solutions and the efficiency of their programs.

"The hardest part is actually not the programming despite it being a programming competition; it's actually solving the problems. Some of the problems are quite difficult and they design them so that the most obvious solution will usually not work. You have to think through it," Braden Walters, a three-time participant from YSU, said.

In this contest, teams consisted of three students each. Two teams from YSU competed in this year's competition. The first team consisted of Sarah Ritchey, Tim Shaffer and Braden Walters. The second team consisted of Brian Eft, Teryn Jones and Brian Powell. The teams placed 41 and 104 respectively out of 114 total teams.

Bonita Sharif, who also served as co-site director for the competition, coached both teams.

"[The contest] went pretty smoothly from a director's point of view. We had no major glitches ... from a coach perspective I'm happy with my teams," Sharif said.

YSU has hosted the contest in the past and is one of four sites that hosted the contest this year. The others were the University of Cincinnati, Grand Valley State University and the University of Windsor.

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and, eventually, entrust them with more responsibilities. The program makes more extensive cooperative teaching possible.

School districts are also given the opportunity to observe student teachers' capabilities in a more thorough and intricate manner.

"The school gets a good long look at these people," Howell said, "and then they hire a lot of them."

Though this is an existing technique, Howell, after his arrival in July 2012, made yearlong placement programs a priority.

"One of the first things I did is I met with Connie Hathorn [Youngstown City Schools' superintendent] and we discussed the need for well-prepared urban educators. I suggested this two semester placement as a way to accomplish this," Howell said.

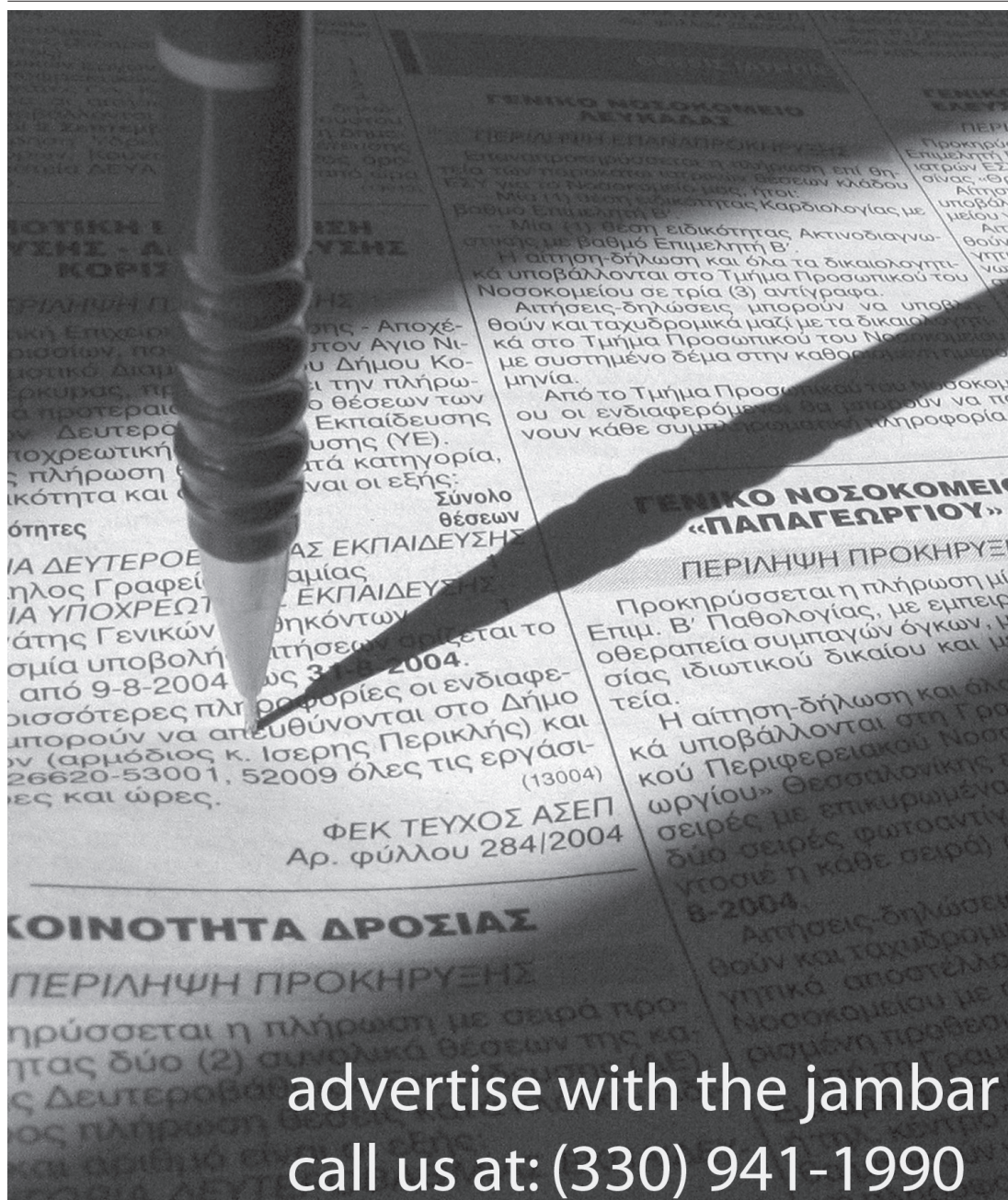
Through working with Austintown, Liberty, Campbell and Youngstown City Schools, Howell and his staff pinpointed classrooms where they could place students for an entire year. Then, they proceeded to seek out students who match up with the available slot.

"First of all, there has to

be pre-clinical placement available at that site," Howell said. "There has to be teachers available, there has to be the subject areas available, and obviously, nobody else has claimed that slot. There are a whole lot of variables; it is kind of a case-by-case decision whether we can make this type of extended placement. It is not just the characteristics; we aren't just selecting specific people who would benefit from the experience. The challenge is do we have a slot available, will you fit in the slot?"

Rees said that in the beginning of the school year, she made this yearlong placement a priority with 75 percent of her middle school student teachers staying in the same location for both program.

"This year I made my business, I said, 'I am only going to put them in schools where they could possibly stay,' and just about everyone wants to stay," Rees said. "We found fabulous teachers for them and they really are having a good experience there. They are crazy about the students there."



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NEWS BRIEFS

Former YSU president to visit campus

Leslie H. Cochran, president of Youngstown State University from 1992 to 2000, will visit campus while on a promotional tour in Youngstown for his novel, "Signature Affair." He will hold a book signing Thursday, Nov. 21, at the YSU Bookstore from noon to 2 p.m., and a faculty and staff gathering in the Bresnahan Suites in Kilcawley Center at 4 p.m. Cochran will also meet with the Leslie H. Cochran University Scholars program — founded while he was president — on Wednesday, Nov. 20 at 7 p.m.

African Cultural Night

Youngstown State University's African Student Union will hold the African Cultural Night 2013 on Friday, Nov. 22. The event will be from 6:30 to 9:30 p.m. at First Presbyterian Church in Youngstown. It will feature African culture, dance, music, poetry, drama, fashion and food. The cost for admission is \$5 for singles and \$10 for faculty. Call Samuel at 646.549.3065 or Chris at 330.942.8905 for more information.

STEM students present on internships

More than 20 students from Youngstown State University will share their internship experiences at the Fall 2013 College of Science, Technology, Engineering and Mathematics Experiential Learning Co-Op Internship Presentations. Students presenting will talk about their fall and summer internships, locations ranging from New York to Hawaii. The presentations will be held on Wednesday and Thursday, Nov. 20 and 21, from 2 to 5:30 p.m. in Room 2400 in Moser Hall.

POLICE BRIEFS

Disorderly conduct in Kilcawley House

On Monday, a sergeant was on patrol when, at approximately 8:03 p.m., he accompanied an officer to Kilcawley House in reference to a disorderly conduct report. No arrests were made.

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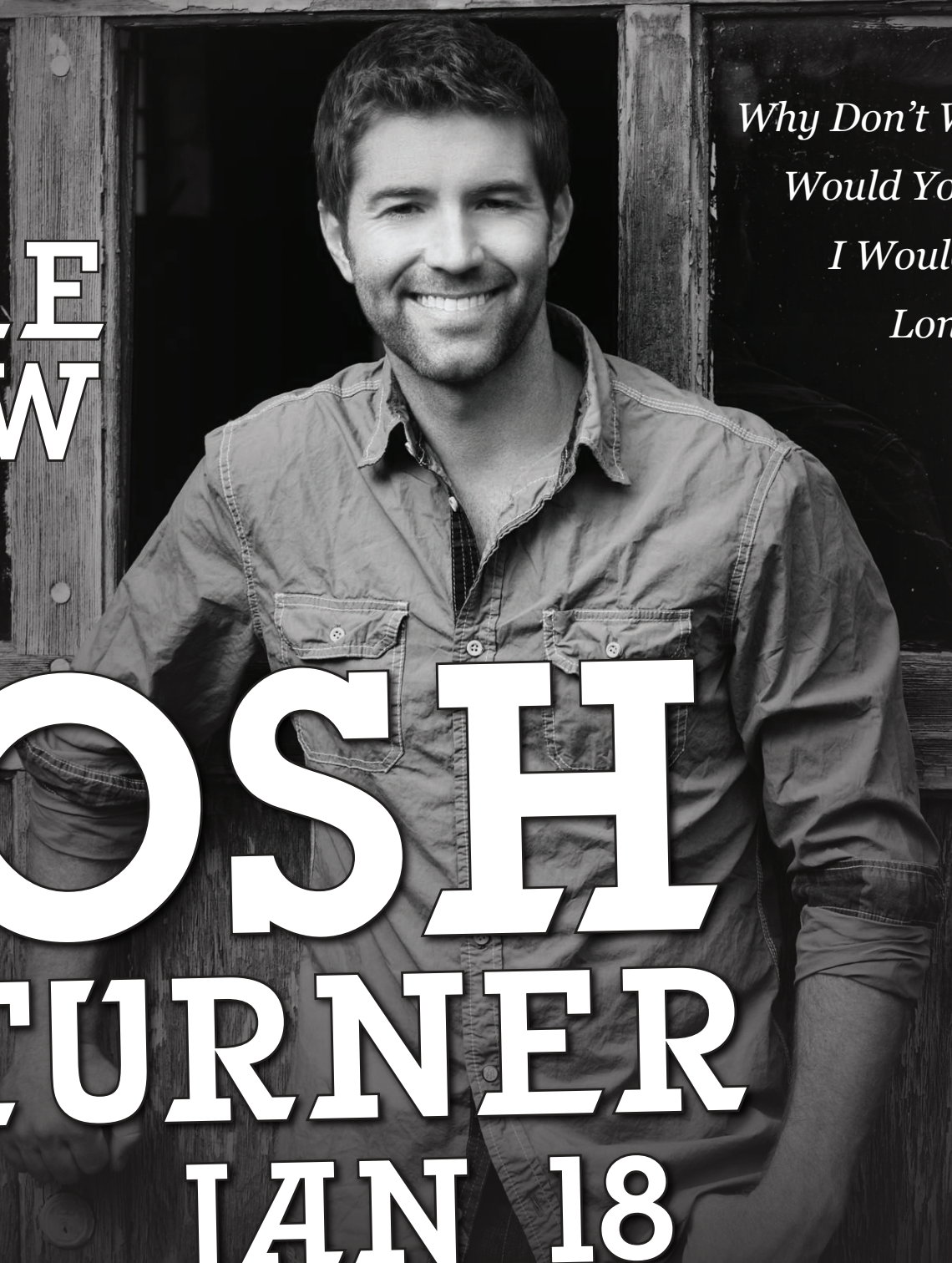
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Heald College students echo California attorney general's complaints about job prospects

Jeremy B. White
The Sacramento Bee

SACRAMENTO, Calif. — Four years and nearly \$40,000 of debt later, Sacramento Lia Andreotti is emphatic about her decision to attend Heald College in Roseville.

"It was literally the worst mistake I've made in my life," she said.

California Attorney General Kamala Harris recently leveled a lawsuit against Corinthian Colleges Inc., a sprawling, Orange County-based for-profit college chain that manages 10 Heald College campuses in California among its 111 schools, which also include Everest and Wyotech locations.

In a scathing complaint, Harris' office accused Corinthian of inflating or outright lying about job-placement prospects to potential students and to the investors who bet on Corinthian's business model. The lawsuit depicts a disingenuous marketing strategy that includes preying on students who are vulnerable, socially isolated or down on their luck: those who have "low self-esteem," feel "stuck" or cannot "see and plan well for future," according to internal documents the complaint cites.

A spokesman for Corinthian declined to address the specific allegations contained in the complaint but defended the company's record in connecting its graduates to work, employing more than 750 people to that end.

Despite those resources, Andreotti has had little luck in finding the type of work she hoped to attain when she signed up with Heald.

In 2009, Andreotti found herself in a rough place. She had enrolled at American River College with aspirations of becoming a journalist, but an unexpected pregnancy led her to drop out. When her son was 3, under pressure from her family to make something of herself, Andreotti followed the near-ubiquitous ads for Heald College to an admissions interview.

The person interviewing Andreotti sympathized with her having dropped out of college once before, she said. She said the recruiter pitched Heald aggressively, saying the school could be her shot at something better, and encouraged her to take out loans.

"It was come on, do it now, sign, sign, sign," Andreotti said. "Like a used-car salesman. I couldn't get a word out."

After a "medical assisting" certificate yielded no jobs, other than in-home care or nursing home positions Andreotti said she could have obtained without a college education, Andreotti, 26, returned to get her associate's degree. Now she takes care of her ailing grandmother. Of her former classmates, she said, only one found the type of medical assistant job that her program purported to help students secure.

"I don't have faith in that degree, that it will hold up at all in job interviews," she said.

California sued Corinthian for both deceiving consumers and misleading investors. The basic premise is that Corinthian did not deliver what it offered: Officials touted the schools to students and investors as a route to gainful employment, but the attorney general's office cited

exaggerated those claims.

In that respect, the attorney general's suit adds to a list of lawsuits already filed against Corinthian on behalf of students and shareholders. Whether they had sought degrees or bought stock, the people bringing these lawsuits maintain they were deceived. A prior investigation by California's attorney general led, in 2007, to a court order barring Corinthian from making false statements about job placement.

Loan default rates offer one way to measure a degree's utility. Under tightened financial aid eligibility requirements included in California's 2012 budget, several Corinthian schools became ineligible for Cal Grants this school year. Fourteen Everest College campuses registered three-year default rates of more than 20 percent; eight were more than 30 percent.

Graduation statistics can also be instructive. Six Heald College campuses flagged by the California Student Aid Commission lost their Cal Grant eligibility for graduating fewer than 30 percent of their students in 2010.

Regulation of for-profit colleges is divided between the entities that constitute what is commonly known as "the triad:" federal guidelines, regulations set by a California consumer entity and the accreditation agencies that sign off on schools and programs.

Accreditation agencies require some for-profit schools to meet minimum job-placement rates. The intent is to ensure programs fulfill their purpose of getting students work, but attorneys and experts who have sued and studied the industry said it risks giving schools an incentive to distort their job-placement numbers.

"What happens is there's just rampant fraud that goes on," said Stuart Talley, a Sacramento attorney who has filed lawsuits against for-profit educational corporations.

Kent Jenkins, a spokesman for Corinthian, said the company briefly offered financial incentives to job-placement officials who found work for more students, but has since discontinued the practice.

"We absolutely want to make sure we're doing all we can to help our graduates find employment," Jenkins said.

California's lawsuit alleges widespread fraud in how Corinthian broadcast its job-placement record, alleging that publicly disclosed job-placement rates fail to match Corinthian's internal estimates and that executives were aware of the discrepancy. The complaint faults Corinthian for manipulating job numbers to advance claims that were "untrue, misleading or both."

Some students listed as placed had gotten two-day jobs at health-screening fairs, the complaint further alleges. In one instance, it says, a Corinthian executive emailed a colleague about paying temp agencies to "place students to meet the accreditation deadline and minimum placement %." It says Corinthian employees created Craigslist ads that they presented as having been written by self-employed students.

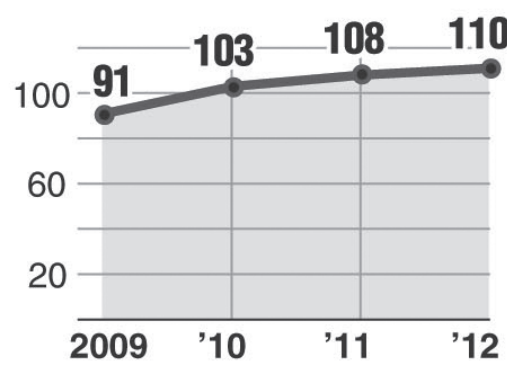
"In some programs, not one single student obtained a job," Harris said at a San Francisco news conference in October announcing the suit, adding that Corinthian knowingly sought "to cook their books."

Corinthian Colleges

The Orange County-based for-profit college chain operates 10 Heald College campuses in California, including locations in Roseville and Rancho Cordova. A look at the chain's statistics:

Number of campuses

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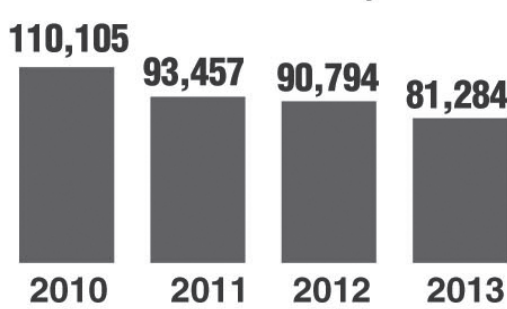
Annual net revenue

In billions of dollars

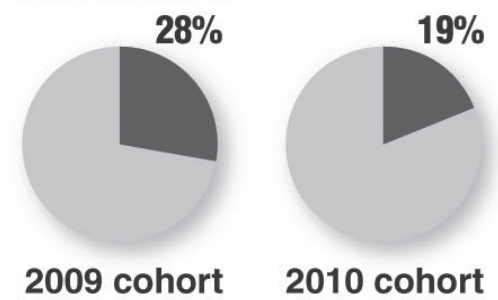


Student population

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Three-year loan default rate



Cal Grant ineligibility

Number of schools not eligible for Cal Grants because of low graduation rates or high student loan default rates:

	2012-13	2013-14
Everest	14	14
Heald	9	6
WyoTech	3	3

Source: SEC filing, Corinthian Colleges, Calif. Student Aid Commission
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Underlying all of this is a tangled thicket of regulatory responsibility, with separate members of the so-called "triad" wielding different levels of authority and operating under distinct standards.

Federal law dictates certain criteria that for-profits must meet to be eligible for federal financial aid, stipulating they must prepare students for "gainful employment in a recognized occupation." Critics call the language overly vague, and it is currently under review at the U.S. Department of Education.

In California, the prior state law regulating for-profits expired in 2007. The fledgling agency that now oversees nonprofits, the Bureau for Private Postsecondary Education, requires that schools disclose certain student data. It conducts on-campus compliance inspections, relying on a staff of 11. It also approves licenses for schools to operate.

Because of the accreditation agency it falls under, Heald College is exempt from state regulation. Wyotech and Everest, the two other branches of Corinthian named in the attorney general's lawsuit, went through condensed approval processes because of how they received accreditation.

For some for-profit skeptics, the accreditation agencies are part of the issue. For-profit school executives often populate the leadership committees of accreditation agencies, and the revenue supporting accreditors flows from their member schools. That level of overlap between regulator and regulated raises questions about the amount of will to crack down.

"If the schools that are subject to the accreditation process are controlling the accreditation process, that is absolutely a legitimate concern," said Pauline Ab-

ernathy, vice president of the Institute for College Access and Success. "I think there's many of the same concerns that were raised in the financial crisis where credit rating agencies were dependent on revenue from those they were rating."

Those concerns surfaced at a 2010 U.S. Senate hearing. Lawmakers grilled Michael McComis of the Accrediting Commission of Career Schools and Colleges, responsible for dozens of schools, about federal investigators finding fraud at schools that passed muster with accreditors.

In response, McComis said lawmakers misunderstood what his organization does. Its purpose is "to evaluate quality of education, not to detect fraud," he testified, a point he reiterated to The Sacramento Bee.

"Accreditation is not designed to detect whether there is fraudulent activity being engaged in," McComis told The Bee. "The accreditation process can find it, but it is not an audit along those particular lines."

McComis' organization does run data reported by schools by an independent third party, an Illinois-based company called HyperCore Solutions. They did not return calls seeking comment.

Heald Colleges came under the authority of the Western Association of Schools and Colleges' senior commission in the last few years, when it began offering bachelor's degrees. Richard Winn, executive director of that accreditor, acknowledged that Heald differs from the types of schools historically in its purview, those less tethered to career preparation. But he cautioned against seeing Corinthian as a monolith.

"I think our evidence would suggest that even within the Heald system some of those campuses are doing extraordinarily well, some are doing not so well,"

Winn said.

Cory Ekopak of Loomis said his experience fit into the latter category. Hoping to acquire more skills to help with his family's business and drawn by the convenience and usefulness promised in the "Get in. Get out. Get ahead" slogan that Heald trumpets, Ekopak filled out an online form. Soon after — within a half-hour, Ekopak said — Heald called.

At the interview, Ekopak said, an official steered him to a network security program. Within a year, discouraged by a visit from a Microsoft employee who made him question the value of what he was learning, Ekopak had dropped out. He still owes money.

"There were some amazing professors who really did care," Ekopak, 24, said on a recent afternoon, his young daughter scrambling around his lap. But to a first-time campus visitor, he said, "you would have gone there and you would have said, this is a social experiment. This isn't real."



A Youngstown Anthology



Youngstown State University's Student Literary Art Association brainstormed the theme for this semester's Jenny magazine, from the "Eddie Loves Debbie" graffiti that appears all over Youngstown. **Photo by Taylor Phillips/The Jambar.**

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Since fall 2010, Jenny, the online magazine created by Youngstown State University's Student Literary Arts Association, has welcomed and encouraged students to sharpen their pencils and to take a break from their respective fields of study to submit their most creative and unique clips.

Chris Lettera, an adjunct English professor at YSU, helped turn the idea of the Jenny into a reality in 2010.

"The idea was born out of the shared interests everyone in SLAA had," Lettera said. "We really, really liked the idea of showcasing other writers' work and decided to make a lit mag on a whim. We were literally sitting on the back porch of a local bar — maybe eight, 10 of us, hanging out after a meeting — and we asked, 'Why not make a

literary magazine?'"

The name of the magazine was derived from the nickname of the old Jeannette Blast Furnace that was one of two blast furnaces located at Youngstown Iron Sheet and Tube Company. The plant workers from the furnace started to refer to it as "Jenny" and the name stuck.

Lettera said that using the nickname of the blast furnace for the magazine is a way to pay homage towards Youngstown's industrial past.

"Many of us have parents and/or grandparents who worked in the mills prior to deindustrialization, or at least we're familiar with the idea of Youngstown as a former steel-making hub and the current perception of Youngstown as a depressed city," Lettera said. "By publishing poetry, fiction, nonfiction and visual art, it was a way for us as young people to prove that Youngstown is still a place where works — of art as

opposed to steel in this case — are made."

Each year, SLAA publishes two editions of Jenny — one in the fall and one in the spring that include categories in fiction, nonfiction and poetry.

On Thursday, SLAA members will be debuting a different kind of issue, "Eddie Loves Debbie: The Youngstown Anthology," at the Tyler Mahoning Valley History Center from 7-9 p.m.

Couri Johnson, President of SLAA, said the theme was chosen because of a synonymous saying written throughout downtown Youngstown.

"We took the name from the 'Eddie loves Debbie' graffiti that appears all over Youngstown," she said. "No one knows the exact story behind who wrote it and why, but the people of Youngstown took to it and it's been written everywhere by many different hands over spans of years."

Johnson said another reason the organization picked the theme was because the saying was associated with Youngstown as a city, which was also a main component of this semester's issue.

"Since its inception, it has always been SLAA's goal to make Jenny an example of the creative force that still exists in Youngstown," Johnson said. "We chose to do an all-Youngstown-centered theme to show that even though Youngstown has suffered a lot of loss in the past with the steel industry shutting down and the loss of jobs, of people, of places, that we still have a vibrant culture striving to be heard, that we're still a place where great things can be accomplished."

Featured authors from the Youngstown area have also submit excerpts from novels they have written as well as short stories they have worked on specifically for the issue.

Bill Soldan, fiction editor for Jenny, said that having featured authors and artists in the magazine shows how far Youngstown natives have gone and that their creativity has had an influence not just only on this area, but also the world.

"We really want people to support the arts more in our community," Soldan said. "Many people from around the area get published all over the world and hopefully by reading the magazine more people can realize how far Youngstown has come."

Instead of the usual online issue, SLAA will also be selling hardcopies at the premiere party. Soldan said that he is glad that the organization decided to sell a hardcopy this semester.

"This is something new we are trying," Soldan said. "We are publishing samples online instead of usually putting the whole issue online. That way, more people will hopefully want to buy the hardcopy."

Although the students keep thinking of ways to better their publication, the staff will always be brainstorming ideas for what is next.

Johnson said that one of the main goal of Jenny is for students to be able to express themselves and create stories that will intrigue an audience and also help them develop skills for their future in writing.

"It's nice to have the Jenny because it draws national attention to Youngstown, to YSU, and to the stories we tell here," Johnson said. "We don't just publish YSU students, but everyone — authors who already have established names alongside authors who are just starting to write — and people from all over. We've even had authors come from as far away as Hawaii to read at our premiere party. It gives Youngstown and the people published within a lot of exposure."

FACIAL HAIR FOR A CAUSE

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The concept of No Shave November, often known as Movember, is much more than a group of males growing facial hair. As time has progressed, Movember has been called No Shave November due to men growing beards rather than just mustaches.

Surprisingly enough, growing a beard or mustache for a period of time, usually a month, is a way to give back to cancer patients.

According to the American Cancer Society's website, "The goal of No Shave November is to grow awareness by embracing hair, which many cancer patients lose, and letting it grow wild and free."

Patrons donate the money that is usually spent on shaving and grooming for the month to charities. The money is used to educate about cancer prevention, saving lives, and to aid those who are fighting the battle.

No Shave November raises money and awareness for multiple charities and causes worldwide. Each charity has originated its own rules and contests to make donating in November a beneficial process. It even benefits the

participants by offering more time in morning routines.

Throughout November, there are many rules and regulations on grooming for participants. Generally, the main idea is to not shave for the full month. Different participants allow certain expectations such as trimming for work purposes.

Eric Glista, a junior marketing major, has been participating in No Shave November ever since he was capable to grow a full beard.

Glista said it is easier having a beard while he is in the tree stand, an enclosed platform used by hunters, to keep your face warm during the best time of the year — rut season for deer.

He said having facial hair makes it easier for him to bear the cold weather of November while hunting. It is convenient warmth because the deer move more in November than any other month. Also, he stated that the beard is worth having just for the stories that intervene with it.

Glista said he tries to maintain a precise beard until he gets his first deer. He has already succeeded in killing two early in the season. Even though Glista participates in No Shave November there are some downsides that come along with having a beard.

"The most frustrating thing

about having a beard is probably it being itchy at times and trimming it up so it doesn't get too wild," Glista said.

Glista said he participates in Movember for reasons other than hunting. His grandmother was battling breast cancer and she succeeded.

"I always like to participate in honor of her success," Glista said. "It is a fun and easy way to make a statement for a cancer patient you know of."

November is not just for men. Women have been known for their success as well by encouraging men to become more involved.

Jessica Stacy, an education major, said she wishes that No Shave November were more applicable to women. Her grandfather was diagnosed with cancer last year. Due to her student teaching and the inability to grow facial hair, participating in No Shave November isn't practical.

She said she encourages people to participate.

"I think growing facial hair to raise awareness of cancer is a really unique thing to do, especially since so many cancer patients lose their hair during chemotherapy," Stacy said.

Dan Smith, a junior business major, and his brothers have been participating in No Shave November for the past five years. The Smith's be-



Just cause you're a girl doesn't mean you can't show your support for Movember. Go for a finger 'stache or pick up a pack of these mustache pencils, available at the French Web site www.atypyk.com. **Bill Hogan/Chicago Tribune/MCT**

came involved in No Shave November by seeing glimpses of people around the area participating in it.

"I believe that if a boy wants to call himself a man, he must participate," Smith said.

Smith stated that No Shave November is a key element of becoming a true man in his family. Smith said he believes that growing facial hair and manhood run hand in hand.

"We grow out our beards as a rite of passage, to flaunt our masculinity," Smith said.

No Shave November, to Smith, is about having fun with his friends and brothers by growing crazy facial hair however; he still remembers the true meaning and patronizes the victims of prostate cancer.

"No Shave November is not a competition, it is a glorious celebration among young men to old men," Smith said.

EDITORIAL

House of misinterpretation

A Gallup poll released Tuesday announced that Congress had an approval rating of 9 percent. Since the Gallup Organization began polling Americans on their views of Congress in 1974, the average rating has been 33 percent, peaking at 56 percent after the September 11 attacks.

So people have never been overwhelmingly in favor of what Congress is doing, and there is plus/minus 4 percentage points in this poll, but 9 percent is dismal. Lowly, even. Dim. Ghastly. Horrid. Miserable. Doleful. All of the above.

Nine percent is bad. But look at everything that's happened — not just Congress — but the Federal government as a whole lately. Between the 15-day shutdown in October, the failures of the website for people to purchase insurance through the Affordable Care

Act, the unemployment rise in October and the strong bipartisanship throughout almost all levels of government, people just do not like the government.

That dislike can trickle down to the local level, leading to things like Youngstown's 30 percent voter turnout for elections on Nov. 5.

"I think government makes people apathetic. I think, probably, what's going in Washington doesn't help," Joyce Kale-Pesta, the director of the Mahoning County Board of Elections, said in an interview with The News Outlet.

What's a government to do? It's become cliché by this point, but ending bipartisanship is a huge step forward. Standing up for what you believe in and representing your core values is one thing, but shutting down parts of the government because another group wants something that goes against your

beliefs is a line too far.

And Republicans aren't the only ones to blame for this low rating. The Democratic Party has been faced with scandals, such as Anthony Weiner's sexting incidents in 2011 and an inability to meet in the middle with moderate Republicans that have similar ideologies to many Democrats.

The public can solve all of this if they just show up to vote. Vote senators and representatives that don't do their job well out of office. Heck, vote third party if you think they'll get the job done. Get out there and raise voter turnout from 30 percent, because in the end, when you have someone elected by 30 percent of the people to represent 100 percent of the people, things won't work.

So go out, use your vote and change something.

LETTER — TO THE — EDITOR

I wish to comment on The Jambar 11.07.13 article about the Jennifer Hecht lecture on doubt.

I wish I had been there to hear her speak. The quotes in the article indicate that Hecht said Christianity was a "leap of faith" religion... and that "there is really no belief in Christianity" and "you show up and do the right behavior" and that this is a leap of faith because we are leaping over rational thought, etc.

I disagree.

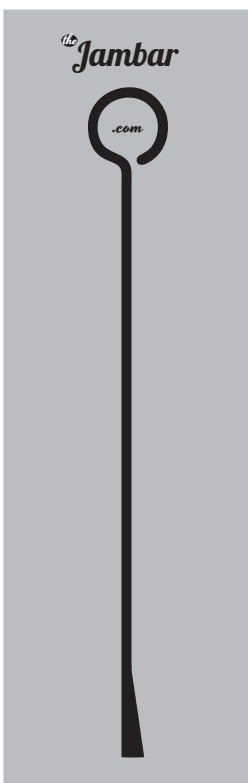
I see the Christianity of the Bible as an intellectually tight system of thought which is quite contrary to a leap of faith. My beginning was as an agnostic, but after careful consideration of some of the important questions, I came to see the biblical system of thought as giving the best answers to be found anywhere.

Some of these questions include: What are human beings? Why do we have such strong sense of right and wrong? Is choice real or a figment of our imaginations? Can I even be thinking and feeling as I write these things?

My favorite questions these days are: Why do people think there must be life (like ours) other places in the universe? And if it is there, where did it come from? Why are humans so lonely for life "elsewhere?"

Perhaps these feelings and this loneliness are indicators that we are significant in this universe and that we are missing a relationship with the living God.

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Google, privacy and a sex tape

Los Angeles Times (MCT)

Max Mosley won fame in the motorsports world as the longtime chief of Formula One's governing body. Five years ago, however, Mosley's notoriety spread far beyond the race circuit, and not in a good way. A British tabloid released a prison-themed sadomasochistic sex tape featuring Mosley and five prostitutes, and alleged that Mosley had paid for an orgy set in an ersatz Nazi concentration camp — an accusation made all the more sensational by the fact that Mosley's father had led Britain's fascist party in the 1930s. A British court later ruled that the Nazi allegation was baseless and that the tabloid had violated Mosley's privacy, but images from the sex tape continued to flourish online. Rather than attempting the daunting task of retrieving and destroying the photos, Mosley sought to render them invisible on Google. And last week, a French court decided that the law was on his side.

The Mosley case is just the latest clash between those whose interests have been threatened on a grand scale by Internet users who post copyrighted or private material unlawfully and the technology companies like Google that act as middlemen, enabling the public to find and share it. The law gives people such as Mosley tools to force websites to take down material that invades their privacy, defames them, infringes their copyrights or violates their trademarks. But those efforts often become a futile game of whack-a-mole, because the material replicates quickly and moves easily from one site to the next — or to sites in countries that don't respond to takedown requests. So rather than endlessly battling the people who improperly put content online, aggrieved parties have asked lawmakers and the courts to shift re-

sponsibility to the companies that allow it to spread.

Mosley argued to the Tribunal de Grande Instance in Paris (the French equivalent of a U.S. District Court) that Google should alter its search engine so that users couldn't find nine images from the sex tape that had circulated online. The company has the technology to keep copyrighted videos off YouTube and eliminate links to child pornography, but its lawyers insisted that identifying and blocking links to the nine Mosley images would require an "unprecedented new Internet censorship tool." The court was unmoved, ordering Google to filter out links to the Mosley images in its search results for five years, starting in January. The company has said it will appeal; meanwhile, Mosley has asked a German court to order Google to block links to the full sex tape.

The exasperation that Mosley feels with Google is widely shared by people whose valuable or private content has spread online like a stack of papers caught by the wind. Not only is Google by far the most popular gateway to information online, but it makes money off searches for illegal uploads, and often supplies the advertisements that sustain the sites that host the material.

It's not easy to bury something after it's been published, however. Despite Google's prominence, it's just one of several tools available for tracking things down on the Net, and more of them will emerge over time. Applying a restriction just to Google won't stop people from finding a banned photo or file through other means. And filters are hardly foolproof; instead, there's an ongoing cat-and-mouse game between companies that make content barriers and uploaders trying to circumvent them. No matter how definitive a court order may sound, the results in practice

are far less certain.

Nor is trying to hide the material necessarily the best policy. Mosley had a strong case because courts in Britain and France had ruled that his privacy had been invaded. In other words, he's battling to suppress Web content that shouldn't have been created in the first place. That's not true of many other types of content that some might be eager to remove — for example, offensive Tweets or misguided blog posts that later prove to be a political liability. The Mosley case shouldn't provide a template for forcing search engines to hide such things. There is a difference between enforcing privacy rights and helping people conceal an inconvenient historical record.

And even in cases such as Mosley's, it's risky to have courts mandating changes in technology. Granted, neither Google nor any of the other major search engines are neutral information finders. They all tweak their results to promote some sources and types of content over others. Still, they're able to search through the vast reaches of the Net and deliver results at eye-blink speed because there are no humans weighing in on the propriety of each search or each result it produces. Yet that sort of human judgment is what some people like Mosley want. In essence, they're arguing that Google needs to pay more attention to where it's leading people online.

Such intervention doesn't work on a scale as large as the Internet. That's not to say there's no role for online middlemen such as Google to play in preventing their users from violating the law — witness its work to stop pirated material from being uploaded to YouTube, which it does in collaboration with copyright holders. Rather, it's to remind the courts of the trade-offs involved when they try to make something disappear from the Net.

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CHALLENGE ACCEPTED

Penguins prepare for season's toughest game

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Youngstown State University head football coach Eric Wolford yells during a game against Duquesne University earlier this season. Wolford leads the Penguins against North Dakota State University on Saturday at Stambaugh Stadium. **Photo by Dustin Livesay/ The Jambar.**

It's finally here. The game everybody at Youngstown State University has been waiting for since the schedule was released.

The eighth-ranked Penguins welcome No. 1 and back-to-back defending NCAA Football Championship Subdivision National Champion North Dakota State University into Stambaugh Stadium on Saturday.

"It's exciting," Eric Wolford, YSU head coach, said. "How can you not be excited about that? It's November, and we're 8-2. Isn't that what everybody wanted? So, here we are."

Anything can happen during the 60-minute contest. But Wolford said the game will come down to a few big plays.

"This game will come down to four or five plays," he said. "The thing is, today [Tuesday], we don't know which four or five plays those are going to be. That's what it's going to be about."

The Penguins (8-2, 5-1 in the Missouri Valley Football Conference) return home after three weeks away, including their bye week.

YSU fell at the University of Northern Iowa, 22-20, on Nov. 9. UNI kicked a game-winning field goal with four seconds left. Many mishaps from the Penguins were self-inflicted, including a blocked punt, nine penalties and a lost fumble by freshman Martin Ruiz on a kickoff return.

"Those things are all correctable, much like a little kid who touches a hot stove. You need to learn from

those mistakes," Wolford said. "Even with the blocked punt, even with the fumble on the kickoff, we still had every opportunity to win that game."

On the same day, the Bison (9-0, 6-0) defeated Illinois State University at home, 28-10. A win over YSU clinches their third straight conference title. If the Penguins win the game on Saturday, they take over first place with the tiebreaker.

"The good thing is we still have everything in front of us. I think we're going to be all right," senior defensive end Kyle Sirl said.

NDSU has not played at the Ice Castle since Wolford's first season in 2010. YSU fell at North Dakota, 48-7, a season ago in Fargo.

"That game just got out of hand. Everything that could go wrong did for us," Chris Elkins, senior center, said.

Overall, the Penguins have won four of the seven contests played. Fifteen total points have decided in the three games played at YSU.

One big matchup will feature each team's quarterback. YSU is led by Kurt Hess, senior captain, while senior Brock Jensen leads the Bison.

"The whole conference is loaded with great quarterbacks," Sirl said. "Jensen is obviously in control of the No. 1 team, so he manages the games very well. We're going to have to make sure that we get at him a little bit and make him do some things extra well."

Jensen has thrown for 1,646 yards, 20 touchdowns

and four interceptions this season. Hess has 2,038 passing yards, 20 touchdowns and four interceptions along with four rushing touchdowns.

Another big matchup will be YSU's run game versus the Bison defense. NDSU is allowing 83.4 rushing yards per contest. Ruiz is averaging 99.4 rushing yards per game and sophomore running back Jody Webb averaging 40 per game.

"At the end of the day, you've got to play with great pad level and sustain blocks," Wolford said. "You've got to be patient, too. It's okay to get a four to five-yard gain."

"You're not always going to have those 50 or 60 yarders. We've got to stay out of those third and long situations. That's a key component to this football game, I think, for both teams."

Kickoff is set for 2:00 p.m. Saturday will also feature Jim Tressel, former YSU coach, being inducted into the Hall of Fame.

"We're excited to have him back in town and hopefully [he will] bring some of his mojo for us," Wolford said. "We'll get him to sprinkle some of that around."

The forecast calls for 56 degrees and no precipitation according to The Weather Channel. The game can also be seen on ESPN3 and heard on 570 WKBN.

"It is what it is," Wolford said. "This is what you come to Youngstown State for. It's on the line on Saturday."

The Home Stretch

YSU volleyball gears for final regular season games before tournament

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With two remaining home games — including Senior Day on Saturday — right around the corner, the Youngstown State University volleyball team is hoping that their big road win at Valparaiso University on Nov. 9 will help them maintain momentum and finish the season strong.

With the Horizon League tournament approaching, the Penguins feel it could be anyone's game.

"Anyone from six [seed in the tournament] or seven [seed] on up can win the tournament," head coach Mark Hardaway said. "There is no one in the conference that can't be beat."

Even though the season has been up and down for the Penguins, senior Casey D'Ambrose feels like this team has made plenty of strides from last year's team.

"Each thing we do is positive, and we keep moving forward," D'Ambrose said. "We made a lot of big strides from last year. It's just been completely different."

Senior Missy Hundelt feels the same way.

"We have grown as a team, and everyone brings a lot to the table," Hundelt said. "The motivation and the determination is a lot higher than has been in the past years."

Hundelt suffered a torn anterior cruciate ligament and tore both meniscuses in her knee.

"Losing Missy was a big blow," Hardaway said. "We have been very proud of the team; they have worked hard."

While the team has played well against conference opponents, setting a school record for Horizon League wins with seven, they are just 5-4 at Beeghly Center this season. The Penguins are 8-4 on the road this year.

In their last game against the University of Wisconsin-Milwaukee, who the Penguins play on Friday, on Oct. 19, the Penguins lost in three sets after defeating the University of Wisconsin-Green Bay, 3-1, the day before.

The last time YSU played at home was on Nov. 2, falling to Oakland University, 3-1.

But even after the losses, Hundelt expects nothing less

than wins from her team in these next few games.

"They're at the top of our conference, so to play them we can finish strong and see where we are at," Hundelt said. "I know we can come away with the 2-0 win."

Even after the loss of one of their leaders in Hundelt, the team still looks to be in a good position come tournament time.

"I'm very happy to maybe finish as high as third without Missy in the lineup," Hundelt said.

With Senior Night on the horizon, D'Ambrose and Hundelt, who are two of the team's seven seniors, were emotional when talking about their time as Penguins.

"It's bittersweet," said Hundelt. "Were all pretty emotional and were all so close that were going to shed a few tears."

D'Ambrose said she definitely will have a couple tears in her eye come Senior Night.

The Penguins wrap up the regular season this weekend playing two home games at Beeghly Center. The first game is Friday at 7:00 p.m., while the finale is Saturday at 6 p.m.



Erica West (center) celebrates with teammates after scoring a point earlier this season. The volleyball team beat Valparaiso University in five sets on Nov. 9 and will play their final two games at Beeghly Center this weekend. **Photo by Dustin Livesay/ The Jambar.**