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YSU catalyst for new education program

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ASSIST. NEWS EDITOR

Youngstown State University President Dr. David C. Sweet said Wednesday that YSU was a catalyst for the new Eastern Ohio P-16 Partnership for Education and will continue working to create a pipeline for building the educational capacity of students and preparing them for college.

The program will implement the resources to coordinate among all academic levels in Ashtabula, Columbiana, Trumbull and Mahoning Counties, from pre-kindergarten through post-secondary, to ensure students transition from each level with greater success.

Sweet said the format for state funding of universities has changed as of this year, and that the extent of funding no longer depends upon full-time enrollment, but upon successful course completion and graduation rates.

The goals of the program are not only centered on education, however. The news release and the program website specifically mention goals which involve preparing students for the work force.

Consequently, the organization of this program comprises not only academic leaders and institutions, but also area businesses and civic groups.

The mission statement of the program says, "The Partnership will collaborate with schools; postsecondary and early childhood education providers; business; trade and industry; families; civic organizations; and the community to develop, evaluate, and promote comprehensive and collaborative strategies to foster increased enrollment and graduation rates in both high school and postsecondary education and training."

Superintendent of the Trumbull County Educational Service Center Vivki Giovagnoli said, "I think the most exciting thing about this initiative is that it is the first time that we have not only educators at the table, but ... every sector of our community."

Dr. Alison Harmon, associate dean at the Beeghly College of Education, said that the program will "make sure that each young person is prepared for the rigors of higher education; the preparation really begins in elementary school."

Among the specific actions advocated by the partnership, Sweet mentioned that masters-level adjunct professors will teach college level courses at high schools for which students will receive both high school and college credit.

Harmon cited another goal of "driv[ing] up placements of young people in the appropriate careers."

Harmon holds a place on the program's board along with Dr. Martin Abraham, Dean of YSU's College of Science, Technology, Engineering and Mathematics, and Dr. Phillip Ginnetti, Dean of the Beeghly College of Education.

Regional Representative for U.S. Senator Sherrod Brown, Max Blachman, said "the goal is to make sure that the community is involved with education from preschool through [college] graduation." Blachman added that "there is a big role for YSU to play...training students for the jobs that are available and making them aware of what's available."

FACING THE FUTURE

Visitations over, Board to start candidate deliberations

Chelsea Pflugh
EDITOR-IN-CHIEF

The search process for the next president at Youngstown State University is near its end, and chair of the Board of Trustees Scott Schulick is now asking for patience.

Schulick, who is also the chair of the Presidential Search Advisory Committee, is faced with the task of starting deliberations for placing one of the four finalists in the position of president. All four candidates have visited the university, held forums, answered questions, met community leaders and made their first and only impressions. The process of choosing the president lies within the Board of Trustees.

Schulick said the next step is to begin a series of Trustee meetings, at least one of which Storbeck/Pimentel & Associates, LLC independent consulting firm will attend. The meetings will have some discussion of the candidates, and if one of the four candidates seems to be the best fit and makes sense for the university, negotiations will begin, Schulick said.

"There is a subcommittee of the Advisory Committee that will compile the feedback forms from the forums and present them to the Board, and we hope

that the feedback will be in affirmation with any potential decision the Board will have," Schulick said.

Schulick said the deliberation process will take some time, but said the entire process has gone smoothly from the beginning.

"We have a really tough decision to make," Schulick said. "When the Advisory Committee presented the four finalists to the Board, we were confident all four could do the job. Now, after two to three weeks of this process, I can honestly say that's the truth."

As for what will set the candidates apart, Schulick said the most important quality will be "fit for the university," a characteristic he said has been key from the beginning.

"All the candidate's approach to the presidency will be different," he said. "But the question now is, 'Whose approach is the best fit for the university and fits best with the mission of the institution?'"

Schulick said when the Board closes in on an ideal finalist, they will start negotiations with the candidate, as well as attorneys, to begin contract discussions. He said the Board hopes to have a candidate chosen by mid-to-late February.

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Final candidate makes students, budget top priorities

Chelsea Pflugh
EDITOR-IN-CHIEF

The last candidate for the presidential position at Youngstown State University made her agenda clear: "Students, students, students."

Dr. Cynthia Anderson, vice president for Student Affairs at YSU, told crowds at three forums on Tuesday the same thing: She will always be an academic at heart, and with that comes the love of interacting with students. Along with that passion, Anderson said she brings a love for the Mahoning Valley and the university after being involved here for 30 years as a student, Student Government Association vice president, student employee, a secretary in the Office of the Dean, a faculty member, an assistant provost for Academic Planning and ultimately, the vice president for Student Affairs.

Anderson spoke in front of a crowd of about 30 faculty members

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Unemployment higher, job expectations lower

Josh Stipanovich
NEWS EDITOR

With the Ohio unemployment rate for December at 10.9 percent, up from 10.6 percent in November, students at Youngstown State University may find landing a job after graduation a difficult task.

Those numbers were released by the Ohio Department of Job and Family Services last Friday – the same day President Barack Obama was scheduled to visit suburban Cleveland to speak on restructuring the economy.

"Families like yours and communities like this one are still reeling from the devastation it left in its wake," Obama said while speak-

ing at Lorain Community College according to an article on <http://www.laprensatoledo.com>. "Folks have seen jobs you thought would last forever disappear. You've seen plants close and businesses shut down," he added.

While Obama recognizes the problem Ohio is facing, the numbers are real, and many students are finding out first hand it's almost impossible to find work after school.

"My fiancée recently graduated, and he has been applying to places all over the area with only a little bit of luck so far, but it's difficult," junior Melissa Mattson said.

After identifying the problem in Ohio, Obama said in the same article on that the recently proposed health

care reform bill, which has been protracted in Congress, and the recent office he and his White House staff set up in to focus on manufacturing and communicating with local leaders, will be the solution to improving the economy.

But while all of this is taking place, students around the country are going to college, graduating and working jobs unrelated to their undergraduate degrees.

"I'm a little stressed ... with the news of unemployment going up, I've noticed that there are not as many openings in my field. Hopefully, things work out for the best, though," senior Adam Gerstnecker said.

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NEWS BRIEFS

Nursing recruiters scheduled for Monday's job fair

Recruiters from nine hospitals will be on hand at YSU's 2010 Nursing Job Fair from noon to 3 p.m. Monday in the Chestnut Room of Kilcawley Center. Hospitals expected to have representatives at the event include Akron Children's Hospital, Akron General Hospital, Alliance Hospital, Cleveland University Hospital, Columbus Hospital, Robinson Memorial Hospital, Sharon Regional Health System, St. Elizabeth Health Center and Trumbull Memorial/Forum Health. Recruiters will have employment information for staff nurses and nursing students who wish to obtain nurse extern positions.

Editor, publisher to speak at YSU

Richard McCormack, editor and publisher of Manufacturing & Technology News, will be visiting campus Jan. 28. A breakfast lecture, sponsored by the Williamson College of Business Administration, is scheduled for 7:30 to 9 a.m. in the DeBartolo Stadium Club in Stambaugh Stadium. Reservations are required for this event. McCormack will also speak at an open-to-the-public forum from 7:30 to 9 p.m. in the Chestnut Room of Kilcawley Center. This event is hosted by the YSU Center for Working Class Studies.

POLICE BRIEFS

Backpack stolen from Rec Center

An unattended backpack containing several personal items was taken from a bench inside the Andrews Student Recreation and Wellness Center gymnasium. The bag's owner was playing basketball at the time of the theft.

Man arrested at Courtyard Apartments

During walk-through checks of the University Courtyard Apartments early Sunday morning, two officers arrested a 20-year-old male for underage possession of alcohol. The man was issued a misdemeanor citation and released.

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Non-traditional students up 8 percent from last year

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Youngstown State University had more than 14,000 students last semester, and the non-traditional student population increased 8 percent from last year. That means there are 4,788 students over the age of 24 making up one-third of the campus community.

The students who make up this demographic are not without unique challenges, so the university has implemented a new course and student group to help them succeed.

Jim Prestley is a 50-year-old student majoring in business management. He dropped out of college in the 1970s, went back in the 1980s and then left again to start a business. Prestley retired a few years ago; after suffering congestive heart failure, he decided to return to college.

"Getting a degree is a personal goal," Prestley said.

Prestley said he believes being older on campus is a challenge because it is dif-

ficult to be out of school for so long and then have to join classes with students right out of high school.

"I was much sharper when I was in high school, but being away from math, now I am having to repeat it," he said in regards to not passing Applied Mathematics for Management last semester.

This semester, Prestley is taking advantage of the university's math lab and visits it every day.

"I'm going to get it this time," he said.

Jonelle Beatrice, director of the Center for Student Progress, said the university began a new math course in fall geared toward non-traditional students. Math 1502 and 1503 break down Elementary Algebra 1501 into a year-long, two-part class that moves at a slower pace.

"Yes, it takes longer, but I have seen a higher success rate," Beatrice said.

Paulette Edington is a non-traditional student and junior education major. She remembers debating whether she really wanted to enroll in college because she has kids at home.

"In coming to the student orientation, advisement and registration meeting, I

found it so beneficial," Edington said. "It answered all the questions for me."

In her first year, she scheduled all her classes back-to-back and went straight home or to work. Then she realized that the only way to enjoy the full college experience is to become involved.

Edington is a peer mentor for other non-traditional students. She said being in the CSP allows her to hear the needs of other non-traditional students.

In December, non-traditional students got together to fill out a survey. It revealed that they want to meet other people to have study sessions with and to talk about campus life. The meeting was the first step of a new student organization.

The Non-Traditional Student Organization will have its first meeting in early February. It hopes to bring this group of students together to discuss issues and introduce them to other campus activities that they may participate in.

"There is so much maturity and growth that a non-traditional student has, and some of them just want to share it," Edington said.

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So as the economy in Ohio continues to slowly dive and students wonder how beneficial their stay in college was, encouraging young people to strive for success after graduation is becoming a much harder task.

YSU Director of Career and Counseling Gary Boley does this every day.

"I think it's difficult because ... our job is, really, to prepare and make sure that those students are trained to go out there and be excellent with their job search, [but] there's a real discomfort associated with the service we offer, because what are we asking you to do? We're asking you to actually learn things ... [and] to be more consistent with the

job market," Boley said.

Doing this isn't easy, especially in an area that relied heavily on steel mills and other industrial platforms, Boley said.

"In the old, traditional ways of work, people used to keep their jobs for 10, 20, 30 sometimes 40 years," Boley said. "Now employment is very transient."

Boley said the downed economy itself and today's culture are also reasons undergraduates are not able to understand how difficult the job market today is, because many of them are working full-time jobs, which takes away a considerable amount of time and focus.

Despite the challenges,

Boley said there is hope for students who are able to break out of their shell and do things they're uncomfortable with.

"We do something very, very mean over here ... it's called we mock-interview, and not only do we mock interview, [but] we actually tape record it ... we [then] send the tape home with you and tell you to close the drapes and turn off the lights and watch it in seclusion," Boley joked. "[But], sometimes people have to do uncomfortable things to grow."

The 2010 State of the State Address by Gov. Ted Strickland earlier this week is another indication students in Ohio should have hope for their futures.

"I believe in Ohio because Ohio will power the future," Strickland said during the speech, posted on his Web site. Strickland backed up his statement by identifying the positive direction Ohio has been going since 2007.

"When I took office, Ohio had the nation's weakest advanced energy standard for electricity production. Today, Ohio has the nation's seventh most aggressive standard," Strickland said.

Strickland said Ohio ranks first in renewable and sophisticated energy production as well as total amount of "green jobs."

Additional Reporting by George Yanchick.

CORRECTION

In the Jan. 26 edition of The Jambar, we incorrectly listed players in the Game of Hope. Mahoning County auditor Michael Sciortino and Mahoning County commissioner John McNally did not participate in Saturday's game.



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at a forum in Tod Hall where she first announced her agenda and plans for the future of the university, with students taking precedence.

"Students are the business of Youngstown State University, and Academic Affairs has to be driving the bus for those wonderful students who come through the Admissions Office doors," she said. "But for whatever reason, and now is not the time for us to discuss this, but I don't know that necessarily Academic Affairs has always been in the driver's seat."

Anderson believes students should be at the forefront of every concern and decision of the university, which is something she said hasn't always been the case in recent days. She said major changes need to be made in the enrollment and academic processes of the university, citing directly that allowing students to apply in late summer is "doing a great disservice" to faculty and staff, as well as students.

"We accept these students up until the very last minute. During the first week of classes we register anywhere from 800 to 1,000 students," she said. "That's unconscionable; I don't even think that's ethical."

Anderson urged faculty and departments to be held responsible for their budgets, saying they need to be transparent.

"We have to begin a process of understanding our budget," she said. "Everyone who works at YSU needs to understand the YSU budget. I believe that we are going to have to set priorities for ourselves, and funding is going to have to follow those priorities. I think there needs to be a process where we all have input into our budget."

In her forum with SGA representatives, Anderson let the students tell her what they would like to see different at YSU. Students stressed a need for a major overhaul of Kilcawley Center, updated technology and more student events as top concerns, all of which Anderson said are "cur-

rently being talked about" in administration.

Though Anderson is an administrator, she admits she never really could stray far from the classroom, something she told the students she would have to get used to if chosen for president.

"I still am a major contributor in the Williamson College of Business Administration, I do my research, I publish articles, I attend faculty meetings, I instruct courses and I advise doctoral students in the Beeghly College of Education," she said. "None of these are requirements for my position. I do them because I believe that is part of a tenured faculty member's role, and I never wanted to be looked at as anything different from that as the vice president for Student Affairs."

The Board Room in Tod Hall was at full capacity for her open forum, with several rows of audience members against the walls, out the door and in the hallway. Anderson told university community members that the only way YSU will move forward is if the university has the support from the top to get everything done and advance the student body, as well as resources for faculty.

"In all cases, I think [the university] knows what the right things to do are," Anderson said. "I think we know where we need help, what the right course of action is ... we just need to do it. We know what the right choices are. Let's just do it."

The future for Anderson will go two ways; either she will become the seventh president for YSU or she will stay in her role as vice president, a position she said "never in a million years" she'd thought she'd love so much.

"No one in the world has had a better career," she said. "So no matter the outcome of this process is, please know that all we want for this institution is a great president and I would look forward to working [with students] on a daily basis as I have been."

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ABOUT THE CANDIDATES

DR. AARON PODOLEFSKY

Podolefsky set record numbers for the highest-quality first-year students and has the highest graduate rate as well as job placement in the institution's history. Despite his successes, the Board of Trustees voted against the renewal of his contract as president. Podolefsky has interviewed for other presidential positions at the University of Central Washington, the University of Central Arkansas and Georgia Southern University.

DR. C. JACK MAYNARD

Maynard turned down the offer initially from YSU, but after research, agreed to be a finalist. Maynard cited the size of the university as a key factor for future success. Maynard has visions to engage the university with community events and utilize student education to help local businesses

DR. CHERYL NORTON

Norton is the first female president of SCSU. During her time there, she raised the retention rate of the university to its highest-ever 80 percent, along with the institution's highest 6-year graduation rates. She prides herself

on making SCSU a "first-choice university" rather than a "third- or fourth- choice." Norton said students need to give back to the community through education with a commitment to excellence.

DR. CYNTHIA ANDERSON

Her agenda was clear: students. Without having to introduce herself, Anderson gave each forum an hour full of agenda and visions for the future. Anderson included fixing relations with unions, student interaction and budget control as her top priorities for a potential presidency. After 30 years of being involved at YSU, she said she has "been through all the problems" that could possibly occur here.

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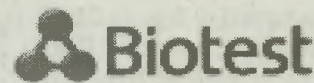
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YSU theater's curtains rise for this modern drama

Lamar Salter

ARTS & ENTERTAINMENT EDITOR

Realism has always been popular in entertainment. It's the easily relatable stories of everyday people in everyday situations that keep us interested.

That was the idea that Youngstown State University senior Zachary Campbell had in mind when he chose "The Shape of Things" as the play for his directorial debut.

Now, after numerous script readings and dress rehearsals, and armed with a strong and familiar cast of veteran theater students, Blackbox Productions, part of the YSU theater department, is set to release this modern drama that asks the question, "What is art?"

Gone are the fantastical voyages around the world and the adventurous tales of "The Baker's Wife." For this performance, the cast strays away from imaginative costumes and elaborate sets for more realistic threads and environments.

Created by author and filmmaker Neil LaBute, "The Shape of Things" tells the story of Adam, a shy, quiet man, and the slow transformation he makes after meeting and dating Evelyn, a mysterious, seductive woman. His stark change in behavior, strongly encouraged by his girlfriend, eventually becomes the subject of conflict between Adam's small circle of friends.

The story, adapted to film in 2003 and starring comedian and actor Paul Rudd, slowly hints at more than just a romantic comedy. It instead aims at becoming a symbolic portrayal of a familiar feeling in a normal person's life.

Campbell talked about that specific feeling.

"I feel like everyone has been Adam at one point," Campbell said. "He's a representation of a part of life and really easily identifiable."

Senior Cheney Morgan, who plays Adam, agreed with Campbell's description of the character.

"Everyone has had that moment when things just fall apart in our life by that certain person," Morgan said.

Adam's insecurities are combined



The Cast performs during a dress rehearsal Tuesday. The play opens tonight at 7:30 p.m. in the Spotlight Arena. Photos by Nick Young/The Jambar

with his struggle to balance friendship and romance. Following the character's changes, audiences are led into a light-hearted, humorous plot only to end with a twist comparable to an M. Night Shyamalan feature.

Senior Montaja Simmons, who plays Evelyn, arguably the most complex role in the play, talked about her character's personality.

"She's like a maneater," Simmons said. "There are so many layers to her that is never really explained."

Evelyn is witty and incredibly manipulative, characteristics that Simmons strongly conveyed during dress rehearsals.

"She eventually makes you question what's real and what's fake," Simmons said.

The settings for this production vary from coffee shops to college campuses, all resting upon a single marble floor centered in the Spotlight

Arena.

"I wanted to really include the question of what art was to the audience so I chose to create a museum setting," Campbell said. "I feel like it's appropriate for what we are trying to tell."

Described as being similar to Adam himself, Morgan talked about his interest in the play, specifically the script.

"The writing is amazing," Morgan said. "It's really identifiable with the college lifestyle."

"The Shape of Things" is certainly not a production you would take the kids to. Besides public displays of affection cast members share, the script includes vulgar language, sexual references and an overall mature tone.

But Campbell has no problem with these elements.

"I have a thing where I obligate myself to a script," Campbell said. "The writing is strong and only reflects the realism."

Senior Brandon Smith, who plays Phillip, a cocky and sarcastic character and one of Adam's close friends, gave his insight into the type of audience that would be drawn in.

"It's definitely a story for an adult audience," Smith said. "It has a message that I feel the audience will ponder on."

That message directly coincides with the question Campbell hopes to ask the audience when the "The Shape of Things" debuts tonight at 7:30 p.m.

"The play kind of hints at an answer at some points," Campbell said. "It's kind of saying that art is subjective, but it really is up to the audience to decide."

Discount divinity: ID saves big

Gary S. Angelo

FEATURES REPORTER

Many Youngstown State University students are probably unaware that their student IDs are good for more than checking out books at the library and gaining access to the Rec Center. However, many local businesses offer discounts and deals for YSU students, granted with the simple flash of a student ID.

Doug Esenwein, Buffalo Wild Wings regional manager, said the main promotion for student discounts is Simply Ed Karaoke, which is every Wednesday night.

"Every student that shows their YSU ID gets to order 60-cent boneless wings, but we are also planning a few new discount programs," Esenwein said.

Buffalo Wild Wings plans on giving a 10 percent discount for food and drinks for students with YSU IDs.

"We want to offer more specialized events like YSU ID Mondays, and have buy-one, get-one-free programs for students on certain days of the week," Esenwein said.

Esenwein's vision is to address the wants of YSU students. In addition to student discounts, Buffalo Wild Wings has free Wi-Fi. Buffalo Wild Wings offers different daily specials, including 45-cent, all-you-can-eat Wing Tuesdays, and 60-cent boneless wing Thursdays.

Likewise, Dan Sweeney, owner of Barley's Bar and Grill, said Flip Night is great for college students who want to save money. Every Wednesday night, if the bartender's coin toss is guessed correctly, the drink costs a quarter. If the guess is wrong, the drink is regular price.

"We are planning on doing a college night by occasionally charging less at the door, but it all depends on the promoter," Sweeney said.

On weekends, Barley's offers hands and drink specials. Students can also get \$5 pizzas any day of the week.

"We want to do different things, and we are thinking of hosting a country night. Tuesdays are Open Mic Night, and a lot of college students come down to this event. On Wednesdays, students can get drinks for a quarter," Sweeney said.

Sweeney said the competition between businesses in downtown Youngstown is beneficial.

"Downtown is one big entertainment district, there is something for everyone and it's a safe area," Sweeney said.

Other downtown businesses are planning ways for college students to save money. Greg Sop, Rosetta Stone co-owner, has an exciting plan in mind for YSU students.

"We are initially planning to have students who live on campus use their food access cards at our restaurant," Sop said.

Rosetta Stone offers free Wi-Fi, but also gives YSU students, with their IDs, a 10 percent discount.

Additionally, Allisun Brenner, manager of the Lemon Grove Cafe, said a YSU student discount program, for coffee and food, is in the works.

Jacob Harver, Lemon Grove Cafe owner, said that a 10 percent discount would also be available for students who purchase a Lemon Grove T-shirt.

"Students get 10 percent off for everything except for alcohol and fine art and antiques that we sell," Harver said, adding that drink specials will also be offered.

Brenner added that students who purchase books receive a 10 percent discount.

"We have a ton of old books in our library, and students can use these as sources for their classes," Brenner said.



OUR SIDE

Fools no more

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Election cycle after election cycle, we hear it. Promises are made and politicians claim to understand our problems. They even know how to fix them, they say.

And election after election, we vote them into office. They're promising more than the other guy; they relate to us; they'll make it better this time.

And year after year ... we wait.

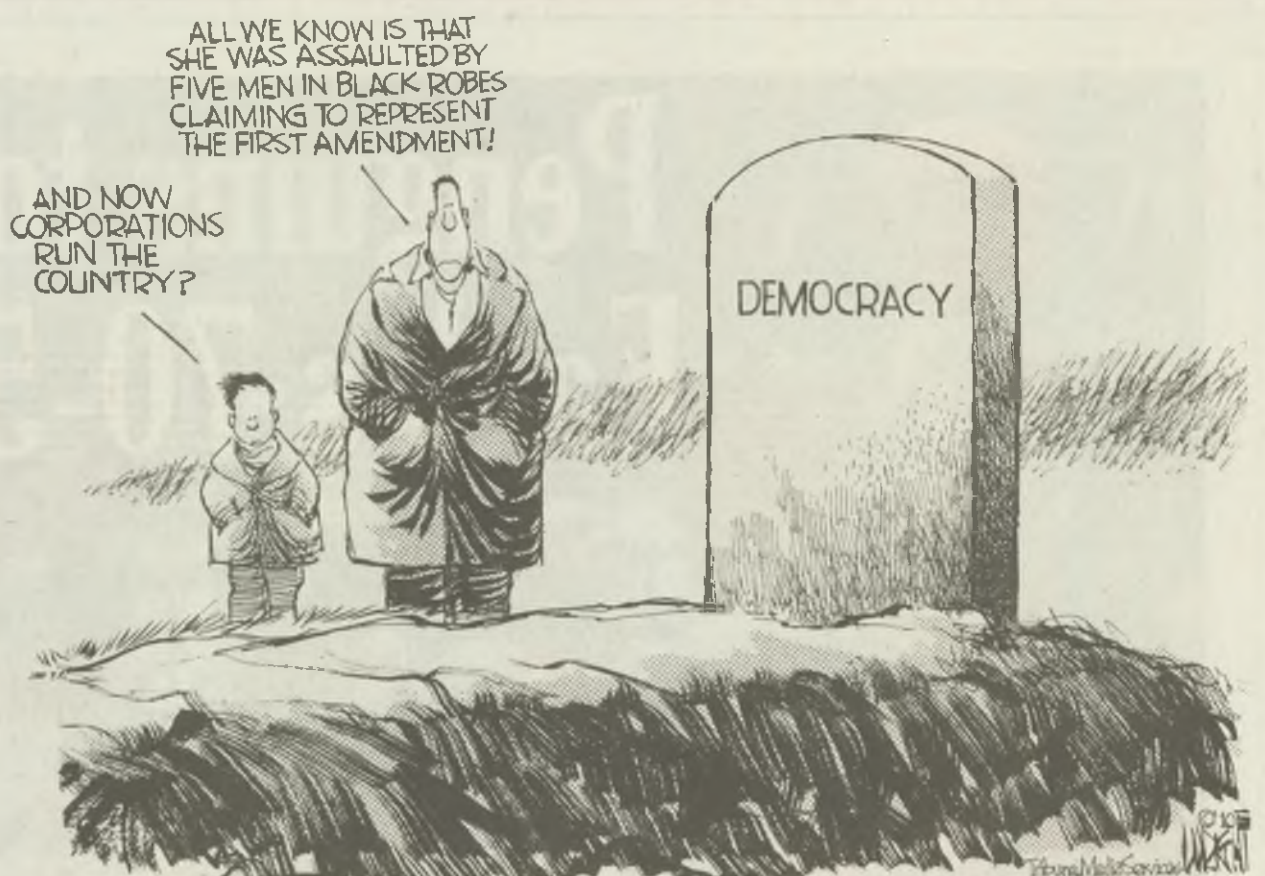
Youngstown and cities like it are in a significantly more abusive relationship with politicians than most places. We've heard everyone from Bill Clinton to Tim Ryan to Barack Obama not only making promises to us, but using us as an example in their speeches to 'the hard-working American in an economically strapped old industrial town.'

Yet, here we are once more. Unemployment is up to 10.9 percent. Students who can even find jobs after graduation are forced to work outside their area of expertise or comfort. We spend four or five years in college, accruing interest on those student loans along the way. Then we wonder how we'll ever pay the loans back, let alone eke out a living.

We watch politicians ride our hopes into a big comfortable office in Washington or Columbus. They acquire a six-figure salary, benefits, a new car and a retirement package. We keep hoping they'll remember the strong constituency they have in this old steel town; we hope they'll remember the people they promised to help; the people who bought their line.

Since at least 1992, Youngstown has been important enough to travel through, sermonize, kiss a few babies, shake a few hands and pocket a few campaign donations from. But our value seems to stop there.

Maybe it's our own fault; maybe we should stop contributing, stop offering up our hands and babies and ballots and ears. Maybe then they'll remember us. It's time for politicians to stop using us as an example ... unless they are referring to an example of promises they have yet to keep.



The views of this syndicated artist do not necessarily agree with those of The Jambar.

Letter to the Editor

The Jambar has forced me into doing something I never thought I would do again, and that is to write in to this paper. Typically when I receive the email update at work, I casually glance through the stories. But today was different. Today there was an article about Jersey Shore, and I felt a response was due. As an authority on the Guido culture (as well as the art of Guido hating, a skill crafted over the course of a lifetime), I felt a few things needed to be clarified. First and foremost, Guidoism does not embody the culture of Italian-Americans. Sorry folks, but I am throwing a tarp over that fire before it goes out of control. Sinatra. Giuliani. Pacino. Alito. Serpico. Puzo. I will direct you to the list on Wikipedia for something more comprehensive, but the common element here is none of them are Guidos. If you want the real culture and history, look to these people, not to the stereotype MTV is encouraging. Before going any further, I will say this: You can be Italian and proud of it without subscribing to Guidoism. Second, Guidoism is pervasive in a number of different ethnicities. While historians have pinpointed that the explosion of Guidoism can be traced to another reality TV show, "Growing Up Gotti," it has been long held that Guido Nation is comprised of several ethnic groups. They can be identified by their popped collars, blowout haircuts, strong cologne, and excessive tanning. The Brooklyn Fade is a popular version of the blowout haircut. You might even see them

with sunglasses, even when it is night. Thank YOU, Corey Hart. But you can also identify them by their behavior. If you happen into their natural habitat of clubs and bars, you will notice strange rituals unbeknownst to people outside the Guido world. Urban Dictionary cites their dancing style as the "Guido Frolic." There is also something known as the "Guido Kissy Face." But perhaps the most typical of moves is the "Guido Fist Pump." It is the process of extending and retracting your arm with a clenched fist motion. This often is accompanied by the observations of the participants about how "jacked and tan" they are. Friends of mine from New Jersey have confirmed that there is in fact some truth to shows like "Jersey Shore," though it is somewhat sensationalized. While I have yet to witness this with my own eyes, I am pending funding approval from OSU to go to the Jersey Shore to continue my doctoral work on the Guido life as a part of my study of Contemporary Urban Rituals. Jokes aside, MTV is promoting a stereotype that is unflattering. We joke about it, and I can even do a pretty good impression, but I am not sure we should be encouraging this kind of behavior, no less promoting a stereotype that basically is untrue for most people of Italian descent.

Alex Mangie
Canfield

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What do you want the next president to change about YSU?



"More funding toward classes and study abroad."

Matt Tobin, senior



"More snow days."

Kelly Mehalco, sophomore



"Cable televisions around campus."

Joe Fiorenza, freshman

WHAT DO YOU THINK?

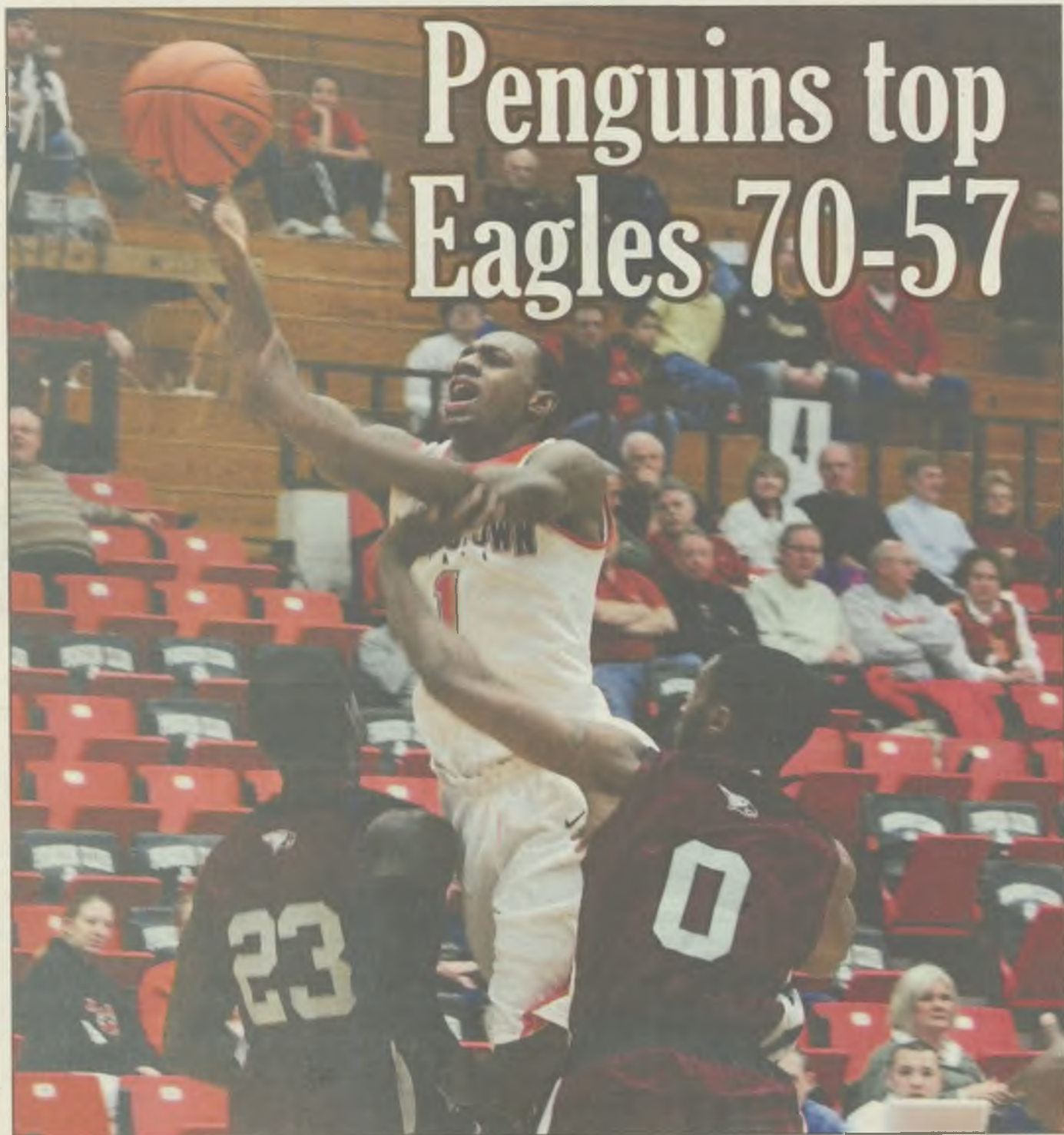
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Penguins top Eagles 70-57

DeAndre Mays takes it strong to rack as he attempts to score on visiting North Carolina Central University.

HORIZON LEAGUE

- 1 BUTLER
- 2 GREEN BAY
- 3 WRIGHT STATE
- 4 DETROIT
- 5 VALPARAISO
- 6 CLEVELAND STATE
- 7 MILWAUKEE
- 8 LOYOLA (IL)
- 9 YOUNGSTOWN STATE
- 10 UIC

NCAA TOP 25

- 1 KENTUCKY
- 2 KANSAS
- 3 VILLANOVA
- 4 SYRACUSE
- 5 MICHIGAN STATE
- 6 TEXAS
- 7 GEORGETOWN
- 8 DUKE
- 9 WEST VIRGINIA
- 10 PURDUE
- 11 KANSAS STATE
- 12 BRIGHAM YOUNG
- 13 GONZAGA
- 14 TENNESSEE
- 15 TEMPLE
- 16 WISCONSIN
- 17 PITTSBURGH
- 18 MISSISSIPPI
- 19 CONNECTICUT
- 20 OHIO STATE
- 21 VANDERBILT
- 22 GEORGIA TECH
- 23 NEW MEXICO
- 24 BAYLOR
- 25 UAB

PENGUIN SPOTLIGHT



KELVIN BRIGHT

POSITION: Guard
YEAR: Senior
HOMETOWN: Silver Spring, Md.
PPG: 9.3
RPG: 1.6
APG: 2.1
FG%: .459

SCHEDULES

MEN'S BASKETBALL
 Jan. 30 @ Cleveland State
 Feb. 4 @ Loyola
 Feb. 6 @ UIC
 Feb. 11 BUTLER
 Feb. 13 VALPARAISO
 Feb. 15 @ Milwaukee
 Feb. 20 @ ESPN
 BracketBuster
 Feb. 25 WRIGHT STATE
 Feb. 27 DETROIT
 Mar. 2 Horizon League
 Tournament

WOMEN'S BASKETBALL

Jan. 28 @ Detroit
 Jan. 30 @ Wright State
 Feb. 4 LOYOLA
 Feb. 6 UIC
 Feb. 11 @ Butler
 Feb. 13 @ Valparaiso
 Feb. 20 CLEVELAND STATE
 Feb. 25 WRIGHT STATE
 Feb. 27 DETROIT
 Mar. 4 @ Green Bay

SWIMMING & DIVING

Feb. 6 @ Cleveland State/
 UIC
 Feb. 7 YOUNGSTOWN
 DIVING INVITE
 Feb. 24-27 Horizon League
 Championships

INDOOR TRACK & FIELD

Jan. 30 @ Tom Wright Classic
 Feb. 5-6 @ Notre Dame
 Mego Invitational
 Feb. 5-6 @ New Balance
 Armory Invitational
 Feb. 12-13 @ Akron Invitational
 Feb. 19 @ Zips Invitational
 Feb. 20 @ Kent State
 Tune-Up
 Feb. 27-28 @ Horizon League
 Championships
 Mar. 5-6 @ Alex Wilson
 Invitational

New direction for volleyball team; Burrows takes charge as new head coach

Chelsea Miller
SPORTS REPORTER

Although newly hired head volleyball coach Krista Burrows admits she's not good at interviews, she's sure of one of her talents: volleyball.

During Burrow's volleyball career as a four-year starter at Auburn University, she posted up a career block assist record of 261, which ranked her seventh all-time, a ranking she still holds today, and eighth in career total blocks with 276, according to the Horizon League sports Web site. She also led her team in aces as a junior at Auburn.

"I'm intense," Burrows said. "I hate to lose."

She hopes that passion for winning will translate into some wins for the Youngstown State University Penguins this

year after a disappointing season under former head coach Joe Bonner. Last year the team finished 7-21 overall. Though Burrows hopes to improve the team, she knows it will not be an easy task.

"It's going to take more than a year to do what I want to do [with the program]," she said. "I like challenges and I know it's going to be a challenge for us to win ... but I know I have the capabilities for us to succeed."

Burrows first began her coaching career as a volunteer assistant at Clemson University and continued coaching at two other Division I schools: Bradley University and Cleveland State University. Burrows also coached at the Cleveland Volleyball Company, a club where volleyball players ages 10 and up from the Cleveland area can try out and play outside of school.

"My coaches always told me I'd be a good coach, but I really didn't seriously think about coaching until I went to Cleveland State in 2000," Burrows said.

Prior to arriving at YSU, Burrows coached at Walsh University, leading her team through several winning seasons and finishing in the top 25 nationally three times. While at Walsh, Burrows led the school to a 164-59 record from 2004 to 2009. She advanced to the NAIA Tournament in her last two seasons as coach, and was named American Midwest Conference and Region IX Coach of the Year in 2006 and 2008.

Coming to YSU was the next step for Burrows in a satisfying career thus far. After the hiring of coach Chad Esposito in late January and his resignation a month later for personal reasons, Burrows jumped at the opportunity.

"It's a great opportunity career-wise," she said. "The sports department here is doing well to promote college sports."

Elaine Jacobs, assistant athletic director of Intercollegiate Athletics, said the department looks forward to seeing what Burrows can do with the program.

"She brought a great resume with her," Jacobs said. "Certainly our hope is that she'll turn things around [for the program] ... we look forward to her getting the potential out of her current roster."

Burrows stated that her knowledge of the game and the relationships she builds with her players are strengths that could help her excel where other coaches did not.

"I train athletes to not only become athletes, but what I call 'students of the game,'" she said.

Donald Jones earns spot in Senior Bowl after stellar senior season

Keith Langford Jr.
SPORTS EDITOR

For the first time since Ron Jaworski was invited to the Senior Bowl in 1972, a Youngstown State University football player will participate in the game. Former YSU wide receiver Donald Jones has earned the distinction of participating in the 2010 Under Armour Senior Bowl.

"It's a tremendous opportunity for a him especially for a player coming from a smaller school," said Scott Smith, Jones' agent.

With the game mainly showcasing stars from bigger colleges and universities like Tim Tebow from Florida and Marty Gilyard from Cincinnati, Jones' addition to the roster signifies an achieve-



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ment for smaller schools. Only five players from non-FBS schools were invited to the Senior Bowl. Jones has also been invited to the NFL Combine as well as invited to play in the Texas vs. The Nation All-Star Game on Feb. 6 in El Paso, Texas.

Public Relations director of the Senior Bowl Kevin Mc-

Dermond was quick to point out that some of the Senior Bowl's best players, who went on to have success in the pros, came from smaller colleges and universities.

"I think that's one of the reasons our game is unique. Guys like Terrell Owens, Brian Westbrook, Walter Payton and Joe Flacco, those are the guys that make this game so special," McDermond said.

As a senior, Jones had one of the best seasons ever produced by a YSU wide receiver. In three different games this season, Jones caught 10 or more passes. He tied the school record of 11 receptions in game twice this past season against Missouri State and Southern Illinois.

He finished the season with 77 receptions for 790 yards and six touchdowns. His num-

bers earned him a first-team Missouri Valley Football Conference nod.

Sports Information director Trevor Parks had nothing but high praises for Jones. Parks described Jones as a humble guy and said his work ethic was second to none.

"As long as they give him a chance, he'll be fine," Parks said.

Parks said it "was pretty cool" to have YSU represented nationally and that his presence would bring great recognition to YSU.

Jones will be wearing number 85 for the North team. The Senior Bowl airs Saturday from Mobile, Ala. at 4 p.m. on the NFL Network.

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