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## The sun: nature's wingman

**Justin Carissimo**  
ASSISTANT NEWS EDITOR

A recent study out of France suggests that a college male's sunny personality may not be the only thing influencing his game.

From late May to early June, Nicolas Gueguen, a University of South Brittany professor, challenged five 20-year-old male undergraduates to obtain phone numbers from 500 different female students between the ages of 18 and 25.

The male students in the study used a scripted dialogue that read, "Hello. My name's Antoine. I just want to say that I think you're really pretty. I have to go to work this afternoon, and I was wondering if you would give me your phone number. I'll phone you later, and we can have a drink together someplace."

On cloudy days, the male students retrieved phone numbers 13.9 percent of the time with an average of 259 different women. On sunny days, however, phone number retrieval increased to 22.4 percent.

The evidence suggests that male students should wait for the sun to break through the clouds

before they consider approaching female classmates.

Youngstown State University junior Brett Lemke said he would keep the study in mind when approaching women for a date.

"I'll definitely use this information again, but if it's cloudy outside, I'll bring the sunshine," Lemke said.

Kristina Delco, a YSU senior, said if she was approached for her phone number, she would react based upon her mood at the time.

In addition, the presence of sunshine has also been found to have a positive effect on mood and social behavior. People tend to leave bigger tips and are more likely to help out strangers on sunny days.

William Fry, a psychology professor at YSU, said the sunny weather may cause people to be more open with others.

"If the weather's nice out, people are going to have more patience and [be] willing to listen to others," Fry said. "People might feel more adventurous or even more physically active."

Lemke said that depending on how he feels, he might go out and put the results to the test.

"This is actually really interesting," he said. "I'd like to see more studies like this come out."



ILLUSTRATION BY PARIS CHRISOPOULOS/THE JAMBAR

## YSU gets Instagram

### Staff Report

The Youngstown State University Office of Marketing and Communications is broadening its social media presence with #ysugram.

Anyone who tags an Instagram photo of campus could see it posted on YSU's account. The office began reposting these photos in December and has already reposted 24 campus photos taken by members of the YSU community.

Andrea Armeni, an assistant editor for the department, said the goal is to bring people together.

"Our target audience is the YSU community — anyone from students to faculty," Armeni said.

ni said. "Content is one-sided, so we wanted to create something different and let the students speak," Armeni said.

Bruce Keillor, an associate professor of marketing, said the campaign will give the university a face with which outsiders can identify, but said he can't be sure how successful it will be.

"It all depends on how many people get involved," he said.

Armeni said that students' usage of social media like Instagram and Pinterest brought on the creation of the program.

"We see a lot of students hashtagging YSU alongside them posting pictures of campus, classes, events and speakers," Armeni said.

Armeni said the program is

a great way to pull everyone together.

"It's sort of an Occupy Instagram that's opening up," Armeni said.

However, students who use the site will be rewarded in a different way, as the program is considering a future contest.

"There really is no prize, but students will get a repost alongside followers," Armeni said.

YSU sophomore Symone McKinney said she doesn't really use Instagram for any purpose, but likes that someone else does.

"I think it's a good way to put the school out there," she said. "Show people what YSU is about."



GRAPHIC BY KEELEY BLACK/THE JAMBAR

## Model UN team to compete in Boston

**Caitlin Sheridan**  
REPORTER

From Thursday through Sunday, 14 Youngstown State University students will take on about 3,000 competitors from around the world in this year's Harvard National Model United Nations conference.

Model UN is an academic simulation of the United Nations. Its purpose is to educate participants about the rules, procedures and processes of the international organization of countries.

YSU's Model UN team has been

an active organization since the early 1970s, and has earned awards from the previous 44 conferences. Now, members are looking to put their name on the national stage once again.

Cory Okular, president of the YSU Student Government Association and a member of YSU's Model UN team, said he is wishing for a positive outcome.

"We are hoping for success at Harvard and to come home with a few awards, but, with top competition, it will be tough," he said.

Okular will compete as part of the European Court of Human Rights. He said he believes YSU will have a

strong showing.

"Our team will be in the same committees as students from Ivy League schools, and in the past, we have performed well and created a name for our university in the Model United Nations world," he said. "We hope to do the same this year."

David Porter, a professor of political science and the team's adviser, said he has high expectations for YSU's team.

"Model United Nations is a great educational experience. It gives students one of the brightest opportunities to experience throughout college. After the competition, the students come out confident," Porter said.

Andrew Webster, a foreign affairs major and president of YSU's Model UN team, said he believes the upcoming competition is a wonderful opportunity, adding that he's looking forward to competing in Boston. This is the second year that YSU's Model UN team will be competing in the Harvard conference.

"Last year was the first year we ever competed at Harvard. We went in to the competition blinded. However, we now know what to expect," Webster said. "It says a lot about Youngstown State University and the people to be capable of going and competing against such prestigious schools."

## Dorner may have been hiding in plain sight near command center

Joseph Serna,  
Andrew Blankstein  
and Phil Willon  
LOS ANGELES TIMES  
(MCT)

Though he lived only half a mile from the command center, deputies never knocked on the door of Jim Rose's house looking for Christopher Dorner, Rose told the Los Angeles Times on Wednesday.

"One friend said, 'OK, so much for the inspection,'" Rose, 78, said.

As it turned out, wanted murder suspect Dorner appears to have been hiding in plain sight, just a five-minute walk from where law enforcement officials from multiple agencies had centered their search operation for the ex-LAPD officer.

More than 200 officers were involved the first night. Sheriff's department officials said the search included more than 600 cabins over eight square miles.

It apparently did not include Rose's neighborhood, which it turns out, may have been where Dorner was hiding all along. The circumstance is reminiscent of the government's search for Whitey Bulger, who was hiding under federal agents' noses when he was captured.

"As far as I could tell, they did about as good as they could do," said Otis Farry, whose home is on Club View Drive. "Who would've known?"

Farry's home abuts the Big Bear Lake golf course, which is across the street from the neighborhood that rises into the forest.

"I figured he was back in the woods somewhere, but the guy was right across the street," said Bruce Doucett, 55, a certified public accountant who lives in the same condominium complex as the unit where Dorner was said to be hiding. "All I can say is that it's a bit unnerving."

Doucett said the condo in question had been vacant and clean since Thursday, the last time a tenant was there for a vacation rental.

Authorities aren't sure how long Dorner might have been in the condo. But Carl Macon, 53, said it was unsettling to know he walked his dog by

the condo every day. He described Dorner's alleged acts as "something out of a suspense book."

Macon said his house has been tense, despite a visit by a SWAT team Thursday night as part of the cabin checks. Despite rumors Dorner might have left the mountain, Macon said he thought chances were good the fugitive had stayed — a lot of people he knew were on their toes.

But now, Macon said, it's "time to chill."

"Time to crack open the champagne," he said.

If the body found in a burned-out cabin in the Big Bear area is identified as Dorner's, it would end a weeklong manhunt for the ex-LAPD officer and Navy Reserve lieutenant. He is suspected in a string of shootings following his firing by the Los Angeles Police Department several years ago.

Four people have died in the case, allegedly at Dorner's hands.

He attempted to flee law enforcement officials on Tuesday, fatally shooting a San Bernardino County sheriff's deputy and seriously injuring another, officials said.

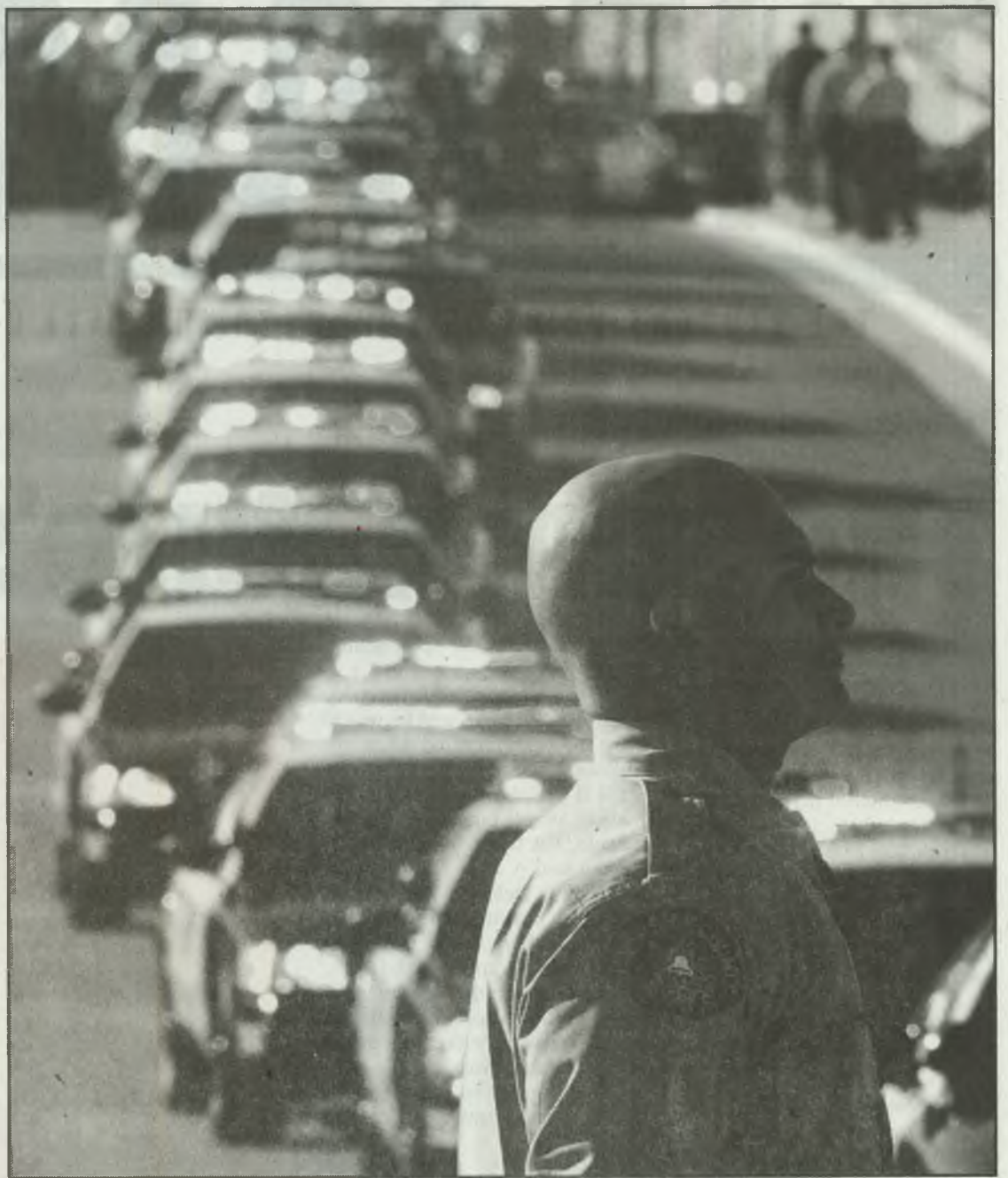
He then barricaded himself in a wooden cabin outside of Big Bear off Highway 38, according to police.

Last week, authorities said they had tracked Dorner to a wooded area near Big Bear Lake. They found his torched gray Nissan Titan with several weapons inside, the said, and the only trace of Dorner was a short trail of footprints in newly fallen snow.

According to a manifesto that officials say Dorner posted on Facebook, he felt the LAPD unjustly fired him several years ago, when a disciplinary panel determined that he lied in accusing his training officer of kicking a mentally ill man during an arrest. LAPD Police Chief Charlie Beck has promised to review the case.

The manifesto vows "unconventional and asymmetrical warfare" against law enforcement officers and their families. "Self-preservation is no longer important to me. I do not fear death as I died long ago," it said.

On Tuesday morning, two cleaning crew workers entered a cabin in the 1200 block



A Riverside County Sheriff deputy stands at attention as the hearse and procession for Riverside Police Officer Michael Crain arrives at Grove Community Church in Riverside, Calif., on Wednesday. Crain was killed by fugitive Christopher Dorner. Photo by Don Bartletti/Los Angeles Times.

of Club View Drive and ran into a man who they said resembled the fugitive, a law enforcement official said. The cabin was not far from where Dorner's charred truck had been found and where police had been holding news conferences about the manhunt.

The man tied up the workers and took off in a purple Nissan parked near the cabin, the official said. About 12:20 p.m., one of the maids broke free and called police.

Nearly half an hour later, officers with the California Department of Fish and Wildlife spotted the stolen vehicle and called for backup, authorities said. The suspect turned down a side road in an attempt to elude the officers but

crashed the vehicle, police said.

A short time later, authorities said, the suspect carjacked a light-colored pickup truck. Allan Laframboise said the truck belonged to his friend Rick Heltebrake, who works at a nearby Boy Scout camp.

Heltebrake was driving on Glass Road with his Dalmatian, Suni, when a hulking African-American man stepped into the road, Laframboise said. Heltebrake stopped. The man told him to get out of the truck.

Dorner then allegedly sped off in the Dodge extended-cab pickup — and quickly encountered two Department of Fish and Wildlife trucks.

As the suspect zoomed past

the officers, he rolled down his window and fired about 15 to 20 rounds, officials said. One of the officers jumped out and shot a high-powered rifle at the fleeing pickup. The suspect abandoned the vehicle and took off on foot, police said.

They said he ended up at the Seven Oaks Mountain Cabins, a cluster of wood-frame buildings about halfway between Big Bear Lake and Yucaipa. The suspect exchanged gunfire with San Bernardino County sheriff's deputies as he fled into a cabin that locals described as a single-story, multiroom structure.

## Bringing college-level calculus to the masses, for free

Tom Avril  
THE PHILADELPHIA INQUIRER  
(MCT)

Do you remember that the secant function has vertical asymptotes?

Neither did I, but it came right back to me when I listened to the soothing tones of Robert Ghrist.

He is a mathematics professor at the University of Pennsylvania, but since January, his audience has grown exponentially: 48,000 people in more than 62 countries.

Ghrist is spreading the gospel of calculus through an online education service called Coursera, and he scored a big vote of confidence last week when a higher-education umbrella group said the course deserved official college credit.

As a former math teacher who switched to journalism more than 20 years ago, I am inclined to agree, though it is not for everyone. Derivatives. Integrals. Taylor series. L'Hopital's rule. All this after a speedy review of functions and trigonometry.

Ghrist assumes his students — who hail from Santa Barbara to Sri Lanka — have a strong math background.

"You're about to dive into one of the loftiest achievements of human thought," Ghrist says in his opening

remarks for the course in the warm, measured cadence of someone on public radio.

He is not wrong. Calculus is a vital tool in too many realms of human endeavor to count: building bridges, snapping digital photos, measuring which medicines cure the sick, sending rockets into space. But most people never take it, and when they do, Ghrist fears they are not taught in a way that allows them to grasp the underlying concepts.

He aims to change that with his videos, which feature colorful, animated images, diagrams, and equations, along with clear explanations. Didn't catch it the first time around? Simply pause and rewind.

And don't skip around. "Calculus is a story, like an epic story, with grand characters, lofty themes, struggle, and eventual victory," he tells students. "I want you to live that story from beginning to end."

Of the 48,000 who have signed up for the 13-week course, just 8,000 have stuck with it as active participants. That is still a vast number — "every math teacher's dream," Ghrist tells me — and too many for him and his teaching assistants to help everyone who has questions.

So they help one another. The course website is a hotbed of international cooperation, with David from Slovakia

explaining trigonometry to Valeriia of Ukraine, and Pilar from Spain giving tips to William from Oregon. Ghrist and his staff monitor the students' online discussion groups, giving them a helpful nudge if they veer astray.

The reason the secant has vertical asymptotes, by the way, is that it is defined as 1 divided by the cosine, which ranges from -1 to 1. So whenever the cosine is zero, the secant is 1 divided by zero — a mathematical no-no. In Ghrist's graph of the secant, the line periodically shoots off toward infinity.

Later, as the lectures dive into actual calculus, Ghrist takes issue with how many high school students are taught that the derivative of a function is the same as its slope. That is a narrow definition, and not very useful with functions that have multiple inputs and outputs, he says.

"That is an interpretation of the derivative, not a definition," he said. On the screen appear the words "Slope? Nope!"

He then goes on to sketch out several broader explanations, including that the derivative is "the limit as the change in input goes to zero of the change in the output over the change in the input."

True, but pay attention: Ghrist moves on pretty quickly to the next concept.

I decide to try my hand at some of

the homework. On the first problem set, a review of functions, trigonometry and logarithms, I score just 8 out of 12 — ouch.

But cut me some slack. I've been in the word business for more than 20 years. In addition, the instructions did not point out that some of the multiple-choice questions called for more than one answer, which Ghrist acknowledged when I asked him later.

Had I known that, I would have gotten at least 9 of 12 — honest. Then I moved on to one of the actual calculus problems, and got it right.

It is fun to feel part of a huge international experiment. The students clearly agree. Discussion forums indicate they range in age from 9 to their mid-70s, from professionals seeking an edge to those who find math fun.

The recent endorsement by the American Council on Education means some colleges will accept Ghrist's course for credit, provided students pay for a third-party service to verify, identity, and proctor the exam. The fee is still being worked out, but it will be less than \$200, of which Penn will get a share.

Current students signed up before they knew of that arrangement, clearly out of a pure thirst for knowledge.

"It's fantastic," said Stefania, a math teacher in northern Italy who seeks to hone her skills.

# The Yo\* Magazine



Are you a writer, designer or photographer looking to contribute to an award-winning regional arts and culture magazine?

If so, The Yo\* Magazine, a subdivision of The Jambar, welcomes your involvement — and involvement from all YSU students, faculty and staff.

A meeting to discuss this semester's issue of The Yo\* Magazine will be held at 2 p.m. on Friday, Feb. 22, in the basement computer lab of Fedor Hall.

For more information, email [yomagazineysu@gmail.com](mailto:yomagazineysu@gmail.com), or call 330-941-1991.

Saihou Nije created the art used in this calendar.

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## 2013 AFRICAN AMERICAN HISTORY MONTH CELEBRATION

*Proverb of the Month:*  
"If a donkey kicks you and you kick back, you are both donkeys." (Gambia, West Africa)

**Saturday, Feb. 2**  
Noon to 6 p.m., Chestnut Room, Kilcawley Center  
**THE AFRICAN MARKETPLACE**  
The African Marketplace features a wide variety of vendors from the U.S. and Africa as they display and sell African outfits, artifacts, artistic creations, books and jewelry. The marketplace also celebrates African culture in music and dance, provided by the highly talented Harambee Youth Group of Youngstown.

**Thursday, Feb. 7**  
7:30 p.m., Chestnut Room, Kilcawley Center  
**THE AFRICAN AMERICAN PYRAMID AWARDS**  
A presentation and awards ceremony celebrating the achievements of outstanding Youngstown City Schools students. Teachers, mentors and parents who have devoted service to student honorees will also be recognized.  
Co-sponsors: The Family Empowerment Institute and Youngstown City Schools

**Wednesday, Feb. 13**  
Reception: 5 p.m., Art Gallery, Bliss Hall  
Panel Discussion: 6 p.m., Zeno Auditorium, Butler Institute of American Art  
**AFRICAN ART DISPLAY**  
By Saihou Omar Nije  
Saihou Omar Nije grew up in The Gambia, West Africa, in a family of artists. He developed an interest in the arts, especially in the magic of color and patterning on fabric, and studied art and architecture at Hamilton College in New York. He is on the roster of Teaching Artists for the Pennsylvania Council of the Arts and the Pittsburgh Center for the Arts.  
Co-sponsor: The College of Fine and Performing Arts at YSU

**Friday, Feb. 15**  
7 p.m., The Ohio Room, Kilcawley Center  
**"BLACK ARTS AND THE CIVIL RIGHTS MOVEMENT"**  
Keynote lecture by Mwatabu S. Okantah  
Mwatabu S. Okantah is an assistant professor and Poet-in-Residence for the Department of Pan-African Studies and director of the Center of Pan-African Culture at Kent State University. An author of several published poems, he holds degrees in English and African Studies from KSU and a master's in Creative Writing from City College, New York. Also a performer, Okantah has collaborated with the Cavani String Quartet, the Rhodes Street Rude Boys, and leads the Muntu Kuntu Energy Group.

**Saturday, Feb. 16**  
7 p.m., St. Augustine Church, 614 Parmelee Ave., Youngstown  
**SAVE NUBIA PROJECT SEMINAR**  
Manu Ampim  
Manu Ampim is a professor of History at Contra Costa College and of Africana Studies at Merritt College. In addition, he is historian, primary researcher and director of Advancing the Research. He holds his master's in History/Africana Studies and is the author of several publications. His latest project draws upon his archaeological research of the classical African civilizations of Ancient Kush and Nubia, which are now in danger of being permanently flooded.  
Co-sponsors: The Africana Studies Program at YSU and the R. Ross Berry George Washington Williams Historical Society

**Tuesday, Feb. 19**  
7 p.m., The Ohio Room, Kilcawley Center  
**WITH GRACE I STAND**  
One-woman play by E.P. McNight  
E.P. McNight depicts trailblazing African American women in this entertaining production. A graduate of Fordham University, New York, she received her master's degree in Educational Psychology. McNight is a poet, actress, writer, producer, host, teacher and a member of Screen Actors Guild. She currently travels throughout the country with her highly acclaimed show, "I Question America: The Legacy of Fannie Lou Hamer."

**Thursday, Feb. 21**  
7 p.m., The Gallery Room, Kilcawley Center  
**"AFRICAN CULTURAL HERITAGE: MISSING VALUES IN THE QUEST FOR MODERNISM"**  
Lecture by Dr. Emmanuel Christian Nyarko  
Dr. Nyarko is a Ghanaian educationist whose specialization is in Art Education. He obtained his Ph.D. from Ohio University, where he was a Fulbright student, and has been a lecturer at the Kwame Nkrumah University of Science in Kumasi, Ghana. He was a member of the Board of Trustees of the Center for National Culture in Kumasi and president of the Ghana Association of Visual Artists.

**Saturday, Feb. 23**  
7 p.m., Chestnut Room, Kilcawley Center  
**AFRICAN MUSICAL EXTRAVAGANZA**  
By Toby Foyeh and Orchestra Africa  
Toby Foyeh is the leader of the Toby Foyeh African Orchestra and attended Berklee College of Music in Boston and Howard University, Washington, D.C. The orchestra specializes in African music with its origins in the traditional Yoruba ethnic group of Nigeria and focuses on a dynamic mélange of jazz, rock, pop and Latin rhythms or "AfriJam" music.  
Co-sponsor: The Office of Student Diversity at YSU

**Monday, Feb. 25**  
7:30 p.m., Jones Room, Kilcawley Center  
**BLACK FACULTY RESEARCH SHOWCASE**  
Black Faculty Research Showcase is a celebration of Youngstown State University's Black Faculty—an opportunity for them to share their research for feedback and general discussion. Presenters include Dr. Frank Agyapock of the Regional Center for Urban Studies and author of *City in Transition: Strategies for Economic Regeneration of Inner-City Communities—The Case of Youngstown, Ohio*; and Dr. Victor Wan-Tatoh, director of the Africana Studies Program and author of *The Toxic Influence of Religion in Recent Presidential Elections*, among other accomplished faculty. There will be a book signing at the end of the event.

Events co-sponsored by:

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For further information about African American History Month events, call the Africana Studies Program at 330-941-3097.  
Event parking is available at the Lincoln Deck and lot M24, next to McDonald's on Fifth Avenue.

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**POLICE BRIEFS**

*Police investigate marijuana odor in Cafaro*

Shortly after 10 p.m. on Saturday, a YSU police officer on patrol reported to a residence in Cafaro House after a witness suspected the odor of marijuana coming from the room.

*Officer responds to disturbance in Williamson*

Around noon on Saturday, YSU Police reported to Williamson Hall in reference to disorderly conduct. Upon arrival, the university police officer discovered that a male student had been disrupting ACT testing in a first-floor room of the building.

*Woman reheating food activates alarm*

On Friday evening, a 25-year-old woman triggered a fire alarm while using a microwave to reheat food in the day care area of Fedor Hall. YSU police officers and maintenance staff checked the building, then told the day care staff to keep the children in one room until the alarm could be reset.

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**NEWS BRIEFS**

*Poet to read at McDonough on Tuesday*

At 7 p.m. on Tuesday, Remica Bingham, an award-winning poet, will read from "What We Ask of Flesh," her new collection of poetry that was published this year by Etruscan Press. The reading, which will be held in the McDonough Museum of Art, is free and open to the public. In addition to this reading, Bingham will participate in the Mahoning Valley Diversity Outreach Program, speaking to more than 500 area high school and college students. Bingham's first book won the Naomi Long Madgett Poetry Award and was shortlisted for the Hurston/Wright Legacy Award. She lives with her husband and children in Norfolk, Va., where she is the director of writing and faculty development at Old Dominion University.

*Summer Festival of the Arts to return for 15th year*

The 15th Annual Summer Festival of the Arts is scheduled for July 13 and 14; it will be held on YSU's campus, and will include an artists' marketplace, an ethnic festival and family activities. Applications for the juried fine art show are available, and artists are encouraged to apply by the April 5 early deadline. Each application requires a \$20 jury fee, and if accepted, the booth fee is \$100. For an application, email Lori Factor at lafactor@ysu.edu, or visit <http://www.ysu.edu/sfa>.

*Apply until Feb. 22 for YSU Women's Club scholarships*

Those interested in applying for scholarships offered by the YSU Women's Club now have until Feb. 22 to do so. Funded by the YSU Foundation, the scholarships are awarded annually and are based primarily on academic performance and need; other considerations include involvement with community organizations and academic activities, as well as a personal essay. This year, five scholarships will be awarded. The YSU Women's Club, founded in 1968, is open to all university women, including current and retired employees, along with the wives, widows and female life/domestic partners of current or retired employees/board members. For scholarship applications, visit <http://www.ysu.edu/womensclub> or [http://cfweb.cc.ysu.edu/finaid/sec\\_scholarships.cfm](http://cfweb.cc.ysu.edu/finaid/sec_scholarships.cfm).

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By Nathan Louis Jackson

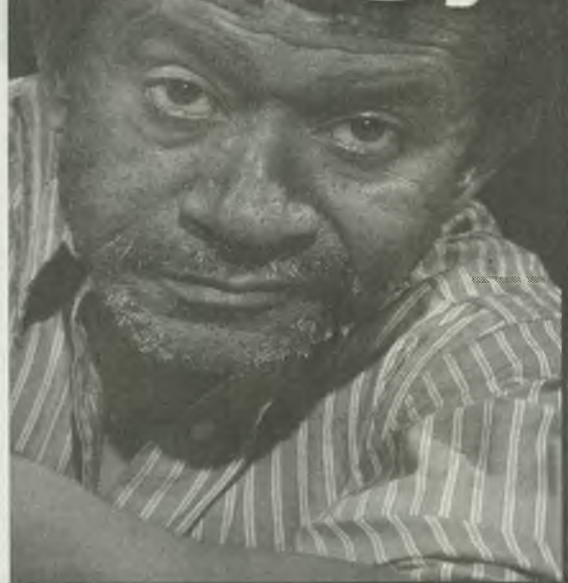
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Sunday, February 24 8 p.m.

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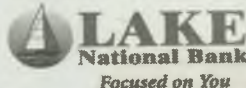
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# Accrediting agency wants action from UNC

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THE NEWS & OBSERVER  
(MCT)

RALEIGH, N.C. — In a strongly worded notice from its accrediting agency, the University of North Carolina-Chapel Hill has been told that it must ensure the legitimacy of degrees awarded to an unknown number of graduates who took bogus classes going back to the 1990s.

The Southern Association of Colleges and Schools' Commission on Colleges (SACS) stopped short of suggesting that the degrees be voided. But the university "did not provide sufficient evidence that it had addressed the breaches of academic integrity" of degrees to students who took irregular African and Afro-American studies courses, Belle Wheelan, SACS president, wrote in a Jan. 15 letter to Chancellor Holden Thorp.

In an interview Tuesday, Wheelan said one solution would be for the university to bring back those graduates and provide them with free courses to

take the place of the bogus ones.

"Is it really fair for them to have that degree versus students who got the same degree but actually did the work for those classes in question?" Wheelan posed. "So some way of going back to clean that up is what we're looking for."

Wheelan said she is not talking about voiding a graduate's degree, but rather "making that degree whole."

But finding those graduates, and having them take extra courses years later, would likely be a monumental undertaking.

"I think it would be a huge challenge," Thorp said. He added that he doesn't know the number of graduates, who took improperly taught African studies classes.

A review by former Gov. Jim Martin and the Baker Tilly management consulting firm, released in December, found more than 200 courses with little or no instruction dating back to 1997. They included no-show classes and independent studies with poor oversight. That report also identified 560 grade changes without proper authorization.

Asked why any former student would return for an extra course, Wheelan said: "Integrity. Honesty. Fairness. You know, all those things we like to think they learned as part of that academic program in the first place."

A team assembled by the accrediting body is scheduled to visit UNC-CH in April. It will be led by Bowen Loftin, president of Texas A&M University.

That visit grew out of a commission board meeting in December. The board did not officially sanction UNC-CH but ordered a monitoring report by the outside team.

Thorp said an independent analysis of the university's new academic procedures was not available at the time the commission's board met in December. That study, by Baker Tilly, found no gaps in implementation of about 70 policy and procedure changes at UNC-CH in the aftermath of the academic scandal, which involved a disproportionate number of athletes.

Thorp said he hopes the reforms and the Baker Tilly report will reassure the accreditation team that UNC-CH is doing all it can to prevent academic fraud in the future.

"I think that will be incredibly important to them, and that may go a long way," Thorp said.

The chancellor said he wants to work with SACS on another alternative to forcing extra classes on graduates.

"We have maintained all along that none of this was the students' fault," Thorp said, "and so we will be impressing that on SACS and trying to work with them on what a solution would be."

Wheelan's letter outlined the areas found deficient at UNC-CH by the commission's board at its December meeting. It asks the university to provide evidence that it has implemented changes in academic policies, academic support services, student records and rules about student credit hours.

The outside SACS team will report its findings to the commission board, which could take action in June. A university could receive a warning, or worse, probation. After that could come a loss of accreditation, which likely would mean the death knell for a college or university, because it would no longer be eligible to receive federal financial aid dollars.



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## YSUnity takes a stand during HIV Awareness Week



YSUnity President Lisa Ronquillo and Vice President Tim Bortner go over their plans for HIV Awareness Week, which runs from Feb. 18 to 22. Photo by Taylor Phillips/The Jambar.

**Taylor Phillips**  
ARTS & ENTERTAINMENT  
REPORTER

When YSUnity Vice President Tim Bortner found out his friend had been diagnosed with the human immunodeficiency virus, or HIV, he realized that the organization needed to raise awareness of the effects of HIV, as well as ways to prevent the virus.

Next week, YSUnity, along with the Andrews Student Recreation and Wellness Center and the Student Activities Office, will sponsor a HIV Awareness Week to do just that.

"My friend is getting sicker, and it's not just him; it is other people I have seen that have HIV," Bortner said. "I know what they are going through, and I don't want to see other people go through that."

Members of YSUnity also wanted to promote HIV aware-

ness after previously hosting informational tables in Kilcawley Center on the last Thursday of each month.

"This year, I thought, 'Let's up it a little bit and make it to a week,'" Bortner said. "It may be a little hard, but it is something that needs to be addressed."

HIV Awareness Week will feature informational tables, as well as speakers who will discuss the virus' impact on the black community and condom myths.

Diego Espino, director of health education and outreach at Planned Parenthood of Greater Ohio, said that people should be more educated about HIV.

"Getting tested is always a good thing," he said.

Confidential HIV testing will be available on Tuesday, Wednesday and Friday in Kilcawley Center.

"I'm not trying to say HIV is just an LGBT community sort of thing. It is something that we should all be aware of, being a

college campus," said Lisa Ronquillo, president of YSUnity. "Get tested; it can't hurt."

Thursday evening will feature a benefit, held at Utopia Video Night Club; proceeds will go to the Mahoning County Task Force on AIDS. The event will feature prizes, raffles and a drag show at midnight.

To finish off the week, a candlelight vigil will be held at 3 p.m. Friday near The Rock, and it will honor those who have lost their lives to HIV or AIDS.

## For the kids

**Marissa McIntyre**  
ARTS & ENTERTAINMENT EDITOR

Penguin Ice Breakers, a student organization at Youngstown State University, recently sold candy and raffle tickets in Kilcawley Center to raise money for patients of Akron Children's Hospital at the Beeghly Campus in Boardman.

Ahmed Sutton, the group's president, said members were originally planning to volunteer at the hospital. However, when they found out that the ill children needed toys, they decided to switch gears and raise funds instead.

The idea to do so came from Sammi Burton, the organization's vice president.

"We were talking about doing something in the community," she said. "I love kids. Children are the future, and if we reach out, they could look up to us and be inspired."

The group will accept monetary donations, along with donations of toys and infant clothing, through February.

"Our goal is to project a positive image of YSU both on and off campus," Sutton said.

The group has a target amount of \$200, which Sutton said members "plan to supersede."

Everyone who donates will have the chance to win \$25 in a raffle, as well as the opportunity to fill out a heart with their name and a message for a child in the hospital.

"We got the idea from places that put your name on a heart or shamrock if you donate," Burton said. "Since we're doing this around Valentine's Day, we thought it would be nice for the kids to get a little valentine."

Sutton said one of the best qualities of the student group is the variety of students who want to make a difference.

"We're a very diverse group. We're filled with different majors and different class ranks. But we all just want to get out there and help," Sutton said.

Along with Akron Children's Hospi-



Penguin Ice Breakers Jordan Brian, Justin Haight, Leanne Johnson, Courtney Larubina, Samantha Burton and Ahmed Sutton are planning to raise money and gather toys for Akron Children's Hospital at the Beeghly Campus in Boardman. The ambassadors plan to volunteer throughout Youngstown as well. Photo courtesy of Ahmed Sutton.

tal, the Penguin Ice Breakers have raised money for Alex's Lemonade Stand Foundation for Childhood Cancer, volunteered at the local Boys and Girls Club and hosted blood drives.

Sutton said it's humbling to be able to help.

"We're doing this for the kids. Sometimes families have to send these kids to

the hospital for long periods of time, or even just overnight. We want to make their stay as comfortable as possible," Sutton said.

Burton had previously volunteered by watching kids at the Beatitude House in Boardman. She also grew up with two older sisters and always looked up to them.

"I hope these kids grow up and are inspired to go to college and reach out," Burton said.

She said she hopes other groups will reach out as well.

"We're trying to get YSU's name out there in volunteering, and hopefully, we'll inspire other groups to volunteer as well," Burton said.

## Parched for information

The most notable moment of Tuesday's State of the Union wasn't President Barack Obama's proposal to increase the minimum wage, a renewed commitment to environmental protection or a promise to reform immigration policy.

Instead, Marco Rubio's dry mouth stole the show.

Seriously?

Instead of dissecting the plausibility of a Trans-Pacific Partnership or denigrating Obama's eccentric appeal for gun control legislation, lazy reporters were aghast over a guy taking a sip of water. They made a spectacle out of seriousness.

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Watching "Buckwild," whatever that show is, won't restore the world's faith in our economy. Foreign investors won't find a safe haven in a society overrun by smut and sitcoms.

Forecasters have been warning of future perils for years. We are the first generation that will likely not be better off than our predecessors, and while most of the responsibility falls at their feet, we're not doing enough to change it.

### CORRECTION

In Tuesday's editorial, we provided the wrong day of the week for the State of the Union. It was given on Tuesday, not Thursday. We regret the error.

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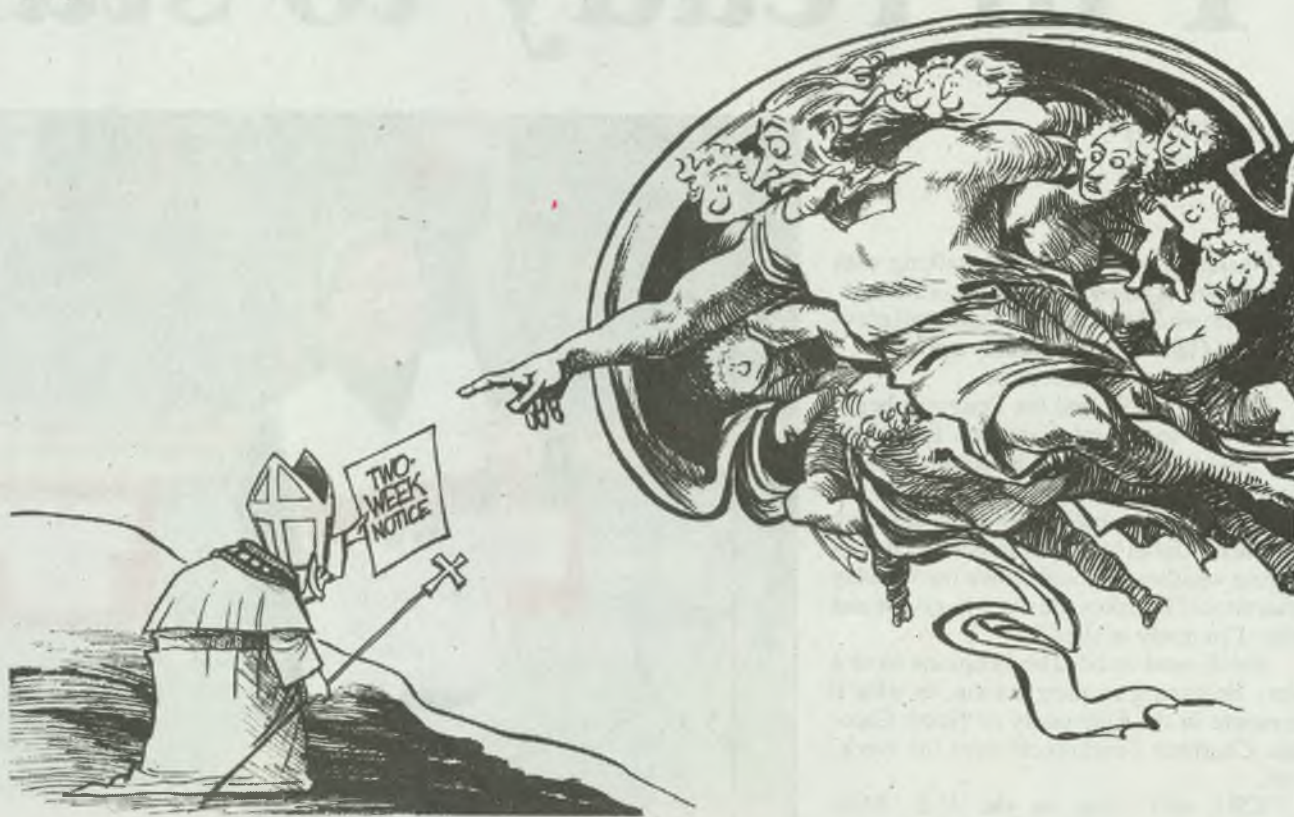
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## Doyle McManus: Obama's less-is-more agenda

Los Angeles Times  
(MCT)

President Obama's State of the Union address Tuesday, the first of his second term, won't be long remembered. It didn't offer much in the way of new ideas. It was short on memorable lines — except, perhaps, his demand for congressional action on gun control because Gabby Giffords and the families of Newtown "deserve a vote."

But those are all good things. They tell us that after four years in the White House and a hard-won reelection, Obama has recalibrated his ambitions to match the moment. A president who once promised to transform American politics and stop the oceans' rise has downsized his goals, not because he wanted to but because circumstance has made it necessary.

A soaring speech full of ambitious new goals wouldn't make sense in the Washington of 2013. Obama still faces a hostile Republican majority in the House and a forbidding deficit that limits the amount of money he can spend.

He's already proposed two big new agenda items for his second term: immigration reform and gun control. (They're actually old ideas, but it's been so long since they were debated in Congress, they seem new again.) If the president makes real headway on them, and keeps the economy from stalling, his next two years at least will look like a success.

The main theme of the speech was jobs. (He's for them.) But his economic proposals were relatively modest, and mostly recycled. Even the cover design for his economic plan was recycled from last year's State of the Union handout.

It may have sounded as if

Obama was calling for a massive array of new federal initiatives, but on closer inspection, they are mostly micro-initiatives.

He promised limited executive actions to reduce greenhouse gases, not the far-reaching legislation he once sought to stem climate change. He asked Congress to pass a law making it easier for homeowners to refinance their mortgages, but the idea faces long odds in the House. He called for a new infrastructure funding plan, but it was a downsized version of one he proposed in 2011.

Other ideas came with an even longer pedigree. The proposal to increase the minimum wage to \$9? Downsized from the \$9.50 proposal of the 2008 campaign. Universal preschool, without a mention of how it would be funded? Again, the 2008 campaign.

As one of the president's aides told me: They were good ideas before; they're good ideas now.

Especially the ones about jobs. "A growing economy that creates good middle-class jobs — that must be the North Star that guides our efforts," he said.

Fair enough. But both parties see the same North Star; the problem is they insist on taking different paths to pursue it.

Obama didn't solve that problem Tuesday. He exhorted Republicans (for the umpteenth time) to adopt his solution to the impending crisis over automatic spending cuts: closing tax loopholes that benefit "the well-off and well-connected." In return, he offered to support modest reforms in Medicare, an offer he has also made before.

And, significantly, he contended that a modest amount of deficit reduction is all we need. In 2011 and 2012, the president spent weeks trying to strike an ambitious multitrillion-dollar "grand bargain" over taxes and spending with House Speaker John A.

Boehner, R-Ohio. But on Tuesday, Obama whittled that down: another \$1.5 trillion and we're done. His downsized goals may be easier to reach, for Congress and himself. But deficit hawks are furious.

There was important foreign policy in the speech too, a sign that like most second-term presidents facing a difficult Congress, Obama is discovering the rewards of acting as diplomat in chief.

He promised to bring home half of the 66,000 U.S. troops in Afghanistan by next year, and the other half a year later. He called for a free-trade agreement with Europe, a goal that sounds boring but could turn out to be the most historic proposal in the speech. And he said he would work to negotiate new nuclear arms reductions with Russia, a measure that, not incidentally, could save real money.

Second terms are often disastrous, and they sometimes fall afoul of a president's conviction that reelection gave him a mandate to do big things.

George W. Bush used the first State of the Union address of his second term to call for the partial privatization of Social Security; the collapse of that effort was an early sign that his presidency was in trouble. Bill Clinton opened his second term with ambitious goals for education and entitlement reforms that went nowhere. He spent much of his remaining tenure battling impeachment instead.

Obama has set more realistic targets. If he meets the most significant of them — immigration reform, even modest steps on gun control, an end to the U.S. combat role in Afghanistan, a free-trade agreement with Europe and, oh yes, implementation of Obamacare — and manages to keep the economy growing, even if slowly, that's not a bad list. Plenty of two-term presidents have done worse.

## Campus Connection

What did you think about the State of the Union?



"I enjoyed it. The Republican Party took it pretty badly. The government has a problem working together. It seems like the Republican Party is not looking to work with the Democrats in any way to help the middle class."

Patrick Bascom,  
Senior



"I'm tired of hearing about gun control; it's a mental health issue. Other issues are more dire than gun control."

Pressley Bakos,  
Junior

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## 'I'm ready to start'

Steve Wilaj  
SPORTS EDITOR

Flashing a wide smile and walking with enthusiasm at Monday's press conference, Youngstown State University softball player Sarah Gabel was noticeably upbeat.

She has good reason to be. For one, Gabel and the Penguins begin their 2013 season on Saturday. Even better, YSU will travel to Charlotte, N.C., to do so.

"It's exciting, especially with this nice weather," Gabel said in reference to the 47 degree weather in Youngstown on Monday afternoon. "It makes me want to go out and play. I'm ready to start."

She'll need to be. The Penguins have a busy beginning to their season, as they'll compete in the University of North Carolina Charlotte Tournament over the weekend.

YSU will take on the U.S. Military Academy at West Point on Saturday at 10 a.m., then face Drexel University at 3 p.m.

The Penguins will play another double-header on Sunday before returning home. They'll open the day by competing against UNC Charlotte at 1 p.m., then close out the tournament against West Point at 3 p.m.

"It's nice to go away for the weekend and go to nice weather," Gabel said. "It's really relaxing, and I don't think we put too much pressure on ourselves. It's nice to go have fun and play."

Gabel added that the most important thing for YSU is to find its "groove" and "get live at-bats."

Head softball coach Brian Campbell agreed. Like Gabel, Campbell said he's ready for the Penguins to go south and try to build off their 29-21-1 record in 2012.

"We worked really hard in terms of defense and with the pitchers," Campbell said. "And again, we spent some time, but you don't really get the true live hitting until you start the game. ... The young ladies are really working hard for us."



YSU softball pitcher Hana Somogyi delivers a pitch during a home game last season. The Penguins open their 2013 season on Saturday. Photo by Dustin Livesay/The Jambar.

### SPORTS BRIEFS

**HL picks Flagg as week's women's basketball newcomer**

Junior Karen Flagg was recently named as the Horizon League Women's Basketball Newcomer of the Week, thanks to her performance in YSU's win over the University of Detroit Mercy on Thursday. Flagg is a native of Chester, Pa., and she previously played for Daytona State College. The Penguins will play two games in Wisconsin this week — in Milwaukee on Thursday and in Green Bay on Saturday.

### Roberts is HL Swimmer of the Week

The Horizon League recently named Samantha Roberts, a senior swimmer from Indiana, as its swimmer of the week. At a meet at Ohio University on Saturday, Roberts won the 100 breaststroke (1:08.02) and the 200 breaststroke (2:25.09), and she finished second in the 200 individual medley (2:18.58). She was the sole swimmer from YSU to win in multiple events against the Bobcats.

### PENGUIN SPOTLIGHT

Both Brittany Stockmaster, a member of the cross-country team, and Missy Hundelt, a member of the volleyball team, were recently named to the Horizon League's All-Academic teams.

## A lot to prove

Steve Wilaj  
SPORTS EDITOR

Drew Dosch isn't unappreciative.

Dosch, Youngstown State University's third baseman, has been drenched with pre-season honors: He's the Horizon League Player of the Year, a first-team all-league selection and Baseball America's top professional prospect in the conference.

"It's certainly a great honor," Dosch said.

Pitcher Nic Manuppelli also received pre-season recognition, as Baseball America deemed him the third-best

conference prospect.

That's all well and good, Dosch said, but the junior is focused on a different pre-season ranking: Out of the five Horizon League teams, YSU was picked to finish last.

"The thing that we saw when we looked at that report that came out was the team standings, the prediction," Dosch said at Monday's press conference. "It's not about me, not about Nic. ... Everything's got to come together to prove to people that we can play at the top of the Horizon League."

The Penguins will begin their quest to prove them-

selves at 3:30 p.m. on Friday, when they travel to Birmingham, Ala., for a four-game weekend series against Samford University.

"Opening day, you're excited or whatever, but you go out there and it's another game," Dosch said. "Once you step between the lines, once the first pitch is thrown, then you put everything — all the hype and accolades — behind."

The Penguins also want to put their 11-14 record from the 2012 season behind them. That process began when first-year head baseball coach Steve Gillispie was appointed during the offseason.

Gillispie said he wants to continue that process by taking "small steps" during opening weekend.

"We gotta have guys that maybe hadn't had as much success in the past, that have maybe struggled in their early career, have some early level of success," he said.

Senior Blake Aquadro will be the Penguins' starting pitcher on opening day.

"The butterflies are going to be there; the anxiety is going to be there," Gillispie said. "Hopefully, they'll stay focused on just doing what they're capable of doing. Nothing more, nothing less."

## Men's, women's hoops set to take on Wisconsin teams

Cory Bartek  
SPORTS REPORTER

With an important matchup looming against first-place University of Wisconsin-Green Bay on Saturday, Bob Boldon, head women's basketball coach, said his team isn't overlooking Thursday's game.

"We're just going to try to beat [the University of Wisconsin-Milwaukee]," he said.

While the Penguins are on their first five-game winning streak since 2000 and sit in second place in the Horizon League (16-5 overall, 6-2 in the HL), Boldon said there is still room for improvement.

"If we want to continue to win games, we've got to find a way to take a lot better care of the basketball and omit some of these crazy turnovers we've been having," he said.

Despite picking up a 67-50 victory against UW-Milwaukee earlier in the season, Boldon said YSU isn't taking the Panthers lightly the second time around. In fact, he said he's anticipating getting everyone's best shot the second time through.

"The most important thing is our en-

ergy level and our effort level," he said.

Boldon remembers the Penguins' last loss on the road, which came on Jan. 12 at Valparaiso University (8-13, 3-5).

"It was unfortunately necessary," Boldon said. "It didn't seem necessary at the time, but, in retrospect, it probably was. Our approach has been 100 times better since that game."

Boldon knows that continued success from senior Brandi Brown and junior Karen Flagg means only good things for the team.

Brown is in the top 25 in the nation in both scoring and rebounding, while Flagg is coming off Horizon League Newcomer of the Week honors after her 17 points and six assists against the University of Detroit Mercy.

Brown spoke highly of Flagg and what she brings to the team.

"She really wants it," she said. "She really wants to score, and she really wants to win."

Brown also has a hunger to win. "We don't want just the midway point to be the highlight of our season," she said.

The women hit the road and head to Wisconsin as they face UW-Milwaukee on Thursday, then travel to Green Bay

(19-2, 9-0) for Saturday.

When asked about the short turnaround time before playing UW-Green Bay, Boldon took a lighter approach.

"I just wish we had four days to prepare for Milwaukee, and then we had four more to prepare for Green Bay," he said. "But they won't let me have four days to prepare for every game."

On the men's side, head coach Jerry Slocum said he credits his team for playing with character and heart in the disappointing triple overtime loss to the University of Illinois at Chicago on Sunday.

But he also had to mention his team's struggles: free throws. The Penguins were 20 for 33 (60.6 percent) from the charity stripe against UIC.

"Missing free throws is like the plague," Slocum said. "It's disappointing; there's no stretch about that."

Slocum added that having nearly a week off before the next game should help his team. The Penguins host UW-Milwaukee on Friday at 7:05 p.m. and UW-Green Bay on Sunday at 2:05 p.m.

"It's that February drag that everybody in the country gets at times," he said. "A week ago we were in a position to be fighting for a first-round bye. Now, we're fighting for a first-round home game."



**Brittany Stockmaster**  
Year: Sophomore  
Hometown: Attica, Ohio

Brittany Stockmaster, a geology major with a 3.83 GPA, placed eighth in the cross-country championships in October, helping the Penguins to a third-place finish. She earned her first letter last year as a college freshman, and earned eight letters in track and cross-country in high school.



**Missy Hundelt**  
Year: Junior  
Hometown: St. Charles, Mo.

Missy Hundelt, a criminal justice major with a 3.30 GPA, finished the volleyball season with 369 blocks, 312 digs and 62 total blocks; in addition, with 919 kills, she was ranked 12th in YSU history. She is the first volleyball player to earn academic all-league honors since 2009, and is the fifth YSU volleyball player to be named to the academic all-league team.