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FOUR-STAR RECRUIT SIGNS WITH YSU



Professors air grievances about students

Dan Pompili
ASSIST. NEWS EDITOR

Students frequently share stories about difficult professors. Instructors assign too much homework, their tests are too difficult, the reading is too demanding; the list goes on.

The student, however, may not be aware that professors have complaints too.

A blog called Rate Your Students provides an extreme example of just how irritated professors become with issues like student apathy toward education.

A Feb. 24 entry from an anonymous professor berates a student named Dave.

"What you fail to understand, you pathetic imbecile, is that a college degree is not a guarantee of gainful employment, it is merely a prerequisite. [Careers] require hard work and initiative, things you proudly admit you lack," the professor said.

Another Web site, the College Bound Network, provides examples of student excuses and ridiculous comments, along with witty responses from faculty:

Student: 'I wasn't here on Monday. Did I miss anything important?'

Teacher: 'Yes, the entire class.'

Student: 'Well, can you just tell me what I missed?'

Teacher: 'The entire class, and don't ever ask that again.'

The University of California, Irvine provides an online resource page, offering faculty suggestions dealing with troublesome student behavior. Students who are rude and disruptive can be ordered to leave class and told to report to the department chairperson before returning to the next class period.

The university also suggests that faculty clearly state academic and behavioral expectations on the course syllabus to avoid confusion.

On Wednesday, U.S. News and World Report ran an opinion column that included the gripes of professors from across the country.

"Trish of D.C." referred to students being bored in class and simply said, "Tough. I am here to teach ... and I will be no one's entertainer."

"Clay of [Illinois]" said, "Today's students are woefully self-centered and completely ignorant of appropriate classroom behavior. Most of those posting negative comments clearly know nothing about academia."

Professors at Youngstown State University, at least those who consented to comment, do not seem to have such a harsh view of students, but voiced concerns nonetheless.

Economics professor Dr. Albert J. Sumell said the most common bad habit he notices is texting in class. Sumell said he finds the habit distracting and rude to himself and other students.

"If it only affected their own performance, I wouldn't care," Sumell said.

History professor Dr. Anne York voiced similar concerns about technology-related disruptions. York cited students who actually talked on their cell phones in class and one who played games on his laptop.

The trend continued in the concerns voiced by English professor Dr. Rick Shale.

MEET THE PRESS

President designee holds first conference

Chelsea Pflugh
EDITOR-IN-CHIEF

Cynthia Anderson held her first press conference Wednesday since being unanimously nominated next president of Youngstown State University by the board of trustees.

Introduced by chairman of the board Scott Schulick as "president designee," Anderson returned to her office in Tod Hall on Tuesday after an academic conference in Las Vegas, which she attended during the meeting for the announcement of the next president held last Wednesday.

"I think I'm here this afternoon because you all decided to have a big party last week without me," Anderson said in her opening statement.

Anderson began her statement by thanking the members of the university community, her colleagues, the board of trustees, and the Presidential Search Advisory Committee for their work in the presidential search process. She also acknowledged the two university presidents she worked under, Leslie Cochran and David C. Sweet, for their guidance throughout her time at the university. Anderson personally thanked Sweet for "setting the stage" for the seventh president.

"I certainly didn't get here alone and any accomplishment that I make throughout my tenure here at Youngstown State will also be the accomplishments of many individuals," she said.

Anderson is the first Youngstown native and YSU graduate to be nominated president of the university.

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Professors Dr. Martin Abraham, Dr. Ganesh V. Kudav and Northern States Metals chief financial officer Robert Voytilla stand in front of the newly donated 16-square-foot cross section wind tunnel after a press conference on Wednesday.

Partnership brings wind tunnel to YSU engineering

Adam Rogers
MANAGING EDITOR

A new partnership between Northern States Metals and Youngstown State University is making noise on campus.

Robert Voytilla, chief financial officer of Northern States Metals, presented a new wind tunnel the company built for YSU's department of Mechanical and Industrial Engineering at a press conference on Wednesday.

A \$77,000 research grant donated by Northern States Metals helped fund the construction of the 16-square-foot cross section wind tunnel. Also donated were high-tech sensing and measuring

devices, computer software and a wind-generating fan.

YSU faculty and students are using the wind tunnel to help design a wind deflector to be used with Northern State's Solar FlexRack. The FlexRack is a ground and rooftop mounting system for thin-film and framed solar panels. Students are using a scale model of the wind deflector to test its design and stability in windy conditions; something a rooftop-mounted solar panel is subjected to on a regular basis.

Voytilla said the company initially searched elsewhere for help on the wind project but eventually found the knowledge and expertise they were looking for here in Youngstown.

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YSU to cut percentage of summer classes

Chris Cotelesse
REPORTER

Class offerings for this summer have been cut 5 percent on top of the 10 percent cuts made the summer before, despite expectations of an increase in summer enrollment.

Dr. Charles Singler, interim associate provost, said the cuts were made for "budgetary reasons."

Dr. Ikram Khawaja, Youngstown State University provost, said summer offerings were reviewed last year. Most felt "that there was not as much efficiency of scheduling," Khawaja said.

Khawaja compared the situation to a parking lot.

"If three parking lots are offered, but not being used efficiently, we can offer two instead and save what was being used on the third. My goal is to run the university efficiently. I look at the big picture. What we gain from efficiency we can use on other initiatives," Khawaja said.

Khawaja said the deans were given the choice on which classes to cut, and that the order was given last August.

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Vatican astronomer to visit university

On Thursday, March 4, Brother Guy Consolmagno, aka the "Brother Astronomer," will speak at the Ward Beecher Planetarium. His presentation, titled "God Under the Dome," will begin at 7 p.m. Consolmagno, who is originally from Detroit, has been at the Vatican Observatory since 1993. He has written more than 100 scientific publications and several books.

Film screening celebrates African-American History Month

As a part of YSU's celebration of African-American History Month, the film "Contradictions of the Heart" will be shown in Kilcawley Center's Chestnut Room on Saturday. The film, which was directed by Walter Allen Bennett Jr. and focuses on aspects of relationships in the African-American community, will begin at 8 p.m.

POLICE BRIEFS

Cell phone stolen from lounge

On Feb. 18, a student reported that his cell phone had been stolen from the Lariccia Family Lounge in Kilcawley Center. The student was working on his laptop and charging his cell phone, which was plugged into the wall just a few feet away. He checked on his phone every couple of minutes until he noticed it was missing. A police officer asked the Kilcawley Center staff about surveillance, but discovered that no cameras were installed in that area of the building.

Officers find marijuana and drug paraphernalia

When YSU police officers pulled over a driver on Sunday, they discovered marijuana and other drug paraphernalia. The suspect was issued a minor misdemeanor for possession of drug paraphernalia.

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COMMENTARY

Seeking the best search engine? Bing vs. Google

Ralph Lewis III
REPORTER

In the battle of the information search engines, a clear winner has yet to be named.

Google was created by Larry Page and Sergey Brin back in the late '90s. Both Page and Brin were University of Stanford computer science graduate students. According to Google's corporate Web site, when Google was initially created, it started as a search engine called "BackRub," which was primarily only used on the Stanford campus. Once the search engine grew to be too large, Page and Brin decided to change the name of the Web site to "Google." The name is derived from the mathematical term that "googol" which is the numeral 1 with 100 zeros behind it.

In December of 1998, PC Magazine was quoted stating "(Google) has an uncanny knack for returning extremely relevant results." The magazine also recognized Google as the top search engine of choice in the Top 100 Websites for 1998. Yahoo! even allowed Google to become their default search provider in June of 2000. The American Dialect Society voted Google the "most useful Word of the Year" in 2002. Since this time, Google has continued to grow and develop into a multicultural, multilingual search engine used by millions of people across the world. Billions of searches have taken place through different varieties of

Google search whether it is web, images or maps.

Now it seems there is a formidable match for Google: Bing. The Web site Bing was created by Dr. Qi Lu, the president of Microsoft's Online Services Division, in May of 2009. Lu spent 10 years working as a Yahoo! Senior Executive before joining Microsoft.

Bing has taken great strides in-attempting to do more for users than what Google has provided. A Software Development Engineer at Microsoft stated "the underlying difference between Google and Bing is that Google is a search engine, while Bing is a decision engine." Bing takes the step of search to the next level. Not only does Bing search a keyword, it also takes into account area, income and direct information that is usually associated to the keyword.

For example, if YSU student were to look up movies on Bing, the search would show a list of local movie theatres as well as restaurants in the nearby area of said movie theaters. Bing essentially thinks along with a search. Microsoft and Bing are now also collaborating with Yahoo! in an effort to boost advertising. According to Microsoft engineers, there are more Hotmail or Live e-mail accounts (affiliated with Microsoft) than there are Gmail accounts (affiliated with Google), a statistic that Bing hopes to continue to capitalize on in the future. Eweek.com claims that Bing has beaten Google in design and search results but Google has enough built up loyalty to still retain users.



Do you have any plans for spring break?



"No plans. Just plan on studying or maybe meet up with my cousin at some point."

Sonng Moon, freshman



"No, I'm going to work and just hang around."

Amber Holiday, freshman



"Going to Panama. Me and my cousin are driving down there. I don't know; a road trip, I guess."

Aaron Gilam, sophomore



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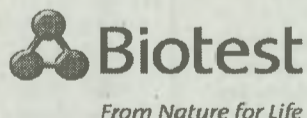
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"Some people talk about living the American dream, I have been and I am now living more than ever the YSU dream and I am so very grateful," she said.

In her statement, Anderson stressed new and updated technology as imperative for students to be considered top-notch and competitive. The heads of the computer science department have been in talks with her and have bright ideas for the future, she said.

Anderson repeatedly cited YSU faculty, staff and students as being "some of the best" in the world. Students, she said, are the core part of the university, a part she has been personally affiliated with since being appointed vice president of Student Affairs.

"I've had the privilege of working with them for the past 15 years, and I wouldn't trade them for the world," she said. "You could compare them to any student body in the country."

Following the chancellor and governor's vision of YSU becoming an urban research university is a high priority for Anderson, stating that academic programs need to be a bigger recruitment tool for the university, not necessarily just brand new facilities.

"Build it and they will come" didn't work for the shopping center industry, and it isn't going to work for higher education," she said. "Our university has to also be an incubator for new ideas and programs."

Anderson said although YSU is currently an open enrollment institution, she is unsure if the Eastern Gateway Community College will affect future enrollment for YSU.

"What I will say is that I think there are plenty of students to go around," she said. "It all depends on what the students' needs are. I don't know that we yet have a handle on the effect of the community college. Much of it is still up in the air."

Anderson said she hopes there will be some sort of agreement or process where students could attain an associate degree at the community college, then earn a bachelor's degree at YSU under a smooth transition.

"We have to help them define that transition," she said.

Anderson said processes need to be put in place at the admissions office to set students up for success in light of the state funding being changed from basic headcounts to course completion and graduation rates, a statistic Anderson called "staggering" at YSU.

"We have to secure students who place into remedial courses for success," she said. "We haven't necessarily done that in an organized manner at this point. That means that during freshman and sophomore years, students will have to be mentored."

Anderson said its incumbent for faculty to follow through on student mentoring processes.

"In many cases, we have processes for these problems, but we haven't necessarily followed through," she said. "And who suffers? Our students."

Schulick said contract details for Anderson are still under negotiation, partially because Anderson was out of town. The details will be available by the end of next week, he said.

Anderson concluded her press conference with a pledge to serve the Valley and the university community.

"Failure for me is absolutely not an option," she said. "If things don't work out for me, my husband and I can't just pack up our bags and go home. We already are home. We made the conscious decision to stay home here in the Mahoning Valley. So I will work very hard for the university community and the Mahoning Valley."

Q&A WITH DR. A

JAMBAR: Were you shocked when you got the phone call for the job?

ANDERSON: I was shocked to be offered the position, yes. When Mr. Schulick called and officially offered the job, my lips were moving and nothing was coming out to a point where he was asking me if I was still on the phone. I broke into tears because to hear those words, it was overwhelming.

JAMBAR: Throughout your 30 years at YSU, you've probably seen things you'd change if you were university president. Now that you will be, what will it be like to finally have the authority to act on those things?

ANDERSON: It's overwhelming because I've been back Tuesday and Wednesday, and I've already received a huge amount of e-mails of people who want me to sit in and listen to initiatives. I've said before, we know what we need to do, we just need to do it. So now, I'll be able to make some of that happen, and I will, on behalf of our students. I qualify everything with that.

JAMBAR: You pride yourself on still teaching classes while still doing the job of vice president. Is stepping out of the classroom something that's going to be really hard to give up?

ANDERSON: It is gonna be hard to give up, I hope I don't have to give it all up. I hope I can still teach at least one class, because that has been very beneficial to me as VP of Student Affairs, that's where I got to learn of the real challenges of students. Believe me, no one ever hesitated to come to me with complaints or comments, like needing food areas in Williamson, which also led to food in Beeghly. Students never failed to come up to me with suggestions.

JAMBAR: Are you aware there's already a Facebook group in support of your presidency?

ANDERSON: (laughs) I'll have to look that up! Someone will have to show me how, but that's so great!

JAMBAR: It seems the students are in strong support of you. How are you going to keep your visibility with them when you're going to have countless more responsibilities than you have now as VP?

ANDERSON: I said this a million times: The business of YSU is education, and education means students. I do intend to stay visibility. I do intend to walk to the SGA office and make sure everyone is getting straight As. I do intend to be up in Arby's, and I hope none of that changes. That's not my style; I love to be around. That's just me. I hope I can still stay connected. I want the students to know I'm still here for them. They're my business.

JAMBAR: Are you excited to live in the Pollock House?

ANDERSON: Yes! I think it's going to be a beautiful structure. When I was VP for SGA, there were many students events there in the main area of the house. I remember organizing events there ... Yes, I am excited. I won't have to get up quite as early to get to campus. But it's going to be different, but I think it's going to be beautiful.

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HISTORY MONTH
CELEBRATION

SATURDAY FEBRUARY 6
THE AFRICAN MARKETPLACE

Noon-6:00 p.m., Chestnut Room, Kilcawley Center
The African Marketplace offers a wide range of dazzling sights, sounds, and objects to view, appreciate, and purchase, including art objects, jewelry, Afrocentric writings and literature that are scarce and hard to find in regular stores. The entire inventory of goods, products and people represent the creative genius of people of African descent. Dance and musical entertainment will be presented by the dynamic and multi-talented Harzabee Youth Group.

TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 9
DIVERSITY ROUNDTABLE

8:00 p.m., The Ohio Room, Kilcawley Center
A discussion and evaluation of diversity initiatives and progress at the University, involving administrators staff, faculty and major stakeholders and constituents, including the Office of Equal Opportunity and Diversity, the University Diversity Council, the Africana Studies Program, Black Faculty and Staff Association (BFSA), Office of Student Diversity, and others. Panels will include deans, department chairs, and other administrators.

THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 11
PANEL DISCUSSION ON AFRICAN AMERICAN
CONTEMPORARY ART: "TRUTH AND FEAR"

7:00 p.m., The McDonough Museum of Art Auditorium
A panel discussion on contemporary African Art featuring Ronald D. Clayton and Julius Lyles. Through their art, Clayton and Lyles provide the critical dialogue and mental transformation toward social reconstruction and a new approach to cultural diversity.

Ronald Clayton is a mixed-media artist and painter from Cleveland Heights, Ohio. He was accepted into the Art Students League of New York in 1962. Clayton's experience in the Vietnam War has shaped his ideology and understanding of humane practice. Julius M. Lyles III, a curator and artist from Richmond Heights, Ohio, began studying art at the age of eleven at the Cleveland Institute of Art summer workshops and later studied graphic design at Kent State University, and photography at Cleveland State University. His innovative work has been featured in several galleries throughout the East and Midwest.

FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 12
LECTURE BY DARYL DAVIS: "KLANDESTINE RELATIONSHIPS"

7:30 p.m., Presidential Suites, Kilcawley Center
A lecture by Daryl Davis on the activities and the inner workings of the Ku-Klux Klan and how best to dismantle it. Davis gained insight into the KKK through rare contact with members in a courageous attempt to unmask its dangerous myths, assumptions, and strategies. His lecture is based on his book on the subject, which has been featured on major media outlets CNN, CNBC, Good Morning America, and National Public Radio.

THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 18
LECTURE: "MIRACLE INVENTIONS BY MIRACLE PEOPLE"

7:30 p.m., The Ohio Room, Kilcawley Center
Greg Mills, writer, comedian, poet and former news reporter, presents a multi-media program about known and not-so-well-known African American inventors and scientists throughout the history of the United States.

WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 24
BLACK HISTORY STUDENT ESSAY CONTEST FINALS
AND COMMUNITY POETRY COMPETITION

7:30 p.m., The Gallery, Kilcawley Center
African American students of Youngstown State University are invited to submit essays related to the African American experience. The deadline for submission of five-page essays that follow appropriate guidelines and documentation, is Tuesday, February 23 by 6 p.m.

Faculty and staff at YSU and the community at large are invited to submit original poems on subject matter or themes related to the African American life, including slavery, the Civil Rights Movement, religion, politics and leading African American figures in the shaping of American democracy. Deadline for submissions is February 19. Prizes will be awarded the three top winners of both competitions. Co-sponsored by the Black Faculty Staff Association (BFSA).

FRIDAY FEBRUARY 26
THE BLACKACADEMIC CHALLENGE

6:00-9:00 p.m. The Chestnut Room, Kilcawley Center
The Black Academic Challenge is a trivia contest aimed at challenging students' knowledge of Black history. Throughout the month of February, teams of four YSU students will represent their class, student club, or organization in answering a series of questions related to African American history. The championship round will take place on February 26. Categories to be covered include Black Firsts, Inventions/Science, Authors/Literature, Ohio Black History, Sports, Youngstown Black History, Art, and Politics. Co-sponsored by the Black Faculty and Staff Association (BFSA) and the College of Fine and Performing Arts.

SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 27
COMMUNITY OUTREACH: CLOTHING AND FOOD
ASSISTANCE DRIVE

12 noon - 3:00 p.m., The Chestnut Room, Kilcawley Center
Throughout the month of February, beginning with the African Marketplace on February 6, citizens in the African American community and the community at large are invited to bring gently worn clothes and canned foods to designated locations in each of the colleges to assist those who need help during these hard times. At the end of the drive, the clothing and food will be distributed to community organizations that serve the neediest among us. All donations will be brought together in the Chestnut Room from different locations for distribution. Major participants include members of the Black Faculty and Staff Association (BFSA) and faculty members of the Advisory Committee of the Africana Studies Program.

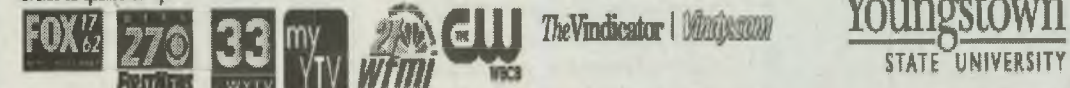
SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 27
MOVIE: "CONTRADICTIONS OF THE HEART"
BY WALTER ALLEN BENNETT, JR.

8:00 p.m., Chestnut Room, Kilcawley Center
The movie presents subtle and local understandings of loving relationships in the African American community. Starring Ciffen Powell, Yvonne Williams, and Christopher B. Duncan, the highly acclaimed film invites the audience to go beyond frequently exaggerated stereotypes. After the preview, the audience will be able to interact with the film's creator and director, Walter Allen Bennett, Jr.

Bennett has written and/or produced more than 200 episodes of series television, beginning with the Bill Cosby Show and Norman Lear's 704 Hauser Street. He went on to produce the hit comedy in the House was executive producer of The Steve Harvey Show.

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Shale said that one of the "most asinine" things he had ever seen was a student who came into class late, sat in the front row because no other seats were available, then immediately began texting right in front of him. Shale did add that the behavior is not one he frequently encounters because of his clear instructions to students.

All three professors said their syllabi clearly forbid the use of cell phones in class.

Other behaviors were also cited as irritating to professors.

Shale said that "overriding everything" was failure to attend class.

"Showing up is half the battle," he said.

Shale said that in his 30 years of teaching, he has noticed that absences are getting worse. He added that he sees a clear correlation between better attendance and better grades.

Similarly, York said she finds it offensive when students enter class "20 to 30 minutes late."

Another problem similar to absence, which Shale cited, was students whose names are on his roster but never show up, or disappear from class without withdrawing officially.

He said that a lot of his classes close, and when a student fails to show up without officially withdrawing, it prevents another student from registering. His other concern was that some students might be "gaming the system" for financial purposes.

All professors concurred that some students fail to take their class responsibilities seriously, but a statement from York seemed to exemplify the sentiments of all three.

"I think a few irresponsible and rude students splash a lot of red paint on the majority who are responsible. I think it's really unfair. It's just unfair," York said.

Shale said that the quality of students remains high and that faculty should be flexible to accommodate for extenuating circumstances. He said students with families and non-traditional students who work may be "stretched" and so they may not give 100 percent to their work.

"I remain optimistic that

they aren't lazy," Shale said.

Sumell said he does take it personally to some extent when students don't put in the effort because his objective is "for students to learn as much of the information as possible." Sumell added, however, that he does not take it as an indictment on his teaching.

"I don't feel that sense of grief if they don't put a lot of effort in. I do feel bad for students who try hard and still struggle," Sumell said.

As for rude and disruptive students, the UCI Web site states that students act out "for a variety of reasons. They may be attention-seeking, impulsive, immature, arrogant, or self-absorbed."

York says that sometimes disturbed students are willing to talk and help professors understand underlying issues. Other times, she said, "they don't know how to get noticed, and what comes out is very negative behavior."

York said she twice had students wait at the end of class for the room to clear, and then proceed to scream at her for a bad grade they received.

"I always try to see beyond the presenting behavior," York said.

Shale suggested that some students who "skated through in high school" may have not been able to do so in college.

"College is supposed to be more challenging ... so they have to reinvent their work ethic," Shale said.

Sumell suggested that upper-division courses have a slightly lower incidence of poor students because prerequisites may have "weeded out" some of them.

Shale also said that some freshman in his introductory classes "take a while to figure out how to be successful college students."

The professors all seemed to think highly of YSU students and appeared uncompromised by the few instances of bad behavior, such as students coming to class drunk (a favorite example of Shale's).

"I really like students at all levels," York said. "There's that moment when you know that a student gets it, and that is the most awesome feeling in the entire world."

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"We did our due diligence interviewing many private labs and engineering firms but in the end the brainpower we needed was right here in our hometown, Youngstown State University with its faculty and students," he said.

Dr. Martin Abraham, dean of YSU's College of Science, Technology, Engineering and Mathematics said that the partnership was years in the making and is excited that students will have the opportunity to work hands-on with the wind tunnel.

"You've got students who are able to work on a real project, applying real technology," he said. "They get to see how innovation is done and innovation is made."

Mark Harvey, a junior mechanical engineering major, has been involved with the design and testing of the wind deflector and thinks it's a unique experience that will be helpful to him and his pursuit for career in engineering.

"It's very exciting. It's going to be very beneficial to me in the future. When I look for a job I have lots of job experience doing things that most other students haven't had the chance to be involved in as an undergraduate student,"

Harvey said.

Mayor Jay Williams was also on hand for the announcement and said that the project is just another example of a company using local talent and resources to help transform the Mahoning Valley's economy.

"That a graduate student and a junior engineering student are working with a Youngstown-based company to help refine this wind deflector for these solar racks that are marketed across this nation and ultimately across the globe shows that these are the type of things we can engage in, in the Mahoning Valley," Williams said.

The wind tunnel won't be exclusive for use by engineering students. Abraham said that it would be available for any suitable projects or research from other departments on campus.

"Its a resource that becomes available across the university so if there was something appropriate to be done in here this becomes an opportunity to be used for any type of an activity," he said.

Additional reporting by
Chelsea Pflugh.

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However, not all deans are sold on the idea. Dr. Shearle Furnish, dean of the College of Liberal Arts and Social Sciences, said his experience with the cuts "has not made it more efficient. It isn't any easier or harder." He said the only difference is that he is "taking more flak from the heads of programs."

Dr. Philip Ginnetti, dean of the Beeghly College of Education, said that although he understands the reason for the cuts, the process is "not easy. It's difficult and frustrating."

Even given almost six months since the order went out, administrators are finding

it hard to adjust.

"We're still trying to tweak our schedule to get it in line with the provost's cuts," said Dr. Betty Jo Licata, dean of the Williamson College of Business Administration.

All administrators affirmed that the cuts would not affect courses needed for students to graduate on time, but they could not give the same assurances for students who want to use the summer semester to get ahead.

"Each summer it gets harder to schedule. They should have told us about the cuts sooner," said junior Danielle Hosey.

OUR SIDE

One step forward

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One thing that outgoing President David C. Sweet has repeatedly stressed as a vital part of Youngstown State University's future is the further development of partnerships with area businesses and the community.

With that goal in mind, the university took another step forward yesterday with the announcement of collaboration between YSU's Mechanical and Industrial Engineering department and Northern States Metals. The new alliance brought a wind tunnel to campus as part of the company's \$77,000 research grant donation.

Over the last few years, Youngstown Mayor Jay Williams has put a major emphasis on the fact that the area and its workforce have the necessary skills, talent and resources to draw companies to the valley and create jobs. Partnerships like this with Northern States Metals can only help propel that image to other local, regional and national corporations.

With the recent announcements of expansion projects by General Motors, V&M Star, VXI and IPSCO Koppel Tubular Corporation, the Mahoning Valley is starting to see some success in bringing more attention and jobs to the area.

The partnership also shows the caliber of students YSU has to offer to local business and companies looking for help in research and development. If a prospective company needs any convincing in regard to that subject, all they need to do is speak with Northern States chief financial officer, Robert Voytilla, who did nothing but praise the work of YSU faculty and students, like junior Mark Harvey, for their hard work and expertise they have given to the wind deflector project.

As Sweet leaves office in June, we hope that the university's departments, along with incoming president Cynthia Anderson continue to keep up with his challenge to create more of these opportunities for students.

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

Toyota covering its bumper

Philadelphia Inquirer
MCT

Toyota has been running apologetic TV ads and vowing to win back customers' trust. Meanwhile, behind the scenes, the company is busy doing damage control.

Toyota has hired two crisis management/lobbying firms to join a mini-battalion of 32 lobbyists Toyota already has working on Capitol Hill. The beefed-up public-relations and lobbying effort will help buttress Toyota's sizable political-campaign and charitable giving.

More than 40 percent of the 125 members of Congress on the three committees investigating Toyota have received tens of thousands of dollars in campaign donations over the last 10 years from a network of sources tied to the carmaker, according to an analysis by the Washington Post.

Many of the donations are targeted to key lawmakers on committees and states that intersect with Toyota's operations.

In the last two years, Toyota gave \$1 million to charities and nonprofits with ties to Congress, according to the Post.

While Toyota was spreading the largesse, company officials boasted of saving more than \$100 million on recall and safety efforts by the government, internal documents show. The documents reviewed by the Associated Press list savings achieved by putting off safety regulations, avoiding investigations of defects, and slowing industry mandates.

In one instance, Toyota saved \$124 million on a phase-in of safety regulations for side air bags. A delay in a rule requiring tougher door locks saved \$11 million. Toyota listed the savings as "wins." But there was a steep cost.

Toyota's reputation for quality has taken a severe beating largely due to reports of a sudden-acceleration problem in several models. The problem first surfaced several years ago and is being blamed for a number of crashes involving injuries and deaths.

Last month, Toyota was forced to recall millions of cars and shut down auto plants in an effort to fix the problem. Critics contend the company was slow to respond and put profits ahead of safety.

Top Toyota executives have been testifying before two House committees, including Toyota U.S. president James Lentz on Tuesday. Toyota president Akio Toyoda will testify Wednesday. It will take more than talk to restore consumer confidence in their cars.

Letter to the Editor

In regards to the story in the February 4th edition of the Jambar, to remove the writing and oral intensives and the critical-thinking requirements is a major mistake on the university's part. Sure, there is more work involved, but do you think there is a reason that we have those classes? I'm a former student of Dr. Tessier, who also commented against the Academic Senate's decision in the article. (I took Myth, Symbol, and Ritual with her last spring, which is an oral-intensive course.) Between taking her course, taking Aging and Social Policy with Dr. Binning last semester (I have two oral-intensive credits towards graduation in December instead of the minimum one.), and my two writing-intensive courses I'm taking this semester, those courses are designed to make you think. Have I taken "regular" courses that make you think as well? Yes. But these courses are designed to help you think in the real world. And all that the discontinuing of these courses will do is lose credibility for the university. YSU has a lot to lose by dropping these courses. And to be honest, having several people of different majors taking these courses makes it a more interesting class, especially if it's an oral-intensive course. After December, I don't really care what happens, as I will be graduating around that time, then taking at least a year off before I decide whether or not to pursue a Master's Degree through the University of Phoenix. But YSU needs to consider the long-term ramifications for dropping such courses, and it's not just the students that YSU will have to worry about with this.

Joseph Gerard

Bernanke is getting ready for his next tough task

Chicago Tribune
MCT

When the financial crisis hit, the Federal Reserve Board didn't have the option of being cautious and deliberate. It had to act and act on a massive scale. That was the only plausible hope to prevent a major panic from pushing the U.S. economy, and most likely the economies of many trading partners, into a full-fledged depression. And it succeeded.

For that work, Chairman Ben Bernanke, whose mistakes helped spawn the crisis, earned reappointment by President Barack Obama. But huge as his rescue role was, it may not be the hardest task of his tenure.

Averting a severe downturn is one thing. Averting it without unleashing high inflation is another. Next, Bernanke has to figure out how to restrain prices without stifling a recovery that is only starting to gain steam.

Last week, he began the tricky task of sopping up all the money the central bank pumped into the economy. The Fed, in an unexpected move, announced that it was raising the discount rate, the interest rate it charges for short-term loans to banks to 0.75 percent from 0.5 percent.

That will encourage banks to turn to private capital markets and rely less on Federal Reserve lending. More important, it served as a clear signal that the Fed is preparing for the inevitable tightening of credit needed to keep inflation from flaring up. After the shock had worn off, the markets responded with a yawn, with the Dow closing slightly higher on Friday.

Making the Fed's job easier is that so far, consumer prices have remained conspicuously stable. On Friday, the government reported that core inflation, which excludes volatile food and energy prices, declined for the first time since 1982. Over the past year, the overall consumer price index is up only 2.6 percent.

Consequently, Bernanke and Co. have some latitude. The Fed emphasizes that it is not actually tightening up on monetary policy, given the relative weakness of the economy. In fact, it may not do that until next year. This rate boost is not what you do when you want to curb credit. It's what you do when you want to let everyone know you're getting ready to curb credit.

That day will have to come because the Fed did so much to expand the supply of money. Eventually, if uncorrected, that would mean too many dollars chasing too few goods, thus pushing up prices. Everyone agrees on that. The dangers are that the Fed will act too late, after inflation has already broken out, or that it will act too soon, choking off the recovery.

Bernanke knows that he will eventually have to wean the economy off easy money. Let's hope this is proof that when the time comes, he will follow through.



THE JAMBAR CHALLENGE

TAKING ON THE ROCK WALL

Dan Pompili
ASST. NEWS EDITOR

When my co-workers at The Jambar challenged me to climb the rock wall at the Andrews Student Recreation and Wellness Center, I thought back to my days of installing gas fireplaces. I had walked across roofs and climbed through rafters. Seated myself upon cross-framed ceiling joists, 25 feet above a concrete slab floor, trying to adjust ventilation pipe. So I thought, "I'm up for it."

I did not, however, know how to go about climbing the rock wall. I mean the process and requirements. I knew for certain that a large rock and climbing would be involved, but beyond that ...

So I called and spoke with a young lady at the Rec, named Christie Galazia, who gave me some of the essential facts.

First, I had to be a student or faculty member with a valid YSU ID. Check.

I needed to be at least 18 years old and taller than 48 inches. Check and check again.

I would have to sign a waiver ... Wait! What exactly am I waiving? Time to march down there for some on-site investigating. I sign nothing without reading it.

Why waste time, though? The way I saw it, if this waiver was none too forboding, there would be no time like the present to attack my quarry. So I gave the order for my troops — Features Editor Lamar Salter and News Editor Josh Stipanovich — to accompany me

and bring some of the heavy photographic artillery with them. After some argument with Lamar over the fact that I did not have to wear "work-out clothes" (street clothes are in fact perfectly acceptable when climbing the rock wall), we set out on my grand adventure.

Carrying cameras and tripods like lethal weapons, we marched toward the Rec like three Klingon warriors to a glorious battle. Surely songs would be written, extolling the glory of my great victory.

We walked in like we owned the place and made our way to the rock wall. Pounding my fist on the desk, I demanded with profound authority to see Christie and this infamous waiver of hers.

It was really very straightforward. Name, address, contact information, student ID number and date of birth must be provided. Would I be using my own harness? Of course not. (Dammit, Jim! I'm a news editor, not Sir Edmund Hillary!)

Then there is the helmet release. Sign if you do not want to wear a helmet. The way I saw it, no warrior goes into battle without the proper armor. I'll take the helmet, please.

So they handed me a pair of rock-climbing shoes, my harness, and a helmet. Then another pair of shoes (the first was too small).

Christie showed me how to put on the harness. I slapped on my headgear and my now-properly-sized shoes, and I stepped up to the mark.

I looked up ... and up ... and up. There it was. The summit of tallest rock wall in Ohio

stared down at me from 53 feet above. Akron University argues over a half-inch, but good gahk, who cares? All I could think of was that old Klingon battle cry "today is a good day to die." I hoped otherwise.

Christie, who was "belaying" for me (meaning she held the harness rope from an anchored position on the ground as I ascended), tied the rope to my harness and another attendant assured me that the 8 mil to 11 mil ropes were capable of holding up to 3,000 pounds.

There was no stopping now. I began climbing the part of the wall known as "the chimney," the inverted corner section. Up I went, with my warrior heart pounding.

And then up, and up and up and ... Well, where do I go now?

I stood there, more than halfway up the wall, looking for another step to continue my acrobatic endeavor. I saw nothing of promise. So after a few minutes of idle suspension 27 feet above the ground, I decided that for lack of an upward option — or any good option for that matter — it was time to come down. So much for songs about my victory.

I stood there for a few minutes after my return to terra firma, discussing with Christie about the various clinics the Rec provides.

You can take classes on "bouldering" (free climbing up to 15 feet) repelling, top-roping (what I just did) and belaying.

I reverted to my civilian apparel and departed, feeling somewhat belittled, but knowing that the rock wall had not seen the last of this warrior.

"The Jambar Challenge" will be a once a month challenge for a Jambar staff member to complete a task available at Youngstown State University that many students may be hesitant to attempt. Within the coming weeks, you, our readers, will be able

to vote online for the activities for our staff to accomplish next. Our first volunteer, Dan Pompili, assistant news editor, attempts to climb the rock wall and the Rec Center. Read on to follow him along his adventure, and maybe you will take the challenge, too.



In celebration of YSU's Spring Break the Jambar is sponsoring a contest. Take the Jambar with you on the week of March 5, 2010. Whether you're going to Florida or just taking a trip to the Southern Park Mall we want the Jambar to get off campus.

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2. Take the Jambar with you on your Spring break activities.
3. Take a photo of yourself holding the Jambar during your activities.
4. Send us the photo.

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Entries are limited to one per student. All participants must be YSU students. No one who works for the Jambar (paid or unpaid) or their families are eligible to compete. All entries must be received by March 17, 2009 at midnight. You may provide a print of the photograph by dropping it off at the Jambar office (basement of Fedor Hall) or you may enter electronically by emailing thejambar@gmail.com (in the subject line please type Spring Break contest). All entries must include the name of the student entering the contest and a phone number and email where winners can be reached. Photos will be printed in the Jambar and on thejambar.com. **Jambar Contest Official Rules:** 1. Those who enter this contest agree to the rules presented in this document and to decisions rendered by judges assigned by the Jambar newspaper. Further, those who enter this contest agree to grant permission to the Jambar, thejambar.com, and any other publication associated with the Jambar to use their names and photos for purposes of this contest without compensation. 2. Employees (both paid and unpaid) of the Jambar, thejambar.com, and the "yo" magazine and their immediate families are not eligible. 3. Those who enter this contest must be at least 18 years of age and a U.S. citizen. 4. All photos entered into the competition must be received on or before the deadline listed in the Jambar. Winners will be selected by the contest judge(s) and notified by phone and/or email. The Jambar will make reasonable attempts to contact all contest winners. 5. No purchase necessary. Photos entered into the contest should include relevant contact information. If you provide a photographic print for consideration, you must write on the back of the image your name, telephone number, and relationship to YSU. If you provide an electronic image for consideration, you must include it as an attachment to an email and in the email you must include your name, telephone number, and class rank. Failure to comply with these rules may result in disqualification from the contest. 6. Prizes will be awarded to contest winners. There will be no transfer or substitution of prizes, except in instances when the sponsor has declared the prize is no longer available. 7. Winners will pick up their prizes at the Jambar office located in the Basement of Fedor Hall. The office is open M-Th. 8 a.m. - 3 p.m. 8. Promotion is subject to federal, state and local regulations and laws, and is void where taxed, restricted or prohibited. All taxes related to the value of the prize are the responsibility of the winners. 9. This promotional event may be extended, cancelled or postponed at the discretion of the Jambar media organization. In the event of an extension, cancellation, or postponement the Jambar will still award all prizes.

@(Insert Celebrity Here): Getting the know on our favorite celebs

Lamar Salter
ARTS & ENTERTAINMENT
EDITOR

In the beginning there was MySpace, the Web site that emphasized personal freedom and a "place for everyone." Then, the world shifted to Facebook, with its simpler page design and easier access to friends and colleagues.

Now, Twitter has created a new standard in the social networking realm.

It's incredibly simplistic concept - updating about your life in just 140 characters or less - was just enough characters to warrant over 14 million accounts and over 50 million updates or "tweets" a day, according to <http://www.social-marketingexpert.org>.

Don't believe the numbers? Well, just ask your favorite celebrity.

Everyone from rapper Ludacris to British comedian Stephen Fry to pro skateboarder Tony Hawk uses Twitter.

Twitter was not the first to feature famous personalities. MySpace frequently advertises celebrity pages and Facebook has also created fan pages to interact with famous personalities.

But Twitter's case is different. Some celebrities have taken the Web site to heart, updating about their lives multiple times a day.

Instead of waiting for interviews and behind the scenes documentaries, fans are now just a click away from learning what their idols are doing at any given time.

Twitter also brings down the borders of professionalism where raw, uncensored dialogue is concerned.

Take singer Pink (@pink), for example. Under her Twitter account, the singer tweets at least twice a day about what's going on in her life, sometimes adding some comedy.

In one of her latest tweets, Pink went to war with kitchen chores, tweeting, "Why can't dishes wash themselves?"

With more than 4 million followers, actor Ashton Kutcher (@aplusk) frequently tweets humorous rants about his wife Demi Moore (@mrskutcher) and her cooking habits.

Some celebrities also use Twitter to fend off controversy.

Pop star Britney Spears (@britneyspears) consistently responds to rumors about her through Twitter.

Singer John Mayer (@johnmayer) defended his reputation using the networking tool after making controversial racist remarks in an interview with Playboy Magazine.

"I wanted to be a blues guitar player. And a singer. And a songwriter. Not a shock jock. I don't have the stomach for it," the artist posted.

Others use the networking site to address conflict.

"Celebrities on Twitter are popular, because it's the celebrities creating the content themselves. Something not usually found in traditional media"

-Jan Corbin, founder of Celebtweet.com

Rapper The Game (@ihatgame) went through a short conflict with underground rapper Knocturnal (@knocturnalbc) via Twitter that was highly covered by other media services.

"4 days ago, knocturnal was hittin me on here, sayin how much he a fan & can we work, now he on da radio talkin sideways cuz I said NO! ha ha," The Game posted.

Twitter has become so popular among the Hollywood and Beverly Hills community that it has even served as an unofficial gossip outlet.

Before being deleted, musician and vocalist of punk rock band Good Charlotte Joel Madden tweeted the first

announcement of his engagement to Nichole Richie shortly before making it official.

The big names have taken Twitter above and beyond and while competing entities struggle to catch up, Web sites like <http://celebritytweet.com> have capitalized off of its success.

Founded by 29-year-old New York Resident Ian Corbin, CelebrityTweet is a digital encyclopedia of celebrity Twitter accounts.

A graduate of the Art Institute of Seattle in graphic design, Corbin created the Web site as "an experiment pulling all the known celebrities on Twitter into one easy-to-read Twitter stream."

The Web site lists hundreds of celebrities and links to their Twitter accounts.

Each celebrity link provides statistics about their account including how many tweets are posted per day, reply rate percentage and even a ranking system on the chances to friend them.

Corbin said the Web site receives about 200,000 visitors a month.

"Our traffic spikes when celebrity news breaks. Michael Jackson's death was huge for CelebrityTweet, as was Britney Murphy's death, and whenever Tila Tequila makes headlines," Corbin said.

Corbin said that the success of his Web site is based on the

popularity of celebrity gossip and the short attention span of the Internet.

"Celebrities on Twitter are popular, because it's the celebrities creating the content themselves. Something not usually found in traditional media," Corbin said.

"On Twitter, celebs create their own controversies, typos and upload photos that media wouldn't normally have access to."

Local personalities are taking advantage of Twitter as well.

Fredo, the saxophonist/key-boardist for local act Jones For Revival, handles the band's Twitter account.

Just coming back from touring in South Carolina, Fredo said Twitter helped the band connect with local fans back home while away and even connect with new fans.

"We met a lot of people out there and with Twitter, able to make some new fans to follow us," he said.

Fredo said that he also uses Twitter to post concert photos and provide followers with demo tracks.

"It's a great way to promote our albums and have our fans listen to the progress we are making," Fredo said. "Every artist thinks about the best way to get their music out to their fans. Twitter is great because its fast paced and straight to the point."

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BASKETBALL DOUBLEHEADER



Senior DeAndre Mays starts the offense with a set play.

Lack of depth contributing factor to winless season

Keith Langford Jr.
SPORTS EDITOR

The losing streak that won't go away for the Youngstown State University women's basketball team can come to an end as part of a doubleheader this Thursday against the Wright State University Raiders.

"Wright State is big and strong and physical and very athletic ... [and] tenacious on defense ... that's going to cause some problems on offense," said head coach Cindy Martin.

The Penguins have not won a contest in their last 26 games; this streak has stretched for two seasons and almost a full calendar year.

In the Penguins last game against Cleveland State University, they were close early, but could not sustain the Vikings' ball movement and activity. This is a theme that has plagued the women's team all season.

With just four games left in the season, the chances for a win are dwindling.

The lack of bodies has heavily impacted the winless season. This season, the

Penguins have sometimes played with only seven players available on their roster, which puts tremendous strain on their starters to produce while logging long minutes on the court.

Martin said she has to get coaches and male students to fill up the court at the team's practices.

Junior Boki Dimitrov has missed considerable time this season, adding to the short rotation. When Dimitrov was out, with injury or sickness, the rotation fell to seven players.

Martin would have three more bodies to work into the rotation, but three recruits she signed in the spring were declared ineligible to play this season.

"We had a lot of things the first three weeks of school with injuries and a few girls not being eligible that we signed in the spring, you know, and we got left short-handed," Martin said in her weekly press conference.

Despite the unpleasant season, Martin said the team could control only so much, but it would need to continue practicing every day.

Penguins look to finish strong

Keith Langford Jr.
SPORTS EDITOR

The Youngstown State University men's basketball team will host the Wright State University Raiders in the second game of a basketball doubleheader Thursday evening.

The men's team has its own losing streak to worry about as it has lost seven games in a row, but the last two losses have come down to the final possession.

In the game against the University of Wisconsin-Milwaukee, Penguins sophomore guard Ashen Ward thought he hit a game-winning three-point shot, but it was waved off in the team's 64-62 loss.

In the ESPN BracketBuster game against the University of California, Riverside, the Penguins allowed an offensive rebound and layup with less than one second remaining on the clock to lose that game 62-60.

"Our kids are playing very hard, and obviously the disappointing thing for me as the coach of this program and their coach is that they haven't got any rewards for their hard work," said head

coach Jerry Slocum at his weekly press conference.

During their recent seven-game losing streak, the Penguins aren't getting blown out, as their biggest margin of defeat has been 11 points. Earlier this season, the Penguins were 7-8, and since then, the season has gone south, losing 11 of 12 games. Their sole win in that stretch came against non-conference opponent, North Carolina Central University.

"I'm proud of this group in terms of how hard they have worked. They have never quit ... and we will continue to play that way until the end of the year," Slocum said.

With just two games left in the season, Thursday against WSU and Saturday against the University of Detroit, the Penguins do not have much time to shape up before the Horizon League tournament, which will take place following the regular season.

Earlier this season, the Penguins dropped both games and were outscored 149-125.

The Penguins could finish no higher than ninth place in the Horizon League, regardless of the games' outcomes.



Junior Boki Dimitrov sizes up the defense in the triple threat position.

Four-star recruit signs with YSU

Sam Marhulik
ASST. DESIGN EDITOR

Youngstown State University head football coach Eric Wolford once again showed why he is considered one of the top recruiters in the nation.

On Wednesday, four-star running back Adaris Bellamy of Dunedin High School in Dunedin, Fla. signed with the Penguins. This signing is con-

sidered to be the biggest of the YSU 2010 class and at the FCS level, according to a press release.

As a junior at Dunedin High School, Bellamy rushed for over 1,900 yards and 20 touchdowns making him one of Florida's top prospects.

Bellamy, who originally signed a letter of intent with the University of Southern Florida, was the first verbal

commitment for the USF recruiting class of 2009, but they informed him last month his scholarship was no longer obtainable.

As early as the beginning of February, it was expected that Bellamy would sign with the University of Cincinnati. However according to an interview with Bellamy's high school head coach Mark Everett with <http://blogs.tampabay.com/usf/>, Bellamy couldn't schedule a visit with the Bearcats because he hadn't signed his release from USF.

Everett talked with Cincinnati head coach Butch Jones last week and again on Monday, but he said that Bellamy decided he didn't want to wait any longer and that he would be signing with the Penguins. He will be playing with high school teammate Ali Cheaib.

Jones hopes to catch attention at NFL Combine

Chelsea Miller
SPORTS REPORTER

Former Youngstown State University wide receiver Donald Jones will have an opportunity to showcase his talents this week at the NFL's Scouting Combine in Indianapolis.

The Combine will run Feb. 24 through March 2 at Lucas Oil Stadium, showcasing the top college football players as they face off against one another in a series of grueling events.

Players taking part will participate in a series of drills, as well as tests and interviews with more than 600 NFL head coaches, general managers and scouts. The top players potentially will

be drafted to an NFL team. Donald Jones' agent, Jason Bernstein, said Jones was excited upon hearing the news that he was invited.

"Getting invited to the [NFL] Combine, that's a very big deal," Bernstein said. "He was obviously very excited. It's more of an honor for these players because there's only 330 players total, especially coming from a smaller school."

Jones has been training since January with NFL Combine training expert Mike Gough at his Athletic Edge sports facility in Florida to prepare for the events. Gough has worked with top NFL players including Super Bowl XLI champion Joseph Addai and

2007 top-10 draft pick Amobi Okoye.

Training for the Combine is slightly different than training for a college football game, however.

"It's a different type of workout," Bernstein said of Jones' training. "It's basically like training for a track meet."

Jones, though, has proven his skills on the field while playing for the Penguins. He holds the single-season school record with 77 receptions. He had six touchdowns and 790 receiving yards his senior season, the most since 1999. Jones was also named First-Team All-Missouri Valley Football Conference and was named team captain, the first wide re-

ceiver to do so since 1992.

Jones participated in the 2010 Under Armour Senior Bowl in January and was the first Penguin selected since Ron Jaworski in 1972. In February, Jones also played in the Texas versus The Nation All-Star game in El Paso, Texas.

Bernstein said he believes that Jones has a good chance of being a draft pick this year.

"Donald was invited to the Senior Bowl, which generally are the top players in the country as far as the seniors are concerned ... so obviously he's well on the radar," Bernstein said. "From what we've heard, it's all been positive feedback from teams. I think he has an excellent chance."

HORIZON LEAGUE

- #15 BUTLER
- WRIGHT STATE
- GREEN BAY
- VALPARAISO
- CLEVELAND STATE
- MILWAUKEE
- DETROIT
- LOYOLA (IL)
- YOUNGSTOWN STATE
- UIC

NCAA TOP 25

- KANSAS (61)
- KENTUCKY (4)
- PURDUE
- SYRACUSE
- DUKE
- KANSAS ST.
- VILLANOVA
- WEST VIRGINIA
- OHIO ST.
- NEW MEXICO
- GEORGETOWN
- PITTSBURGH
- BYU
- MICHIGAN ST.
- BUTLER
- VANDERBILT
- WISCONSIN
- GONZAGA
- TENNESSEE
- TEMPLE
- TEXAS
- TEXAS A&M
- RICHMOND
- BAYLOR
- NORTHERN IOWA

PENGUIN SPOTLIGHT



CAROLINE KROMBACH
POSITION: Infield
YEAR: Freshman
HOMETOWN: Wauwatosa, Wis
AVG: .400
SLG: .400
OBP: .400
HT: 2

SCHEDULES

MEN'S BASKETBALL
 Feb. 25 **WRIGHT STATE**
 Feb. 27 **DETROIT**
 Mar. 2 Horizon League
 Tournament
 First Round
 Mar. 5 Horizon League
 Tournament
 Quarterfinals

WOMEN'S BASKETBALL
 Feb. 25 **WRIGHT STATE**
 Feb. 27 **DETROIT**
 Mar. 4 @ Green Bay
 Mar. 6 @ Milwaukee

BASEBALL
 Feb. 26 @ New Orleans
 Feb. 27 @ New Orleans
 Feb. 28 @ New Orleans
 Mar. 5 @ Cincinnati
 Mar. 6 @ Cincinnati
 Mar. 7 @ Cincinnati
 Mar. 9 @ Lipscomb
 Mar. 10 @ Lipscomb
 Mar. 12 @ Walsh

SOFTBALL
 Mar. 5 @ South Carolina
 State
 Mar. 7 vs. Indiana State
 Mar. 7 vs. Penn
 Mar. 8 vs. Sacred Heart
 Mar. 8 vs. Fairfield
 Mar. 10 vs. St. Louis
 Mar. 10 vs. South Dakota
 Mar. 11 vs. Wagner
 Mar. 11 vs. Bryant
 Mar. 12 vs. LaSalle
 Mar. 12 vs. Florida A&M

INDOOR TRACK & FIELD
 Feb. 27-28 @ Horizon League
 Championships
 Mar. 5-6 @ Alex Wilson
 Invitational
 Mar. 13-14 NCAA
 Track and Field
 Championships