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HEALTH CARE REFORM

'MAJOR REFORM'

House passes sweeping health care bill

Joe Giesy
REPORTER

Late Sunday night, the U.S. House of Representatives passed a bill for health care reform by a seven-vote majority. This is the same health care reform bill passed by the Senate on Christmas Eve.

In her closing argument during debate of the bill, House Speaker Nancy Pelosi said she believes the legislation "will unleash tremendous entrepreneurial power into our economy."

"With this health care reform, 32 million more Americans will have health care insurance," she said.

Benefits of the bill for those who have insurance are protection from certain increases in premiums and rescinding or cutting off of policies at times of illness. Other benefits Pelosi mentioned are more affordable health insurance for the middle class and no more denying insurance based on pre-existing conditions, a policy that will take effect immediately for children and later for adults.

Medicare and Medicaid will also be seeing major transformations. Changes to Medicaid include eligibility expansion to those people at 133 percent of the income poverty line. Medicare will be affected through improved care and benefits and extending Medicare solvency for almost a decade.

In a teleconference Monday, Tim Ryan spoke of tax credits for small businesses of 25 people or less that provide health insurance, extending coverage for students on a parent's insurance until the age of 26, a rebate for seniors and disease control through prevention.

"We are probably going to get four new community health clinics in the next two years out of health care reform proposals," the congressman said. "We are trying to make sure we increase these community health clinics to try to drive the prevention."

After the initial vote, a failed motion to send the bill back to committee was issued by republicans based on opposition to how the bill handles abortion rights.

During Rep. Bart Stupak's speech opposing the motion, an unidentified voice from the republican side of the aisle yelled "baby killer." The bill's addressing of abortion was one of the final issues that had to be resolved leading to President Barack Obama's promise for an executive order on the passing of the bill.

According to the White House's Web site, Obama's executive order provides safeguards to uphold abortion law in the bill and in the Hyde Amendment, a federal statutory restriction from 1976.

Obama plans to sign the bill into law Tuesday. In his address on the passage of the bill, Obama thanked Pelosi, Vice President Joe Biden, secretary Kathleen Sebelius of the Department of Health and Human Services and the American people.

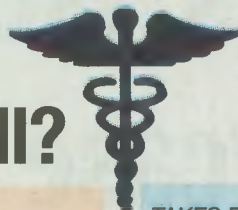
"Today's vote answers the prayers of every American who has hoped deeply for something to be done about a health care system that works for insurance companies, but not for American people," Obama said.

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President Barack Obama makes a statement in the East Room following the final vote in the House on health care reform in Washington, D.C.

What's in the bill?



\$250 REBATE to Medicare prescription drug beneficiaries who reach the coverage gap called the "doughnut hole"	TAKES EFFECT WITHIN A YEAR
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PROVIDE SUBSIDIES for families earning up to 400 percent of poverty level, currently about \$88,000 a year	2018
REQUIRE MOST EMPLOYERS to provide coverage or face penalties	2019
REQUIRE MOST PEOPLE to obtain coverage or face penalties	
IMPOSE 40% EXCISE TAX on high-end insurance policies	
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Funding configured, construction plans move forward for WATTS Center

Josh Stipanoivch
NEWS EDITOR

Youngstown State University executive director of athletics Ron Strollo and director of Campus Planning and Community Development Hunter Morrison said the Watson and Tressel Training Site is being funded.

During the board of trustees' Finance and Facilities Committee meeting March 12, Vice President for Finance and Administration Gene Grilli said that based on an initial "low bid" for the construction of the WATTS project, funding would come up short by more than \$700,000.

Grilli said the additional \$713,132 needed to fund the project could be taken from numerous "reserve accounts" totaling around \$4.6 million. Grilli could not be reached for comment before publication Monday evening.

The board of trustees determined the project would cost \$10 million. That includes a standardized football field, a 300-meter indoor track, locker rooms and other anticipated amenities needed to fill the 120,000 square feet of space it would cover.

The initial funding formula for the WATTS project, YSU Board of Trustees chairman Scott Schulick said, consisted of \$3 million in gifts along with an initial allocation of \$5 million by the board through a bond issue. Since initial bidding projections were off-target, Schulick said the board would now be distributing upwards of \$7 million.

"That doesn't mean that the university is paying for \$7 million, it just means that we're funding the money through the bond issue, and there's additional fundraising and philanthropy that needs to take place to get to the roughly \$10 million cost," Schulick said.

Since then, the board of trustees has decided to make adjustments to the underwriting of the initial bond issue to cover the \$700,000 deficit.

"I believe that we were able to make up for it. Within the project and within the scope, we had a little bit of a higher dealing that we weren't using, in terms of money we were borrowing, in terms of the bond issue, but I think we were able to make it up through there," Schulick said.

Hively Construction Company in Canfield received the job after bidding \$6,998,000 million. Three other contractors would also be working to complete the WATTS project based upon their bids. Joe Dickey Electric bid \$1,274,960. York Mahoning Mechanical Contractors Inc. bid \$534,000 and Antenucci Inc. bid \$277,500, totaling \$9,084,460.

But other expenses would also need to be paid by YSU in order to meet the complete provisions. They include \$400,000 for movable equipment, \$767,212 in manufacturing and legal charges and \$461,460 in emergency funds, for a grand total of more than \$10.7 million.

The agreement has given way to the project, associate director of planning and construction Rich White said.

"The board did approve to move forward," White said. White added he expects work to begin by April 1 with a completion date sometime in December.

It has been nearly three years since the Tressel and Watson families originally introduced the WATTS project after presenting a \$1 million donation. That donation was a component of YSU's \$43 million Centennial Capital Campaign.

Strollo said the news of the WATTS project is exciting not only for the athletic department, but for the entire campus community.

"There's various needs and uses for this building whether it's for intramurals or [physical education] classes, and to be able to now host all those things on our campus instead of other venues in our area or at Akron [University] or Kent [State University] is going to be a great advantage for our institution as far as a student recruitment piece," Strollo said.

Health care bill aims to aid students

Dan Pompili
ASSIST. NEWS EDITOR

The U.S. House of Representatives on Sunday night passed sweeping health care reform. The House also passed a landmark education bill that was coupled with health care reform so the bills would buttress the merits of one another, increasing the likelihood of their passage. The combined measure passed 220-211.

Between the two measures,

students can expect to enjoy unprecedented economic benefits.

Besides prohibiting insurance companies to refuse coverage for pre-existing conditions or dropping patients' coverage for becoming ill, individuals who make less than \$40,000 a year will be eligible for government subsidies to enroll in Medicaid. On top of that, children will be able to remain on their parents' insurance coverage until age 26.

That provision alone should provide significant relief for tradi-

tional college students, and non-traditional students with families can also expect to qualify for Medicaid subsidies.

Tod Porter, chairman of the Youngstown State University economics department, cited a census study from 2008. The statistics showed that in that year, 15.4 percent of Americans were uninsured. Among citizens aged 18-24, 28.6 percent were uninsured, and 26.5 percent of citizens ages 25-34 had no insurance.

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YSU STAT program hits second-year mark

The purpose of the Youngstown State University Student Threat Assessment Team is to offer intervention and assistance for campus crisis situations. The seven-member group is in its second year of operation. Most calls received are from faculty concerned about students who are emotionally distressed or disruptive in classrooms. STAT works to prevent threatening situations from arising.

Seminar provides fashion advice for students

Proper interview attire will be showcased at Youngstown State University's "What Not to Wear" seminar, which is presented by the Office of Career and Counseling Services. The seminar, in its fifth year, will be held from noon to 1:30 p.m. on Monday in the Chestnut Room of Kilcawley Center. A panel of local employers will be present to assist in the judging of models wearing appropriate and inappropriate business attire. The seminar is open to YSU students and alumni.

POLICE BRIEFS

Gunshots heard near campus

Officers responded to the corner of Bryson Street and Madison Avenue after hearing five or six gunshots Thursday night. Casings were found, but no suspects were identified. A witness in the area reported seeing flashes of light come from the driver's side window of a Chevrolet Caprice.

Disturbance occurs in Rec Center

On Thursday evening, an Andrews Student Recreation and Wellness Center desk worker reported a disturbance after a man became aggressive toward her. The man grabbed his student ID from the worker and began yelling at her after she wouldn't admit a person without a YSU ID. No charges were filed.

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What do you think of the health care reform bill being passed?



"I just found out it got passed. I'm happy it got passed."

Trevell Brown, sophomore



"I don't think I know enough about it. I don't even think they're explaining it well enough."

Rhonda Brocious, sophomore



"I don't even know what happened. I'm looking it up now."

Vinnie Zimbardi, freshman

Students, faculty use fashion to showcase recycling advocacy

Lindsey Shaffer
REPORTER

An empty bottle, an old newspaper, a candy wrapper, packaging material, pages from a magazine, the list goes on. Recyclable materials like these will be cut, shaped and pieced together to create an environmentally friendly fashion statement this year.

Around 50 student and faculty participants will be strutting down a runway in outfits made of materials such as pop cans or trash bags to present a more flashy side of the benefits

of recycling. Participants were able to work individually or in groups to create outfits. Though admission to the event is free, donations of bagged recyclables would be appreciated.

Students and faculty at Youngstown State University are invited to participate in and attend the Trash Bash Runway Fashion Show in support of the RecycleMania competition. The show will be held in Peaberry's Cafe on Friday at 6 p.m.

Event organizer Jennifer Vigorito said the response she received for participation was overwhelming.

"Initially, we didn't want to make unrealistic goals, but we wanted to get the word out," she said.

Vigorito said that the increase in advertising, such as campus fliers and e-mails, brought additional awareness to the event.

RecycleMania is a competition involving hundreds of colleges across the country. The goal is to raise awareness about the significance of waste reduction programs on campus. Every year, participating schools compete to reduce, reuse and recycle the most on-campus waste.

Vigorito is involved with the program as part of an internship and came up with the idea for the runway show as a way to "not only use materials you would normally throw away, but to raise awareness about recycling in a fun way."

Although this year's competition ends Saturday, Vigorito said she hopes that the runway show will become an annual event.

"The message I would want to send out is simply to reduce, reuse and recycle on campus and at home," she said. "If you can get one person to change, then it's worth it."

COMMENTARY

Filling out the form: U.S. Census

George Yanchick
REPORTER

According to the U.S. Constitution, a census must be conducted every 10 years. It's that time again.

The form has only 10 basic questions, including the number of people that live at an address, whether the residents rent or own, a telephone number and the names, genders, ages and races of the residents. The federal government is advertising that the census takes 10 minutes to complete, hoping to entice even the busiest of citizens to partake.

"It might be a little hard to fit [filling out the census] into my schedule, so I may not get around to it because of school, work and everything else in my life," said Youngstown State University sophomore Ciara Ciccolelli, who has been living on her own for three years.

According to the U.S. Census Bureau's Web site, completion of the 2010 census is

important because the federal government uses the data to determine how much of the roughly billions of dollars in federal funding distributed all across the country will come back to local counties. An undercount in this census could mean a cut in funding. According to the Brookings Institute, a national public policy institute, just a 2 percent undercount could mean the loss of \$61.8 million in federal funding to Mahoning County over the next 10 years.

The government takes the data and then allocates funds for certain programs. Some include Title I grants to local school districts, Head Start programs, public transportation, road and highway restoration programs, emergency food and shelter and job training programs.

Census information also helps potential residents research property values, median home income values and other demographic information about the area. Businesses also look at the information to determine whether or not to

move to an area. Although Youngstown State University is a commuter school, another issue still surfaces. Should a person away at college be counted on the family's census at home or separately in the dorm?

"The census information received by parents will tell them that they are not to include children living away at school on their census form," said Danielle Meyer, director of Housing and Residence Life. Wherever a student spends a majority of his or her time, which is defined as six months and one day, counts as a residence.

The U.S. Census Bureau wants to record where people live on April 1 and where they spend most of their time. For some college students, that is at school. The thinking is that college students use many public services near their schools, so they should be counted there. "Each of our residents will receive a census form here on campus to fill out," Meyer said.

Student government discusses e-mail, garden cleanup, campus security

Andrea DeMart
REPORTER

The Youngstown State University Student Government Association University Affairs Committee met Monday to regroup on a few issues under consideration.

The committee is planning on composing a short initiative to students sometime next semester that explains the group's recommendation for the new e-mail system at YSU. Committee members feel that the students should understand the new third-party e-mail system that YSU is seeking to initiate.

Larry Tooker, retired groundskeeper, is expected to speak at the next meeting. Tooker will help SGA plan the Wick Pollock garden cleanup. The committee is hopeful that other campus organizations will also get involved.

The committee is also brainstorming ideas to raise awareness of campus security. The group's top priorities are adding more security forces and making students who take night classes feel more comfortable walking on campus in the evening. The committee is looking at the way other campuses handle such security concerns and using those ideas as a platform for YSU.



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A reconciliation bill was also voted on by the House on Sunday. The bill will make changes to health care reform and student loan reform in the freshly passed health care reform bill. It was passed with a nine-vote majority and will be sent to the Senate for approval after Obama signs the current bill into law.

"This isn't radical reform, but it is major reform," Obama said. "This legislation will not fix everything that ails our health care system, but it moves us precisely in the right direction."

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"You see this bill passing now because it's becoming harder to find a job with health insurance," Porter said.

Porter said the United States is on an "unstable trajectory" regarding health care expenses, and said there is a long-term trend toward lesser access to health care.

"I think this is a first step toward dealing with it... but we're going to need to see additional legislation to deal with rising health care costs more aggressively," Porter said.

The education bill, the biggest since President George W. Bush's "No Child Left Behind" legislation nine years ago, dramatically alters 40 years of traditional student loan practices by eliminating private lenders. The projected \$36 million in savings will be directed toward additional Pell Grant spending.

Financial institutions will provide reduced interest rate loans guaranteed by the government in the event of default. Private lenders will also receive government subsidies when necessary in the interest of keeping interest rates low.

"We're taking the banks out of the student loan business," said Rep. Tim Ryan during a teleconference Monday. "We're going to pump a lot of that money back into Pell Grants."

Ryan also addressed the interest rate on loans. "We're continuing to move those downward from the 6 or 7 or 8 percent that they were, down to around 3 or 4 percent," Ryan said.

The 10-year savings on the plan is estimated at \$61 billion for Pell Grants, and an additional \$19 billion for deficit reduction and offsetting costs in the health care bill.

The Pell Grant increase expects to provide \$1.5 billion to ease the repayment process for student borrowers.

Beginning in 2014, the monthly amount borrowers may devote to repayment will be reduced from the current cap of 15 percent to just 10 percent.

The original bill, drafted last year, also sought to increase the amount of Pell Grants annually by the Consumer Price Index (according to the Bureau of Labor Statistics) plus 1 percent, but Republican opposition forced the additional 1 percent out of the legislation.

Instead of the initially proposed \$6,900 over 10 years, the maximum Pell Grant will be \$5,900.

The congressman also specified some ways that Medicaid subsidies will help students and other citizens. He said that the Medicare reimbursement for primary care physicians would be increased, mentioning that roughly 50 percent of private doctors will not see Medicaid patients.

Ryan said doctors would now be paid for improving patients' health instead of receiving reimbursement simply for each test and X-ray.

"Students are going to be big winners," Ryan said. However YSU students, much like citizens across America, seem divided on the passage of health care reform.

Senior Chris Lettera said he was "not appreciative of the glacier pace to make it happen," but was "on board" with the bill.

Senior Sarah Lyden addressed a specific issue in her approval.

"[I'm] so excited," Lyden said. "I'm extremely excited not to get kicked off my parents' insurance till I'm 26!"

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The U.S. House of Representatives has passed health care reform after more than a year of divisive, angry, fevered and—at times—truly insane debate.

Whether you support the legislation or not, you must reflect on the course the American political psyche has taken on this road to necessary social and economic reform. There have been “town hall” meetings, political forums, protests, near-riots and extremely violent rhetoric. Protestors from the conservative angle have leveled accusations of socialism, tyranny and even planned systematic murder.

Liberal minds have argued that the president, House and Senate are spineless and unresolved to enact real change.

But it has become so much worse than that. In the waning hours of this weekend, some representatives were harassed by protestors who called them “n---er” and “f---t.”

Rep. Bart Stupak, a conservative Democrat from Michigan, was called a “baby killer” by a conservative Republican from Texas after Stupak agreed to sign the bill in exchange for a guarantee that no federal money would fund abortion.

Is this what our nation has become? Is this what our flag and our national anthem represent? Is this the mindset that will determine America's future? Whenever we disagree with a proposed piece of legislation, will we now take to the streets with pitchforks and torches? Is that the society that our fathers and grandfathers fought and died to defend?

This is not what America should mean to us. We have a right to disagree. Indeed, our nation was founded upon popular dissent. There must, however, be a line in the sand.

Cooler heads must prevail, lest we revert to Neanderthal means of resolving problems. Instead of parliamentary legislative resolution, an electoral college and voting booths, we should simply pass out clubs and may the best man or woman win.

Both sides of the political spectrum hold their share of the blame. Misinformation, distrust, refusal to compromise, fevered egos and the need for immediate gratification all contributed to the war that was health care reform.

Shame should be in our hearts. Is the behavior of so many protestors what we really want our children to emulate? This is not how reasonable people would have their children solve problems. We can only hope that adults will seek rationality as an example and abandon this insanity.

Otherwise, let's grab our clubs and bash everyone who disagrees with us. That'll solve the problem.

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Murderous anti-abortion extremists might be able to gun down doctors, but this form of terrorism is only effective when the courage of those they seek to intimidate fails. The response to the slaying of Kansas abortion provider George Tiller shows it hasn't.

Tiller was shot to death in church last year by activist Scott Roeder, who was convicted of premeditated murder in January. Tiller's Wichita clinic was closed after his slaying, prompting a nationwide search by abortion rights advocates for doctors to carry on his work he was one of a very few in the United States who performed late-term abortions. Dr. Curtis Boyd of Albuquerque recently announced on his Web site that he would do the procedure, with the help of two California physicians, Susan Robinson and Shelley Sella, who used to work with Tiller.

The thing that makes the debate over abortion so wrenching is that activists on both sides believe they are guided by a higher moral purpose. Yet it's impossible to see anything moral about terrorizing doctors or the women who seek their services. Tiller was the fourth doctor and the eighth person to be slain by antiabortion fanatics since 1993; as long as there are fringe groups such as the Army of God that condone such murders, the “pro-life” stance of legitimate abortion opponents will be undermined.

Boyd's reasons for performing abortions, articulated in a 2008 speech, are worth repeating because they express much of the rationale for the abortion rights movement: “In my generation, many of the doctors of conscience who chose to provide abortions were moved by the horrors of botched illegal abortions. But that was not what drove me to risk my career and sometimes my life. I was moved by the certain knowledge that women's lives could be ruined when they could not abort a pregnancy.”

Late-term abortion is a distasteful and fortunately very rare procedure, generally performed when the fetus has severe genetic anomalies or the mother's health is threatened. The laws governing it are muddled, thanks to a misguided decision by a conservative majority on the Supreme Court. In 2007, it upheld a federal ban on so-called partial-birth abortions, even though the law contained no exception to protect a woman's health. Meanwhile, it's still legal to perform late-term abortions using a different procedure. The only material difference between the legal and illegal methods is that in some cases partial-birth abortion is safer for the woman. Either way, the fetus is usually killed with a drug before extraction.

The makeup of the Supreme Court might shift with the political winds, but the courage of those committed to freedom of choice does not. When one falls, others rise.

Let the sun shine in

Milwaukee Journal Sentinel
MCT

Doctors should be required to tell their patients if they are on the payroll of a pharmaceutical company, and those companies should have to disclose their payments to doctors.

Health food stores sell an array of fish oil supplements for an annual cost of \$300 or less. Why would anybody pay 10 times that much for GlaxoSmithKline's prescription version when doctors say they can find very little difference between it and its over-the-counter competitors?

The answer: Because insurance often covers the high-priced pills, and, we suspect, because doctors promote such prescription medications to other doctors.

GlaxoSmithKline, the maker of the pricey fish oil product known as Lovaza, paid a Delafield, Wis., lipidology specialist \$45,000 during the second quarter of last year to tout the benefits of the company's pills. The payments to Dr. Tara Dall were disclosed in records GlaxoSmith Kline released recently, according to Milwaukee Journal Sentinel reporter John Fauber. As universities, including the University of Wisconsin, have tightened ethics policies regarding promotional drug talks, pharmaceutical companies have increasingly turned to physicians in private practice to pitch their products, Fauber reports.

While medical schools can require doctors who work for them to inform patients of their ties to pharmaceutical companies, there are no such restrictions on private doctors. Dall's Web site mentions her role as a speaker, but Fauber reports that she hedged when asked whether she disclosed her relationship with the drug maker to patients for whom she prescribes Lovaza.

Doctors should be required to disclose such relationships to their patients. And drug makers should be required to report how much they are paying doctors and to whom those payments were made.

A bill co-sponsored by Sen. Herb Kohl, D-Wis., (the Physician Payments Sunshine Act) would force companies to disclose their payments to doctors. The bill has been folded into health care reform legislation, and with that bill pending, drug companies have begun to report their payments.

Even if health care reform fails, the Kohl bill should be resurrected and passed.

Patients have a right to know who is paying their doctors.



Pay no mind

Melissa Mary Smith
COLUMNIST

Whether it's by their actions or inactions, a fundamental part of life is understanding that someone, somewhere, in some capacity will piss you off.

It can consume you, make you feel worthless, ruin your days, weeks or even years.

People who piss you off can appear in any form: customers, relatives, (former) friends or those who've simply established themselves as your enemies.

It's very easy for someone to say, “Don't let them bother you. They have nothing better to do. Don't sweat it.” Easier said than done, right?

At a certain point, when people do things to bother, irritate or intentionally hurt you, it takes its toll on you emotionally and sometimes, you might become bitter.

People may say things that make you angry, harass you in life or over the Internet, make rude passing comments or do some things so spiteful that your heart feels as though it's shrinking.

Overcoming the unfortunate ways of people takes time and self-reflection. Talking to a professional or even friends can also help you to clear your head and vent.

I've experienced my fair share of bitterness in regards to the awful actions of other people. What I've come to realize is that life is too short to constantly have anger in your heart and mind.

Some make bringing others down into a hobby.

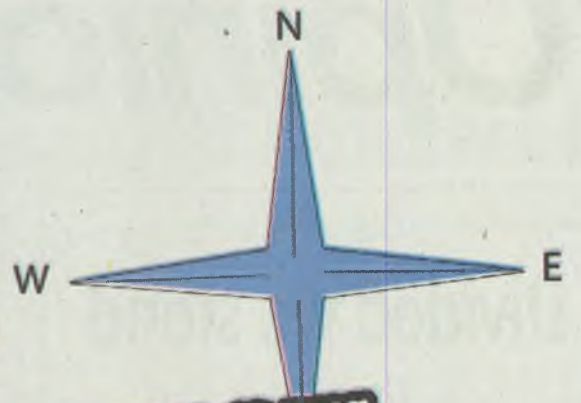
As one of my best friends once said, living well is the best revenge.

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Two noted poets set to speak at YSU

Gary S. Angelo
FEATURES EDITOR

Since 1994, the Youngstown State University Poetry Center has been bringing famous poets and writers from across the world to YSU. On Thursday, authors Dora Malech and James Galvin will host a poetry reading at 7:30 p.m. in the Ohio Room at Kilcawley Center. The winner of the Etruscan Press prize will also be announced. The prize is a \$500 award in creative writing, which has been judged by Galvin.

Malech has had poems published in The New Yorker, Poetry London, The Yale Review and American Letters and Commentary. She earned a Bachelor of Arts degree in Fine Arts from Yale College, attended the University of Iowa Writers' Workshop and earned a Master of Fine Arts degree in poetry in 2005. Her full-length poetry book, "Shore Ordered Ocean," was published by Waywiser Press, which is based in the United Kingdom.



Poets James Galvin (left) and Dora Malech (right) will be hosting a poetry reading this Thursday in the Ohio Room. Photos Courtesy of POETS.ORG.

Galvin has an extensive literary resume, and has written seven poetry books, including "God's Mistress" (1984), "Elements" (1988), "Imaginary Timber" (1990), "The Meadow"

(1992) and "Fencing the Sky" (1999). Galvin has won fellowship awards for his poetry from the Guggenheim Foundation and the National Endowment for the Arts. He is also a faculty mem-

ber of the University of Iowa Writers' Workshop.

Phil Brady, YSU English professor and founder of the YSU Poetry Center, said Thursday's poetry reading would be an ideal literary experience.

"Our mission is to introduce Youngstown to writers from around the world. For all our readings, we want to introduce experienced authors and the best of American poetry to Youngstown," Brady said.

Brady feels that the poetry reading will have a cultural impact on students, faculty, administrators and the Youngstown community. He has worked to promote nationally acclaimed literary artists through the YSU Poetry Center.

The YSU Poetry Center is just "one facet of YSU's thriving Creative Writing Program," Brady said. This program consists of the Northeast Ohio Master of Fine Arts Program in Creative Writing, a "consortial" Master of Fine Arts Program, Etruscan Press, The Penguin Review, a student literary magazine and a Creative Writing minor.

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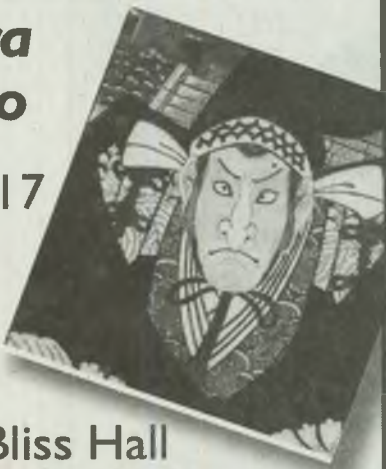
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BREAKING NEWS AND SPORTS!!

Sunshine helps track and field prep for outdoor season

Keith Langford, Jr.
SPORTS EDITOR

The nice weather that the Youngstown area has experienced in the past couple of weeks has benefited all of the spring sports just getting underway, including the Youngstown State University men's and women's track and field teams.

The teams will look to get their feet wet at their first outdoor meet of the season at the Raleigh Relays this weekend in Raleigh, N.C. Head coach Brian Gorby anticipates his teams to be strong competitors this outdoor season and expects seniors, as well as freshmen, to step up and lead the team to victory.

Several of Gorby's key athletes did not compete in the indoor season, but are now available for the outdoor season.

One key athlete is senior Alisha Anthony. Anthony has two years of eligibility remaining for the outdoor season and was a key component in the women's first-place finish in the 2009 outdoor season. Anthony won the triple jump to help the Penguins to the conference title.

Seniors Robyn Ray and Aaron Merrill are two leaders Gorby said would contribute to the success of the teams this outdoor season. Gorby said he expects big things out of the two seniors as they look to end their collegiate careers on a high note.

Some other key athletes Gorby will lean on this outdoor season are freshmen sprinters Symona Gregory and Tarelle Irwin. Both have proven in the indoor season that they are reliable and able to withstand the pressures of collegiate competition.

"I don't think it's any pressure I can't handle to perform well in my races," Gregory said.

Irwin said the future success of the team could be credited to the dedication of the coaches.

"The way [the coaches] have us training, I expect most of the team to place in the top three in their events," Irwin said.

Gorby points to his devoted staff as key contributors to the success of the program.

"All three coaches - [Brent] Shelby, [Marcella] Bolha, [David] Townsend - are doing a phenomenal job," Gorby said.



Sophomore Haley Thomas has secured her place as a leader on the softball team in her second year at YSU. Thomas was named Horizon League Player of the week for the week of March 8 and leads the Penguins in batting average (.375) and slugging percentage (.679).

Thomas breaks records, earns place as team leader

Chelsea Miller
SPORTS REPORTER

Haley Thomas is a force to be reckoned with at the plate.

Although she's only a sophomore, Thomas has secured the lead .375 batting average and has a .679 slugging percentage. Of her 21 hits this season, three have been doubles, four triples and two home runs.

Thomas is also a leader on the field. The center fielder carries a .885 fielding percentage, and coach Brian Campbell said that Thomas is an "all-around athlete."

"She's a young lady that just roams center field and covers a lot of ground ... and she's one of the best leadoff hitters I've coached," Campbell said.

Thomas first began play-

ing softball at 8 years old, but played backyard catch with her father at an even younger age. She said her favorite parts of softball are the competitive and mental aspects of the sport.

A physical education major, Thomas hopes to coach one day, but is unsure of other future plans. She decided to attend Youngstown State University after touring the campus and realizing that she fit well with the school.

"When I came out to visit here, I felt I really clicked with the school, and all the girls on the team really provided a positive atmosphere," Thomas said.

One of Thomas' major accomplishments for YSU softball was being named as Horizon League Softball Player of the Week. She received the nod for the week

of March 8 after setting two single-game records with four hits and two triples in a 12-0 win against South Carolina State University.

"It was really an honor. I was happy that they recognized me," Thomas said.

Thomas' record-breaking feats are nothing new to the Penguins, however. As a freshman, Thomas led the team with 21 runs scored, and her 53 base hits last season were the most by any freshman since Tiffany Pattenon, who is the current assistant coach.

"She brought a lot to the table her first two years already," Campbell said, adding that he expects Thomas to excel in future seasons. "[Thomas is] a leader on and off the field. She does all the right things. She's just a joy to coach ... a great young lady."

HORIZON LEAGUE BASEBALL

1. YOUNGSTOWN STATE
2. WRIGHT STATE
3. BUTLER
4. MILWAUKEE
5. VALPARAISO
6. CLEVELAND STATE
7. UIC

HORIZON LEAGUE SOFTBALL

1. BUTLER
2. GREEN BAY
3. CLEVELAND STATE
4. VALPARAISO
5. LOYOLA
6. YOUNGSTOWN STATE
7. WRIGHT STATE
8. UIC
9. DETROIT

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HOMETOWN: Youngstown
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OB%: .404
HIT: 12
HR: 2

SCHEDULES

BASEBALL

- Mar. 24 @ Kent
- Mar. 26 @ Butler
- Mar. 27 @ Butler
- Mar. 27 @ Butler
- Mar. 30 @ Duquesne
- Mar. 31 CANISIUS
- April 2 UIC
- April 3 UIC
- April 3 UIC
- April 7 DUQUESNE
- April 9 VALPARAISO
- April 10 VALPARAISO
- April 10 VALPARAISO
- April 13 @ Niagara
- April 14 AKRON
- April 17 LeMOYNE
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- April 21 PITTSBURGH
- April 23 MILWAUKEE
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SOFTBALL

- Mar. 23 @ Akron
- Mar. 24 @ Pittsburgh
- Mar. 30 CANISIUS
- Mar. 31 @ Robert Morris
- April 3 BUTLER
- April 4 BUTLER
- April 7 @ Toledo
- April 10 @ Loyola
- April 11 @ Loyola
- April 14 @ Detroit
- April 15 @ Detroit
- April 17 WRIGHT STATE
- April 18 WRIGHT STATE
- April 20 CLEVELAND STATE
- April 21 CLEVELAND STATE
- April 24 UIC
- April 25 UIC

WOMEN'S TENNIS

- Mar. 26 CASE
- Mar. 27 MILWAUKEE
- Mar. 28 GREEN BAY
- April 2 @ Valparaiso
- April 3 @ UIC
- April 10 BUTLER
- April 11 WRIGHT STATE
- April 13 DUQUESNE
- April 18 @ Detroit

MEN'S TENNIS

- Mar. 26 @ Cleveland State
- Mar. 28 GREEN BAY
- April 2 @ Valparaiso
- April 3 @ UIC
- April 10 BUTLER
- April 11 WRIGHT STATE
- April 18 @ Detroit
- April 22-25 Horizon League Championships

Football spring practice kicks off with new staff

Ralph Lewis III
REPORTER

For only the sixth time in school history, the Youngstown State University football team is beginning spring drills with a brand new staff and head coach.

Head coach Eric Wolford has made a voyage back to where it all started. An Ursuline High School graduate, Wolford has spent the last 16 years as an assistant coach for various schools. Twelve of the 16 schools Wolford coached were in the Football Bowl Subdivision. He most recently spent his 2009 season as the offensive line and running backs coach at the University

of South Carolina under Steve Spurrier. Also, according to YSUports.com, in the last five seasons, Wolford has ranked in the top 20 in the nation for recruiting. Already, Wolford has brought in 19 new recruits. Thirteen of these recruits hail from Ohio and three of the 19 players were recognized as Player of the Year in their respective states.

Practices are scheduled for the Penguins four days a week for four weeks, culminating with the annual Red and White Game on April 10.

For the 2010 season, the Penguins are equipped with experience from last season. There are 20 seniors returning to the Penguin squad this year who hope to improve last

year's 6-5 record. Notable returning players this season are the all conference selected Eric Rodemoyer and Dominique Barnes. Barnes, a receiver, led the conference with eight touchdowns along with 60 catches. Rodemoyer played left guard as well as left tackle. He was selected second team All-Missouri Valley Football along with top offensive lineman by the team.

Question marks remain in two key positions: quarterback and running back. This will start an early test for Wolford. According to YSUports.com seven of the nine players at these positions have never seen any action in an FBS Division 1-AA game. The two players that have seen action

at this level are quarterback Marc Kanetsky and running back Jamaine Cook.



Juniors Josh Lee (left) and Ely Ducatel (right) run a ball security drill aimed at preventing fumbles and the art of stripping the ball from an opposing team.

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