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NEW COACH IN TOWN

Boldon announced as new women's coach

Keith Langford Jr.
SPORTS EDITOR

A new era in Youngstown State University women's basketball has begun as new head coach Bob Boldon was formally introduced Wednesday in front of a large crowd of notable and influential figures in the YSU community.

Boldon becomes the sixth women's head coach in YSU history as YSU President David Sweet introduced Boldon to the media for the first time.

"We are going to try to win every game we play," Boldon stated toward the end of his press conference.

Boldon will take over the program, which went 0-30 under former head coach Cindy Martin last season.

Boldon has experience at the Division I level. Five of his 10 seasons as a coach have been at the Division I level. Boldon was an assistant at the University of Akron from 2006 to 2008. He also helped Division I Florida Gulf Coast to a 24-7 record and a Women's National Invitation Tournament invitation as an assistant last season.

His other Division I experience was at Texas A&M-Corpus Christi from 2002 to 2004 as an assistant.

"We are going to try to win every game we play."

-Bob Boldon



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THE FIRST HURDLE



Construction on the Watson and Tressel Training Site began Tuesday. It was determined the \$10 million project initially wasn't going to be funded, but a \$7 million allocation through a bond issue has allowed for the plans to move forward. The project is slated for completion in December.

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Senior experiences below average, report says

Josh Stipanovich
NEWS EDITOR

According to the Third Report on the Condition of Higher Education in Ohio, seniors at Youngstown State University are not experiencing certain criterion at the state average.

The report compared 13 universities across Ohio, including YSU, to see whether or not seniors are taking advantage of available opportunities. It breaks each university into 26 groups such as "seniors who worked with classmates on assignments outside of class" or "seniors [who] participated in community service or volunteer work."

Of those 26 groups, YSU is below the state average in 17.

Two areas where YSU fell well below average were involvement in extracurricular activities such as student organizations and intramural sports and study abroad programs.

The state average for "seniors who spent at least six hours per week participating in co-curricular activities such as student organizations and intramural sports" is 25 percent. YSU is at 10 percent. As for "seniors [who] participated in study abroad," the state average is 12 percent, and YSU is at 3 percent.

But those numbers can be misleading as the total number of students who registered for an individual study abroad since 2005 has steadily increased. During the 2005-06 academic year, 12 students studied abroad. During the 2008-09 academic year, 39 students studied abroad, and as of Jan. 16, 111 students had studied abroad during the 2009-10 academic year.

"Because this number's based on seniors exiting, [the report] probably missed some of this growth, and I think we're all confident we'll see that number improve," said Jeff Davis, director of the

Seniors who participated in study abroad programs



Seniors who spent at least 6 hours per week participating in co-curricular activities



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SGA president reviews successful year

Dan Pompili
ASSIST. NEWS EDITOR

Student Government Association President Zach Brown Wednesday reflected on his platform, his accomplishments and his time in office. Brown and his executive vice president, Abbie Twyford ran on a platform outlined by four overall concepts: a better campus and community, a commitment to academic excellence, a financially conscious future and a more effective SGA.

Brown provided a 27-item list of his administration's accomplishments, divided by the aforementioned headings. There are twelve items under the "better campus and community" heading, including negotiation of free meter parking after 6 p.m. and parking spaces outside Cafaro House on Elm Street for safer parking.

The "academic excellence heading" boasted seven items including working with "degree assessment administrators

"They just thought we were trying to screw them out of more money and that wasn't the case. We're not the YSU Bookstore."

-Zach Brown

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NEWS BRIEFS

New York Times reporter set to attend Press Day

Award-winning reporter David Gonzalez of The New York Times will be the keynote speaker at Youngstown State University's annual Press Day on May 10. Gonzalez came to the Times in 1990 after working for Newsweek magazine. In his career, he has served as Bronx bureau chief, columnist of "About New York" and Central America/Caribbean chief. Each year, nearly 500 students come to Press Day for workshops and lectures related to journalism.

Fundraising show for Rich Center

"Autistically Speaking," a variety show organized by the Rich Center for Autism, will be held April 23 at 6:30 p.m. at Mr. Anthony's in Boardman. The event, marking its sixth year, is a major fundraiser for the Rich Center and has raised nearly \$20,000 annually to help children living with the disorder. This year's event will feature students from the center, Youngstown musician Ron Counce and singer Steve Fazzini. Tickets are \$50. For more information, call Rich Center events coordinator Tricia Perry at 330-941-2047.

POLICE BRIEFS

Altercation in Williamson Hall

Police were called to Williamson Hall following a report of an altercation in the elevator. The victim who called claimed he reached around a man in the elevator to press his floor button when the man became verbally confrontational. The suspect said he felt the victim had become too close, and he only wanted to be left alone.

Theft in ComDoc area

Employees from ComDoc and the Bagel Stop in Kilcawley Center filed two separate theft reports. Money from a metal cash box was taken from ComDoc and a container for cash was missing from the Bagel Stop. Damage was found to the doors leading into the respective work areas. Police are reviewing tape from the Home Savings and Loan security cameras.

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Students shine at QUEST presentations

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Their hard work and dedication finally paid off. Each year, undergraduate and graduate students get a chance to present their scholarly work at Youngstown State University's QUEST. This year marked the 21st anniversary of the event, which is held in Kilcawley Center on campus. A total of 196 separate presentations, ranging from how the popular Xbox Live gaming system may cause harm to those playing, to new advances in geoscience education, dazzled those in attendance.

"These students clearly have done a lot of work for their presentations, and their findings are really amazing," said Susan Nelson, a YSU student who cheered on her classmates who were presenting.

In order to qualify for the program, students must first develop an idea, clear it with their faculty adviser and submit their proposal to the QUEST Web site.

And once the "easy part" is through, students begin the research.

"After forming my idea, the hard work began," said junior Aaron Swickard who presented "Comparisons of Ethnic Centers in the U.S."

"This strong sense of ethnic cohesion would tie these neighborhoods together," Swickard told the crowded room that was filled with family members, friends, fellow students and those judging the presentation.

Swickard, a history major, spent two straight days simply writing his speech. He also spent many hours paging through more than 15 books gathering information about San Francisco's

Chinatown, Chicago's Little Italy and New York's Harlem.

Once his 15-minute presentation was through, Swickard was feeling many emotions; he felt a little nervous, anxious, excited and enthused, but perhaps most of all, a sense of relief.

"I'm really glad is over," he said.

As soon as the presenters begin, panels of no more than three judges begin their evaluation. The grading guidelines are very strict. Organization of ideas, knowledge of topic, communication and critical thinking elements are all taken into consideration, equaling a maximum score of 28 points.

"The judging may be a little overwhelming," said presenter Frank Bellamy. "It's pretty difficult knowing that there are these three people critiquing your every action, all while you try and get things as perfect as possible."

Some students may see QUEST as a chance to add to their academic resumes, while others really hope change can be made as a result of their findings. Diane DeEulio, an education graduate student, shared her research on more effective ways to teach young children to read. Her presentation, "Teaching Reading Skills: Keep Things Simple, But Not Simpler," pointed out the advantages and disadvantages of phonics.

DeEulio said that instructions for reading are sound-driven, not letter-driven. After going over a four-point solution, DeEulio said she hopes to one day change the education system. "I believe that everyone here can make the way students learn much better. There are things that do need to be changed, and we are on our way to do so," DeEulio said. Her counterparts nodded in agreement.

"This, and many of the other presentations, were very interesting and I believe these students have great potential when it comes to their research and presentations," said Regina Rees, a QUEST committee member.

Student group uses First Amendment rights to uphold the Second

Chris Cotelesse
REPORTER

The city of Campbell has passed an ordinance that bans the sale of firearms within the city limits. The legislation has provoked a response from concerned citizens.

Young Americans for Liberty at Youngstown State University, a student group that advocates constitutional fidelity, had planned a protest rally for Saturday on the steps of city hall.

"It is unconstitutional under the Second Amendment and our right to contract with each other," said Varg Freeborn, president of YAL at YSU. Freeborn also referenced state law.

According to Ohio Revised Code 9.68, the sale of firearms can only be limited in regards to zoning ordinances "provided that the zoning ordinance ... does not result in a de facto prohibition of the commercial sale of firearms."

Freeborn, a sociology and economics double major, has been involved in activism since the 1990s. His group promotes "politics of principle, not party."

Freeborn and his student organization oppose the ordinance for other reasons as well. The city of Campbell is in fiscal emergency. Freeborn said shops in the city "could improve the economic situation. It's an economically stupid decision."

Freeborn was referring to the case of Michael Erdek, a Hubbard resident who wanted to open a gun repair shop on Robinson Road in Campbell. Erdek's attempt at rezoning the property to light industrial sparked the legislation.

Ohioans for Concealed Carry, an advocacy group for the Second Amendment, has threatened to sue the city of Campbell over the ordinance.

Jeff Garvas, president of OCC, said if the law is not repealed, the organization is "definitely prepared to go forward."

"Our goal is to communicate with the city before we have to take legal action," he said.

OCC has sent multiple letters to the city government, but has not received any response after the initial phone call.

"In cases such as Campbell, we're being stone-walled," Garvas said.

Derek Debrosse, general counsel for OCC, said the law is "a complete violation of ORC 9.68. It's been put to committee to fix, but the fix is still illegal." He is confident that the case will succeed if it goes to court.

If the issue comes to legal action and the city of Campbell loses the battle, they will be required under ORC 9.68 to pay the "costs and reasonable attorney fees to any person, group or entity that prevails."

However, Juanita Rich, Campbell councilperson of the fourth ward and National Rifle Association member said, "[The council] intend to repeal." She said the mayor and chief of police wish the law to remain on the books, but added, "I'm not going to be intimidated. It will be repealed."

YSU YAL had requested a permit and were given verbal permission by Lew Jackson, city administrator, to proceed with the rally.

Freeborn said that he was then told YAL would be required to pay up to \$2,000, the payroll of four to six Campbell city officers, in order to receive the permit.

Jackson said Steve Hughes, who applied for the permit, was doing so for "a rally to support the troops." Later when it was discovered that OCC would be attending, as well as groups protesting the protestors, "the mayor required the extra security. It's a circus," Jackson said.

Freeborn said Hughes misinterpreted the group's intentions.

"Originally the rally was not just about the Second Amendment," Freeborn said. It was supposed to encompass various local and national issues. "Campbell is afraid of these people [OCC] because they carry guns," Freeborn said.

George Krinos, mayor of Campbell, said security and a liability waiver were needed for the event to protect the city.

"We came to some arrangements ... around \$400," Krinos said, adding that he would be attending the rally.

Freeborn said he wasn't sure now who would be sponsoring the rally, but he and YAL will be there.

"The momentum is building," he said. "If the people of Campbell can see there is support, they will be less afraid to speak out. Before anyone messes with civil liberties, we want them to think about the repercussions."



How do you feel about journalists being killed overseas by U.S. soldiers?



"It's kind of sad."
Amber Bator, freshman



"It's jacked up. The need more security with journalists."
Eddie Esmail, junior

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Rust Belt Brewing Co.

(s)touts expanded business

Jared Buker
REPORTER

Youngstown's lone beer brewing company, Rust Belt, has evolved from a small, local endeavor into a thriving beer provider. Their beers can be found at almost all local bars and numerous restaurants in the area, and now, they are looking to go a step further.

Located at the B&O Station on Mahoning Avenue, Rust Belt has seen rapid expansion since its beginnings in early 2008. Ken Blair, company president, is thrilled with the progress that has been made.

"We have already brewed almost half as much as last year, and it's only April," Blair said.

Restaurants such as TGI Friday's, located in Boardman, now serve Rust Belt products. Additionally, some of Youngstown's bars, such as Inner Circle Pizza and the Lemon Grove Cafe, have had success in selling Rust Belt beer. The company has even broadened its borders to reach various locations in Pittsburgh and Cleveland.

On Saturdays, Rust Belt fans can bring an empty keg to the B&O Station to be filled with their choice of Rust Belt beer for a reasonable price.

"We've had great support locally," Blair said. "They like the beer, and they like the marketing. We've come a long way."

Blair said the hardest part about exposing Rust Belt products to the area was getting grocery stores like Giant Eagle to sell them. Now, local and other Giant Eagle locations sell Rust Belt's "bombers," or 22-ounce bottles.

Blair told a story about an employee at Staples in Boardman who, upon seeing his Rust Belt credit card, praised his great tasting stout. He also mentioned that State Rep. Robert Hagan can frequently be found enjoying the red or the blonde beer at the Lemon Grove Cafe.

Rust Belt makes four different types of beers. They make a "Rusted River" Irish red, a "Black Furnace" blonde, a "Coke Oven" Stout and the "Old Man Hoppers" India pale ale.

On April 24, Rust Belt will participate in the Big Tap In, a beer brewing festival located at the Shepherd Event Center outside of the old Sam's Club on South Avenue in Boardman. Forty of the world's top brewing companies, as well as 20 local food merchants, will set up stations for beer enthusiasts to test and purchase various exotic and domestic beers.

One big goal for the Rust Belt Brewing Company is to revive the B&O Station. Referring to it as the new B&O Complex, Blair wants to begin running radio ads, as well as promotions at Youngstown State University, to encourage patrons to visit the venue on the weekends.

"We want to have events like a bike night or karaoke very soon," Blair said. We have a great outdoor patio, and it should be a great way to spend a Saturday night if bars really aren't your thing."

The B&O Complex will again house RustFest, an event that Blair admits wasn't what it could have been last year. RustFest is a concert consisting primarily of metal acts and cover bands, and this year Blair hopes to hold the event without a cover charge so people can try out his assortment of beers. The show will take place sometime in late summer.

In addition, a scholarship is in the works between YSU and the Rust Belt Brewing Company that could give \$100 to a student to assist with purchasing books and supplies.



As weather breaks, students gather outdoors

Jared Buker
REPORTER

The recent heat wave that struck campus left many drained and ready for school's end, and the lack of air conditioning in the classrooms surely didn't help. Fear not, for the campus of Youngstown State University offers an array of peaceful locations to both fight the heat and enjoy a beautiful setting.

The area outside of Peaberry's Cafe, affectionately known to some as "the umbrellas," is a popular spot to relax and eat lunch. YSU sophomore Taylor Richards said she meets all of her friends at these tables.

"It is so peaceful out there," she said. "I always grab something from the food court and then study out there in the sun."

If no tables are available there, one could venture toward the courtyard between

Kilcawley Center and Tod Hall. Though it has yet to be turned on, the fountain is surrounded by tables and benches, making this spot one of YSU's most sought-after study locations.

Sophomore Hannah Banks loves soaking up sun by the fountain.

"It seems like around noon, all of the tables are taken," Banks said. "Last year, when the weather got nice, I would sit out there and watch little kids play in the water."

Not everyone wants to sweat in the sun while studying or snacking, and for those fair-skinned folks, the shady nook between Cushwa and Moser halls might be just right. Here, you can relax on a bench or a step and avoid the sun.

This location also houses one of YSU's best-kept secret spots. Alongside Cushwa Hall is a long, overhanging wall. Sitting beneath this jettisoned concrete is both cool and relaxing, though you may want to bring a pillow.

Few people traverse this part of campus, so you won't be bothered.

Mike Wittenauer, sophomore, has taken naps next to Cushwa Hall.

"If I stay up late doing homework, I'll throw my headphones in and lay down next to Cushwa," Wittenauer said. "I'll normally go there to read or something, but it always seems to end with me falling asleep."

Freshman Danny Sacui spends most of his breaks enjoying the nature on campus.

"I like throwing a Frisbee in the grass or something like that when I have a break. I mean, the grass is always really treated, but it's still nice to enjoy the scenery," he said.

So as the semester comes to a close, look to these beautiful hot spots when on break and appreciate what a wonderful campus YSU possesses. These places may help you survive the final weeks of a grueling school year, and they can certainly get your tan rolling a few weeks early.



Netflix on the Wii, available now

Brier Dudley
THE SEATTLE TIMES

Netflix officially made its streaming video service available on the Wii Monday, after several weeks of soft-launching the service.

It provides instant play of selected movies and TV shows through the Wii when a special Netflix disc is playing in the console. Netflix is providing the discs free to people who subscribe to plans starting at \$8.99 a month. Here's a link to the Netflix Wii registration site.

The Wii is late to the Netflix party. Instant-play Netflix streaming has been available for a while on the Xbox 360, PlayStation3 and all sorts of Blu-ray players and Web-connected TVs.

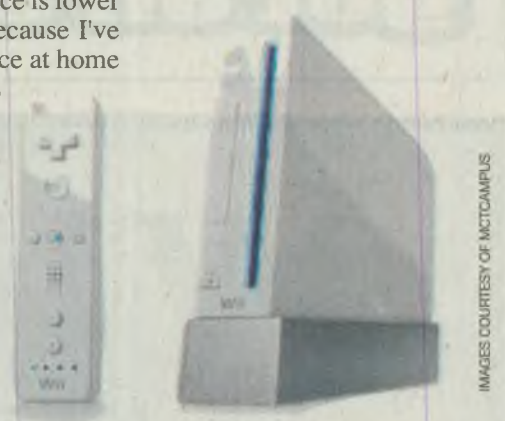
But it's still a nice addition for Wii owners looking

for a simple way to get Netflix streaming to their TVs. It's also a big step forward for the Wii, which otherwise lacks the movie playback capabilities of the Xbox and PS3.

I've been testing it at home and prefer the Wii setup over Netflix on my Tivo HD, even though the Wii service is lower resolution. That's because I've got weak DSL service at home and the lower res video streams just fine on the Wii, but pauses to buffer now and then on the high-def Tivo.

For families who already have Netflix and a Wii, the service could become an auxiliary DVR in the

family room, providing a big library of on-demand movies and TV shows. The service also includes Netflix DVDs by mail (although note that Netflix recently agreed to delay new releases from a few major studios for up to 28 days).



YouTube TOP 5 Distractions of the week

Justin Bieber Breakdancing age 8
Youthful pop sensation Justin Bieber breakdances on the street at 8 years old. He appears to be a part of some sort of street performance because he has a small audience. The show is accompanied by someone playing an ethnic bongo beat.
http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=pVHiaD_HV8

Iowa Teen Makes Prom Dress From Gum Wrappers
In preparation for prom, an Iowa student fashioned her dress almost entirely out of gum wrappers. Her boyfriend's vest is also made of wrappers, so this couple will be sure to turn heads at the dance.
<http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=jJEt0-vCzdA>

Creed Shreds! Funny Sounding Vocals!
This collection of distractions takes old Creed videos and live performances and overdubs them in a new, hilarious way. Whoever made these has some odd vendetta against Creed. The trend has spread to include "Kiss Shreds" and "Guns N' Roses Shreds."
<http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Wt09R4h-Uo>

Highlight plays from the Trojans' scrimmage
This is the most viewed video recently on YouTube; defensive tackle DaJohn Harris and tailback Dillon Baxter exchange miraculous plays in what should have been a typical scrimmage.
<http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=K8W19g-KVaw>

Lipsync to Destiny's Child
Goofy and stout, a young man in tie-dye shorts dances to a Destiny's Child song. This is apparently the same kid from a former Ke\$ha video.
<http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=o9nX1u6XF18>

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How he transfers those experiences to YSU is yet to be determined.

"I was fortunate enough to work with a lot of bright people. I'm not a pioneer, but I'm smart enough to listen," Boldon said.

It's a homecoming of sorts for Boldon, as he's a native of Louisville, located just outside of Canton. During the press conference, Boldon seemed enthusiastic about coaching close to home.

"It's a very unique opportunity for me. It's unique to get a Division I job. It's more unique to get a job close to home," Boldon said.

Boldon was not shy about wanting good players or even a great player.

"The ones who are really good," Boldon said with conviction about the type of players he wants. "I will take a great player," Boldon added to joyous laughter of everyone at the press conference.

Boldon wants to recruit in the Youngstown-Warren region, but says it's not easy with other colleges and universities in Ohio all scouting the same players.

"There are a lot of schools who want those local kids. We aren't the only team trying to get those kids," Boldon said.

In assessing the talent he has now, Boldon states they will have to try to play to their strengths as much as possible.

"In general, we have to get better and work on that immediately," Boldon said.

Prospective sophomore Brandi Brown says her first impressions of Boldon were positive, and she's looking forward to working with him and finding out his coaching style.

"I think he's going to fit well with our personalities and our different styles of play. I think it's going to work," she said.

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to promote use of the Degree Audit Reporting System" and a possible academic advisement database. This is one issue where Brown said he would like to see significant change. Brown said students might take longer to graduate because it is unclear to them which courses they need for their major. He said the information should be more easily accessible and more clearly.

Under the fiscal heading, Brown listed four items. They include development of a policy for instituting a possible \$300,000 appropriations budget to provide more funding to student organizations and student academic use. This is the infamous "student fee" which drew so much controversy in fall semester.

Brown said the issue is not dead, and that he expects to hear from the new SGA president and vice president, Nick Meditz and Steve Mesik, to address the issue in front of the board of trustees once more before his term ends in May.

Brown said he fully expected the student fee to also draw greater interest in SGA elections. He anticipated that students would be angry enough to run for office if only in the hope of reversing the student fee, had it been passed.

"You can only stay mad for so long," Brown said. "After you're done being mad, you're either going to leave or keep a genuine interest in the organization."

Meditz and Mesik ran unopposed.

Brown said he felt students misunderstood the policy. "They just thought we were trying to screw them out of more money and that wasn't the case. We're not the YSU Bookstore," he said.

The "more effective SGA" heading also boasted four items, including the launch of a new SGA web site allowing for better interaction with the organization and an easier online appropriations application.

Brown said he is proudest of the sheer amount of "stuff"

his administration accomplished. He said that when he and Twyford designed their platform, they did not want to write one that allowed them to easily accomplish everything on it.

"Then you're not pushing yourself," he said. But Brown said they did not want to craft impossible objectives either.

"We said if we could get 25 to 50 percent of the platform accomplished, we'd be really pleased," Brown said. "We have definitely got 25 percent of that platform attacked or looked at or even completed."

The platform cites 36 bullet-points that Brown and Twyford hoped to accomplish or address.

Even if not every item on the accomplishment list matches up specifically, the 27 items on it suggest better than a 25 percent success rate.

"We've really done a lot of little things," Brown said. "And it starts to add up over time."

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Center for International Studies and Programs.

Davis said by 2013 he expects that number to meet the Ohio Strategic Plan's goal of 250 students studying abroad per year.

But Davis admits CISP's marketing plan needs to be looked at and improved upon.

"Our challenge over the last several years has been mostly just marketing, and the idea that [students] can do this," Davis said. "Most people don't think they can do this ... maybe never even thought about it, so we're working to get that message out."

Student Government Association President Zach Brown said he wasn't surprised that the number of seniors in student organizations was small.

"I'm not surprised, to be honest, that we are below the average because we are not only a commuter school, but 30 percent of our student population is considered adult learners," he said. "There is a lack of funding for [student organizations], and there's a lack of push from a lot of different divisions on campus."

He added the funding needs to be enforced by the administration, students, faculty and staff.

Another aspect Brown said that should be considered is the number of students who actually reside on campus.

"We have less than 2,000 students living on campus and a student body that's slowly pushing 15,000," Brown said.

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For newly named Youngstown State University women's head basketball coach Bob Boldon, it's only up from here ... literally.

In the short-lived Cindy Martin era, the penguins were plagued with injuries, a shrinking roster, recruitment problems and a grand total of only three wins. None of those wins came in Martin's second and final season at YSU in which the team posted a dismal 0-30 record.

In choosing Boldon, the Athletic Department is again making a gamble on homegrown, Northeast Ohio talent, much like they did with new head football coach Eric Wolford, a Brookfield native. Not to mention the YSU Board of Trustees chose Cynthia Anderson over a pool of national applicants to be the next president of YSU.

Maybe local talent is the real key to the success here.

Not only is Wolford local, but also so are many of his new recruits. Boldon may want to follow his football counterpart's example and hit the recruiting trail at some of the area's top high school basketball programs. This year's roster only included a handful of Ohio players.

If local talent isn't the key, then it will become quickly evident if the losses in both sports continue to pile up, and Ron Strollo's roll of the dice comes up snake eyes, but we believe the wager is worth it.

Whether or not the Penguin women's program rebounds next season, Boldon might be able to have some comfort knowing that if his team has the lead at the final buzzer of at least one game, he will already be taking a step in the right direction.

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LETTER TO THE EDITOR

Editor,

In these days of partisan wrangling and name-calling, the emergence of an issue that garners enthusiastic support across political, geographic and socio-economic lines is rare, to say the least.

But that is what the Ohio Third Frontier is. Launched in 2002 by Republican Gov. Bob Taft and approved by Ohio voters in 2005, the Third Frontier is a visionary public-private partnership aimed at re-energizing Ohio's economy by investing in emerging technologies, building new companies, expanding existing companies and - creating new jobs.

Without question, it has worked, yielding \$6.6 billion in economic activity, \$2.4 billion in wages and more than 48,000 jobs. Through Third Frontier, more than 571 new companies have been launched in Ohio, including right here in Youngstown.

Issue 1 on the May 4 primary ballot will renew and continue this highly successful program. It has the full support of not only Gov. Ted Strickland, but also his opponent, Republican gubernatorial candidate John Kasich, as well as legislators on both sides of the aisle, newspapers across the state, business and labor.

So why is a state university board of trustees and its administration interested in all of this?

As an urban research university, Youngstown State University has played and will continue to play an increasingly important role in the economic future of the Mahoning Valley. Third Frontier will help us reach those goals.

At its core, Third Frontier fosters job creation through the advancement of new products and services based on science and technology research and development, thus ensuring Ohio's ability to create and compete for jobs, today and in the future. At the center of that activity are Ohio's institutions of higher education. Today more than ever, universities and colleges are the places where researchers and entre-

preneurs merge, creating new technology, new business and new jobs.

Through Third Frontier, YSU is already fully engaged such activity. For instance, YSU and Fireline TCON in Youngstown have received \$2.1 million in Third Frontier funding to create the new Center of Excellence in Advanced Materials Analysis at the university. Also, the Third Frontier Internship Program has placed 163 YSU students in 42 different companies across the region. The Internship Program is run through the YSU Small Business Development Center, in cooperation with the YSU Center for Transportation and Materials Engineering.

In all, seven businesses and YSU have received nearly \$4 million in Third Frontier funding over the past three years.

This is a statewide issue that has direct benefit for the Mahoning Valley - present and future. Issue 1 will not raise taxes, but it will raise the prospect of the region's prosperity and the region's ability to thrive well into the 21st century.

We urge citizens of the Mahoning Valley to vote "yes" on Issue 1 and to support the "United for Jobs and Ohio's Future" campaign.

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Time to freshen up the nation's outdated food safety laws

McClatchy-Tribune
MCT

Here's something to think about next time you're at the dinner table: Most U.S. food-processing plants haven't been inspected in at least five years.

That unappetizing tidbit comes from a new report by the U.S. Food and Drug Administration's inspector general. It documents an outdated and ineffective federal food safety program with too few inspectors, too skimpy legal authority and too little funding.

Forget the overseas food-processing plants that have been responsible for several recent food safety scares such as contaminated seafood and powdered milk. The FDA doesn't even have enough inspectors to visit U.S. processing plants.

Nor does it have the authority to order a recall when tainted food comes to light. It can't even track dangerous food from the plant where it was processed to the stores where it was sold.

Surprised? You shouldn't be. The last time U.S. food safety laws were updated was in 1938, when penicillin was a "wonder drug" and

radar was a secret, cutting-edge military technology.

As soon as this week, the Senate could take up a new food-safety bill that would update the FDA's authority, allow it to dictate "best practices" for processing and preparing food and mandate more frequent inspections.

The Food Safety Enhancement Act was approved by the House last summer. It would require a food-tracking system so that when inspectors discover problems at a food-processing plant, they quickly can trace where tainted products were shipped.

Those common-sense updates are overdue. But the food-safety bill has been held hostage for months by congressional gridlock over health care reform.

That's been true despite a near-constant stream of high-profile food recalls that have included e. coli-laced cookie dough, peanut butter spiked with salmonella and tainted spinach, cilantro, tomatoes and bean sprouts - all sold to unsuspecting U.S. consumers in recent years.

The inspector general's report, released last week, details a system in urgent need of attention. Staffing for FDA food safety programs fell by 18 percent between 2003 and 2007, even as the number of U.S. food-processing plants climbed to 51,229. The number of

FDA inspectors has increased, but it remains below the level in 2003.

The FDA took regulatory action to force compliance in about half of the instances in which inspectors uncovered serious problems. In the rest, the FDA either reclassified the findings as less serious violations or did nothing.

In about 36 percent of cases in which serious problems were found, the FDA didn't conduct follow-up inspections to ensure that the violations had been corrected.

Some 76 million Americans contract a food-borne illness every year. Most cases are mild, but about 325,000 people are hospitalized and about 5,000 die each year from those illnesses.

The report released last week is not the first to document failings in U.S. food-safety programs, nor will it be the last word.

One obvious problem that will remain is the disjointed nature of oversight, which now is shared by the FDA and the U.S. Department of Agriculture. It makes sense to centralize authority for food safety and to adequately fund it. But over the years, the FDA has been starved of resources.

Americans can see the results in headlines about recalls of tainted food. Unfortunately, you can't see some of the problems on your dinner plates until it's too late.

Bon appetit!

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Nouveau gets a history lesson

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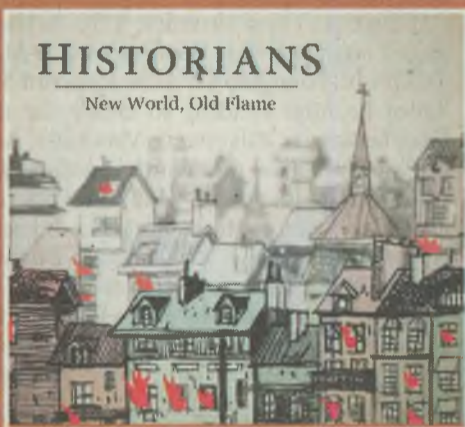


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Gary S. Angelo
FEATURES REPORTER

Dave Buker, frontman and guitarist of local outfit The Depths and the disbanded iconic freak-folk collective The Devotees, is now going in a digital electro-pop direction with his new project, The Historians. On Saturday at Cedars Lounge, The Historians will play at the Nouveau Rock Festival.

The event will feature 11 bands in addition to local artists. Admission is \$6. Since 2003, the Nouveau Rock Festival has been a tradition hosted by local band The Zou to showcase eclectic indie/experimental and hip-hop acts that are unique to Northeastern Ohio's landscape.

The Nouveau Rock Festival will feature experimental acts ranging from the nostal-

gic garage-punk of Fillmore Jive, to the glassy shoegazery of La Verite, to the hip-hop of Da Kreek. The event will also showcase the works of local artists Mary Farragher Evans and Amy Rigby.

Buker said he feels that The Historians fit perfectly on the Nouveau Rock Festival bill. Musically, The Historians combine the best musical elements of Buker's previous musical projects. The Historians fuse the Bluesque Britpop melodies of The Depths and the charming folk of The Devotees, but laced in digital electronic ambient landscapes.

"When people hear The Historians, they will hear something different from my previous music projects. In Historians there are a lot of harmonies, digital soundscapes and some folk. The music is more dark and heartfelt," Buker said.

The Historians includes Buker on vocals, keyboard,

guitar and programming; Mark Cracraft on guitar, bass, keyboard and backing vocals; Joe Spurlock on acoustic/electronic percussion, synthesizer and backing vocals; Jason Bash on bass, guitar and backing vocals; and Marla Davis on saxophone.

Buker started creating digital electronic experimental soundscapes while composing the music for the local film directed by Cleveland director Vitaly Versace, "The Last Vampire On Earth." Buker felt that the selection of music did not suit The Depths' musical format. He wanted to form a full band centered around his new musical direction.

"I wanted to do something different more electronic, less restrictive to one particular genre," he said.

Buker has been working with the digital music program, Reason, which former bandmate Justin Hite taught

Buker how to use.

The Historians are recording a new EP titled "New World, Old Flame" which will be available on iTunes, Bandcamp.com and CD Baby.

Buker's basic musical influences are the singer/songwriter styles of Jackson Browne and Paul Simon, along with the modern acid, folk-indie aesthetic of Mark Oliver Everett from The Eels.

"From record to record, Mark Oliver Everett mixes different musical elements and instruments and plays under one name: Eels. Aesthetically, The Eels' influence is evident in The Historians' music. My favorite Eels album is 2005's 'Blinking Lights and Other Revelations,'" Buker said.

The Historians plan on going on a weeklong tour in June and coming back to Youngstown for the official release of their new CD.

YSUnity video spotlights campus

Richard Queale
REPORTER

On April 5, YSUnity filmed its lip-dub video to Blue October's song "Jump Rope." Despite a small turnout, they made a big impact.

YSUnity is a student organization at Youngstown State University that promotes the awareness of issues relating to lesbian, gay, bisexual, transgender, questioning, inter-sex students and their allies, and for the last two months they have held sign-ups for any student or organization interested in participating in their lip-dub video. After receiving over 120 willing participants, YSUnity began to develop plans for the placement of each individual in the video.

However, when it came time to film the video, only 20 people showed up. Nick Iacobucci, vice president of YSUnity, was shocked to find that so few had attended the event.

"About 100 less people showed up," Iacobucci said. "When it came time to film, we had to think of a totally different plan within five minutes."

YSUnity had originally planned to cover a large portion of YSU's campus in order to showcase many of its landmarks, but due to the shortage of participants, they were only able to cover a small portion of the campus. The path of the lip-dub video began at the M-1 parking deck, crossed the bridge over Wick Avenue and ended at the painted rock in front of Kilcawley Center.

It was not all bad news though. Despite the overwhelming absences, Iacobucci and the 20 participants finished the lip-dub video. They plan to have it uploaded to YouTube and YSUnity's Web site by the end of the week, and possibly YSU's Official Web site in the near future.

Javonne Lafontaine, president of YSUnity, feels that even though the video wasn't as successful as they hoped for, it did help to draw more attention to their group.

"When we started advertising for this project, we started seeing new members come to our meetings," Lafontaine said. "We have tripled or quadrupled our amount of members"

Since garnering attention from fellow YSU students was one of their major goals for this production, this production was a success.

YSUnity plans to learn from their mistakes and keep participants more involved with the project next time around.

"We're planning on filming another lip-dub video next spring semester," Iacobucci said. "Next time, we're going to offer free food after the video and a prize for wackiest outfit."

Nouveau Rock Festival

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Sick As Me	Sexy Pig Divas!	Panzer Talk
9:30 P.M.	10 P.M.	10:30 P.M.
LA VERITE	Da Kreek	Fillmore Jive
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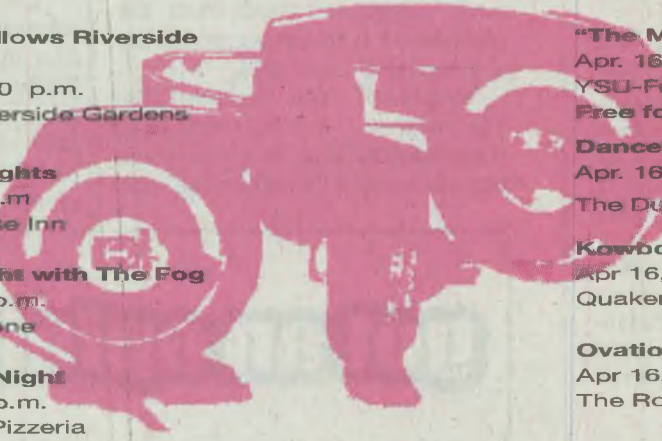
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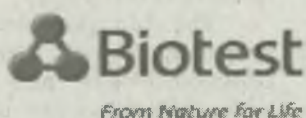
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NO LOOKING BACK

Blocker living life to the fullest after conquering cancer

Keith Langford Jr.
SPORTS EDITOR

"My first reaction was it kind of shocked me," senior forward of the men's basketball team Dallas Blocker said about being diagnosed with testicular cancer.

"I'm 21 years old and I'm getting something that affects old people," Blocker added.

Blocker was diagnosed in February 2009. He experienced extreme stomach discomfort on a road trip and was diagnosed shortly thereafter. Blocker endured four grueling sessions of chemotherapy before his health returned to where he could play basketball.

In his first game back, Blocker got his first career start against Xavier University. Blocker didn't know he was going to start until warm-ups before the game. He said he saw his mom in the stands for the game and shed a couple tears. He realized he was completely back to playing basketball at that moment.

For a little while, Blocker didn't know if he could share that precious moment in time with his mom. There was a particular incident where Blocker thought he wouldn't pull through. He thought he had contracted meningitis, which if true, would have made him sicker because of the chemotherapy. He went to the hospital with fears of the worst but it turned out to be just the flu. He only spent four days in the hospital that time.

During his chemotherapy, Blocker couldn't enjoy his favorite foods. During the last two sessions, Blocker couldn't hold down a lot of food, which was hard for him personally because he likes to eat. (The man's 6 feet, 8 inches - he's got to eat.) His mom said he couldn't eat his favorite foods anymore because if ate them during his chemotherapy, he wouldn't like them after his chemotherapy was done.



Senior Dallas Blocker looks to pass the ball from the post. Blocker was the recent recipient of the V Foundation Comeback Award after successfully defeating cancer.

"It kind of sucked," Blocker said about not being able to pig out at CiCi's Pizza Buffet, one of his favorite places to eat.

Blocker has a different outlook on life now that he's beaten cancer. He's more mature, doesn't take life for granted and takes his schoolwork more seriously than ever.

"I look at life now as nothing is promised for you. I live [life] one day at a time," Blocker said.

He said before his life-changing diagnosis, he was pretty immature and just always wanted to party with his friends. After cancer, he realizes the importance of school and that life is not always about yourself but about the people you surround yourself with who truly care about

your wellness.

Blocker advises anyone going through cancer right now to stay positive.

"If you mope around and think this was not supposed to happen to me, it's going to make it worse," Blocker said. Blocker added he tried to look at the situation positively and brushed it off his shoulders as he could do nothing about the situation but move forward with getting better.

Blocker plans after graduation take him into the high school teaching ranks. Blocker would love to coach basketball as well as teach. Blocker would also like to do some motivational speaking about what he's endured with cancer.

Harrison Field renovations set for June

Chelsea Miller
SPORTS REPORTER

As part of Youngstown State University's Centennial Campus Master Plan, several buildings and parks surrounding campus will be renovated in order to beautify campus and further connect it to neighboring communities.

One such project is the redevelopment of Smoky Hollow, the community located across from Casesse's MVR and the Courtyard Apartments, which is slated to begin in June.

According to <http://www.wickneighbors.org>, the plan proposes a "\$100 million mixed use, contemporary neighborhood" with up to 270 units of new housing, 20,000 square-feet of retail space, and 10 acres of public/green space.

The plan will also renovate the existing Harrison Field, a field that several club sports and intramurals currently utilize.

Andrew Holmes, treasurer of the YSU rugby club, is worried that reconstruction of the area may hinder the team's practice. The team, which is currently strapped for a place to play home matches, uses the field for the majority of their training, and with construction of the Watson and Tressel Training Site underway, open space on campus is limited.

"I think it's a dual-edge problem. I think YSU could do more, but I also understand, who has money to just throw around?" Holmes said. "There's only so much land around."

Richard White, associate director of Planning and Construction, said that enough of the field will be available to use



Despite construction plans, YSU Planning and Construction says there will be enough green space for sports team activities.

for team sports.

"The softball field will still be there, the majority of the fields will still be there, [teams] can still use it," White said.

Holmes said he has found multiple places where practice can be accommodated around the Youngstown area. The problem has been finding a field of the proper size.

"The problem is proper dimensions, [because] some fields are shaped differently than others, and goal posts, because the goal posts have to be at the front of the end zone as opposed to the back in football, and they also have to be an H-post instead of a Y-post," he said.

Holmes added that because of these aspects, play would be hard in Stambaugh Stadium, and the team would be unable to wear their cleats on the field. He hopes however, that the team soon finds a spot where home games can be played.

"We have traveled as far as Dayton to play games, four or four and a half hours away. For league play we might have to go as far as Cincinnati. I'm trying to get a home field because I don't want to travel every weekend in the fall," he said.

Jack Rigney, director of Campus Recreation and Intramural Sports, said that this is not a new problem at YSU.

"I've been involved in a lot of different discussions in regards to green space on

campus," Rigney said. "There's a couple of different directions that we're looking at. Right now, the only green space that we have now that the track field is being consumed by the indoor sports complex, which is needed on this campus, is the Harrison Field area..."

Rigney said a variety of teams use the field such as the softball team, intramural sports, and the Marching Pride. The changes being made will consider these needs, but some space may be lost.

"We're still going to have green space for play. Not as much, but it will still have at least one field there," he said.

White and Rigney said to make up for the loss of green space, Facilities will be building an outdoor sports complex on Fifth Avenue across from Stambaugh Stadium. No designs have been made yet, but the construction is expected to begin in the next two years.

"The club sports are growing, and to keep them growing, you have to try to accommodate what their needs are. We're addressing those just as we're addressing intramural sports and other activities on campus," Rigney said. "It's something that needs to be addressed... I've been with this for over 26 years and more and more green space has been taken away over the last 26 years ... and you only have so much space."

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4. UIC
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7. BUTLER

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- April 21 PITTSBURGH
- April 23 MILWAUKEE
- April 23 MILWAUKEE
- April 25 BUTLER
- April 25 BUTLER
- April 27 KENT STATE
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- April 30 WRIGHT STATE
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- April 14 @ Detroit
- April 15 @ Detroit
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- April 18 WRIGHT STATE
- April 20 CLEVELAND STATE
- April 21 CLEVELAND STATE
- April 24 UIC
- April 25 UIC
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- May 1 @ Valparaiso
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