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GOING GREEN FOR EARTH DAY

Earth Day festivities focus on living green

Emery Boyle-Scott
REPORTER

Youngstown State University and campus groups will hold a variety of activities leading up to the annual Earth Day festival on Wednesday.

The events are sponsored by the Youngstown Environmental Studies Society, YSU Recycling Program and the YSU Green Group.

Activities include a movie on Tuesday. The BBC Planet Earth series will be shown from 3 p.m. to 5 p.m. in the planetarium. The annual YSU Earth Day festival

will be held Wednesday from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. in and around Kilcawley Center. There will be a press conference at 1 p.m. and a vegan dinner with seating at 4 p.m. and 6 p.m.

More than 20 organizations and student groups will have tables set up in and outside of Kilcawley center. Displays will focus on how to reduce your carbon footprint and energy consumption.

At 1 p.m. Wednesday in the presidential suite in Kilcawley Center, there will be a press conference about YSU's green initia-

tives and efforts. George McCloud, vice president for university advancement, will talk about general YSU activities. Jean Engle, assistant director for marketing and communications, will talk about YSU Green Group efforts and Martin Abraham, dean of the College of Science, Technology, Engineering and Mathematics, will be talk-

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Green-collar jobs popping up in the Valley

Gary S. Angelo
REPORTER

Despite a dismal job market, the emergence of green jobs could provide a promising future career path; even in the Mahoning Valley, green jobs are beginning to appear in a multitude of industries.

Mill Creek Metro Parks' executive director Dan Imbrogno said "green-collar jobs" offer a wide range of opportunities for the skilled and unskilled. Imbrogno said green jobs include the installation of geothermal furnaces, recycling, maintenance of alternative fuels and installation of solar panels in businesses and homes.

"Many folks are building new homes with green technology," Imbrogno said. "There is big potential in upgrading to green."

Imbrogno said homeowners are looking into building passive solar-paneled houses; this idea is contributing greatly to the green construction industry. Solar panels are glass panels designed to face the sun and take ad-

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University provost recommends new deans

Juliana Hull
REPORTER

On April 13, Youngstown State University Provost Ikram Khawaja announced the recommendation for two new deans: Joseph Mosca for dean of the Bitonte College of Health and Human Services and Bryan DePoy for dean of the College of Fine and Performing Arts.

Mosca is the associate dean of the YSU Bitonte College of Health and Human Services, and DePoy is the interim dean of the Southern Louisiana University Arts, Humanities and Social Science College.

"We had a very strong pool of finalists for both of these very important positions and are pleased to be able to bring these two very highly-qualified individuals into the leadership ranks of the university. We look forward to working with both of them as we begin to reposition YSU as a premier urban research university," Khawaja said in a press release.

Mosca received bachelor's and master's degrees in social work from the University of Illinois at Chicago in the early 1980s. In 1989, Mosca was hired as assistant professor of social work at YSU. In 1992, Mosca attended the University of Pittsburgh and earned a Ph.D. in social work. Since 2001, he has served as associate dean of the YSU Bitonte College of Health and Human Services. Mosca received the Outstanding Service Award in 1997 and the Social Worker of the Year Award in 2005.

"I am honored and look forward to serving the university and the Bitonte College of Health and Human Services in a leadership role," Mosca said of his new position. "It is a privilege to work with such dedicated faculty and staff and to be part of a college that is so committed to the community. Our college has been and remains acutely aware and responsive to meeting the workforce needs of health, safety and human service organizations in the Youngstown region and beyond."

Bryan DePoy attended the Indiana University School of Music and received a bachelor's degree in May 1991. In 1993, DePoy earned a master's degree in music from the University of New Mexico, and in June 1998, he received a Ph.D. in music from Florida State University. Afterward, he served as assistant dean of the College of Arts, Humanities and Social Sciences at Southern Louisiana University. In 2006, DePoy received the President's Award for Excellence in Artistic Activity from USL and the Award for Excellence in Artistic Activity from the College of Arts, Humanities and Social Sciences.

"While there is a strong possibility that I may be offered this position on permanent basis, I look forward to the possibility of working with a prominent College of Fine and Performing Arts, such as the one at Youngstown State University, in an administrative capacity to utilize my arts-specific background," DePoy said in his letter of application.

DePoy will replace Joseph Edwards who retires on July 1, while Mosca will replace John Yemma who retired last summer.

"We look forward to working with both of them as we begin to reposition YSU as a premier urban research university."

Ikram Khawaja, provost

News Briefs

Leadership video conference in Beeghly

The Beeghly College of Education will be hosting a video conference featuring Keith Harrison, the global supply chain officer with Procter and Gamble. The conference will be Thursday, April 23 from 8:30-11 a.m. in room 4306. TechSolve, YSU and the Youngstown Small Business Development Center will put on the conference. To register, visit www.techsolve.org.

Student projects on display

On Wednesday, the College of Science, Technology, Engineering and Mathematics will present "STEM Careers and Student Project Displays" from 3-6 p.m. in the Moser Hall lobby. YSU STEM students will display projects from the past year, including a concrete canoe, a steel bridge and a moon rover. Additionally, faculty and industry representatives will be present.

Police Briefs

Identification card and key holder stolen

On Thursday, a victim spoke with a YSU police officer in regard to her lost identification card and key holder. The victim was unable to locate the property based on retraced locations. The victim was advised to contact her bank about her lost debit card.

Wallet stolen from dorm room

A male victim stated on Thursday that his wallet was stolen while he and his roommate were sleeping. The victim also stated the dorm room was closed but not locked. The victim stated there has been no activity on the credit card to date.

Equipment stolen from Bliss Hall

While working patrol on Friday, an officer was dispatched to the Bliss Hall set design shop in reference to a stolen XGA LCD Projector. The officer spoke with a theater department staff member who stated the outer doors are typically locked and only staff members have access keys to the room. There were no signs of forced entry. There are no known suspects.



From left, Alden Mitchell, 16, Rachel Brown, 17, and Sheri Park, 18, critique paintings during an advanced placement art class at Menlo-Atherton High School in Atherton, California, on April 15, 2009. Brown is a senior who is currently deciding on colleges for the next school year. This is the time of year that students and parents must finally commit to the school of their choice. MCT Campus photo.

Cost of college, economic woes have high school seniors weighing options

Dana Hull
 SAN JOSE MERCURY NEWS

Mike Maietta was eating lunch when he got a text message from his mom. "Notre Dame," it said. "Big envelope!"

Mike, a senior in high school, whooped for joy. The big envelope meant the storied Catholic university in South Bend, Ind., had offered him a coveted slot in its Class of 2013. But the \$51,300 annual price tag is a formidable obstacle. So Mike and his parents are considering offers from several other colleges and calculating the costs — tuition, housing, holiday trips home.

This year, money is the driving factor for a growing number of high school seniors, who are spreading out the acceptance letters and crunching the numbers to decide what colleges to attend this fall. Layoffs, plunging home values and decimated college savings accounts have vastly changed family finances.

"We're ecstatic that Mike got into so many great schools," said Michael Maietta, his father, an engineer at Microsoft. "But if you consider going to school

out of state, you've got to think about all of the other costs: moving, flying back and forth for the holidays. You're looking at about \$3,000 a year just for travel."

More than 7.6 million students have filled out the FAFSA, or Free Application for Federal Student Aid, a 19.9 percent increase over last year.

The federal Department of Education this month urged college financial aid officers to give more help to families suffering from the recession. And a record 30,428 students applied for 2,300 slots at Stanford, in part because the university boosted financial aid for families earning below \$100,000.

Students have until May 1 to decide on a school, and many campuses require "matriculation deposits" up to \$400 to secure their slots for the fall. As families weigh their options, some are going back to financial aid offices in hopes that packages can be boosted.

"The most heartbreaking appeals at this point are from families where parents are just being told about layoffs in the last few weeks," said Karen Cooper, director of financial aid at Stanford. "Even those who thought they had a plan in place

are scrambling to come up with new options."

Mary Nucciarone, an assistant director of financial aid at Notre Dame, said several families of admitted students are asking the university to consider new information.

"Loss of bonus income, loss of home equity, decrease in assets, mortgages underwater," she said. "People are coming back to us and saying, 'Did you consider this?'"

Mike Maietta got into eight colleges, and narrowed his top choices to a final five: Notre Dame, Vanderbilt, Loyola Marymount, Gonzaga and the University of San Diego.

As the Maiettas turn the options over in their minds, numerous factors come into play. Loyola Marymount and Gonzaga offered Mike partial scholarships, but Notre Dame and Vanderbilt did not. Loyola, in Los Angeles, is within driving distance. But the cost of housing at Gonzaga, in Spokane, Wash., is slightly cheaper.

"Fifty thousand dollars a year is a lot of money," said Mike, who wants to study mechanical engineering. "I'd like to go to Notre Dame or Vanderbilt, but I can see myself at LMU."

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-ing about research and initiatives in engineering to students and members of the press.

At 4 p.m. and 6 p.m. Wednesday there will be a four-course vegan dinner at Pete's Place. Reservations had to be made in advance and the dinner costs a meal swipe plus \$1.35 in points or \$6.50 cash. Guest chef Ely, from Ely's-to-go on Western Reserve road in Boardman, will be preparing the meals.

The YSU Green Group is also launching an ongoing awareness campaign on Earth Day. The awareness campaign includes a pledge, posters and stickers. The pledge asks signatories to turn off their lights, turn off electronics at night, print and copy on both sides of paper, replace incandescent

bulbs with compact fluorescent bulbs, use less paper and recycle whenever they can.

"We want people to use less stuff; that's our main message," Jean Engle, spokesperson for the YSU Green Group, said. The YSU Green Group is a group of students, faculty and staff who want to see YSU prioritize sustainability and resource conservation.

The awareness campaign, called YSU Red, White, and Green, will also include large posters featuring notable people doing green things and stickers meant to be placed on light switches to encourage people to turn off their lights to conserve energy.

"Hopefully many of these things will carry over into the home," Engle said.

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competing in an energy-saving competition; the competition saved more than 200,000 kwh of electricity.

Similar steps are also being taken at Youngstown State University.

According to the architects of the new business college at YSU, the new building will be environmentally friendly with a possibility of qualifying for certification under the Leadership in Energy and Environmental Design.

LEED accreditation requires a construction activity pollution prevention plan, minimal energy use and storage/collection of recyclables. LEED uses a point scale in order to rate the level of accreditation. The points along with the requirements are taken into consideration when going through the process. Points are given for using refurbished furniture, making the building water efficient, parking capacity and many more. The points are totaled once the building has been evaluated and an accreditation is provided accordingly.

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-vantage of solar energy. Additionally, homeowners are commonly replacing asphalt roof shingles with soil, Imbrogno said.

Mahoning Valley Green Team department head Jim Petuch said a balance of skilled and unskilled laborers is essential. For instance, in the green industry, more skills are needed to design and manufacture turbines, while recycling, sorting and picking and assembling require fewer specialized skills.

"The workers on the assembly really make things matter," Petuch said.

Petuch also said the green industry needs business-minded career individuals to keep the companies financially successful.

Dan Kuzma, manager of the Youngstown State University recycling program, said it is hard to predict whether green jobs will benefit entry-level job seekers.

"Any industry or business that opens up in an area will obviously create an opportunity for employment," Kuzma said, cautioning that green jobs vary according to differing job requirements.

Kuzma named several green jobs, including work in an alternative energy sector, bicycle repair, landscaping, organic farming, retrofitting homes and solar panel installation.

"If the job benefits the environment in some way, it can be considered a green job," Kuzma said.

Mill Creek Metro Park's horticulture director Keith Kaiser said job seekers should look for progressive green technologies. Outside of manufacturing and technology, green jobs can center around the landscaping and horticulture industries.

The Metro Parks horticulture department is quickly moving to green methods. The Davis Pavilion at Fellows Riverside Gardens was constructed by geothermal energy and power. Additionally, the Metro Parks are conserving resources by planting more native plant species and using less pesticides and fertilizers. Kaiser also said they are reducing lawn-mowing days from three to two days a week.

Kaiser said the starting salary for green jobs in the gardening industry range from an entry-level position of \$10,000 to \$12,000 a year, to a full-time position of \$25,000 to \$30,000 a year.

Kaiser said at least a two-year associate's degree is required for a full-time gardener position.

Numerous YSU students have several opinions about the green job movement.

Sophomore Lori Miller said the "green movement is a positive effort." She said a need exists to preserve as much as possible before it is destroyed.

"I guess there could be more jobs surrounded around recycling centers and factory jobs such as manufacturing efficient fuels," Miller said.

As part of her green routine, Miller recycles through BFI curbside recycling.

Junior Natasha Clark said the green movement creates more jobs because it gets individuals involved in organizations.

"I think the green movement is awesome because college students should be informed about restoring the environment," Clark said. "By helping the earth we are also helping society and the economy by replacing what has been exhausted."

Junior Josh Lawrence said the green movement is an asset because it helps those who are seeking work. Lawrence works for the Ohio Department of Transportation, and during the summer months he and his coworkers pick up litter and do flag trafficking.

However, freshman Chandlee Fockler has a different perspective on the green renaissance. She said more people talk about the green movement, but are not actually involved.

"The green movement is positive, but there are not enough people helping out," Fockler said.

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YSU ASCE PLACES IN REGIONAL COMPETITION

Alicia Pattillo
REPORTER

Youngstown State University's concrete canoe team and steel bridge team of the American Society of Civil Engineers (ASCE) recently competed at the OVSC regional competition held at Western Kentucky University.

Though the concrete canoe team took second place at the regional competition, captain Mike Grumley said the competition was "bittersweet."

"The competition changed a lot of their rules this year, which made it hard. We fought through it and had a lot of people helping," Grumley said.

The team of 20 students designed

and built a 20-foot-long and 225-pound canoe, using lightweight concrete.

Scoring in second place for most of the races in the competition, the canoe team took third place in the design paper, third place in the oral presentation and first place in the overall product. Overall, the YSU ASCE canoe team took second place for this year's regional awards.

Though the concrete canoe team fell short at the regional competition, the ASCE steel bridge team will make up for it by competing at nationals in Las Vegas in May.

The team of four guys worked since September to design, fabricate and construct the 24-foot-long, 145-pound steel bridge.

Finished in March, captain Mike

Medar said, "The toughest thing was just getting the materials."

Medar said the regional competition judges the bridge on construction speed, lightness, stiffness, economy, efficiency and aesthetics.

The team placed first for lightness, and second overall for the regional competition, qualifying the team to go to nationals.

Medar said he is extremely proud of his team of students. He and the rest of his teammates will go to the University of Nevada, Las Vegas on May 22 and 23 to compete in this year's NSSBC.

"We are very excited, and looking forward to doing good and making YSU look good," Medar said.

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Earth Day events



APRIL 21

• Earth Day celebration at Glenwood Christian Fellowship at 8:30 p.m.

APRIL 22

• Eagle Earth Day display at the Canfield Giant Eagle on U.S. Route 224 from 3-7 p.m.

• Botanical Pottery: Earth Day bird feeder at the Fellows Riverside Gardens from 5:30-8 p.m.

• Youngstown 2010 Public Meeting: Deconstruction Project in the first floor auditorium of the Ohio One Building

APRIL 24

• Treez Please: Pot luck dinner and movie night at the Unitarian Universalist Church of Youngstown at 6 p.m.

APRIL 26

• Residential electronics recycling drive at the Boardman Township government center from 8 a.m.-4 p.m.

• Ecological footprints at the Villa Maria Community Center from 1-5 p.m.

APRIL 26-MAY 4

• Coitsville Appliance recycling drive at the Coitsville Township administration building from 8 a.m.-4 p.m.

APRIL 27

• Community, creation and climate change at the Villa Maria Community Center from 1-5:30 p.m.

Ready, set ... recycle your TV

Randy A. Salas
& John Ewoldt
STAR TRIBUNE

It's time to make up your mind about that old TV set. It might have served you well over the years, but its analog tuner and over-the-air antenna will make it obsolete on June 12, when the federally mandated transition to all-digital TV broadcasts occurs — unless you do something about it.



You can keep using the old analog set by adding a converter box (www.dtv2009.gov) and keeping

your over-the-air antenna, or you can connect a cable or satellite service to it.

But if you choose to replace it with a new digital TV, what can you do with the old set? You can't just throw it away, because some models contain up to 8 pounds of lead.

Recycling is an obvious choice. Here are some others:

Repurpose it. Just because that old analog set won't receive digital TV signals anymore doesn't mean it has stopped working. Put it in a rec room and use it for video games or karaoke.

Watch movies. Hook up a DVD player or VCR and use it in a spare room for the kids or guests to watch prerecorded movies and TV shows. Or haul it to the cabin for the same purpose.

Donate it. A few charities and thrift stores might accept working televisions. Call the United Way for charities in your area that accept older TVs. Then call the

charity to confirm before you drop it off.

Hack it. Hacked Gadgets (www.hackedgadgets.com) offers instructions on how to turn your old set into a plasma globe, a Tesla coil and three other gadgets suitable for a mad scientist's lab. Or Wacky Archives shows you step-by-step how to turn your vintage console into an aquarium (www.wackyarchives.com). Enter "old TV" in the search box at either site to find the write-ups.

Give it away. Maybe a friend, neighbor or relative can use it for one of the above purposes. Or list it for free on Freecycle (www.freecycle.org) or the free section at Craigslist (www.craigslist.org).

Sell it. Don't expect to get much. There's a glut of old TV sets being sold on Craigslist.

But anything is better than what you have now — an old analog TV set that needs some attention before June 12.

Motorola's green phone has a great price: \$10

Eric Benderoff
CHICAGO TRIBUNE

At least one of Motorola's new phones will appeal to consumers searching for "green" products.

The Moto W233 Renew is housed in plastic made from recycled water bottles. Is it a

great phone? I can't say yet, but I can tell you this: It is affordable. The Renew is on sale at T-Mobile online for \$10 with a two-year contract.

Made from recycled plastics, the Renew is a T-Mobile exclusive. It offers nine-hours of talk time (better than average) to reduce the need to charge the phone.


Also, the phone's packag-

ing is made from recycled materials. The packaging even includes a pre-paid envelope so buyers can return their old phone for recycling. (That's a solid idea for every phone maker, frankly.)

I haven't held this phone, so I can't speak about its performance. But if you're looking for a basic phone at a nice price — the Renew includes a music



player, too — take a look. Read more about tech for the rest of us on the Eric 2.0 blog from the Chicago Tribune: <http://featuresblogs.chicagotribune.com/eric2-0/>


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OUR SIDE EDITORIAL

Green-collar red flags

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While the idea of "green-collar" jobs sounds positive on the surface, there are questions that need to be answered.

How will these jobs fit in to the larger environmental picture?

While there is no dispute that there are jobs that can be created in the interest of the environmental movement, there is also no dispute that some jobs are lost at the same time. For instance, while there is a new need for specialized skills such as specific types of gardening, these jobs are not generally suitable for autoworkers who are laid off in response to higher emissions standards squeezing the car industry.

Also, many of the jobs which are being held as examples of "new" jobs are actually just modifications of existing jobs. There may be a new demand for houses with solar panels or cars that run on fuels other than gasoline, but these aren't new jobs. There are already auto and construction workers.

If the idea is to revitalize these industries so that they can begin hiring again, this is also problematic. Jobs in these industries have moved overseas because of cheaper labor and less regulation, and neither of these issues would be addressed by simply changing the way houses and cars are built.

Obviously the environment is important. It is the air we all breathe and the water we all drink. It's the planet we have to live on, so clearly we all have a vested interest in not destroying it.

It's important that we don't do more harm than good in the process, though.

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LETTER TO THE EDITOR

In a time of great economic unrest, Ohioans should warmly embrace the recently released Report of the Ohio Construction Reform Panel for the potential boost to the state's economy the Panel's recommendations represent.

Convened by Gov. Strickland last summer, the Panel identified 25 construction reform recommendations designed to increase accountability, efficiency, transparency and flexibility on state construction projects. In particular, the recommendations would modernize Ohio's construction laws by allowing several new options for construction project contracting and delivery, balanced by new protections for contractors and laborers. The result would be projects with faster timelines, greater efficiency, more predictable costs and fewer construction-related disputes.

Public construction accounts for about \$3 billion in annual economic activity in Ohio — and one-third of that occurs on the campuses of our state colleges and universities. At YSU, this summer alone we will be undertaking or commissioning architects to plan more than \$50 mil-

lion in construction projects. This includes construction of the \$34 million, state-of-the-art facility to house the Williamson College of Business Administration that is now underway between Rayen Avenue and Wood Street, linking the university to the Youngstown central business district.

The YSU projects will support hundreds of jobs and will help boost individual businesses and families throughout the Youngstown area.

Modern construction delivery approaches will accelerate hundreds of millions of dollars in capital projects on university campuses across Ohio, save taxpayers money and create good jobs in the construction industry.

It is important that Gov. Strickland and members of the Ohio General Assembly act quickly to implement the Panel's timely recommendations.

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COMMENTARY

Stimulus checks vs. our rights

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President Obama has declared "There is no disagreement that we need action by our government, a recovery plan that will help to jumpstart the economy." Indeed, both Democrats and Republicans in the Obama and Bush Administrations have called for vast increases in government spending. Many among the public also agree with this approach: prior to the approval of the latest \$787 billion economic stimulus bill, a Gallup poll taken in February observed that a slight majority of Americans were in favor of its passage.

A general consensus seems to exist that these "stimulus" packages will help America's economy through government investment into infrastructure projects.

This may sound enticing, but we must remember where these "investment" dollars come from. The government is not in the business of producing goods or services and therefore does not create any wealth that can be given away, let alone invested. The only funds the government has to give are those confiscated from the paychecks of taxpayers.

Of course, some segments of society may benefit from the "injection" of stimulus dollars. For example, the latest stimulus package helps many of the unemployed by providing them with a \$25 increase in their weekly benefits check. Different industries providing services that coincide with Washington's agenda, such

as harvesting renewable energy sources or providing broadband services to rural areas, will also benefit from the billion dollar allocations in the stimulus bill. But their stimulus dollars are coming from your back pocket. All of these "investments" are being made possible at the expense of and without the consent or judgment of the individuals who rightfully earned the money in the first place.

Imagine if a thief stole your wallet but left you a note promising your money would be "invested" in different industries and those in need "for the good of the economy". Would you drop your objection to his act of theft, given the allegedly benevolent motive for his crime? Should you?

What our government has failed to recognize is that we are morally entitled to keep what we earn and use it according to our own judgment and priorities, which may or may not include such things as investment and charity. But simply calling redistributed tax money an "investment" does not change its nature as stolen goods. Just as such a thief violates the rights of his victims, so too the government is violating our rights under the guise of "investing" in our name.

If we are to remain committed to the ideals of our founding fathers, that all men are endowed with inalienable rights, and among those are the right to life, liberty and the pursuit of happiness, we must remember this includes property rights, i.e. the right to earn, keep and dispose of our property as we see fit.



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Standing out at the bread line

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Finding a job after graduation is never an entertaining prospect, especially in this economy. And seeing as how today is the Job Expo at our fine institution, I thought I would take this time to give you a leg up on the competition. And to be especially kind, I'll even make sure that these activities can be performed in under 30 minutes, rather than my normal pattern of giving advice three days after the time when it would be useful.

Lesson 1: Fashion

Business suits are the common attire when searching for work, and it makes sense as to why. Putting one of those three-piece uniforms makes you feel instantly smarter, richer and maybe even not as overweight as your bathroom scale would lead you to believe. But how do you stand out in a field of suits? The answer is obvious: your tie. Take several white ties, a pack of markers and custom paint your neckwear for every organization you plan on working for. If nothing else, writing "HIRE ME!" in permanent marker will set a different tone than the SpongeBob Squarepants clip-on you got as a birthday present.

Lesson 2: Resumes

Once you've found the proper key sequence to change your "resume" into a "resumé," there's still a chance you'll need something to separate it from the others your prospective employers will be looking over. Embellishing won't work, as you've probably done that already. Providing your portfolio on a CD or DVD would work, but what if your burner is broken? The easiest way to separate yourself from the pack is to provide a urine sample with your resumé. You might think of it as disgusting, maybe even unsanitary. Your human resources director will see this as a sign of initiative, since you are willing to undergo a drug test before you're even considered as a hire.

Lesson 3: People Skills

With all the competition out there in the talent pool, some would suggest that cooperation and hasty alliances between near strangers are the only way to get ahead. I prefer a more old-fashioned approach to leveling the playing field: Sabotage. Grab some scissors — or better yet, a cordless hair trimmer — and start scalping the opposition as they wait in line ahead of you. Granted, there are some people who look good with a shaved head, but you'll have to chance it that none of them are looking for work where you are.

Lesson 4: Time Management

You only have a short amount of time to make those employers remember you, so make it count. My formula takes only five seconds and three steps. Shake hands, cough up your resumé, then slap 'em in the face and run off to the next one. Within minutes, you'll not only be the most talked about face in your industry, you'll also be finished with the job search. That means more time to enjoy the period of "funemployment" that accompanies graduation.

Will any of this advice work? That depends on how you define success. If it means affirming to the world that you are an educated, rational member of society, then the answer is no. If it means proving to the world that you will gladly fight to the death for a paid internship, I feel I've done all I can to help you there. Let's face it, we judge talent less by merit and achievement, and more by the raw, animalistic desire to win at any cost. Follow these steps, and you will easily crush your enemies, see them driven before you, and hear the lamentations of their ... co-workers.

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

SPORTS EDITORIAL

Another bad season on tap for Browns if they trade Edwards and Quinn

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SPORTS EDITOR

The Cleveland Browns are coming off another disappointing season. Now they are thinking about trading their best wide receiver Braylon Edwards and unproven quarterback Brady Quinn.

I am not sure what the Browns are thinking. If they want another 12-loss season, then they should proceed in trading away Edwards and Quinn. If they want to be competitive this season, they will keep those two pieces. What are they going to get in return: a couple of first-round picks and a third-round pick? The whole idea of a trade does not make any sense.

I was listening to Colin Cowherd's "The Herd" on ESPN radio last week, and he said good teams negotiate out of power and not fear. The Steelers do it well when a starting player's contract is up. Either a player is with the team or not; in that case, the player will be replaced. For example: James Harrison.

That is exactly what the Browns are doing with Edwards. Edwards is in a contract year, which simply means he will have a big season because he wants to get paid big bucks wherever he may end up after this season.

The opposing argument would be if he were not traded now, the team would not gain anything in return when the player becomes a free agent.

Even though Edwards drop passes are at a rate comparable to Tiger Woods winning golf tournaments, he is still the Browns' best receiver by far. With the Browns cutting ties with veteran Joe Jurevicius, and Donte Stallworth possibly going to prison, who are the Browns going to throw to this season? Cedric Steptoe? Please spare me.

If they do trade Edwards, they will most likely be looking for a receiver in the first round because they will get at least a first-round draft pick for Edwards. If they do not get a first-round pick, the trade will be one of the worst trades ever on top of the already stupid decision to trade him.

Trading Brady Quinn makes no sense either. The Browns gave up a lot to get Quinn in the 22nd slot in the 2006 draft. Now if they trade him, the decision to trade up to get Quinn would be pointless. Plus, he has only started a few games. These were also games where he performed well. So far in his three-year career, Quinn seems like a cool customer in limited action. I think the Browns need to see what they have in Quinn and not trade him away.

The Browns need help on defense, especially on the defensive line. On a lot of mock draft boards, the Browns are looking toward Texas Longhorns' stud Brian Orakpo. The pick would be a good one for the Browns since I think Orakpo could make an impact right away. If they do trade Edwards away, they will need a receiver. Micheal Crabtree is high on everyone's list, but I like Percy Harvin from Florida. On the biggest stage, he showed up in the national title game for Florida and that counts. Plus, speed kills in the NFL. If Harvin is taken, I like Jeremy Macklin from Missouri as well.

Penguins rally past UW-M to split doubleheader

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On arguably the nicest weekend northeast Ohio has seen all year, the Youngstown State University men's baseball team had a chance to improve their Horizon League record to 8-6 as they played host to the University of Wisconsin-Milwaukee for a doubleheader at Eastwood Field Saturday at noon.

The Penguins came into the series three games behind UW-M in the Horizon League, and winning the series would be a big step heading into the latter part of the season, especially since five games separate the top spot through the fifth spot in the Horizon League.

The Penguins lost 4-3 in game one Friday afternoon, despite a strong performance from Penguin ace Aaron Swenson.

YSU committed five errors throughout the game, which allowed the Panthers to come back in dramatic fashion.

Two of those errors came in the top half of the seventh inning when first baseman Jeremy Banks had a fielding error and a throwing error, which started the Panthers comeback. UW-M tied the game at three, and then scored one in the ninth to take the lead.

The Penguins were not able to come back despite a late, two-out rally in the bottom of ninth.

Sophomore Cody Dearth started game two of the series and was looking for his third win of the year.

Dearth, who had trouble last weekend against Cleveland State University, could not overcome the adversity that the hot bats of the Panthers brought to the table.

He had only pitched three innings while giving up three runs in his last start against CSU last weekend, and he did not fair any better against the Panthers.

After giving up five runs in 1.1 innings pitched, head coach Rich Pasquale made the call to the bullpen, and brought in sophomore Matt Tucker.

Tucker pitched well, giving up only one run on four hits, but the Penguins' offense was not relevant as they only had three hits in the ballgame compared to the Panthers' 20.

After cutting the lead to two in the fifth inning, the Panthers answered back with six runs of their own to take game two as well, but the heroics of junior Casey Holland in game two of the doubleheader stopped UW-M from bringing their broomsticks out at Eastwood Field.

Holland hit a walk-off, two-run double in the ninth to secure the 8-7 win. The walk-off hit came just one week after Jeremy Banks did so last weekend against CSU.



Junior catcher Casey Holland takes a big rip at a pitch. Holland hit the game-winning double on Saturday for the Penguins.

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The Voice behind the shadows of Eastwood Field



Brian Gasser calls the play-by-play at a YSU baseball game at Eastwood Field in Niles.

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Josh Stipanovich
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"There's a base hit down the line in right field! Iacobucci's going to round first, going to second base and the Penguins are in business with no outs in the bottom half of the second inning!"

This is just one of the many comments that can be heard live on <http://www.ysusports.com> by 23-year-old Ryan Gasser during all of the baseball and softball games this season.

Gasser, a 2004 graduate of Hubbard High School, was not totally decided on what he wanted to do the rest of his life.

"In high school, I thought I was going to be a computer programmer. I quickly realized that was not the right career path after I accidentally blew up a computer while using it too much," Gasser said.

After one destroyed computer, Gasser put two and two together and was able to figure it out ... almost.

"After that, I just fused two things together that I liked to do, and that was sports and writing," Gasser said.

After high school, Gasser and his sports writing dream headed 170 miles west to Bowling Green State University.

He tried journalism, but realized the print side of it all was not the fit for him. It was not until he found the student organization, The Bowling Green Radio Sports Organization, that he had it all figured out.

Within the first three weeks of membership, the student organization gave him his first opportunity in radio broadcasting after putting him on the air in a sports talk show.

"Immediately, I was on the talk show. I did it for about two hours and I knew that I loved it," Gasser said. "From then on in, I was hardcore into it and they gave me a lot of opportunities ... eventually everything fell into place," he added.

After the sports talk show gig, Gasser was incorporated into men's and women's basketball. He was hit with another lucky roll of the dice heading into his sophomore year.

"In my sophomore season, they didn't really want to put me on the air, but we were short staffed and they threw me on a football game which is unheard of for someone so young," he said.

At his young age of 23, Gasser knows how lucky he's been to get experience in broadcasting.

"I'm a firm believer that you not only do not know what you want to do until you try it

out, but you also don't know if you're cut out for it," he said. "At 18-19 years old, getting on a radio is unheard of and to be 19-20 years old and getting to do a division one football game is absolutely ridiculous ... it's been an amazing ride and I encourage it to anybody," he added.

Gasser is also responsible for starting the broadcast for softball at BGSU and Youngstown State University.

"We were all about baseball, and I asked, why not softball? We had too many guys by the time I got to be a junior and senior, and we needed more opportunities," he said.

After all of the hard work and opportunities put in the past five years, Gasser will be graduating from YSU this spring thanks to the generosity of the Sports Information department.

He has been working as an intern for YSU Sports Information in the media relations department throughout the year.

Even though he will be graduating in May, Gasser plans on finishing out the rest of the broadcasts for YSU's baseball and softball games this season, and plans on going back to BGSU to pursue his graduate degree.

"I'm on the seven year plan now to get two degrees," Gasser jokingly stated.

Softball team comes up short in three-game series against Cleveland State

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The Youngstown State University softball team was looking to gain some momentum with a win in Cleveland this weekend, but the Penguins were only able to score four runs in three games against the Cleveland State University Vikings.

The Penguins dropped the

first two games 6-2 and 7-2 in a doubleheader. They lost the third game a day later in a 9-0 shutout. In the first two games of the three-game series, the only runs scored by the Penguins came off of the bat of sophomore Kim Klonowski.

Klonowski hit a two-run homerun in each of the first two games; she supplied the only offense for the Penguins in the three-game series. The two homeruns for Klonowski

ki bumped her team-leading homerun tally up to eight for the season. Klonowski also leads the team in runs batted with 27.

In the 9-0 shutout loss, reigning Horizon League pitcher of the week senior Amanda Macenko of CSU demonstrated why she was deserving of such an honor. Macenko tossed a five-hit shutout as the Penguins could not muster up any offense against Macenko.

The Penguins have not won

a game since April 8 when they defeated the University of Toledo Rockets 11-2 to split a double dip with the Rockets. Since the win against Toledo, the Penguins have lost six straight games. With three losses to the Vikings, the Penguins dropped their record to 6-30 overall and 3-14 in the Horizon League.

The Penguins look ahead road games in the later part of the week to seek a win. They have a scheduled doubleheader

against the University of Akron Zips set for Tuesday. The weather forecast, however, does not look helpful for the Penguins to face off against the Zips.

The Penguins have to look past the inevitable postponed doubleheader against the Zips to a two-game series at Saint Francis (Pa.) Thursday and a three-game series at Horizon League opponent Butler University to kick start their season.