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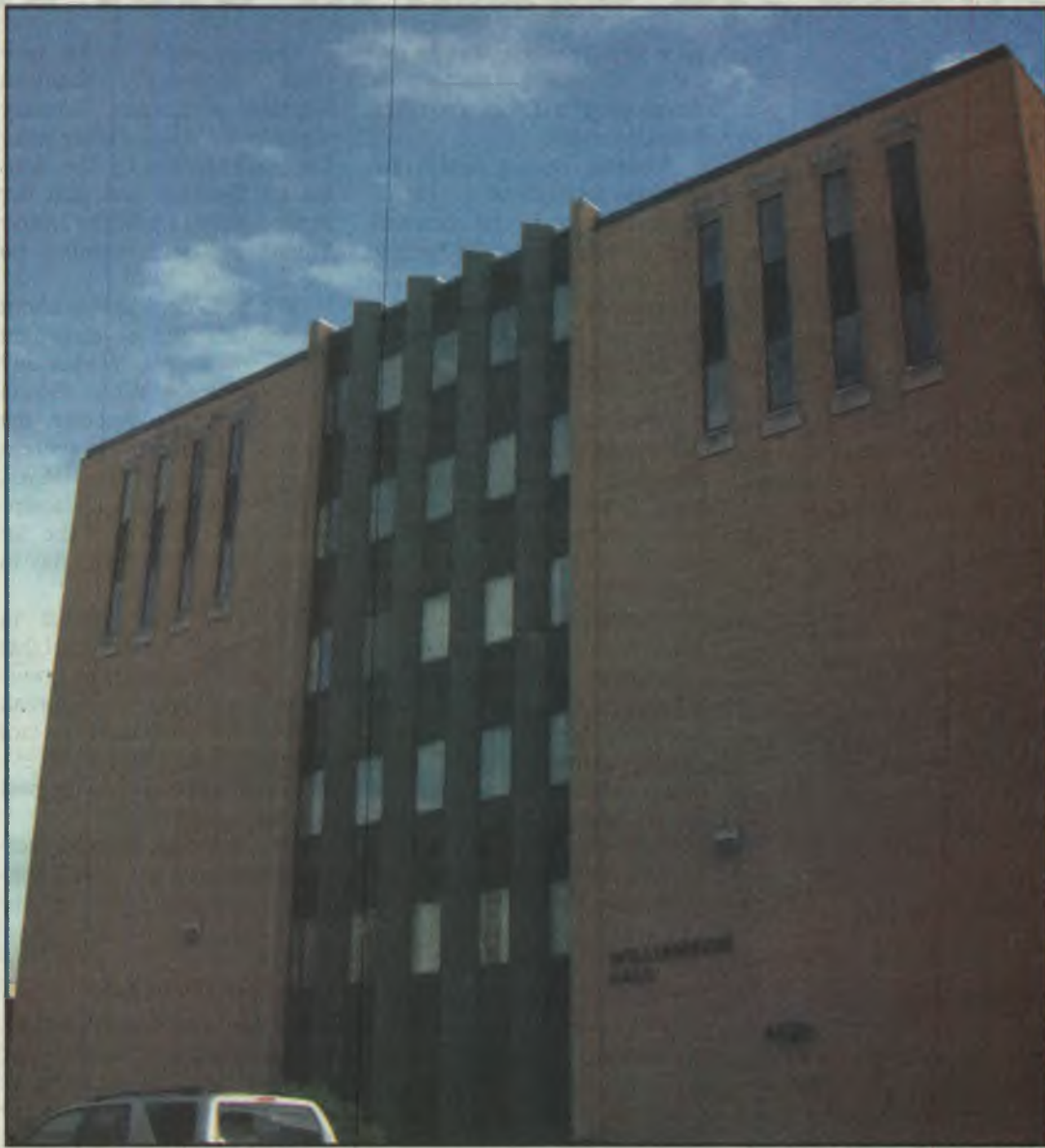


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ABANDONED BUILDING?

Hall likely swing space after college move complete

Emery Boyle-Scott
REPORTER

As the spring semester ticks by, students, faculty and staff have witnessed the beginning stages of the construction of the new business school building just south of Youngstown State University's main campus. The new building, which is approximately 110,000 square feet, will be about twice the size of the present structure. The new facility is under construction and will be completed in time for fall 2010 classes.

That construction, and the forthcoming opening of the building, means that YSU

will have Williamson Hall, on the corner of Lincoln Avenue and Phelps Street, open for other uses.

When the college moves, Williamson Hall will be used for classroom and departmental swing space, said Hunter Morrison, director of campus planning and community development.

Additionally, John Hyden, executive director of facilities, said a "drastic need for swing space" exists. Swing space is an area used as a temporary home for a department or classes while renovating a department or floor. A space utilization study conducted five years ago identified a need for space to move things

around, Hyden said.

"We can safely say that the space utilization report identified the need to have the flexibility to renovate, meet classroom needs and departmental needs," Morrison said. "As we operate now, we are a very efficient university, but that also means that we use all our spaces."

The proper way to keep a campus up to date is to take a room, floor or building out of commission for a period of time to renovate it, Morrison said.

Another possibility for Williamson Hall is to house other departments. For in-

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Dean supports professor for award

Tracilyn Tsarnas
REPORTER

After 34 years at Youngstown State University, Darla Funk still loves her job.

"I get to do all kinds of things; it's fun," Funk said.

This recipient of the Distinguished Professor Award splits her time between working in the dean's office of the College of Fine and Performing Arts and teach-

ing music education classes.

Funk was awarded the Distinguished Professor Award for Outstanding Service with the support of the dean and her peers. Funk said she feels honored to receive this award because "so many other people are qualified for it and work so hard to benefit the university."

Funk is one of those hard-working people. For 19 of her 34 years at YSU, Funk coordinated Dana School of Music's graduate program, a job she just recently relin-

quished in order to work at the dean's office. However, she doesn't mind the change since "changes keep you sharp and they make you find new ways to contribute."

Funk teaches a music in education class. The purpose of the class is to teach students how to teach music. She specializes in pre-kindergarten through fourth grade education. Funk's favorite part of her job is working with students and then

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Math prof nominated by colleagues for award

Juliana Hull
REPORTER

Youngstown State University mathematics professor Jacek Fabrykowski is one of the professors nominated for the Distinguished Professor Award this year. His colleagues in the math department at Cushman Hall submitted the nomination.

Nathan Ritchey, math professor and co-chair of the department, said Fabrykowski, who has been teaching at

YSU for nine years, is an asset to the university.

"I'm his boss; I hired him. He is an amazing professor and one of the most brilliant people that I know," Ritchey said. "YSU is very lucky to have a professor of his caliber."

Fabrykowski was born in Warsaw, Poland. In 1980, he received his doctorate from the University of Warsaw. Afterward, he attended the Polish Mathematics Institute. During this time, he worked at the University of Warsaw as an assistant professor. In

1981, he moved to Sweden. The next year, Fabrykowski moved to Canada where he met his wife of 24 years. He worked at the University of Manitoba as a professor until he moved to the United States in 1998. He said he became a professor because employment options are limited in his field.

"What can you do with pure math other than to be a teacher?" Fabrykowski said.

In 2003, Fabrykowski was chosen to sit on the commit-

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Location changes for proposed housing project

Emmalee C. Torisk
REPORTER

Despite a location change for one of the four proposed buildings in The Flats at Wick student housing complex on Youngstown State University's north side, construction will begin this spring as planned.

Originally, developer US Campus Suites LLC had intended the first 115-bed apartment building to be located on the corner of Elm Street and the Madison Avenue Expressway West Service Road, or on the southern end of the property, said Atty. Greg Morgione, YSU associate general counsel.

The other three buildings would be constructed in the same area, which is bounded by Madison Avenue to the north, Bryson Street to the east, the Westbound Service Road to the south and Elm Street to the west. Student housing buildings will be located on all four corners of the site.

The lease was negotiated with US Campus Suites president Dominic Marchionda and approved by the YSU Board of Trustees earlier this year. However, the project's lender, KeyBank, wanted to modify some of the lease's terms; this could have jeopardized the first building's original timetable, Morgione said. The project is set to be ready for occupancy by the fall of 2010.

"We were concerned these negotiations would take too much time, even up to a couple months to get this worked out," Morgione said. "We wanted to make sure the project moved forward."

Morgione said the new location for the first building is on property already owned by Marchionda, which is at the corner of Elm Street and Madison Avenue. This property, on the northern end of the property, would have been the site of a future phase of the student housing complex project.

"It will be the same building in a different spot," Morgione said, adding that although there will be a few changes, it will be the same basic structure.

Additional work for the first-phase of the project includes demolition of the former Electrochemicals Inc. building on the student housing complex project site, Morgione said.

"This will be a benefit for all involved," Morgione said, adding that the land under the building will be transformed into a building tenant parking lot.

"It will be the same building in a different spot."

Greg Morgione, YSU associate general counsel

News Briefs

Students present proposal at competition

From a pool of many, two Youngstown State University students were chosen to present at Cleveland's Launch-Town Entrepreneurship Awards competition, which looks for college students with fresh ideas for businesses, products and services. Tim Capp of Youngstown and Mike Repasky of Boardman are both completing their third years in the YSU respiratory care program; they presented a product that improves an existing product for humidification during mechanical ventilation of patients with respiratory troubles. The students were awarded \$1,000 for their proposal, but also received valuable feedback at the competition. They will pursue steps to bring their product to market.

Police Briefs

Car damaged by parking deck gate

On Monday, a male YSU student reported to the police that while he was driving into the M-1 parking deck, the raised yellow gate arm came down on his car and struck the hood. An officer observed the student's car and noticed some damage, including several scratches. The officer told the student to contact his insurance company.

Student's flash drive missing

On Monday, an officer was sent to Beeghly Hall in reference to a theft from Debartolo Hall. The officer spoke to a female victim who had lost her flash drive earlier that day. The student stated she went to the restroom, returned to the computer lab, went to Kinko's and discovered her flash drive missing.

Note left on car

On Monday, a YSU police officer spoke with a female victim who found a note inside the driver's side door handle of her car. The note, which read, "You're hot. Just wanted to let you know that. Even though you probably already know," was placed in evidence. The victim was told to notify the police if similar events continue.

Swine flu death in U.S. confirmed

Mark Silva
CHICAGO TRIBUNE

The swine flu outbreak has claimed its first victim in the United States, according to the Centers for Disease Control: a 23-month old child who died in Texas.

"We are closely and continuously monitoring the emerging cases of this virus throughout the United States," President Barack Obama said Wednesday morning in a statement at the White House, also acknowledging news of the death in Texas "received overnight."

"My thoughts and prayers go out" to the family, the president said "This is obviously a serious situation, serious enough to take the utmost precautions."

Texas health authorities say the child's family had brought him to Brownsville, Texas, from Mexico on April 4 and he developed flu symptoms

four days later. He was admitted to a Houston hospital after developing a fever and died Monday night.

Obama, urging health authorities throughout the nation to be diligent in the monitoring of illnesses, said public health officials also have recommended that schools with suspected cases of the virus, H1N1, "should strongly consider temporarily closing."

"Parents should also think of contingencies, if schools in their areas temporarily shut down," Obama said. "If we ended up having a school closure (because) a child was sick, just sending the child to a daycare center is not a good solution."

Obama has requested an emergency \$1.5 billion from Congress for to cope with a public health emergency that was declared Sunday by the Department of Health and Human Services. The known number of U.S. cases has tripled since then.

Obama swore in the new HHS secretary, Kathleen Sebelius of Kansas, Tuesday night in the Oval Office after her confirmation by the Senate on Tuesday and sent her immediately to a White House Situation Room meeting on the flu outbreak.

The president spoke about the newest flu development in an appearance Wednesday morning at the White House with Sen. Arlen Specter, the Pennsylvanian who is switching to the Democratic Party, before heading to a "town-hall" styled forum in the St. Louis area on his 100th day in office.

"We will be vigilant in monitoring the progress of this flu," said Obama, who previously has called the outbreak a cause for "concern" but not "alarm ... And I will make every judgment based on the best science available."

Dr. Richard Besser, acting director of the CDC, confirmed the fatality in an ap-

pearance Wednesday morning on NBC's "Today" show.

With 64 confirmed cases of the disease nationwide according to the agency's latest accounting — including 45 in New York City — the agency maintains it's too soon to say how fast the flu is spreading.

Health authorities had anticipated the first death, after the disease claimed more than 150 lives in Mexico, where the outbreak began. Yet the death of the toddler in Texas is tragic, Besser said.

"As a pediatrician and a parent, my heart goes out to the family," Besser said on the "Today" show.

The swine flu case in Texas was one of six that had been confirmed in the U.S. in addition to 10 in California, 2 in Kansas and one in Ohio, according to the CDC's latest accounting Tuesday. The federal government also has started referring to the disease by its medical name, the H1N1 virus.

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stance, the mathematics department is a candidate to move into Williamson.

Williamson Hall houses the three departments of the College of Business Administration: accounting and finance, management and marketing. Built in 1970, Williamson Hall has 23 classrooms, several computer labs and 74 faculty and staff offices.

The new facility will feature classrooms, offices, labs, a cafe, a conference center, an atrium and a 200-seat auditorium. The \$34.3 million building, the largest capital

expenditure in YSU's history, was funded through a combination of private and state funds and will be named after the largest single donor: the late Warren P. Williamson Jr. His family donated \$5 million toward the new building.

The new three-story building will have Wood Street on the south, Rayen Avenue on the north and Phelps Street on the east. The building will be just east of St. Columba Cathedral and the headquarters of the Catholic Diocese of Youngstown.

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sending them out to teach music to their own classes.

"I have been doing this long enough that I have had students of my old students," Funk said. "I'm a people person. My job is a good fit."

Funk loves that she is able to get to know people on campus and interact with so many different people. Part of her job is to keep in close contact with the education program, so she is able to have this diverse interaction.

Funk earned both her bachelor's and master's de-

grees from the University of Northern Colorado in Greeley, Colorado. Once she began her work with YSU, she earned her doctorate from Kent State University. Her education taught her diligence.

"Diligence is a good quality. You need to be diligent in pursuing a degree, in attending class and doing homework and in taking care of yourself. It's a characteristic that will take you through life and make you successful," Funk said.

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tee of the American Invitational Mathematical Examination. The committee is in charge of setting up math problems for the top 2 percent of high school math students. He was asked by the committee to serve a third term; Fabrykowski said this is unheard of.

"Normally it's two terms only, but I got a letter inviting me back. They like my questions apparently," Fabrykowski said.

Fabrykowski was also the adviser to the team of math students who attended the Mathematics Association of America meeting last summer. Senior Ryan Livingston, one of the team members, said Fabrykowski is an excellent

instructor.

"He's a really great guy and takes time to help students. He is also one of the most brilliant people that I've ever met," Livingston said.

Fabrykowski's team also presented their results in Washington, D.C., last January, which he said is rare for undergraduates. He said "its hard to get a good reputation" in the mathematics community, but this type of exposure is "good for YSU now that everyone knows we do research."

Fabrykowski said he thinks this is the reason he was nominated for the Distinguished Professor Award, and that he's glad people's attention is now focused on YSU.

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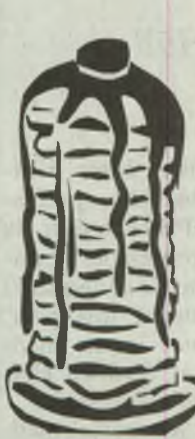
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Dance Ensemble springs into action

Britney Perkins
REPORTER

The Youngstown State University Dance Ensemble will present its annual spring concert, which opens Friday in Bliss Hall's Ford Theater.

The dance ensemble, under the artistic direction of YSU faculty member Christine Cobb, will perform an eclectic array of modern dance, jazz, hip-hop, belly dancing and Irish step dance.

Cobb will perform in a piece along with her husband, who is a member of the dance faculty at Slippery Rock University. The piece is titled "Poppy and Lou," and was choreographed by guest artist Billy Siegenfeld. Siegenfeld is the artistic director and founder of the Chicago-based dance company Jump Rhythm Jazz Project.

In addition to Siegenfeld, Michael Medcalf will also assist the dance ensemble as a guest artist. Medcalf was a former director of the Cleveland Contemporary Dance Theatre.

Sophomore Amanda Fetty, YSU Dance Ensemble secretary, will perform along with five others in a modern piece choreographed by Medcalf. Fetty was inspired to start dancing after she saw the movie "Dirty Dancing" when she was 6 years old.

"I am learning that it takes more than one person to put on a show. Everyone really has to pull together to make the show great," Fetty said.

Kathleen Torba, YSU Dance Ensemble president, will perform in three pieces, including pieces put to music by The Beatles. Torba has been dancing since she was 4 years old, and said she wants to own a dance studio.

"I benefit from everything that involves the dance ensemble," Torba said.

The YSU Dance Ensemble is comprised of students who audition in the fall in front of two outside professionals.



Christine Cobb and Thom Cobb perform a piece choreographed by Billy Siegenfeld called "Poppy and Lou."

How 2 ... Control what Google says about you

Etan Horowitz
Orlando Sentinel

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Cover your Internet tracks

Noah Matthews
MCT

In the glory days of shareware programs, PC users could download useful little utilities from computer bulletin boards at speeds up to 1200 bps. Modems were slow back then, but programs were tiny by today's standards.

If you found the program useful, you were on the honor system to pay the program's author a small fee. Sometimes these utilities were works in progress, and I'd delete them and find something better. Shareware programs still exist, and they can be downloaded from websites using your high-speed Internet connection. However, many are only samples of the real program. You can't get the full program without paying.

I was reminded of my shareware days when I installed SurfTracks Cleaner, a useful utility for Windows PCs that clears Internet clutter and privacy files from your hard drive. Like its shareware counterparts, this program does a few things well. Unlike shareware, however, you

get the full version at shareware prices. In my tests it did everything well, and it's found a permanent place on my hard drive.

After a quick installation, an options page appears. You can choose to manually delete browsing history, cookies and temporary Internet files showing sites you've visited, among other tell-tale signs of your surfing sessions. If you choose "automatic," your surfing sessions are wiped clean, and no one's the wiser about where you've been and what you've looked at on the Internet. I chose to have my cookies file deleted, which means that sites I visit regularly won't recognize me when I return. If you're sharing a computer, you'd probably want to turn that feature on. You can also choose the cookies you want to keep.

While both browsers have similar delete features, somehow SurfTracks Cleaner found files they missed. So, if you're looking for a useful little program to protect your privacy on the Internet, this one works well right out of the case and has features shareware authors of yore could only imagine.

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OUR SIDE EDITORIAL

Passing the torch

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Now it's time to pass the torch to the next editorial board.

We leave behind a legacy that we're very proud of. We made it a habit to relentlessly pursue news in the interest of keeping the campus community informed of the issues that affect them. We fought for free speech, even when it made us extremely unpopular with a whole lot of people. We also laughed a lot.

The advice we offer to those who are about to take the reins is this: Live it and breathe it. Always understand that the Jambar serves an important function. Journalists come through these doors knowing virtually nothing of their chosen field, and they leave as seasoned professionals. That's worth something.

We can't profess to know what the future will hold for our profession. It will always exist, though, because it is a necessary function of a free society.

All of this may sound really heavy for a college paper, but that's how seriously we have taken it.

We did it live.

I picked three days before our last issue to write my goodbye letter because I thought that if I procrastinated long enough I wouldn't actually have to leave.

It's interesting how a space can change for you over time. I remember the first time I walked in The Jambar and wrote a story on deadline. I was ridiculously intimidated. Now I can't imagine being anywhere else, can't imagine not walking into Justin's bunker to talk about a story, or just talk.

Serving as editor has been a great experience, but I've also been blessed with a great staff. I was really pleased with the news coverage we had this year, and pleased with the steps we have been taking with the Web site. I'm excited for next year's staff, and the possibility for even more growth.

In the beginning of the year I couldn't have guessed how close our staff would grow, couldn't have foreseen how I would have the ability to speak the term "Jamily" and completely overlook its comeliness.

Richard, even though you have been out of the office - and the country - for a semester now, you were the bunker's first inhabitant. I know you would want me to remind everyone, so there it is. Working on The Yo* with you was great, but I think listening to Madonna's Hard Candy CD with you on deadline was even better. You have so much talent in both writing and designing, that I know you will go far, whether it be here or in China. I think we both have the understanding that your eventual return to the states warrants a drink.

Justin, I can honestly say that without your help I probably would have died from stress. So thanks for helping me make it to graduation. This year I really felt like we were a team, and I think the paper was better for it. Apart from that, you are as dependable

as a friend as you are as a co-worker, and I am really thankful that you've been here for me when I needed someone to talk to, and someone to give me sound advice. I know you are as apprehensive about graduation as I am, but you have a great knack for news



content. Anywhere you go will enjoy a sudden increase in breaking news stories.

Chelsea, I am so glad we grew close this year. You are so much fun to hang out with, and I really enjoy our impromptu dance parties. Expect a visit from me this summer when you're interning in D.C.; you also know I will basically be calling you constantly. Justin and I can rest easy knowing that The Jambar can continue to grow under your leadership. I am so proud of you; I know you will do an amazing job.

Adam, beyond being a dependable co-worker, you are one of the nicest guys I know; I remember being shocked the first time you opened my car door for me. I am glad that Chelsea has such a great person to lean on for next semester. Even though you keep reminding me that I don't have a job, I am still trying to be OK with my fast-approaching unemployment. For the record, Arby's is not an option.

Brian, you are right: Once we leave The Jambar, the music will suffer. I enjoy talking to you about random indie bands. I also promise that I won't forget to give you your CD back. The CD that is actually mine to keep is still in my CD player, because it is that awesome.

Emmalee, thanks for putting up with my half-formed requests on deadline, and my relentless questions as to whether or not you have eaten or will be eating anything for dinner. You are a talented writer as well as a great copy editor, and I am glad that we have a good replacement for Chelsea at copy desk.

To Tim, Guy, Alyssa and Mary Beth, thanks for teaching me the skills that I can carry with me when I finally get hired somewhere. Let's hope that it's in writing instead of in retail.

To all my Jamily members, thanks for being my best friends. Apart from the practical experience I've gained from working here, I am so thankful that I got the chance to become so close with all of you. I am going to keep telling myself that there will be more karaoke nights, more phone calls, more One Drink Mondays. I wouldn't know what to do with myself if there weren't.

Especially since I am unemployed. So thanks guys, for being here for me. Production nights may officially be a thing of my past now, but you fine people are not. I might not be in the office at 9 p.m., but I will be at the bar with everyone afterward.

Sarah Sole
Editor-in-Chief

JAMBAR STAFF GOODBYES

Journalism is about edgy cynicism. It's about asking tough questions and being suspicious about the answers. A good journalist is a cold realist, who trusts no one and feels no allegiance to anyone. It's certainly not about tearful goodbyes.

I stumbled into the Jambar, almost by accident. My major is political science, and the only reason I chose journalism as a minor is because I misunderstood everything it was about. When the coursework for it required actually working as a reporter, I was completely taken off guard. But I ran with it. I worked on assignments, attempted to hone my skills and discovered a niche I never knew I fit into.

I was encouraged along the way by the incomparable Mary Beth Earnhardt, to whom I owe virtually everything I know. There are also people like Tim Francisco, who once said I was more mature than he is. Or Guy Coviello, who can dissect whatever viewpoint you have, and you'd better be consistent, because if you're not he'll find the weakness and expose it. (He also taught me that dialing 911 is a scam.)

Then there's my Jamily.

Sarah, together we have taken a mediocre paper and turned it into a respectable news source that routinely beats the local media. We make an unlikely team, but your value to me as a co-worker and a friend is something I will cherish forever. (And we'll get jobs someday.) Thank you for everything. Wherever life takes you, always know that you can call me for anything.

Richard, I'm sure you'll read this online from China. Your attention to detail has been a key to the improvement and future excellence of the paper. If no one else has ever said it, thank you for all of the time you took to do things like mark up issues in red pen and be the one who was willing to pay attention to minutia. Thanklessly, for the greater good of the Jambar.

Emmalee, you've stepped in to the hardest job in the office mid-semester. That had to have been more difficult and overwhelming than you ever let on, and you've handled it with poise. I hope we haven't driven you completely crazy. After all, you have knitting needles in your desk.

Chelsea, I'm so proud of you. I have

nothing but the utmost faith that the paper will continue to improve under your leadership. Lord knows, it's my baby, but letting go is made easier by knowing it's in good hands. Thank you for everything. You've been there for me far more than you needed to be, and I will never forget it. Your friendship means more to me than I could ever possibly condense into a paragraph. I wish you nothing but success in everything you do, and I know that you will be greater than you can even imagine.

Adam, without you, the office would probably have fallen apart by now. Remember the issue that you had to leave early to go to Virginia Beach, and the whole world broke? In case we don't say it enough, we are all fully aware of how much you do and how important you are to this paper. You've always been our quiet strength. More than that, you've been a friend. Plus, you said my name on the radio, sending shockwaves worldwide.

Brian, you've always made me laugh. Many long production nights would likely have resulted in death (or at least hurt feelings) for someone without the utter absurdity generated by you and Adam. So, on behalf of every reporter who ever made me angry, I thank you.

To the incoming staff, may your time at the Jambar be as interesting, educational and rewarding as mine has been. Journalism is changing, but as long as there are people with power, there will always be a need for the brave souls who keep an eye on them. Just never get into a snowball fight with Sam Marhulik. It won't end well.

Now, I will let go. As I said, journalists are supposed to be stoic. Journalism isn't emotional. Journalism isn't about love. But I do love all of you.

To those who've worked and learned alongside me these past couple of years, I'm not speaking as a journalist now. I'm speaking as someone who wants to make sure that those who mean the world to me know it. I am lucky to have met you. I am blessed to have worked with you. And I am honored to call you my friends. For that I am forever indebted to you, and I thank you from the bottom of my heart.

J. Breen Mitchell
Managing Editor



Stay Classy, Youngstown

As I'm staring at my monitor, trying to come up with a proper way to cap my time with the Jambar, I can't help but think back to how it all started. When I made the serious commitment to the journalism major program here at Youngstown State University four years ago, I would often hang out in the Jambar offices after class. There was small talking with my classmates and the occasional odd job for Olga or whomever happened to be editor at the time, but the majority of my time was spent in the back corner of the Fedor Hall basement, writing on an iMac in low-lighting conditions in between extended bouts of playing around on the Internet.

Four years later, as a columnist for the Jambar, I can safely say the biggest change in my responsibilities has been my shift to the fancier computers used by design guys Brian and Adam when-

ever I feel the need to kill time on the Internets.

Going back into the past, the professors I've met at YSU are without a doubt some of the most entertaining and passionate teachers you will find anywhere. I don't care if you call it cliché. It's true. I'm thankful for every chance I've had to ask them questions, whether about my education or my life. Their devotion to their jobs is completely different from what I experienced in my high school years, and I would feel I have failed in writing a proper farewell letter without mentioning them. If you see the following names listed when signing up for a class, don't hesitate to join up with them. And yes, the list is alphabetical, to be as impartial as possible.

- Chris Bache
- Brian Bonhomme
- Mary Beth Earnhardt
- Tim Francisco
- James Kiriazis
- Keith Lepak
- Alyssa Lenhoff
- Bill Lewis
- Tom Pittman
- David Porter
- Paul Sracic
- Victor Wan-Tatah

Keep in mind that I'm probably forgetting more than a few professors, and that is not to be taken as an affront to their influence on

me. If they know me well enough to be pissed at their lack of a shout-out, then they know I've got all the memory of a goldfish, and it probably won't bother them too much.

I've made far too many friends with the students here, more than I can keep up with on Facebook. Yeah, Noah and Desiree, I lied about not having a Facebook page. Whether they've graduated before or after me doesn't matter; I only wish I had a better way of staying connected with them than poking their profile on whichever social networking site is the new hotness in three years. They deserve more than that for the time we spent together and the struggles we've gone through as final deadlines drew closer.

I've never had a dull moment in my education here at Youngstown State, and I've had even less working for the Jambar. This lifestyle I've lived for the past six years is going to change. I don't know for sure where I'll be heading after getting my hands on that diploma, or even if there's a newspaper willing to hire me, but I do know I will continue to write, and this will not be the last time you'll see my name in print.

Doug Dierkes
Columnist

Some may say this is the ending of an era, but my time at The Jambar has finally come to an end. In a little more than two weeks, I will trade in my Jambar keys for a stethoscope and hospital identification badge (hopefully) and walk out the door never to return again, at least not as an employee. I started my Jambar career as a freshman four long years ago. In the time I have worked at the Jambar, I have seen many staff members come and go. The end of the spring semester is always an exciting and sad time because staff members are graduating and moving onto the next part of their lives. However, this semester is especially sad because I, too, am graduating and moving on from YSU and The Jambar.

Since I am graduating in a couple of weeks, I guess it is time to say goodbye. I'll start with Adam and Brian because I have known you two the longest. Adam, I want to apologize for all of the classified ads that I've accepted past deadline that you then have to type up so they will make it into the paper. Sorry. I also want you to know that I am going to miss you making fun of me for my constant efforts to make the world a greener place and recycle. Most of all, I am going to miss sharing curly fries with you. Brian, I'm going to miss my dose of YouTube videos you so kindly provide almost daily.

Sarah and Justin, my fellow graduates, this section is devoted to you. Sarah, I'm going to miss all the chats at your desk when neither of us feels like being productive. I want to wish you all of the luck in the world finding a job and, once you do, because I know you, just like you've been a great friend. Justin, I'm trying to pour my heart out, but I told you I don't pour well. I want to tell you I'm going to miss the way you can always make me laugh when I'm having a rough day and I am deeply concerned about who is going to warm

your soul once we graduate and I'm not around anymore. Good luck with your future; I know you'll do awesome.

I'm almost done with the goodbyes, just a few more. Jen, what can I say besides call, call, call and sell, sell, sell. In my opinion, you have been one of the best sales managers The Jambar has had, even if the numbers don't reflect it. Just kidding. I am glad to have gotten to know you over the past year. I want to wish you luck next year and maybe a lot of people will decide to place very big ads, but until then, I just want to say that I am glad I will never have to make a sales call again. Teresa, I pass the student receptionist torch on to you because when I walk out of the doors on May 8, you will be the sole receptionist at The Jambar. I think you will be able to handle the responsibility, as long as you remember that the procedure manual is your bible, and when in doubt, ask Olga. Mary Beth, I want to let you know that I think you are a great adviser for The Jambar staff and that I appreciate all of the kindness you have shown over the past couple of years.

Last, but certainly not least: Olga. I want to thank you for your patience and understanding, especially with changing my hours because of my crazy class and clinical schedules. Over the past four years, you have not only been my boss, but also someone I could talk to about anything and I just want you to know how much I appreciate this and know how much I am going to miss you.

I know there are a lot of staff members I didn't write about, but don't feel bad because I am going to miss everyone. I want to end my Jambar writing debut by saying goodbye and good luck to everyone I'm leaving behind at The Jambar.

Michelle High
Receptionist



Penguins look to bring home Horizon League crown



Junior Lauren Blase blazed a trail behind her as she broke the school record in the 5,000m with a time of 17:01.71.

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Keith Langford Jr.
SPORTS EDITOR

While dreams of repeating their success as back-to-back Horizon League outdoor champs are on the minds of all of the Youngstown State University women's track and field team members, the men's team looks for another shot to dethrone champs, the Milwaukee Panthers.

The men's team got a dose of a big-time track and field atmosphere, since the track and field teams competed in the Penn Relays. The Penn Relays are one of the biggest track and field events in the country, which rivals only the summer Olympic games in notoriety within the track and field world.

"To have 45,000 people cheering you on, it was an adventure. Either you step up or get crushed in that situation, and our guys stepped up," said head coach Brian Gorby about his team and their performance. "It was a tremendous atmosphere and a tremendous accomplishment for our team."

The highlight of the event was junior Lauren Blase in the 5,000m. Running a time of

17:01.71 in the race, Blase destroyed the previous school record by more than 12 seconds and her own personal best time by over 28 seconds. Coach Gorby said Blase missed her regional time by about seven seconds; he wants Blase to reach the regionals either this or next season.

"What Lauren did was probably the highlight of our distance program in the last couple of years. We have had a lot of great distance runners come in and Lauren deserves a lot of credit," Gorby said.

Freshman Kiplangat Tisia showed he was not afraid of the limelight, and performed well on the biggest stage so far this season. Tisia lowered his regional time by three seconds, running the 3,000m steeplechase in 9:02.56.

"Kip's about 34th in the United States in the steeplechase and that is pretty awesome for him being just a freshman," Gorby said.

The men's 4x800 team ran a strong relay; Gorby fully expected this team to break the school record at the Penn Relays. The team consisting of seniors R.D Goodright and J.D. Sheppard, sophomore Jake Lape and freshman Tisia did exactly what the coach expected, running a school re-

cord time of 7:38.63.

"Overall, it was just a fantastic weekend and it was extremely productive and it will catapult us. We are looking to use this as a confidence builder to run big, jump big and throw big with a conference coming up in two days," Gorby said.

Gorby said he feels that the women's team has the confidence to go in and win because they are the defending champs. However, on the men's side of the equation, Gorby thinks his men's team will perform great and get some help to win the Horizon League crown.

"On the women's side, if they could just go in and compete, they will be right there," Gorby said. "We don't control everything on the men's side. We are going to need help from Milwaukee and other teams to help us out on the men's side."

Apart from that, past precedent will ensure that the students bring their best game.

"We have made a tradition about bringing home championships and I think our athletes can step up and get it done," Gorby said. "I'm just proud as a head coach that the opportunity is there and we are going to break through the physical and mental barriers, which await us at the conference."

SOFTBALL A series against Green Bay ahead for Penguins

Keith Langford Jr.
SPORTS EDITOR

A weekend series at home against Horizon League opponent the University of Wisconsin-Green Bay Phoenix will wrap up a tough season for the Youngstown State University softball team.

Although the Penguins were never able to overcome their slow start, they managed to win their last game at Butler 6-5 on a two-out single to center field by sophomore Kristina Rendle. The victory marked the program's 500th win. It was the eighth win of the season and the seventh for junior pitcher Cheryl Cale.

With the season almost over, the Penguins will look to the weekend series at home against the Phoenix to gather some momentum heading into the Horizon League Championships.

The Phoenix, who have had their last four home games cancelled, have also had a disappointing season.

The Phoenix won the same amount of Horizon League games as the Penguins this season so far. The only difference is in the losses column where the Penguins have three more conference losses than the Phoenix. Only the Detroit Titans have fewer conference wins than the Penguins and Phoenix.

A key player the Penguins should focus on for the Phoenix is junior utility player Katie Cooney. Cooney has a batting average of .331, has hit three homeruns and driven in 20 runs and has a slugging percentage of .458.

Power numbers for the Phoenix are a weak spot. The team has only knocked seven balls out of the park. The pitching staff has given up 28 homeruns this season. Sophomore Kim Klonowski has hit eight homeruns for the Penguins, which is one more than the entire Phoenix team.

The Penguins seek to win back-to-back games this weekend for the first time all season as they square off against the Phoenix at McCune Park.

Penguins fall in extra innings in 2,000th game



Junior infielder Jacke Healey applies the tag to get the runner out trying to steal second base.

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Game 1

Josh Stipanovich
SPORTS REPORTER

It has been 61 years since the Youngstown State University baseball team played in its first game, and the coach was none other than Dom Rosselli, who at the time coached the men's basketball team as well.

After going under in 1950, the baseball team came back stronger than ever in 1958, and it has been a sport at YSU ever since.

Sixty-one years later, it was YSU facing off against the Thundering Herd of Marshall University in their 2,000th game.

YSU took one out of three from the Thundering Herd earlier this season in March, but the offense was lacking as they only scored four runs in the entire series.

The Penguins' lone trip to Bob Cene Park this season resulted in a nail-biter in extra innings in a game that seemed as if it was not going to end.

With the bases loaded in the bottom of the ninth, Anthony Porter had his chance to play hero for the Penguins with one out. Porter did his job, hitting a two RBI single through the left side, which knotted the game back up at six. With the winning run at second base, junior Tom Clayton came up to the plate with a chance to win it all

for the Penguins. Clayton took four straight balls to load the bases once again.

With a 2-2 count, sophomore David Leon grounded into a 4-6-3 double play to end the inning, and the game continued into the tenth.

But the first batter for MU in the top of the tenth inning resulted in a solo blast by Thor Meeks, which put the Thundering Herd back in front with no one out.

MU added one more insurance run after an RBI sacrifice fly to left field by Ben Jurevicius; that is all the Thundering Herd would need to secure win number 17.

With two outs in the bottom of the tenth and runners on second and third, Joe Iacobucci was the last hope for the Penguins. Swinging at the first pitch, he took a fly ball to shallow left field, which ended the game for the Penguins.

The Penguins fell to 11-28 overall, and will be looking ahead to an important three-game series against Valparaiso University this weekend, which could bring their current 8-9 Horizon League record to 11-9 with a sweep.

The Penguins currently hold a half-game lead over VU in conference play.

This was the second consecutive game for YSU that had to be decided in extra innings. The Penguins took one from Butler last week in 10 innings, but could not capitalize on this day against MU.

Game 2

Keith Langford Jr.
SPORTS EDITOR

The Penguins tried to avenge the loss in the first part of the doubleheader against the Marshall University Thundering Herd.

The Penguins would do so as they take the rubber match 8-5. The scoring for the Penguins got started in the bottom of the second inning as they would explode with five runs. Started pitcher Brian Mooney for Marshall got rocked in the second inning.

Junior Casey Holland would get things started for the Penguins as he walked to begin the rally. Sophomore Joe Iacobucci grounded out and advanced Holland to second base. Junior Eric Hymel would single Holland over to third base. Hymel would steal second base to have runners at second and third with one out. Sophomore David Leon would get the scoring started as he brought home Holland with a base hit up the middle. Freshman Derek Carr would single after Leon to bring home Hymel to make the score 2-0 Penguins.

Junior Jacke Healy singled to left field to bring home Leon. Senior John Koehnlein provided the biggest hit as the brought home two runners with a single. Koehnlein's single would bring home Healey and Carr to give the Penguins a 5-0 lead early in the ball game. The Thundering Herd would not lie down as they countered with two runs of their own at the top of the third inning.

Adam Yeager for the Thundering Herd doubled to bring home Ben Jurevicius. Yeager stole third base and scored on a sacrifice fly by Kenny Socorro.

The Penguins responded by tacking on one more run in the bottom of the third inning. Iacobucci flied out to right field scoring freshman Jonathan Crist, Crist doubled earlier in the inning to make the score 6-2. The saw-saw battle with runs continued to the top of the fourth inning.

Starting pitcher for the Penguins Matt Tucker would give up three runs. The lead was shrunk to 6-5.

The Thundering Herd would score no more runs as freshman John Kinnick came and brought the hammer down on the Thundering Herd's batters. Kinnick would pitch 3.1 innings and allow zero runs.

Carr would score another run in the bottom of the fourth inning as he scored on a Koehnlein sacrifice fly to extend the lead to 7-5. One more run scored by Leon capped the scoring at eight runs for the Penguins offensive attack.

The Penguins picked up their 12th win of the season by defeating the Thundering Herd.