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'Tis the Season to Swing

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Some people write Santa Claus letters and some people sit on his lap, but the Youngstown Jazz Collective is more interested in dipping, spinning and swinging with Jolly Ol' Saint Nick.

The Youngstown Jazz Collective, a Youngstown

State University student organization promoting jazz and jazz education, is hosting the Swingin' With Santa holiday dance, offering participants the chance to swing dance with Santa Claus and help the group raise money for future shows and events. The event takes place Dec. 1 from 7-9 p.m. in the Chestnut Room of Kilcawley Student Center. A \$5 cover fee will be collected at the door.

Other than the opportunity to swing with Santa himself, the event will include a live jazz band consisting of members of the collective, alumni and faculty, as well as food and an environment suited for people of all ages. The event is open to everyone, regardless of current affiliation with YSU or knowledge of swing dancing.

Lauren Eisenreich, the president of the Youngstown

Jazz Collective, hopes the success of last year's event will be topped by this year's dance.

"Last year's event was fantastic. We had four times more people than we anticipated. About 200 people came and everyone had a great time. Some people even asked us if we'd be holding the event weekly," Eisenreich said.

Innovation and a central-

ized location, according to Eisenreich, were major factors in the group's success.

"It was so successful in part because it's a new idea. A lot of people were going out into the community to swing dance, but we brought it to campus. Anyone can do it; you don't need to be a good swing dancer or a jazz aficionado," she said. "You can just come and have fun, it's very inclusive and a great atmosphere."

David Morgan, professor of jazz studies and the organization's adviser, said he believes that while swing dancing may not be as popular as it was during its revival in the mid 2000s, there is still a huge interest in the activity.

"Last year there were a couple of hundred people who came ... it actually surprised me," Morgan said. "The dancers came out of the woodwork, like people who really seemed to know what they were doing. I think there's a novelty to the old music and the old dances."

The band will be playing Christmas and Hanukkah music along with a wide variety of jazz selections.

While the event provides participants an opportunity for a unique holiday experience, "Swingin' With Santa also gives the students of the YJC the chance to flex their entrepreneurial muscles.

Morgan believes it's important for music students to work towards business goals that compliment their musical skills.

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UNIVERSITY PRESIDENTS DISCUSS POSSIBILITIES FOR PARTNERSHIPS

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The presidents of Youngstown State University, University of Akron and Kent State University have held several discussions about possible partnerships and collaborations that could help the universities cut costs.

Jim Tressel, president of YSU, said the three have had preliminary discussions about possible collaborations.

"We've just had general discussions about making sure that anything we can do to help one another in these challenging times would be a good thing," Tressel said.

Eileen Korey, chief communications officer at the University of Akron, said the presidents have met several times in an attempt to meet two different criteria.

"They've had many opportunities to sit down and talk about what are the possibilities for partnerships or collaborations that could accomplish two different things: one, to reduce costs, and two, to contribute to regional economic development," Korey said.

Scott Scarborough, president of the University of Akron, sees the installation of new presidents at all three universities as an opportunity to work together, according to

Korey.

"I remember Dr. Scarborough saying it really was a unique opportunity because you had so many new presidents to be able to even talk about these kinds of things, or have these discussions where previously they really haven't happened before under previous leadership," Korey said.

Tressel echoed this point. "Three of us are brand new, and so we're like let us get our feet on the ground and figure out where are some areas that we already do partner and that it might make sense to get together on," Tressel said.

Korey said that while rumors and earlier reports have used words such as consolidation and merger, those terms are "completely inappropriate."

"Dr. Scarborough was very careful to talk about using words like partnerships and collaborations which mean something completely different in the world of academia and organizations," Korey said.

Eric Mansfield, executive director of University Media Relations at Kent State University, said that President Beverly Warren is interested in collaborations but agreed with Korey's statement when it comes to potential mergers or consolidation.

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BOARD OF TRUSTEES RATIFY TENTATIVE CONTRACT

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During a meeting held on Tuesday night, Youngstown State University's Board of Trustees unanimously ratified a tentative agreement on a new three-year faculty contract.

"We viewed it as a very solid, good contract and with a lot of great benefits in it," Harry Meshel, YSU trustee, said. "We wanted to get it off the public stage so to speak. We wanted to get it done."

In order to ratify an official contract, though, the union must still agree to the terms of the contract.

"There's not much more we [the Board] can do with it, and so we were at that point where we thought there was approval or acceptability on virtually every point and that it was time for a vote to be made. We didn't want to be looked upon as being reluctant to agree to anything the teachers might want, and we went forward with it. We think it's a good solid representation of what they were expecting and a good representation of what the university could afford," Meshel said. "I am very hopeful that they will agree."

Ron Cole, public information officer at YSU, echoed Meshel's sentiment.

"I think the agreement represents the results of long, hard negotiations and successful finding of common ground between both parties. And both parties have signed off on all articles in the contract. So, the

Board yesterday reviewed that and went ahead and ratified," Cole said. "I think the Board has expressed that they're hopeful that the faculty will follow suit and that they'll ratify the tentative agreement and that they'll do so in an expedited fashion so that we can send a clear message to the community and to our students that we can, in fact, work collaboratively on behalf of the university."

Though union leaders have agreed to and signed off on all individual articles of the contract, Gabriel Palmer-Fernandez, chief negotiator for YSU-OEA and a professor in the philosophy and religious studies department, remains skeptical that union members will ratify the contract.

"The faculty will hold a ratification meeting in the near future. Whether that tentative agreement will be ratified is

hard to say," Palmer-Fernandez said. "Ratifying this contract may prove to be very difficult."

Palmer-Fernandez indicated that the faculty's concerns regarding the contract are twofold.

First, though the proposed contract includes a slight increase in faculty salary in the contract's third year, the rate of inflation and a 1 percent increase in the amount of salary faculty pay into the State Teacher Retirement System of Ohio will likely result in a net loss for faculty.

Second, Palmer-Fernandez said that faculty members have expressed disappointment in the Board of Trustees — which, he said, has reduced spending for academics while increasing spending for athletics.

"I have not had a single faculty member say, 'I'm voting for this contract,'" he said.



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The YSU Board of Trustees voted on Tuesday to ratify the tentative agreement on new faculty contract. The faculty union must now also vote to ratify the tentative agreement, before the two groups can move to deciding whether or not to ratify the final contract.



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BEWARE OF MALWARE

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Even in our technology-driven world, not every problem that we have can be solved with a computer. These machines even have flaws of their own. Malware, software that is intended to damage computer systems, is a common problem among computers everywhere.

"About 11 percent of the 9,000,000 web pages brought on campus on a daily basis are infected," Ken Schindler, chief technology officer at Youngstown State University and associate vice president of information technology services division services, said.

There are many types of malware that exist online. Adware, bots, bugs, rootkits,

spyware, Trojan horses, viruses and worms are the most common types.

Schindler said that Ransomware presents the most trouble for computer users.

"Ransomware is a special variety of malware. It will encrypt everything on your hard drive, any active or running external hard drives, and any flash drive plugged into your computer. It then leaves you a note telling you how much it will cost you, usually in bitcoins to get your files decrypted," Schindler said. "Imagine if you had a thesis due and it became encrypted the day before it was due."

Timothy Norfolk, interim chair for the department of computer science at the University of Akron, said that Ransomware could disguise itself as a trusting software company.

"My wife, for example,

has received three phone calls of people telling her that they were Microsoft and they needed remote access to the machine to fix it for her. People fall for that, and the other way is that people click on links in emails and disreputable websites that are malware links," Norfolk said.

Norfolk added that there is not a sure fire way to get rid of this malware.

"This malware infects your computer, essentially giving permission for somebody to access your machine, and the perpetrators then contact you and ask for money in exchange for not deleting your data," he said.

Schindler said that Ransomware appears on infected web pages and that ads on a web page are primarily how it is transmitted to a user's computer.

The Information Technol-

ogy Advisory Committee is a panel of professors at YSU that add value to the Information Technology Services division services by offering enterprise-level input on major strategic decisions and through coaching ITS on key business and technology leadership issues. It combats these issues for the university.

Schindler explained that phishing is another problem that arises with any kind of computer system.

"Phishing is strictly an email that tries to convince you to enter your User ID and password or else your email will be shut down, or your credit cards will be locked or some other compelling reason," he said. "All of this goes on all the time. Over 80 percent of all email is considered spam for one reason or another. This in-

cludes phishing emails."

Schindler said that the ITS does catch and remove almost all of this type of malware.

At the beginning of the semester, YSU's Board of Trustees approved a 180-day password change cycle that was required by a university policy. The ITS recommended this cycle.

Schindler said that this password change is a separate security issue from malware invasion. Universities everywhere are required to update passwords, and it is still important that students and faculty remain secure online.

"YSU was one of the last, if not the last, state universities in Ohio to implement mandatory password changes," Schindler said. "Most universities change their passwords more often."

AIDS Awareness Month

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November is AIDS Awareness Month. Iris Almos, an AIDS awareness advocate from Ursuline Sisters HIV/AIDS Ministry, knows intimately the importance of keeping mindful of the deadly virus.

"HIV is real here in the Valley; anyone can get it," she said.

Almos is HIV-positive and has been for the past 24 years. She contracted the virus from her partner, who was a former drug addict who contracted it from dirty needles. Her partner was informed that he contracted HIV after he had caught the common cold. When he wasn't getting any better, he went in for testing and they informed him that he was HIV-positive.

"It was very devastating. After his results came back positive, they then

suggested that I get tested in which I found out I was HIV-positive as well," Almos said. "I was fortunate enough to find out early enough, but he had possibly had it for years, which lead to his death three years later after being diagnosed."

Almos went on to explain how there are many misconceptions about HIV and the ways in which it can be contracted. AIDS can only be contracted through fluid exchange such as semen, vaginal fluid, breast milk and blood — not through saliva, skin contact or mosquito bites.

"I contracted the virus in the 1990s, and there wasn't a lot of information on the virus. I at first thought that only gay men could contract it. There also wasn't a lot of information about safe sex; I didn't know about how to contract it so therefore I didn't know how to protect myself," Almos said.

To reduce the risk of contracting HIV, use protection such as a

condom when being sexually active, limit sexual partners and do not share needles. It is also important to get tested at least once a year if you are sexually active or involved in any type of drug activity. The Ursuline Sisters of HIV/AIDS has many testing sites throughout the year including at Youngstown State University, which is the first and fourth Friday of every month. This month, because of the holidays, there will be free testing on Nov. 17 from noon to 3 p.m. in the student health services, and it takes only about 20 minutes to get your results.

If a test does come back positive, Almos advised taking the following steps: obtain a confirmation test, get blood work done, talk to a social worker and nurse and then finally go see a doctor to start treatment. Usually treatment involves getting tested every three months and taking a pill once a day. The association will guide you every step of the way along with

being there to offer emotional support through counseling and support groups.

"They don't just leave you hanging; the program will pay for your medication and doctors appointments as well, but it is really important that you take the first step and get tested, especially for college students. HIV/AIDS is important for YSU students due to all of the sexual activity that normally goes on with in college campuses," Almos said.

HIV/AIDS awareness is helping to bring out the facts of the virus and make people understand how it is prevalent within the Mahoning Valley, but it is also here to let people know that if you do have HIV that you're not alone and it is not your death sentence.

"As long as you follow your treatment plan you can live a full life with HIV," Almos said. "Just don't be afraid to take the first step of getting tested and knowing all of the facts."

YSU Hosts Speaker on Middle East

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The situation in the Middle East is a multifaceted quagmire that is often not understood by Americans; Graham Fuller sought to change this at Youngstown State University last week.

On Thursday Nov. 13, Fuller gave his speech, "ISIS and the Challenge to Leadership in the Middle East," in YSU's President's Suite in Kilcawley Center.

Fuller is a retiree who worked twenty years for the Central Intelligence Agency.

As a CIA operations officer, he spent time in Turkey, Lebanon, Saudi Arabia, Yemen and Afghanistan. He has also authored several books regarding the situation throughout the Middle East.

Fuller's speech focused on the Middle East as a whole rather than exclusively the situations in Iraq, Iran and Afghanistan that Americans frequently hear about. He believes the countries to be deeply connected and that it is important to consider all of them to get a good understanding of the situation.

"The feeling that [9/11] is where it all started is very erroneous and indeed dangerous, because like most things in life and history, there's always a backstory," Fuller said.

Fuller generally disagrees with the level of American involvement in the Middle East. He said he believes that having "boots on the ground" tends to foster animosity between nations.

Gabriel Palmer-Fernandez, a professor in the philosophy and religious studies department, played a large role in organizing the event. He believes

that Fuller's first-hand experience makes him a valuable speaker.

"I think it's important to bring speakers like Graham Fuller to YSU because of his wealth of experience, particularly in a very troubled part of the world, the Middle East," Palmer-Fernandez said.

Jacob Schriener-Briggs, a philosophy major, attended the event. He shares Palmer-Fernandez's view regarding the value of experience in teaching.

"To have someone this experienced with foreign policy, and then have

them come talk about foreign policy is pretty valuable," Schriener-Briggs said. "You can learn a lot in the classroom setting, and that's good, but it's also good to inject that real life element into the subject matter. It's a good learning opportunity for sure."

Palmer-Fernandez said getting the personal, expert opinion of someone such as Fuller can contribute an element that is lacking in American news reporting.

"Most of what we get is through the major news outlets, and those are lack-

ing in substance," he said. "To have an expert on the Middle East with huge amounts of experience, for an hour and a half of discussion, is of extreme value as an educational experience."

The speech itself was approximately a half hour with about an hour of question-and-answer following.

"I thought he was a really compelling speaker; I thought he was well informed; and I thought he was really interactive taking questions," Schriener-Briggs said. "He didn't talk at the audience, he talked to them."



Blood stains the floor of a synagogue where at least four Israelis were killed and eight injured by two Palestinians armed with a pistol, knives and axes. Suffering on both sides of the Israel-Palestine conflict is evidence of the violence spreading through the region.

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YSU Counseling Program Wins Award

Youngstown State University's counseling program has received the 2014 North Central Association for Counselor Education and Supervision Innovative Counseling Program Award. It honors counseling programs that are unique and innovative.

Dana Students Will Perform in Opera Gala

An Opera Gala featuring YSU students will be in the Dana School of Music on Friday Nov. 21 at 7:30 in Bliss Recital Hall. The event is free and open to the public and the Italian Scholarship League will provide refreshments after the performance.

Student Literary Arts Association Hosts Speculative Fiction Contest

A speculative fiction contest, being judged by a panel of SLAA editors and Christopher Barzak, will close Friday Nov. 21. Submissions must be 5000 words or less. Submissions should be sent to EddieLovesDebbie@gmail.com. Further details can be found at jennymag.org.

Lactation Station

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The Youngstown State University Department of Campus Recreation is now offering a lactation room to the YSU community. The room is located in Beeghly Center Room 200, across from the Andrews Student Recreation and Wellness Center.

The lactation room is part of the Health Care and Education Reconciliation Act of 2010, which "requires employers to provide nursing mothers with a reasonable break time and a room dedicated to supporting mothers who wish to continue breastfeeding while working or attending school. The room must be shielded from view, free from intrusion by co-workers and the public and cannot be a bathroom."

Ryan McNicholas, coordinator of Fitness and Wellness Programs, said that this act is not the only reason the lactation room was put into use though.

"YSU's Employee Wellness Program told us about the demand for a lactation room from staff and faculty members. It also goes along with our nine Pillars of Wellness," McNicholas said.

The nine Pillars of Wellness are emotional, spiritual, career, physical, financial, aesthetic, environmental, social and intel-

lectual wellness. McNicholas explained how each program or service offered helps to keep students, faculty and staff engaged in holistic wellness through at least one of these nine pillars.

The lactation room is part of a wellness suite located in Beeghly Center, which includes a waiting room, lactation room, bathroom and soon-to-be massage room. Nursing mothers are responsible for providing their own pumps and storage containers.

The actual lactation room provides running water, paper towels, adequate lighting, a table, a chair and an electrical outlet — meeting all the necessary requirements for the room. The room can be used one person at a time, for as long as the mother needs.

In the massage room, Massage Café Downtown will be offering chair massages to women who choose to use the suite. According to McNicholas, this feature will be available starting in January 2015.

"The room offers more benefits than a safe and clean environment for mothers, it also allows them to feel comfortable and de-stress from their day, which makes the room follow more than one of our nine Pillars of Wellness," McNicholas said. "They also do not have to hide in the bathrooms anymore."

In order to access the suite,

mothers will need to check out a key from the administrative offices at the Rec Center. A valid YSU ID or driver's license is required.

McNicholas explained how he and his wife are new parents, and about the benefits of having this room available for the YSU community.

"For my wife and I, our physician recommended breastfeeding in order for our baby to get all the essential nutrients it can get," he said. "It is vital for brain development of the baby and burning calories for the mother."

He explained how nursing mothers should take in more calories each day, because they are essentially eating for two. Mothers should eat healthy but try not to diet, in order to naturally provide essential nutrients to the baby.

The need for mothers to express their milk is vital because their bodies are on an internal clock to produce milk for their children. If this cannot happen on time, it could cause infections for the mother.

"Whatever we can do to help students and staff feel comfortable, we will try to do it," McNicholas said. "We are devoted to the wellness of everyone, from nontraditional students to [faculty and] staff. This is a topic that needed to be dealt with on campus."

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"Dr. Warren has been very open about wanting to collaborate with area universities where it makes sense and benefits students," Mansfield said. "But the words consolidation and merger are not on the table. Unequivocally not on the table."

To date, nothing tangible has come from the meetings.

"The discussions have really been early discussions having to do with partnerships and collaborations, and they have been promising discussions, but that nothing has come out of them at this point," Corey said.

Tressel said one area where there is potential for collaboration is purchasing.

"You see a lot of restaurants get together, and they do purchasing together because everyone needs forks and spoons and Styrofoam cups and that kind of thing," he said. "What kind of things are there that perhaps we could figure out from a purchasing standpoint?"

Corey said Scarborough also sees possibilities surrounding shared services.

"He did say that this could cover the gamut

from shared services of some kind, whether those were IT or on the financial end, he said they could be academic partnerships and they could be research partnerships," Corey said.

Harry Meshel, a member of the Board of Trustees at YSU, said the board has not been involved in any of these discussions, but he sees potential in the universities cooperating going forward.

"We really shouldn't be competing as much in this part of the state. There's a tendency to take things away from each other rather than to join forces and make them stronger," Meshel said. "We shouldn't be enemies. We shouldn't be strangers. We should be cooperative brothers in education."

Martin Abraham, interim provost at YSU, said that while nothing concrete has been examined, it's logical to think there could be advantages to establishing partnerships between the universities.

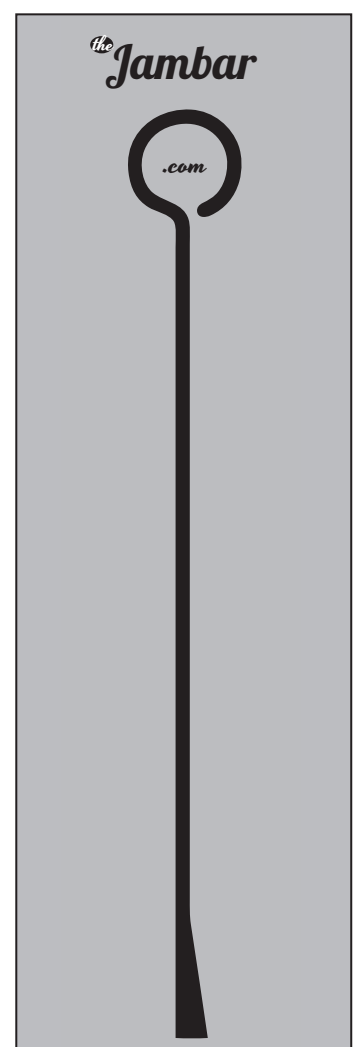
"It's a reasonable conversation to have; there might be opportunity here," Abraham said. "We're close. We run universities. We do similar types of things. It would make sense to think that there would be ways we could save money."

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Penguin Review Celebrates 50 Years with Commemorative Issue

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Starting in 1964, the Penguin Review, Youngstown State University's print literary magazine that caters specifically to undergraduate writers and artists, is celebrating its 50th anniversary Nov. 20 with the launch of a commemorative issue of the Penguin Review, titled "Penguin Review: 50 Years in Review."

The commemorative issue will include around 50 of the best-of-the-best works published in the magazine over the past 50 years.

The Penguin Review, run by co-editors Rebecca Brown and Tom Pugh, collected the past issues of the journal from the archives at Maag Library and reviewed all the stories, poems and art.

Pugh said the Penguin Review staff uses a blind submissions process, separating out the works into different packets based on their genre — creative non-fiction, fiction, artwork and poetry — and members of the staff reviewed the different packets and evaluated each story.

The selection process is similar to the process Penguin Review uses for their annual editions.

"We don't know whose piece we are reading, and if it's someone we might know it just gets looked at by the co-editors and Dr. Anderson [Penguin Review's adviser]. We have a rating system that asks if it's appropriate for the magazine, and the ones who are rated high are the ones we highly consider to put into the Penguin Review. The ones that are rated low, we do not put in," Pugh said. "After we rate them, ... we get together as a group, and we pretty much hash it out. If we say, 'hey we gave this one, this rating because ...' then we average the scores. If it got a high average, it usually ends up going in."

Though this special edition will include far more pieces than the standard editions, the staff still had to sacrifice some of their favorite stories to fit every-

thing within printing limitations.

The team also had to work within the copyright agreements as stated on each edition over the years. Since the specifics of the copyright shifted from year to year, this limited what work they could publish.

"There were some years we couldn't put anything in from and that was because the copyright rules that were within it, and it was a pain," Pugh said. "It was upsetting because there was a lot of good content that we couldn't use."

Some of the editions stipulated that all rights to the works being published reverted back to the authors upon publications, meaning that Penguin Review couldn't use them without consent from the author. Even if the copyrights were not an issue with a piece, the team still tried to contact the creator.

"We tried to procure everybody's permission, but if there was no copyright and we couldn't get their permission, then we were still able to use it," Pugh said. "It was more of a courtesy thing."

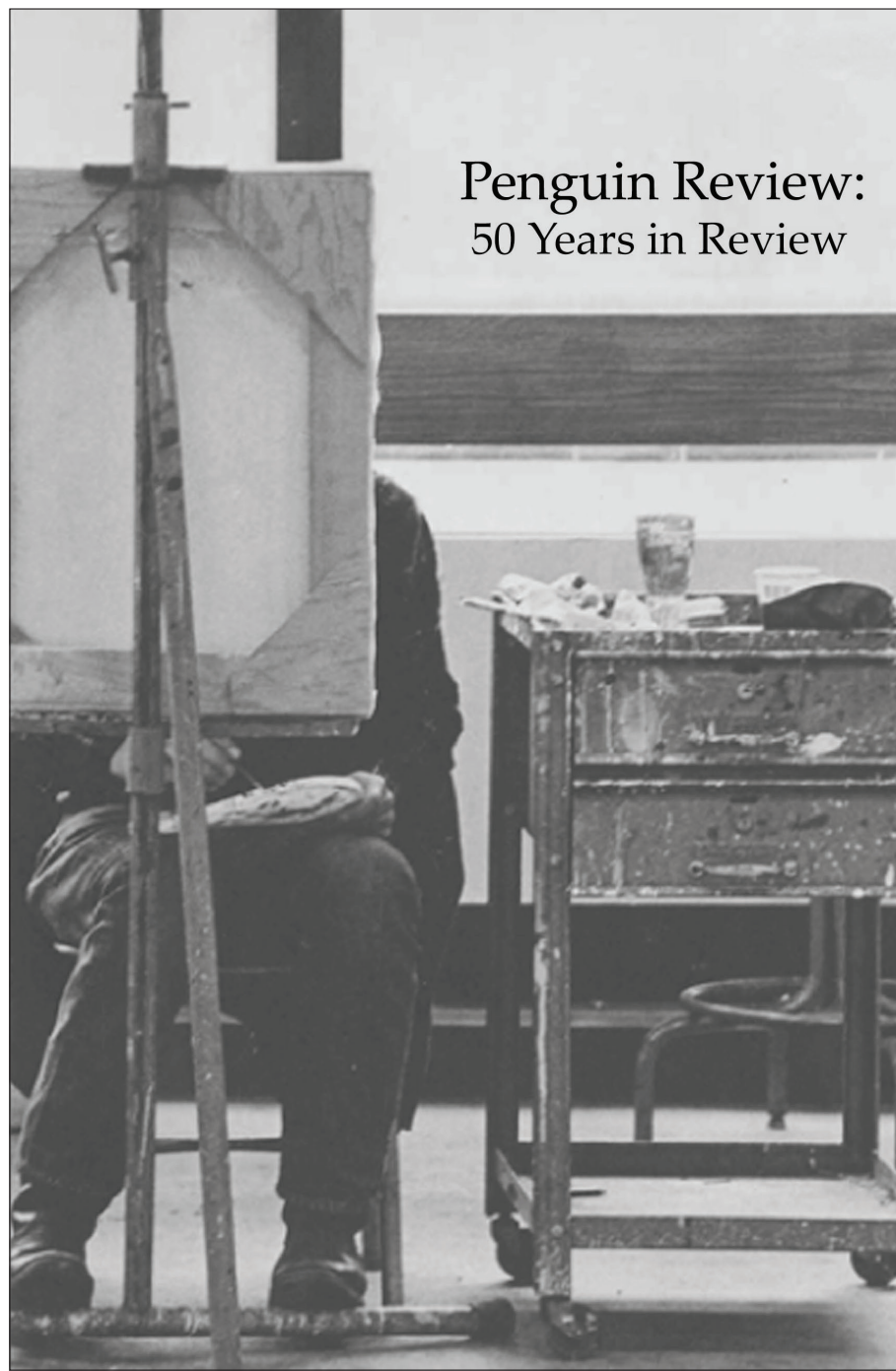
The 50th edition will feature a host of familiar names to YSU students of the English Department, including Chris Barzak, Cynthia Vigliotti, Steven Reese, William Greenway and Colleen Clayton-Dippolito. Penguin Review also features writers who have gone on to make names for themselves nationally and internationally, such as Sonnet Mondal, a poet who currently works out of India.

Tiffany Anderson, a YSU professor and adviser to the Penguin Review, spoke highly of the Penguin Review and its current staff, who helped revive the group after it lost its funding from the College of Liberal Arts and Social Sciences.

"If it wasn't for Rebecca and Tom, it wouldn't be a 50 year anniversary," she said.

Alex Puncekar, the assistant editor, said he joined Penguin Review after being impressed by the leadership.

"So I came in here and I watched some of the meetings. I was just kind of impressed how they run things; they run a pretty tight ship," he said. "That kind of got me to want to help them out. I was with Dave, Tom and especially Rebecca down in this office from nine in the



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morning until about midnight working on this magazine."

The 50th anniversary launch party will take place Nov. 20 at 7 p.m. in the DeBartolo Stadium Club in Stambaugh Stadium. This event is free and open to the public and will celebrate 50 years with

readings by former contributors. Food will be provided. Everyone will receive a free copy of the commemorative issue, "Penguin Review: 50 Years in Review."

The issue is also available on the campus of YSU, or by donation. For more information, visit penguinreview.com

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The word nerd has traditionally represented an intelligent individual with obsessive, even anti-social, interests and tendencies. But according to Alex Puncekar and David Lucas of the Rookery Radio show "The Nerd Perspective," the word now takes on a whole different meaning.

The Nerd Perspective is a radio show that airs at 8 a.m. on Monday mornings that covers all the bases of geekdom: superhero movies, sci-fi and fantasy films, manga, anime, video games, board games and all-around nerd pop culture.

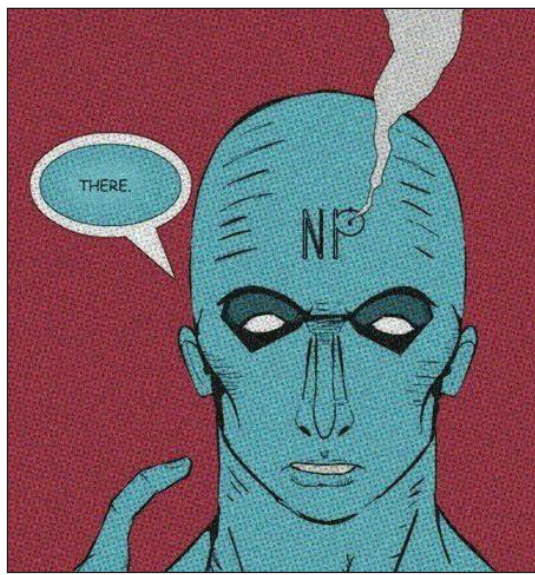
Puncekar, graduate student at Youngstown State University and one of the hosts of the

show, said he feels that being a "nerd" in any sense isn't what it used to be.

"Geeking out over video games, certain movies or comics used to be a specific subculture of people. It's really not anymore — it's almost cool to be a nerd," Puncekar said. "It's blown up to the point that anybody from any walk of life can pick these things up and enjoy them."

The duo visited the Akron Comicon on Nov. 9 and hosted their show from there, where they interviewed co-players and met different artists and writers. For The Nerd Perspective's first semester on air, Puncekar said it's going incredibly well.

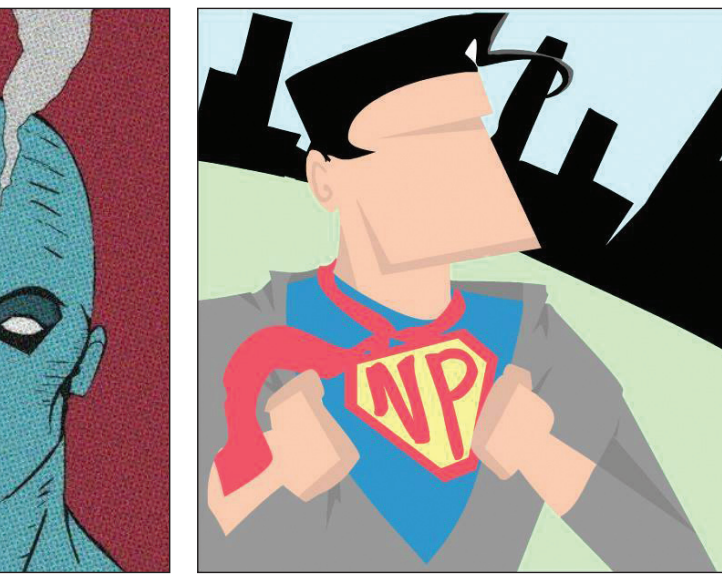
"We have interviews whenever we can grab someone who likes to talk nerd too,"



Puncekar said. "We have interviews with local companies and we might be getting an interview with the creator of this zombie comic that we met at the Akron Comicon who's an Ohio native."

Lucas, also a YSU grad student and host of the show, said that although the show is new, he expects big things from the duo in the future.

"We're growing in listenership, but we are aiming to



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grow. ... Right now we're fairly new to this and we are finding our own voice, in a sense, but we would love to continue to grow and change with our audience," Lucas said. "Right now we just want to develop our identity and branch out from there. It's awesome 'cause this is stuff we would talk about in our spare time, but instead in this case we have microphones shoved in

our faces."

The Nerd Perspective duo claim that the show is a work in progress, but in the meantime, they're planning to just do what they do best — be nerdy.

"It's just nerds nerding out and enjoying themselves, having a good time," Lucas said.

The Nerd Perspective can be listened to on rookeryradio.com on Mondays at 8 a.m. and can be found on Facebook.

"If [a music student] wants to make it, they have to learn to sell themselves. The Youngstown Jazz Collective gives students a vehicle for coming together and reaching goals that they set for themselves," Morgan said.

Kent Engelhardt, coordinator and professor of jazz studies, agreed with the sentiment, believing the first 'Swingin' With Santa event to be a prime example of the achievements students can attain when working together

toward a goal.

"I was so proud [the Youngstown Jazz Collective] were able to work through all of the logistics and putting together the musical product. ... It became a real world entrepreneurial activity for them," Engelhardt said. "My wife and I went out [to the event] and I was so impressed ... I was surprised by how many people were in the room. The Chestnut Room was mobbed. There were students from the YSU Dance Club, young peo-

ple, old people and I thought 'Wow, this is really cool. They did it all themselves.'"

Aiming to grow their success from last year, Eisenreich expects even more attendees and believes the second 'Swingin' With Santa event will be better than the first.

"It's our second year, we've worked out the kinks, and we've got some really excited people coming out to the events ... we're excited for a great event this year," she said.

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YOU CALENDAR

Thursday

Writing Workshop with Jim Villani
7-9 p.m. Pig Iron Press
\$3 donation requested

Swing Night
10 p.m.-2 a.m. Cedars West End
Age 18 and up

Friday

Open Skate
5:30-11 p.m. Skate Zone

"I Love You, You're Perfect, Now Change"
8 p.m. Trumbull New Theater

Saturday

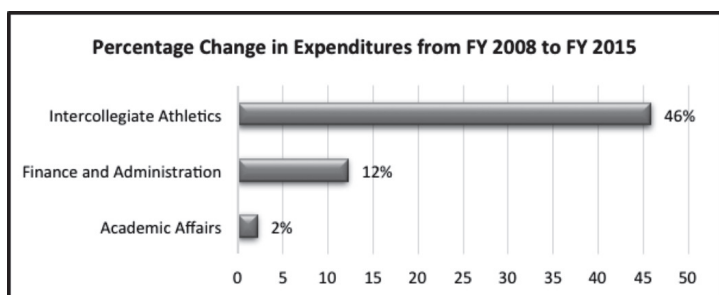
Free Family Day
1:30 p.m. Butler Institute of Art-Trumbull

Karaoke
9 p.m.-1 a.m. Los Gallos - Boardman
Age 21 and up

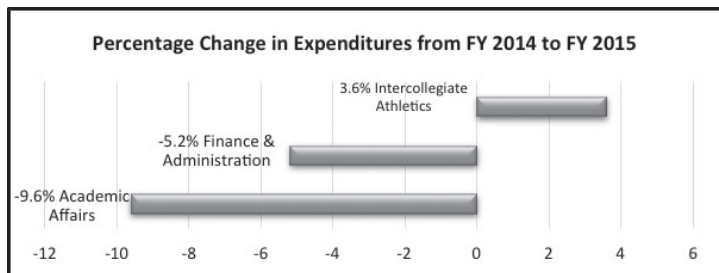
LETTER — TO THE — EDITOR

In the current contract negotiations, the faculty has often been told that Youngstown State University cannot afford to increase faculty compensation because of the current budget deficit. While the budget deficit is a relevant factor, it is not the only factor that matters. Arguably more important is how YSU allocates its budget.

Consider the following statistics. From fiscal year (FY) 2008 to FY 2015, YSU's expenditures on academic affairs have increased by only 2 percent, from \$76.5 million to \$78.1 million. In this same time period, administrative spending (expenditures on 'finance and administration') increased at six times this rate, from \$19.6 million to \$22.0 million. Expenditures on intercollegiate athletics have increased at 23 times this rate, from \$9.6 million to \$14.0 million.



If faced with spending reductions, one would hope, or dare to expect, that sacrifices would be shared across divisions of the university. This is not the case. Support for academic affairs is being cut by 9.6 percent in FY 2015. Spending on finance and administration is being cut by 5.2 percent in FY 2015. Despite all of their concern over the current budget deficit, YSU's Board of Trustees and the administration were willing to increase spending on intercollegiate athletics by 3.6 percent in FY 2015.



The intent of this letter is not to vilify the athletic program or the many administrators who work to better this institution. We recognize the important role the athletic program and the administration play to YSU and have tremendous pride in the many great achievements of our student athletes. The intent is to inform you, our students, of the misguided priorities of the Board of Trustees and the administration, and ultimately to attempt to persuade them to reconsider these priorities.

In challenging financial times, extra emphasis should be placed on maintaining academic affairs. Academics are the reason this institution exists, it is central to the mission of this university, and the quality of our academic programs are the main determinant of student success. It should not be diminished any further in favor of athletics or the administration. Continuing on this path not only harms faculty, it also harms students and weakens the long-term viability of this institution that we all love.

Every faculty member wants to resolve this dispute so that we can once again focus on teaching and scholarship. However, we are concerned that ratifying another highly concessionary contract, as we did in 2011, would signal to the Board of Trustees and the administration that we are tolerant of the path they have led us down for the past eight years. Our objective is not just to arrive at a fair contract that reflects our contributions to YSU; it is to convince the Board of Trustees and the administration to reconsider their priorities. We believe that the success of the institution, as well as our students, is at stake.

YSU OEA Crisis Committee, on behalf of Annette Burden

JAMBAR POLICY

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YOUR SIDE POLICY

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EDITORIAL

PENGUIN REVIEW MARCHES ON

If you have read the Arts and Entertainment page — and who are we kidding, of course you have — you know this year is the 50th anniversary of the Penguin Review, YSU's only print literary magazine.

To celebrate this milestone, Penguin Review is releasing a commemorative issue dubbed, "Penguin Review: 50 Years in Review." It will collect some of the best pieces published in the magazine over the past 50 years.

But the release of this issue of the Penguin Review will also commemorate the second issue the Penguin Review has released without consistent, set funding from the College of Liberal Arts and Social Sciences.

Much like The Jambar itself, the Penguin Review used to be funded through the university each year. This is how the magazine supported its annual publication and compensated the editors for their work.

However, this funding was cut in 2013.

Now while we at The Jambar are rolling around on the fat stacks YSU practically throws at us, the Penguin Review must support itself alone through everything from bake sales to grant applications to donations.

Though many student-run organizations on campus also support themselves independently through similar meth-

ods — and this of course is commendable as well — the Penguin Review had relied on this lifeline to pay for print and their other expenses for 48 years.

That rug was pulled out from under them suddenly, and it is a remarkable feat that the magazine was able to hold together so well.

As another piece of student print media, albeit a significantly different one, we can say with certainty that we simply would not survive if this happened to us.

Thanks to the effort of the current staff at the Penguin Review, they did not crumble, but instead they were able to produce both their traditional annual issue last spring and now a second special edition this semester. The co-editors of the literary magazine said they spent, on average, 15 to 25 hours each week throughout this year and closer to 35 hours in the weeks of production.

It is easy enough to be dismissive of this commitment, as we are all full-time students who are also throwing their minimal time into building resumes, but this group is providing a legitimate service to students of YSU without compensation and without consistent financial support from the university. Along with Jenny Magazine, the Penguin Review offers budding creatives at YSU a chance to

submit their work anonymously and begin their daunting trip through the cutthroat world of creative writing in a lower-pressure environment.

It gives many creatives their first chance to really prove their skill. Essentially these literary magazines are a crucial stepping stone for an entire slice of the YSU community. And it is not an inexpensive pursuit — costing \$1,500 to print each edition of Penguin Review, which is offered to the public for free by the group.

Of course, none of this would have been possible if not for The Jambar, who bravely provides the Penguin Review office, which is right down the hall from us, with printer paper. You're welcome.

Anyway, we give our kudos to the Penguin Review for their tenacity and loyalty to this pursuit — when others would simply have allowed the ship to sink — as well as other student groups, such as Jenny Magazine and the Student Government Association, who provide a service to the university on their own time. In general, if you are a student who adds to the YSU community, pat yourself on the back — no, actually pat yourself on the back, we will know if you don't.

Congratulations on your 50th anniversary Penguin Review; you deserve to celebrate.

When Did We Become Such Snobs?

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There is a hubcap missing on my precious car that I just got in April. This devastates me. I am so embarrassed when people see it, I can feel them silently judging me for this blemish on Jennifer — that's my car's name.

I am more concerned about my missing hubcap than buying Christmas gifts for my third cousin's husband, once removed. I'm probably even more concerned than I am about saving money to purchase books for next semester. When did I become so selfish, snobby even, to prioritize my luxury of having a vehicle — sadly missing her hubcap — instead of caring about others during this season of giving?

What brought me back to reality was actually quite a simple, unimportant moment at work the other morning. While working the cold drive-thru of the trendy coffee shop, I asked my co-worker sporting a fuzzy coat, where she got such a treasure.

"Wal-Mart," she replied, unashamed.

Just that simple response made me smile. How many times has anyone lied about where they got something in an effort to sound like they

were better — above even — than to shop at the dreaded Wal-Mart?

The brutal honesty slapped me — just like this harsh, cruel weather every time I trek from Fedor to Williamson. Why am I such a snob about such petty things? Because they are petty in comparison to the real issues of the world.

That family practically freezing to death waiting outside the soup kitchen for a meal would probably love a \$15 jacket from Wal-Mart as I scoff at it.

How about the single mom of two that walks to work everyday — probably uphill both ways — that would appreciate a nice car, to keep her warm, lessen her travel time and give her just a few more minutes with her kids in the morning, despite the missing hubcap?

In "Field Guide to the Snob: Some Like It Haute," written on psychologytoday.com in May of 2009, Adelle Waldman starts her article with a story about a boy's journey into becoming a snob — deeming him a social climber based on what he was raised with, expensive taste and privilege.

Waldman reports — from Leon Seltzer, a clinical psychologist — that being a snob is the tendency to look

down on others. Looking down on others is bred into these snobs, for their expensive taste and materialistic focus was ingrained into them. We are truly a product of our environments. But can we overcome them?

Personally, I recognize that while I was not born with a silver spoon in my mouth, I catch myself acting like someone who is too good for the grandeur of a cheap sweatshirt. But does that make me a snob?

"At its most extreme, snobbery can be a symptom of narcissistic personality disorder, a condition marked by grandiosity, a need for admiration, and a preoccupation with power and prestige," Waldman said.

I'm not necessarily preoccupied with "power" and "prestige," but I do enjoy being admired for having nice things — who doesn't?

However, it is important to remember what time of year it is, maybe that will set all of us broke college students straight — materialistically anyways. 'Tis the season to be grateful and give thanks for all that you have, regardless of the blemishes — for someone else may be striving for everything that you treat like nothing.

THE JAMBAR COM

Mark Hardaway Creates Winning Culture



Head coach Mark Hardaway strategizes with the volleyball team during a timeout. The Penguins have three straight winning seasons for the first time in program history under Hardaway.

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When Youngstown State University volleyball coach Mark Hardaway arrived on campus three years ago, the program was an afterthought to the athletic department.

Hardaway took over a team that went 5-24 in 2011. Since his first season in 2012, the Penguins have posted a winning record in his first three seasons, including a 16-13 record during the regular season this year.

During Hardaway's other interviews, the administrations at other universities tried to convince him how great their program was. He was impressed by how truthful the YSU administration was during his interview.

"During the interview process, I was very excited by the fact that when I sat down with the administration, they said 'This is what we have and here are our expectations. If you can't do the expectations with what we have, please say no now,'" Hardaway said.

Hardaway doesn't take credit for the program's turnaround. He said he believes the players and their willingness to change led to the eventual suc-

cess of the volleyball program.

"It's the players that made the change, and that's the key," he said. "The players made the change and, fortunate for me, the change worked right away and that helped me in our second year. I think if they made the changes and if they didn't work, it would have been harder in our second year."

Since Hardaway has built the foundation for a winning program, he can now focus on coaching and further development of the players he recruited and developed. Senior Shannon Watson praised Hardaway on his coaching style and his ability of personally coach his players.

"I think he is great as a person and as a coach," Watson said. "I think he knows how we need to be coached individually and how we need to be talked to. I know I am different from Lexi Egler, I know I am different from Jessie Gerig, and he plays upon that really well. He knows the type of approach we need in order to be successful and he really does a very good job at being personalized in his coaching."

Junior Aly Ryan is thankful for being recruited by Hardaway and realizes how lucky she is to have Hardaway as her coach.

"I don't think I have heard of a coach that cares for his players so much," Ryan said. "I know that within the first season, I was talking to a lot of my other friends from my club team back home, and they were playing at different colleges and they tell me these horror stories of how they are quitting volleyball. People that love the sport more than I do and it really scared me, but Coach is the nicest coach ever and he understands when we are tired. He understands when we need to go a little lighter on practice, but he knows when we need to go a little harder."

Ryan also spoke of how well Hardaway knows his players, and how this helps the team.

"I think he knows his players very well on the court and off the court and I think he uses it to his advantage because he cares so much about his players so that we feel that there is this respect with each other and it carries over to the success of the team," Ryan said.

The Penguins hope to continue winning this season as the Horizon League tournament approaches. YSU will play Cleveland State University on Nov. 20 and will try to bring the volleyball program its first conference title in program history.

YSU's Last Chance

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November has not been kind to the Youngstown State University football team over the past two seasons. YSU has come into November with a 8-1 record in 2013 and 7-2 this year and appeared to have excellent chances of making the playoffs. Once November arrives, YSU is a combined 2-5 over the past two years, and the late season losses cost the Penguins the playoffs a season ago.

"It's extremely frustrating because we've been right there," senior Christian Bryan said. "I can't even put into words, honestly, what to even say. Its just unbelievably frustrating because we have so much talent and ability, and we're right there and then all of a sudden something happens in November and we just collapse."

If YSU is to make the playoffs, they will need a win this Saturday in their final game of the season against three time defending National Champion North Dakota State University. The Bison are 10-1 on the year, have won 19 straight at home in the Fargodome and have not lost at home since 2012.

"They're a great team. I have a lot of respect for them, but there would be nothing sweeter than to go up there and knock them off," Bryan said.

Head coach Eric Wolford has led the Penguins to success in Fargo. YSU is one of only three teams to defeat the Bison in the Fargodome since 2011.

"It's loud, it's crazy, it's awesome to play at. I love playing there. I mean, it's tough to play there, but it's a lot of fun. It's exactly what college football should be," senior safety Donald D'Alesio said.

Wolford said that the team would be practicing with the volume cranked up this week to help prepare for how loud the Fargodome will be.

"The fans are on you. They're into the game. They're making noise," Wolford said. "When you practice all week with the crowd noise like we have been, it forces you to communicate non-verbally and that's something that's a big part of the game."

If YSU loses this weekend, it will be viewed as the second straight season where the Penguins blew their chances of the playoffs by losing the final three games of the season.

"You got to lay it all on the line. You might get hurt, but I'm going to give it everything I got for my teammates, for my coaches, for the fans, my family. I'm going to play with my heart and my mind," Bryan said. "This is what football's all about."

North Dakota State enters Saturday's contest fresh off a 45-10 win over Missouri State University last weekend. NDSU quarterback Carson Wentz threw for a school record five touchdowns and a career high 247 passing yards in the win.

"They play hard. They'll run the ball until they can't run anymore, then they'll take their shot deep," D'Alesio said.

Defensive end Kyle



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Wide receiver Christian Bryan (2) fights for extra yards after the catch during YSU's 44-13 win against Butler University at Stambaugh Stadium on Sept. 13.

Emanuel leads the Bison defense with 15.5 sacks and 23 tackles for a loss on the year, including two sacks and 3.5 tackles for loss in last weeks win. Emanuel is currently third all-time at NDSU with 36 career sacks

"I really like Kyle Emanuel. One of my favorite guys in the league," Wolford said. "Just a go-hard guy. Plays hard all the time."

Kickoff against North Dakota State is set for 3:30 p.m. on Saturday.

FCS COLLEGE FOOTBALL RANKINGS

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| 1. Coastal Carolina (11-0) | 12. Montana State (8-3) |
| 2. New Hampshire (9-1) | 13. Montana (7-4) |
| 3. Jacksonville State (9-1) | 14. Harvard (9-0) |
| 4. North Dakota State (10-1) | 15. South Dakota State (7-4) |
| 5. Eastern Washington (9-2) | 16. Eastern Kentucky (9-2) |
| 6. Villanova (9-2) | 17. McNeese State (6-4) |
| 7. Illinois State (9-1) | 18. Indiana State (7-4) |
| 8. Fordham (10-1) | 19. William & Mary (7-4) |
| 9. Chattanooga (8-3) | 20. Youngstown State (7-4) |
| 10. Southeastern Louisiana (8-3) | 21. Richmond (7-4) |
| 11. Northern Iowa (7-4) | 22. James Madison (8-3) |