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## Advisers prepare students for fall

Jenny Boyce  
ASSIST. NEWS EDITOR

Setting up an appointment with an academic adviser is one of the biggest setbacks for students when it comes time to schedule for a new semester's classes.

Youngstown State University's faculty and student academic advisers list advisement, along with late registrations, as the main problem for students when registering for fall courses just past mid-semester.

"The biggest difficulty [students] face is when they realize they need to come in and see an adviser before they can register for classes, if they have under 33 hours completed," said Karen Henning, academic adviser in the Department of Education.

Henning said some stu-

dents tend to overlook the letters from YSU that detail the times students will be able to schedule for classes. Overlooking such information can lead to last minute scheduling, which will leave students with less of a selection, Henning explained.

Academic Adviser Suzanne Miller of the Department of Health and Human Services agreed with Henning, saying that the most complaints among students come in around August. Students trying to schedule classes after the application deadline often find they cannot register for developmental courses. These courses, also known as pre-college courses, are often the first classes to go and are hard to register for by August, Miller said.

"The students who register late for classes are usual-



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Freshmen Ruby Freeman looks through the scheduling book for next fall, but hasn't talked to an adviser yet about what classes she will be taking.

ly the ones who need the developmental courses," Miller said. "Since they're the first to go, they're usually not available on later dates."

Junior Jaelyn Lucas, a peer adviser at the Center for Student Progress, also noted that freshmen and sophomores — who are required to see their academic advisers if they have accrued less than 33 hours — are those who come to her seeking last-minute help this time of the year.

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## YSU welcomes new diversity staff member

Ashley Tate  
REPORTER

Youngstown State University will add another face to the diversity on campus.

Yulanda McCarty-Harris, the new director of the Office of Equal Opportunity and Diversity, will unpack her boxes and settle into her office Monday.

Harris said she discovered the position through one of her colleagues.

"I started researching it and it seemed like President Sweet was committed to the diversity program, and the top is where it starts at," Harris said.

Harris, who graduated from Southern Methodist University School of Law in Dallas with a juris doctorate, said her legal background will come into play

for investigating cases of discrimination.

Harris said her role is to ensure that our campus embraces an atmosphere that respects all races and ethnicities represented at the university.

Law isn't the only aspect Harris studied. She had a hand in the journalism field, where she was a sports reporter.

"That was kind of a while back. It was interesting. I kind of tripped into sports writing. My plan was to go to law school. It [sports writing] is just a different type of journalistic writing. To me, you were allowed more flexibility. You don't have to come off with the five W's right away; you can wait a little while for that," she said.

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NEWS EDITOR

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Richard Rakos

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Shearle Furnish

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## Elevator pump catches fire in Tod Hall

Elizabeth Boon  
JAMBAR CONTRIBUTOR

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The Youngstown City Fire Department are walking away from Tod Hall after they took care of the small pump fire on Wednesday afternoon.

"The people in the building don't like to leave when they hear the fire alarm. It's a hazard," she said.

Fire trucks, police cars and ambulance vehicles surrounded Tod Hall just after noon after a hydraulic pump motor in an elevator malfunctioned.

Battalion Chief Tim McGarry said that the fire self-extinguished.

The rescue workers ventilated Tod Hall before allowing employees back into the building.

Walking back into Tod Hall, Sweet said he left the building when the alarm went off. He said he didn't see or smell any smoke.

No one was injured.

At the sound of emergency sirens on Youngstown State University's campus Wednesday afternoon, President David Sweet walked out of Tod Hall to demonstrate proper evacuation.

But not all employees who work in Tod Hall were willing to evacuate the building when an elevator hydraulic pump caught fire and spread smoke.

YSU Police Officer Deana Bryant said there was smoke, but no visible flame. She said many of the people in the building did not properly evacuate.

## Murry is inducted as bishop of Youngstown Diocese

Elizabeth Boon  
JAMBAR CONTRIBUTOR

succeeding Bishop Thomas J. Tobin, who left in May 2005.

Police tried to control traffic, a priest yelled about how he could not find a place to park, journalists and photographers clamored to find information, and members of the Knights of Columbus — dressed in their full ceremonial garb — stood at attention.

The Rev. George V. Murry was named the new bishop of the Catholic Diocese of Youngstown,

Monsignor Robert J. Siffrin has served as administrator since Tobin's departure.

Wednesday's installation ceremony at St. Columba's Cathedral drew 41 bishops and archbishops from around the United States and hundreds of locals, including some Youngstown State University officials.

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Jambar / Maysoon Abdelrasul

The Knights of Columbus wait for the installment of the new bishop, the Rev. George V. Murry.

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The third candidate for the dean position for the College of Liberal Arts and Social Sciences (CLASS) held an open forum for students, faculty and staff Tuesday.

Richard Rakos, ombudsperson at Cleveland State University, stressed the importance of the CLASS being a community.

"A community that is engaged in exploring the human condition," Rakos said. "Explore it in innovative and engaging ways."

Rakos said that as a dean he would want to solicit feedback from staff and students and "bring everyone into the process." He said the only way the college can function properly is if all of the elements are heard.

Rakos acknowledged that he would have a lot to learn in the beginning.

"I want to allow everyone to help educate me," he said.

With Rakos' current position at CSU, he drew similarities between the two universities, saying that he does "understand the urban institution."

"I understand this type of institution [and] the students it seeks to educate," Rakos said. "I always felt a strong commitment to public education."

One of the challenges that Rakos sees with the new position is that student success is dependent upon faculty involve-

ment. He said that as dean, he would focus a lot on faculty because it is important to keep them involved and motivate them.

When it comes to his management style, Rakos said that he delegates, but doesn't micromanage.

"I don't make decisions [in areas] where I don't have the best understanding," he said.

Rakos said he recognizes that this is a commuter campus and wants to hear from the student body.

"I want to hear what their experiences are, see what changes worked and involve the students," he told the forum. "More interaction with faculty is crucial for commuter students."

Rakos also said that he recognizes the new opportunity that lies with the formation of the new college.

"Rarely do you have the opportunity to lead a new unit from the start," he said. "It's an opportunity to use my skills in a creative way."

Rakos said the CLASS should start off the new semester strong.

"It's critical that CLASS builds an identity as an innovative unit. It needs to hit the ground running."

Rakos suggested planning events to mark the beginning of the new college. The final CLASS dean forum will be today at 4 p.m. in Tod Hall.

**FURNISH, continued from page 1**

The last of four candidates for the dean of the College of Liberal Arts and Social Sciences (CLASS) visited the university Wednesday and participated in an open forum.

Shearle Furnish, head of the Department of English and Modern Language at West Texas A&M University, said that as the dean of CLASS he can bring a voice to the college.

"CLASS has a lot to offer students not in the college," Furnish said.

He said he has powers of advocacy and publicity to bring attention to what the college has to offer.

"I bring energy and a voice to the college," he said.

Furnish said that before he makes a decision on a proposal or idea, he always considers how it will affect the students. "My career as a teacher has taught me to do that," he said.

During the forum, he discussed what the potential first six months at the position would be like.

"One thing I would need to do is get to know the college staff, the people right outside my office door. They are a fountain of wisdom when it comes to understanding the functions of the college," he said.

While Furnish said he would like to meet everyone, he said he is not the type of administrator who walks around the college.

"I don't have the natural gifts as the administrator who walks around. My instinct is to stay at my computer with my door always open," he said.

Furnish said he would also want to walk around the campus, assess the bureaucratic matters and meet people.

He said he has a few reservations about taking the job.

"My greatest reservation is whether I want a job with less student interaction. I love students, and I love teaching."

Furnish said he is ready for the new challenge that this position offers.

When asked about the possibility of a community college at Youngstown State University, Furnish said he has experience in working with these colleges. He said the colleges "forge a bond between good kids with tremendous needs and the potential to turn things around."

If he was given a choice, Furnish said he would choose not to have a community college.

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"Students that must see an adviser should schedule an advisement appointment about two to three weeks before they can register, [and] before the advisers get too booked up with appointments to help them," Lucas said.

Lucas also suggests academic advisement for students who are not required to see their adviser before registering for classes.

"I'm a junior and I still see my adviser every semester, just to make sure that nothing surprises me," she said.

Junior Amber Roden, who works with Lucas as a peer adviser at CSP, agrees that freshmen may be particularly at risk, if they do not schedule an appointment to see their student adviser to help them through the process.

"We mainly stress to the first year students that they make an adviser appointment early," Roden said, "and we let them know how important

their advisers are."

Junior and peer adviser Jim Lewis agrees with Roden. Lewis said a common problem among freshmen is that they are sometimes not proactive when it comes to registration. However, most freshmen Lewis works with are, in fact, proactive, which allows CSP to prepare them for registration and teach them the process.

Roden and Lucas both agree with Miller and Henning's advice, saying that students, no matter what year they are in, should seek out their advisers sooner rather than later before scheduling for classes.

"There's no such thing as a stupid question," Miller said of students who may be hesitant to seek out an adviser. "If we don't have an answer, then we'll find it for you. It's true what the signs say; your academic adviser can be your best friend."

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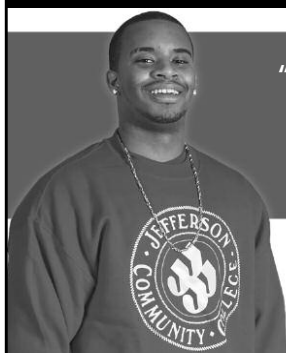
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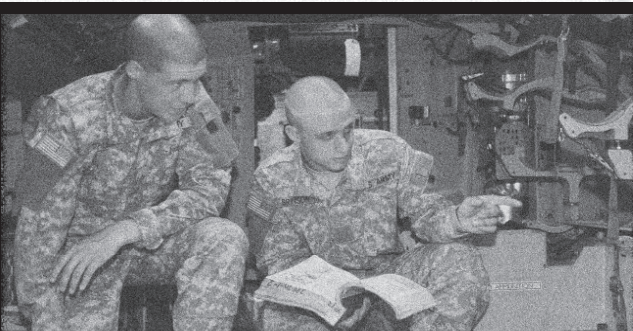
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### OUR SIDE

## Are we done yet?

With five weeks left in the semester, we are beginning to feel the end end-of-semester blues. We're not sad that the semester is almost over, by any means. Rather, we're going nuts over the million-and-one things on our to-do lists for the next few weeks.

Those 15-page papers that we knew about all semester long are now lurking upon us. Of course, many of us haven't even thought about them yet. Now would probably be a good time to get to the library and start researching.

Just the thought of it makes us cringe. But we must get those papers done. If we start now and write just an hour a day, we'll have enough time to finish them.

Oops, wait a minute. Time is not something college students have. At least not with those pending projects. Almost forgot those. Well, let's just readjust and set another hour every day to finish those, too. Back on track, now.

Just kidding. In cruel and twisted collegiate society, a puzzling species of magical creatures called professors expect students, an inferior species, to partake in ritualistic gatherings called class. As part of these gatherings, students endure grueling and barbaric battle royales called tests and peculiar training devices called homework.

Enchanting, isn't it?

Scavenging for survival through the academic forest seems like a never-ending cycle. Just when you think you are all caught up and have found your way to the edge of the forest, its professorial limbs jut out before your eyes, bearing more drafts, outlines and proposals. And they're all due by next week.

Yes, we signed up to be a part of this mysterious society, for hope of a better future, but, by the power of Merlin's beard, can we please spread the work out more over the semester?

For every 15 pages we have to write, professors have to grade them all. You signed up for that, too, O Great Ones. Lessening our workload would simplify yours.

Tip for the professors: Use your wizardly powers to choose either a paper, project or test — not more than one. If the wand was in our hands, we would make all three of them disappear, but we are paying for our education, so we might as well get our money's worth. With tuition that has risen steadily for the past few years, it would be just magical if professors granted our wish for less schoolwork so we can allot time for our jobs.

Then there's scheduling, another menacing monster. Appointments with academic advisers are the annoying burrs of the forest, and registering for classes is the survival of the fittest (or fastest mouse-clicker).

While seniors don't have to bother with advisement, they will face the reality of job searching once they escape the castle walls of college.

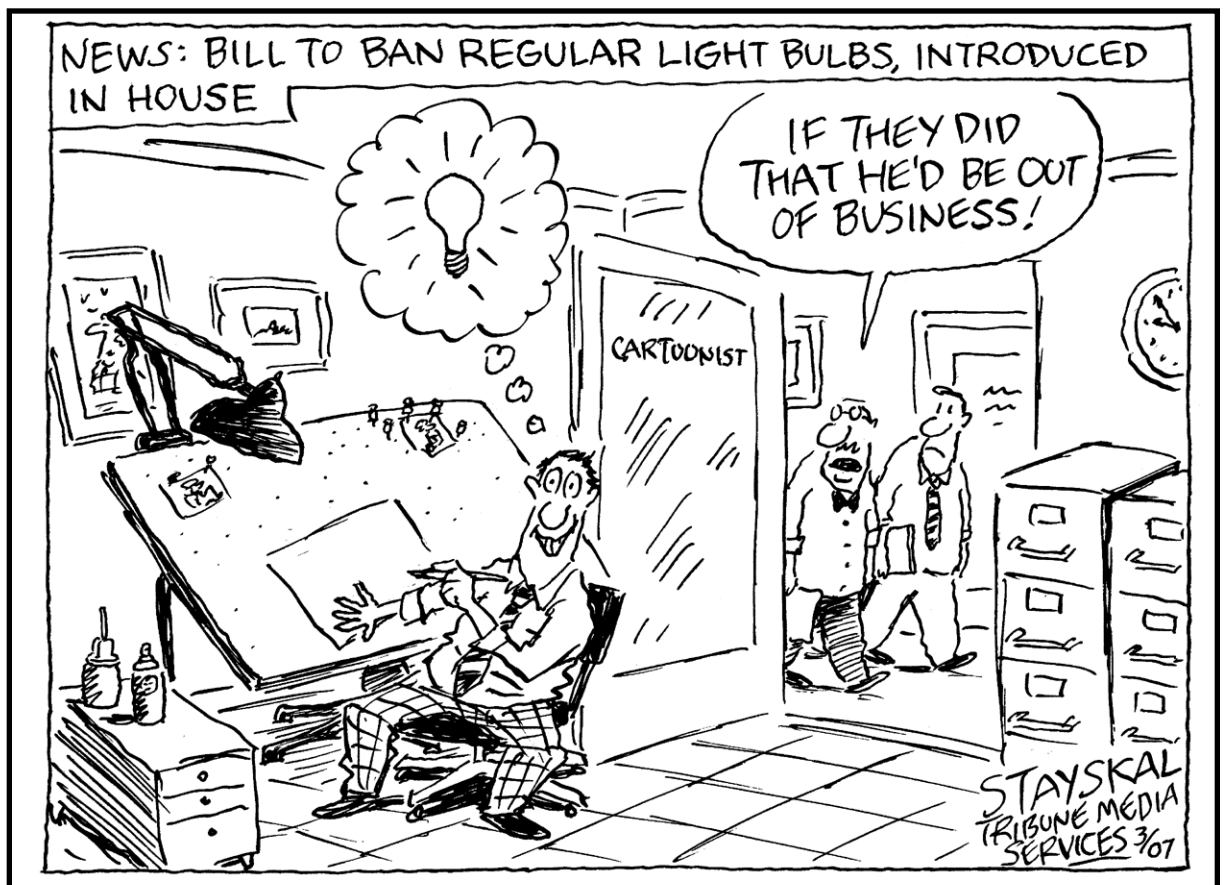
But the biggest beast of the academic forest is yet to attack: Finals are approaching with rearing heads. May the sunny days of summer save the knights and damsels in distress on college campuses everywhere.

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### LETTER TO THE EDITOR

Editor:

I would like to address Mr. Iesue's concerns regarding the impartiality of the Elections Board. I am a member of the Board and was also a member last year. I would like to make it perfectly clear that I am NOT speaking on behalf of the Elections Board, but on behalf of myself as a member of the Board who is thoroughly offended by Mr. Iesue's accusations. I have several points I would like to make. First of all, while this point has been made several times, I feel the need to reiterate the fact that the Elections Board is only applying pre-established rules concerning the validation of signatures. It is not the job of the Board to coddle candidates. We are also not the ones who check the signatures!!! We can only decide if we will allow exceptions to the requirement. Personally, I would not want someone to be the President of SGA who was A.) unable to follow simple instructions and B.) lacking in the foresight necessary to plan ahead. The signature requirement reflects that these attributes are important for candidates to embody. Basically, the candidates KEPT THEMSELVES off the ballots. The Elections Board would be partial, Mr. Iesue, if they allowed there to be exceptions to the pre-established rules. Being a political science major, I would assume that Mr. Iesue is familiar with the preconditions of a democratic society — an open system in which pre-established rules are followed down to the wire. If these rules are bent, it undermines the legitimacy of the system. If we start making exceptions we would be going against the very fabric of our entire political system. Second of all, my PERSONAL thoughts concerning the rock are such. Candidates are required to follow all university policies while campaigning. The rock is meant to be PAINTED. While there may not be a rule that states "no paper Mache," there is something called common sense, which is generally instituted by MATURE adults. One of the reasons the rock was moved to its new location was because too many people



were painting the adjacent surfaces. Keeping this in mind, I would like to raise the point that PAPER MACHE AND RAIN DO NOT MIX. Therefore, the glue and newspaper could possibly end up all over the adjacent surfaces. I believe that the group who used paper Mache on the rock should have looked into the weather forecast when making the decision to plaster glue and newspaper all over a common university surface that just happens to be OUTSIDE!! Also, last I checked glue isn't exactly biodegradable. If it rains (as it is supposed to) and there is a huge mess at the Rock, who is going to clean it up? What possible effects could it have on the environment? Excellent effort, honestly, but once again, it lacked foresight, and is an issue that the elections board will need to address. Third of all, I would like to address Mr. Iesue's resignation from the race. As of right now, no mudslinging has been brought to the attention of the Elections Board. Candidates have been warned personally, in addition to being warned as members of the entire candidacy pool. The Elections Board is very strongly advocating clean and positive campaigning; however, Mr. Iesue would not know this fact because, as far as I know, he has not made an effort to get to know his Elections Board. We only want a fair and smooth election!!! It is not cute or funny or even close to mature to base one's

campaigning on mudslinging. However, I would like to bring an interesting legal concept to Mr. Iesue's attention. It is the concept of seditious libel. Libel is only seditious if it is proven to be untrue. Based on this, there is an argument to be made for reverse campaigning; however, behavior contravening the student code of conduct will not be accepted. As far as I am concerned, Mr. Iesue is basically just the kind of person who likes to stir the proverbial pot. He needs there to be controversy... he always has. He needs someone to blame for the fact that he is insecure about running against three established members of student government and one very popular student. If he was REALLY concerned about mudslinging, he should have come to the Elections Board with his concern. Then he could have made an informed decision, as opposed to an arbitrary one, concerning whether or not we were an impartial body. Mr. Iesue is assuming information in an effort to place blame. In summation, I would like to restate my general point: the Elections Board has not prevented anyone from running, and I firmly believe that the Board has not acted in any way other than in the best interest of the student population.

Jessica Neal

### COMMENTARY

## Political parties agree on one thing

McClatchy  
Tribune News Service  
(MCT)

Edward Bennett Williams, the late Washington super-lawyer who once owned the National Football League's Washington Redskins, once said of his team's coach, George Allen, "We gave him an unlimited budget, and he exceeded it."

So, too, did Congress, in passing the 2001 Patriot Act, give the FBI almost unlimited authority to collect the telephone, e-mail and financial records of terrorism suspects. And the FBI exceeded it.

Congress finally has found an issue that truly has bipartisan support. Last Tuesday, lawmakers from the distant wings of both political parties agreed that the FBI illegally used so called "national security letters" to collect vast amounts of private information from Americans and foreign residents alike. Often the information was gathered on the slimmest of pretexts.

Over the objection of the White House, the FBI turned itself in. Earlier this month Glenn A. Fine, the bureau's inspector general, reported to Congress that in reviewing records from just four of the FBI's 56 field offices, he had found 48 violations of law or presidential directives governing the

issuance of national security letters. The letters are, in effect, administrative subpoenas, compelling the production of evidence; unlike judicial subpoenas, they aren't approved by courts but rather by the Special Agent in Charge in each field office.

Congress authorized national security letters in 1986, but with the passage of the Patriot Act in 2001, agents no longer had to demonstrate that the records they sought belonged to someone under suspicion of involvement with terrorism or espionage. The new standard was "relevance to ongoing investigations." That caused the number of such letters to skyrocket to 56,000 in 2004 from 8,500 in 2000. In all, some 143,000 NSLs were issued between 2003 and 2005. In many instances, Fine said, the letters were sent without proper oversight or without proving "exigent" (life and death) necessity.

Last week, members of the House Judiciary Committee warned FBI officials to get their house in order. Lawmakers as disparate as Rep. Darrell Issa, R-Calif., and Jerrold Nadler, D-N.Y., condemned the violation of privacy rights. "From the attorney general on down, you should be ashamed of yourselves," Issa said.

FBI Director Robert Mueller has acknowledged the bureau's failures, and said steps are underway to address the

problem. "I am to be held accountable," he said, thankfully avoiding the more familiar "mistakes were made" construction.

The Patriot Act, which was passed in a hurry in the heat of post-9/11 recriminations, always was a "fishing with dynamite" approach to terrorism investigations. It was reauthorized last year, but needs still more work, particularly in the area of Congressional oversight. It is overly broad and too easily subject to abuse. Congress should revisit its infamous Section 215, which keeps targets of investigation from knowing their records have been subpoenaed. It should eliminate the "relevance to ongoing investigation" standard and require "suspicion of involvement" before NSLs can be issued. And it should affirm that NSLs can be used in place of judicial subpoenas only in life-and-death emergencies.

Beyond that, the FBI's overworked field agents need moral leadership. Under pressure to make a case in the Boise or Bismarck field office, the agents look to Washington and see the attorney general playing politics with U.S. attorneys, the vice president defending torture and the president cavalierly claiming the right to bypass both the judiciary and legislative branches. No wonder they think the rules have changed.

Clarification:

Tuesday's editorial stated that students are not on search committees at Youngstown State University. It came to the editor's attention Wednesday that students are members of search committees. The Jambar Editorial Board was not aware of this at the time the editorial was printed.

Clarification:

In the series of recent Student Government Association news stories and in Thursday's editorial, The Jambar printed that write-in candidates in SGA elections are not allowed to participate in debates. The Elections Board Commissioner clarified to the publication that write-ins are permitted to participate in debates and will do so next week.

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## THEATER

## 'The Book of Liz' is down-home comedy

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"The Book of Liz," written by Amy and David Sedaris, revolves around Elizabeth Donderstock, a simple, sweaty, unhappy girl, played by Brooke Slanina, stuck in an Amish-like community. She lives amid the likes of the Rev. Tollhouse, condescendingly enacted by Eric McRea, who consistently degrades her efforts, and Sister Constance Butterworth, played by Denise Glinatsis, who reminds her that happy people are hard workers.

In the sea of Godly misery, her only comfort is her cheese balls. But a newcomer to whom she hands her recipes takes that comfort away. The newcomer is the sanctimonious Brother Brightbee, who is earnestly brought to life by Amato D'Apolito. In response, she runs away from small-town Cluster Haven, and directly into Mr. Peanut. She is still dressed in her conservative outfit — from the ruffled hem of her brown and white dress to the top of her bonnet.

Of course, inside Mr. Peanut is the lovely Ukrainian immigrant Oxana (Jenifer Kuczek) and her husband Yvonne (D'Apolito), both of whom were taught English by a cockney chimney sweep, and are so charmed

by Liz that take her into their home.

The couple encourages her to get a job at the Pilgrim-themed restaurant where she mixes with recovering alcoholics, burnt-out-waitresses like Donna, played by Elizabeth Farrow, and characters of all other kinds.

While Liz adjusts to life outside her strict religious upbringing, things aren't rolling quite so well with Brother Brightbee's cheese balls.

Besides designing costuming and sound and playing the role of "Visil," Robert Dennick Joki also directed "The Book of Liz," a charming and hilarious play. Fran Comstock designed a three-room stage for the set, and L.J. "Tess" Tessier managed the show with a homey but tongue-in-cheek sense of its own humor.

Thursday night at 8 p.m. will be a free preview night, before the show opens Friday night. Show times on Fridays and Saturdays are 8 p.m., while Sunday matinees begin at 2 p.m. In addition to this weekend's three runs, show dates are April 6, 7, 8, 13 and 14.

**RIGHT:** Elizabeth Farrow (Donna) instructs Brooke Slanina (Liz) in the art of waitressing as Eric McRea (Duncan) looks on with disdain.



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## YSU

## "Chili" Challis to cook up comedy at Peaberry's

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A former staff writer for NBC's The Tonight Show will return to his stand-up comedy roots today at Peaberry's Cafe. Bert "Chili" Challis of Burbank, Calif., will step foot onto the Youngstown State University stage and deliver his most amusing material at 11 a.m.

As a child, Challis idolized the comedic stylings of Johnny Carson and other acts on The Tonight Show. Having performed his first stand-up routine in fifth grade, the comedian was perpetually lured by the art. He got his first breaks at a college open mike night and as a "Gong Show" host at a local nightclub.

"[Comedy] was a pure way for me to communicate pain and turn it into something positive — laughter," he said. "The comedians I saw on TV as a young person always seemed to be happy people. I wanted that."

Pursuing his dream through drama and improvisation classes, Challis eventually became a personal writer for Jay Leno. When a position opened up at The Tonight Show, Leno invited the comedian to join the staff. For several years, Challis wrote jokes for the television show that first sparked his interest in comedy, poking fun at celebrities including O.J. Simpson, Bill Clinton, Michael Jackson and George W. Bush.

Persistently up-to-date on popular culture, Challis asserts his favorite current celebrity joke centers on none other than Britney Spears.

"Britney Spears recently shaved her head," he joked. "So I guess now the drapes really do match the carpeting."

While working at The Tonight Show,

Challis grew weary of writing material for another person to deliver. Desiring management of his own jokes, Challis left the television show to return to stand-up comedy.

"In writing for another person, you have to capture their 'voice' and their attitude and let go of yourself a bit," he said. "Telling my own bits is complete freedom. There is nothing like full creative control over your own art. It's worth fighting for."

Now conducting comedy classes and



cracking jokes across the country, Challis considers himself to be "a clean comedian with adult language." Inspired by the trials and tribulations of humankind, he writes

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Bert "Chili" Challis  
Comedian

jokes on a variety of topics.

"I love to write stuff about human condition — our pain, our thoughts, our faults," he said. "And I like little aggravations, such as dealing with morons and our families — one in the same sometimes."

Generally displaying a calm demeanor while

"I literally had to chase some of them into the rest rooms to get them...but I did," he said. "The audience went berserk with laughter and applause, and believe it or not, the people I had attacked loved it also. Some people are just starved for attention I guess."

Although beer is available at Peaberry's, Challis does not expect any crowd-spraying incidents at today's performance because of a previous positive experience in the city.

"I was in Youngstown for one weekend to work with my pal Paulie Shore," he said. "It was fantastic, and the audience was totally awesome."

Returning to the area with optimism, Challis aims to provide YSU students and staff with a memorable time.

"I go for laughs — lots of them," he said. "I don't make political statements or do anything that is sexually explicit. I am there purely to help you have some fun."

Following his performance at Peaberry's, Challis will deliver his material to a Funny Farm Comedy Club audience Friday at 9 p.m. and Saturday at 9:30 p.m. Tickets to the show are \$13.50 per person.

performing his material, Challis admits he has had a few crazy moments on stage. Most notably, the comedian recalls jumping off stage and spraying a few unruly audience members with their own beer.

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Murry was previously the bishop of a diocese in St. Thomas, in the U.S. Virgin Islands, where he worked with the Catholic Relief Services since 2002.

Murry's induction marks him as the fifth bishop of the Youngstown Diocese.

William Blake, director of YSU's student diversity programs, said he hopes the new bishop will "enhance the relationship" between YSU and the Catholic church.

"We have a strong religious component at YSU," Blake said. "The bishop will have to work with YSU, as well as the mayor of Youngstown. There will be a lot more collaboration between people."

Blake said the bishop would especially impact Youngstown because he is black.

"For the Pope to appoint a person of color, it means a great deal to this community," Blake said. "It's going to help us deal with issues of diversity."

Thomas Murphy, a member of

the Knights of Columbus, said he was enthusiastic about the ceremony.

"This is history," Murphy said of the installation. "This will never happen again."



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**Police Blotter**

**Burglary**

A Youngstown State University Police Officer was sent to the Kilcawley Center kitchen in reference to a burglary on March 18. According to the police report, the suspect climbed and removed two overhead ceiling panels and stepped onto a 4-foot metal cabinet. Several items were moved around, but only an envelope was taken from the desk according to the report. The envelope contained \$3.57 and was thrown into the trashcan. The suspect then exited out of the office door, leaving it open.

**Missing computers**

According to a Youngstown State University Police report, Moser Hall had two 256 MB IBM memory strips stolen from a computer tower in lab 4200. According to the police report, the theft occurred last week between 10 p.m. on Tuesday and 11 a.m. on Wednesday. The computer lab is locked when not in use, but there were no signs of forced entry. The computer was damaged during the removal of the memory strips according to the police reports.

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Harris, whose husband is a sports columnist, said this year she got to go to Super Bowl XLI and witness history when coaches Lovie Smith and Tony Dungy, both African American, squared off against each other.

Journalism, Harris said, was a segue to where she wanted to go and what she wanted to do.

"I just fell in love with the aspect of law. Going to law school — it was just so much knowledge, and you don't have to practice it. I don't think there's a better job; I have a passion for this job. I think it's ever-changing."

"A lot of people that have been in the area of equal opportunity and diversity don't have the training or actual legal background that I have, and that kind of sets me aside. Diversity is about having different people with different thoughts and cultures that come to the table with the same goal: to get our students equipped to go out into the world."

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### TRACK AND FIELD

## Penguin Track Team to kickoff season at Duke Invitational

The squad will look to improve on its second place finish in the Horizon League Tournament last season

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Youngstown State head track and field coach Brian Gorby wants to carry his team's indoor success over to the outdoor season, starting with the Duke Invitational, being held April 6th and 7th.

The men's and women's indoor squads ended the year with a second place finishes at the Horizon League Tournament February 25.

"Most years we've been a slow starting program in the first two or three meets," Gorby said. "Sometimes we take a step back to take two steps forward but in the past we opened up earlier. We want to set the tone now."

Junior thrower Bethany Anderson said that she will use the first meet to gauge where she is now and to see what she needs to improve on.

She said she can then set goals for herself. Of course Anderson, the current Horizon League Indoor Track and Field Athlete of the Year, probably sets higher goals than most.

"My goal is to qualify for regionals in the hammer and get a good distance in my other events. It's exciting that we get to compete at the Duke Invitational," Anderson said.

Anderson will play an important role on a team that is deep on both the men's and women's sides, as many current Penguins are inching up the school record books.

The YSU men and women each placed second in the Horizon League in the indoor season, and will look to make the jump to the next level.

According to Gorby hard work will be the key in translating those records to on the field success.

"It comes down to hard work and putting the time in," he said. "The kids have made a lot of sacrifices. If you put 100 hours in, you'll get 100 hours of success down the road. If you only put 10 hours in, you'll only get 10 hours of success."



Photo courtesy YSU Sports Informations  
Alisha Anthony, the Horizon League Field Newcomer of the Year, looks to carry her success over to the outdoor season. The team begins the season at the Duke Invitational April 6th and 7th.

When asked which athletes he expects to come up big this season, Gorby sounds as if he were simply reading the team roster.

The 13th year head coach said that he wants his team to be balanced from top to bottom and expects to compete in every event.

Gorby said in the past the team has had more success in the outdoor season in part because of the lack of an indoor facility. The coach talked confidently about his athletes, coaching staff and training program.

He said that while the Duke Invitational is important, he wants the team to peak during the Horizon League season.

"In the past we've peaked at the right time," Gorby said. "If you look at the school records, I'd bet that 90 percent of them were reached during the league season."

The league season will continue to be competitive with a very strong UW-Milwaukee team

attempting to defend both men's and women's indoor championships and Butler dominating the distance events.

But still Gorby expects that with

some hard work his team will be right in the mix of things when the league race heats up.

"We've been very successful here. People want to be a part of something that is successful," he said.

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Brian Gorby, YSU  
Track and Field Head Coach

### YSU SPORTS

#### Men's Golf

While the team is entering their second portion of their full-year schedule, the spring is still young for the Penguin golfers. The team placed 8th at the Fort Lauderdale Spring Classic in a field of nine in their first action of 2007. With the standings being as close as they are, the squad has the time and the talent to climb to the top.

#### Horizon League Men's Golf Standings

1. Cleveland State	565
2. Loyola	572
3. Detroit	577
4. Youngstown State	578
5. Wright State	580
6. Butler	582
7. UW-Green Bay	586

## Spring sports all over board in standings

Andrew Berry  
SPORTS REPORTER

The arrival of spring in Youngstown means the battle for Horizon League supremacy has begun for the spring sports of Youngstown State University.

With the out-of-conference portion of the 2007 schedules having been played out for most teams, the Penguins now find themselves getting their first taste of the Horizon league competition.

While conference play is still in the early phases of the season, the first round of contests could set the tone for the rest of the year as the Penguins battle toward their respective championships. Notes will be taken and strategies will be formulated following the early league match-ups in preparation for games later in the season that could mean the difference between hoisting the trophy or getting an early start on next year.

Here's a quick glance at how the Penguins stack-up against their Horizon League counterparts so far in 2007.

#### Women's Tennis

No spring sport has had a harder start to 2007 than the YSU women's tennis team. However, the squad has faced solid out-of-conference competition and continues to use those matches towards preparation against league opponents. With a slew of league games on the horizon, the team is not out of the race just yet.

#### Horizon League Women's Tennis Standings

1. UIC	2-0	5-6
2. Butler	2-0	5-10
3. Cleveland State	1-0	10-8
4. UW-Milwaukee	2-2	8-7
5. UW-Green Bay	2-2	6-10
6. Youngstown State	0-1	0-7
7. Detroit	0-2	4-7
8. Wright State	0-2	2-11



#### Men's Tennis

The non-conference schedule has been good to the men's tennis squad, but the Penguins were unfortunate to drop their league opener against Cleveland State University. If the team finds the rhythm they had early in the season, the rest of the Horizon League line-up will have to start looking over their shoulders.

#### Horizon League Men's Tennis Standings

1. Cleveland State	1-0	12-6
2. Butler	1-0	5-8
3. Wright State	1-0	6-11
4. UIC	0-0	4-3
5. Youngstown State	0-1	5-9
6. UW-Green Bay	0-2	4-7

#### Baseball

The squad had a rough start to their season as they struggled to pick up wins outside of the Horizon League, but have recently caught fire, and at the best time possible. The Penguins opened league play with a three game sweep of Butler University. The league is strong this year and solid play early on will prove valuable for the Penguins title hopes.

#### Horizon League Baseball Standings

1. Youngstown State	3-0	8-11
2. Wright State	4-2	10-8
3. UW-Milwaukee	2-1	3-15
4. UIC	1-2	7-12
5. Cleveland State	1-2	3-18
6. Butler	1-5	8-14