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The ACLU of Ohio Freedom Tour hits Youngstown! Join Declan McCullagh, chief political correspondent and senior writer for CNET's News.com, as he discusses what the Real ID Act means for Ohioans.

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EDUCATION

The final exam: Praxis tests teachers

Jeanette DiRubba
Jambar Contributor

After all the money spent on classes and books and the time invested in course work, Youngstown State University education students might not be able to land a teaching position upon graduation — without passing the Praxis II exam.

The Praxis II exam is the deciding factor for many education majors at YSU. These Praxis Series are multiple tests designed by Educational Testing Services to grant licensure for future teachers in the education department. Teachers must pass their required content area tests as well as their specified grade-level Principles of Learning and Teaching exam, to move onto student teaching, graduation and finally job oppor-

tunities.

According to the ETS Web site, these tests started with a survey answered by various teachers across the country. These teachers assessed the knowledge and skills beginning teachers need for the subjects they will be teaching. Upon many review sessions, professional test creators and groups of teachers decided upon multiple test questions that satisfied the ETS standards for Quality and Fairness. When the state of Ohio adopted the Praxis Series, Ohio's licensing agency made the final determination for the passing score requirements.

Praxis prep at YSU

Philip Ginnetti, dean of the college of education, said that the courses at YSU are aligned for

students to pass the various areas covered on the Praxis II exam.

Education faculty members Mary-Lou DiPillo and Karen Becker offer study sessions and advice to prepare students for the PLT exam itself. However, Ginnetti said each department helps students prepare for the related content area on the test.

"These departments offer their own study sessions. If students choose to come, they have an edge," Ginnetti said, since it's up to individual students to consult with faculty about the specific content areas covered by the test.

DiPillo said that the PLT exam is crucial, and students usually count on the psychology of education course to prepare for the exam.

"Some students don't even

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SPORTS



GAME TIME

PENGUIN LOVE (above) — Penny high fives fans from the sidelines at Saturday's game.

IN THE ACTION (top left) — Fans fill the student section of Stambaugh Stadium to cheer on the Penguins in their win against Stony Brook.

REF'S-EYE-VIEW (left) — The Penguin defense stops the Seawolves' offense from advancing down the field as the Marching Pride prepares to play. Photos by Andrew Berry, The Jambar.

LABOR RELATIONS

Unions hope for smooth resolution to negotiations

J. Breen Mitchell
Jambar Contributor

Many of those affiliated with the contract negotiations that are pending for Youngstown State University's faculty unions want the process to run quickly and smoothly.

Representing the Association of Classified Employees Union will be ACE President Ivan Maldonado, as well as Frank Betsa, John Dalbec, Bonnie Harris, Paul Trimacco, Rob Truitt and Mark Welton.

"I remain hopeful that the 2008 contract negotiations will proceed smoothly and efficiently," Maldonado said.

Maldonado said that it's in everyone's best interest to seek a fast resolution. Efforts to continue enrollment and celebration of YSU's centennial were priorities following the conclusion of negotiations, he said.

"I remain hopeful that the 2008 contract negotiations will proceed smoothly and efficiently."

Ivan Maldonado, ACE

The Negotiations Team for the Administration will be Chair Ikram Khawaja, Chief Negotiator Cyndy Anderson, Martin Abraham, Craig Bickley, Michael Crist, Shearle Furnish, Philip Ginnetti, Vernon Haynes, Scott Martin and Joseph Mosca.

Nancy White, president of YSU's Ohio Education Association chapter, said it's too early to tell whether there will be any problems, though she hopes there will be none.

"I hope for everything to go smoothly and [to] have a wonderful resolution as swiftly as possible," White said.

The negotiations team for the faculty will be White, Stan Guzelle, Chet Cooper, Elvin Shields, Annette Burdon, Dorcas Fitzgerald and Greg Mooring.

The ACE Union requested for negotiations to be completed by May 2008 in a letter to YSU President David Sweet from former ACE President Christine Domhoff.

In his State of the University Address, Sweet said that he shared that goal.

YSU senior Jess Wilmoth also hopes the contracts will be resolved quickly, since she remembers when both unions went on strike simultaneously in 2005.

"It set us back," Wilmoth said, of the strike. "On the first day, a lot of professors didn't even have a syllabus ready."

YOUNGSTOWN

University prepares to secure financing for Wick-Pollock Inn

Courtney DiGiorgi &
J.Breen Mitchell

Despite ongoing efforts to re-open the Wick-Pollock Inn on campus, Youngstown State University is still trying to secure financing for re-opening the inn.

The university settled a lease with developer Reza Ghassemi and hopes to have the inn re-opened by 2008.

Greg Morgione of the YSU general counsel said that talks with Ghassemi have been ongoing for more than a year.

Morgione said that an agreement has been reached on the main lease terms, but not a full agreement.

Morgione said Ghassemi is seeking funding from local lenders, as well as one in his home state of Maryland.

The Inn's re-opening was meant to coincide with YSU's Centennial in 2008, but Morgione said that re-opening that soon is not likely.

"Obviously that was a goal,

but there are still some items that have to be completed," he said, adding that renovations will take time.

"We would like for it to be open as soon as possible. I don't know that it will be ready by 2008, but obviously we would like it to be open sooner rather than later," Morgione said.

The development has been a long-time dream of YSU's Hospitality Management Department.

"It's one of our hopes," said Janice Elias, chairperson of Human Ecology.

Elias said that if the Wick-Pollock Inn re-opens, students will have a chance use it to do internships and become familiarized with working in a real hotel setting.

Despite the excitement of Hospitality Management staff, Elias made it clear that the primary function of the facility is for the Youngstown community.

"Educational purposes are secondary," she said.

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need a study session," DiPillo said.

An education student's course load should have prepared them, she said, especially the psychology of education class.

Becker offers a workshop one or two weeks prior to the actual test that explores test-taking strategies.

"This workshop can help anyone, whether they've taken the test before or not," Becker said.

"Students have come back to me after the test and said they have been successful after taking this workshop," she said.

To reserve a spot for this workshop, Becker advises students to call the advising office in the edu-

cation department.

Praxis prep beyond the classroom

Test anxiety is a major factor that plays into the results of the Praxis exam. DiPillo said that although a student's grade point average might be good, a standardized test could prove otherwise.

"Almost always, the ACT test is what we can look at for a weakness. If students have a high GPA, but a low ACT score, chances are that we can predict their Praxis score will be similarly low," DiPillo said.

Florence Cucchi, the ETS client relations director, said that there is a free downloadable document

on the ETS Web site that helps to deal with test anxiety.

"We often recommend this to students," she said.

Cucchi also said ETS provides free test preparation. The Web site offers tests at a glance. These provide outlines of the certain criteria that are to be tested, how the test is organized and what percent of the test focuses on these criteria.

The sample tests ask questions and provide answers so students can learn the correct ways to respond for the PLT and content area tests.

Paid test preparation is also always available. There are links on the Web site to study guides and ebooks for purchase. Various

bookstores also sell the ETS study guides. Education majors can make copies of the study materials at the Curriculum Resource Center in the Beeghly College of Education.

DiPillo said that although YSU classes are designed for students to pass the Praxis II exam, the courses are basically to mold students into the teachers they are to become.

Speaking very passionately, DiPillo urges students to seek guidance.

"I would like students to know that if they need additional help to pass these tests, to let us know! We can set something up for you!" she said.

From Class, PAGE 2

heavier opponent," he said. "They have to be quick and lethal, going for the eyes, throat and nose."

Moldovan and his partners, fellow martial artists Susan Saddler, 34, and Robyn Graham, 23 - developed six basic techniques for their class.

Each is designed first to quickly disarm and immobilize attackers by inflicting pain or disrupting their breathing. The goal is to seize control of a weapon and get out of harm's way.

Katelyn Van Allen, 18, refused to come downstairs when her mother, Anne, invited Moldovan to their Lake County home for an introduction to Self-Defense 101.

"I did not want to do it at all; it seemed stupid," she said. "I thought that I could just carry pepper spray, and I'd be fine. But our mothers forced us to go to the class."

Shy, reluctant Katelyn turned out to be one of Moldovan's prized pupils - and nobody to mess with.

"At first, I was worried that some things

seemed a little violent, but they explained that someone who is trying to harm you deserves what he gets," she said.

Her mother could not be prouder - or more relieved.

"She came out of her shell. She even busted a trainer's lip," said Anne Van Allen, who believes Self-Defense 101 should be mandatory in schools.

"There is so much craziness out there," she said. "I don't want my kids to be victims."

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HOMECOMING

THE JAMBAR ASKED HOMECOMING CANDIDATES:

1. Why should YSU students vote for you?
2. What's your plan for world peace?



John Brkic

1. I think YSU students should vote for me because I'm just the average student looking for the average student's vote.
2. As far as plans for world peace go, I think we all just need to get together and sing a little "Kum Ba Yah." That would obviously make everything better.



Ben Detwiler

1. I don't have any sweet skills or achievements to brag about, but I'm generally a nice guy. I think I heard somewhere that people like nice guys.
2. I think it's safe to assume that my YSU accounting degree will provide me with the proper skills to one day feed the hungry, fight terrorism and increase world peace.



Andrew Emig

1. I'll make all of your wildest dreams come true.
2. There needs to be a new department in the executive branch that gives Miss South Carolina a position as Secretary for World Peace.



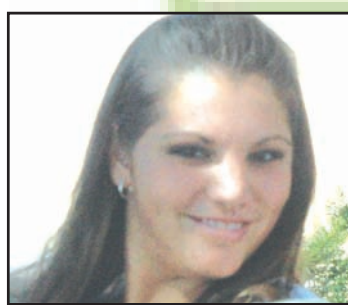
Joe Ilesue

1. YSU students should vote for a king that is someone who has looked out for their best interests and has tried to always help whichever organization or student needed it most, no matter their color of skin or financial situation. I feel I am that person.
2. Truly? To make everyone see that involvement in your community, school, and nation is truly what makes peace a reality.



Graham Johnson

1. They shouldn't. Instead, they should vote for the most handsome candidate.
2. Boil water, stir in macaroni. Drain, return to pan. Add margarine, milk and cheese sauce. Mix well. World peace, it's the cheesiest.



Amanda Barbone

1. I am a great candidate. I am very involved in the college in my academic field (Beeghly College of Education), I hold a good GPA and have a great personality.
2. I am a firm believer in minding my own business unless it will affect me or my loved ones in a harmful manner. Minding my own business isn't minding someone else's; that may turn into conflict. I hate conflict and confusion so minding my own business will help contribute to world peace.



Amber Lynn Bibey

1. I love being involved and making a difference on campus. I'm an optimistic person, always with a smile on my face. If given the opportunity, I will help out in any way possible. So, as queen, I will continue to strive for the very best.
2. For the sake of world peace, I plan on marrying a prince and becoming queen. With this new position, I will reach out to other nations and tie them together in perfect harmony ... big sacrifice.



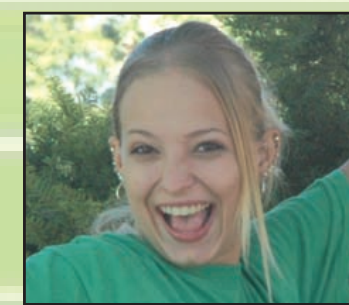
Victoria Chaney

- Organizations: University Scholars and Honors Program, Student Government Association, Sigma Alpha Lambda, Phi Kappa Phi, Golden Key and YSU Marching Pride.
- Personal Goals: To teach at a public university and conduct research to propose solutions to urban blight.



Audra Dill

1. I am a fun, energetic, and genuine person, with the ambition to do great things in my lifetime.
2. Famous quote from "Miss Congeniality": "That would be ... harsher punishments for parole violators, Stan."



Victoria Earp

1. My pictures aren't plastered all over campus. I saved you the pain of looking at me every day, thus you should vote for me. Oh, and I'm awesome.
2. To give everyone a newborn kitty! It makes me happy.



Jessica Fraley

1. Everyone knows that it's all just a popularity contest. Man, I wish I had more friends!
2. I'm going to be honest here. I don't see world peace happening in our lifetime, but I will continue living every day to the fullest and paying it forward to people. I believe in miracles, but it takes some effort.



Michelle Fuleky

1. I feel I've become a part of the YSU community. Being involved in athletics, academics and within the community enabled me to get to know a variety of students, and I feel I represent the entire student body.
2. I haven't quite figured out why everyone is still "fighting" for world peace. I think if we stop fighting over world peace and start actually practicing the peace part, we might finally get somewhere.



Cortney Harless

1. I represent the hard work and perseverance in which Youngstown was founded on.
2. Like, because I will totally become the next YSU Success Story, and I will share my story with, like, the whole world ... duh!



Selina Hughes

1. I think students should vote for me because I consider myself a people person and also because I have been active since I started college. And I don't just want it because I want it; I think I would be a good representative of YSU and diversity.
2. In life there's always going to be struggles. If I can do my part to bridge the gap between cultures ... eventually ... down the line other people will do it.



Amber Kay

1. I feel that I represent my school well as an education major, a cheerleader and an active alumna in my sorority.
2. To give everybody endless supplies of money, ice cream and football all day.



Emilie Kiko

1. Why not?
2. Join the Peace Corps.



Taryn Lindsey

- Organizations: Students in Fashion and Interiors, Sista's with a Vision, Campus Recreation and Student Programming, and Student Recreation Advisory Committee.
- Personal Goals: To be happy and healthy.



Tiffany Lynn Lyden

1. Well-rounded, a good representative.
2. Start at home. That's where it all begins.



Kristen Olmi

1. Students should vote for me because they feel I am a good person to represent YSU.
2. To work hard to ensure that in the future no one with the last name "Bush" ever becomes president of the United States again.



Tyechia Patterson

1. Students should vote for me because I am a model YSU student. I am very active on campus. I am a Penguinette for the "Marching Pride," member of Zeta Tau Alpha sorority and alumni of the Basketball dance team.
2. I plan to attain world peace through random acts of kindness. If you do a good deed for someone, hopefully, they will pay it forward!



Tracey Schultz

1. I am your average college girl who tries to have a friendly and positive attitude at all times.
2. Become Miss America. Just kidding.



Ellen Stafford

1. I love Youngstown, and I think the students here are awesome! I'm proud to be from and to represent YSU. Also, I really want to hug Pete the Penguin.
2. I think if everyone's day started off with a big hug, the world would be a much more peaceful place.



Belinda Trott

1. Some people just don't realize the uniqueness of YSU. I got nominated for Homecoming Queen by Student Diversity Council. I believe in this university that every person is a unique individual and that no one should be taken for granted.
2. "In a way, America is like a ship, and if we work together, that's when the ship can get safely home." -Cheryl, Rhode Island in "Miss Congeniality"



Hanna Kassir

- Organizations: Beta Alpha Psi and Institute of Management Accountants.
- Personal Goals: Stay healthy, eventually start a family and maintain good relationships with my friends. I always hope to give back and stay active in my community.



Ryan Llewellyn

1. I feel that I am very involved in promoting the Greek system. I feel that I am a very respectable person and I would be a good representative for the university.
2. Allowing the Revolution that is Ryan Llewellyn for homecoming king and the Joe Dirte Corporation to take and create world peace.



Nick Sanford

1. CSA and the engineering department would be given due representation.
2. Not sure, but I plan on buying the entire human race a round of beer when it happens.



Dave Sedlako

- Organizations: United Nations Association-USA-YSU, College Democrats and Alpha Sigma Phi.
- Personal Goals: I would like to be able to give back to the community through my work and achievement.



Ryan Sellman

1. Because I'm a hard worker. I'm involved in a lot of things on campus. I'm athlete, and I'm a good choice.
2. Refer to Miss South Carolina's answer for Miss Teen USA.



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SPORTS

Upcoming Penguin Sports

- 9/19 Soccer at Kent State 4 p.m.
- 9/21 Soccer vs. IUPUI 3 p.m.
- 9/21 Volleyball vs. Cleveland State 7 p.m.
- 9/23 Soccer vs. Bowling Green 1 p.m.

FOOTBALL

Penguins pummel Stony Brook

Coach Heacock says the team still has room for improvement

Andrew Berry
Sports Editor

With flying colors, the Youngstown State University football team passed a big test Saturday.

The team helped make "Throwback Day" at the Ice Castle a success with a dominating 42-6 win over the Stony Brook Seawolves.

Head coach Jon Heacock credits his team with "solid run defense" in the season's first three games. However, he said he still feels the team has improving to do, despite shutting down one of the better offenses in the Football Championship Subdivision.

"I'm going to have to look at this tape to really feel like we dominated," Heacock said.

The Penguin offense built a first-half, 28-0 lead over the Seawolves with help from the defense, as Stony Brook quarterback Josh Dudash was picked off four times in the contest.

Three of the four turnovers committed by Dudash were turned into touchdowns by the Penguin offense.

Saturday's game was the only time this season Dudash threw an interception and no touchdowns.

While Heacock said the performance by his hardworking players was a strong effort,

the Penguins' coach believes the team still has to work out the small things in order to be the great football team they want to be.

"I just don't think we're playing clean, crisp football. One kick-off coverage we do great, and the next one gets returned for 30 yards. I don't think we're being real consistent," Heacock said.

Coming into the game, the Seawolves touted the more powerful offense. In the end, the

Penguins out-gained the Stony Brook offense to the tune of 421 total yards to 296.

While the Penguin offense put up points and moved the chains, the defense became a brick wall that allowed just 96 yards rushing and forced the Seawolves to go 3 for 14 on third

downs. "We did some good things, but I think you'll find we have a lot more work to do down the stretch. If we're going to be what we really want to be, we have to get better," Heacock said.

Heacock said the method to being a better team lies within its players. The mistakes and miscues are something the team can control. The Penguin coach said the focus and control can improve.

Senior linebacker Jeremiah Wright shared the same thoughts as his head coach,



CRUSHED — Senior linebacker Jeremiah Wright (25) delivers a crushing tackle on J.J. Cox Jr. (3) of the Seawolves. Wright led the way with 11 tackles in the Penguins' victory Saturday. Photo by Andrew Berry

believing the defense hasn't reached the ceiling quite yet.

"I think we can be amazing," Wright said.

Wright led the way defensively against Stony Brook; he amassed 11 tackles in the Penguins' second straight home win of the season.

He said the penalties and mental mistakes will have to be

cut down in order for the unit to reach its peak.

For now, the Penguins' ability to smother their opponents is giving the defense opportunities to get the offense back on the field.

Against Stony Brook, Wright said the communication between the players and expectations of routes led to

the four interceptions.

"Us being able to stop the run put us in those situations. We put ourselves in the right spot at the right time," Wright said.

The noticeable low note for the Penguins is loss of senior offensive tackle Matt Kishman to a broken right ankle. Kishman will miss to anywhere from 6-8 weeks.

FCS Top 25

Teams YSU will face in blue

1. Appalachian St.
2. Montana
3. Massachusetts
4. Northern Iowa
5. North Dakota
6. Youngstown State
7. Southern Illinois
8. McNeese State
9. James Madison
10. Delaware
11. Wofford
12. New Hampshire
13. Hampton
14. Eastern Illinois
15. Furman
16. Sam Houston St.
17. Illinois State
18. Nicholls State
19. Hofstra
20. Montana State
21. Yale
22. Western Illinois
23. Towson
24. Delaware State
25. Lafayette

Source: The Sports Network

COMMENTARY

Big Ten Network puts greed ahead of fans

Aaron Blatch
Sports Reporter

The first few weeks of the college football season have already delivered a few must-see games to Ohio fans.

The "Tressel Bowl," the Sept. 1 match-up between Ohio State and Youngstown State, displayed some of the best football in each level of Division-I. On the same day, Appalachian State handed Michigan, the Buckeye state's archrival, arguably the biggest upset in college history.

That makes two intriguing Big Ten games with one major problem: The majority of fans didn't get to view them.

Thanks to the new Big Ten Network, only viewers who have DirecTV or Dish Network will get to watch most of the conference's games.

Comcast has rejected the network because its asking price of \$1.10 per household is too high, and so the BTN will not be available on basic cable.

"I think it's unfair," said Youngstown State junior and Ohio State fan Kyle Conway.

"So many fans don't have access to the Big Ten Network. It's disappointing because the first two weeks I haven't been able to see how Ohio State has played," Conway said.

One would assume that the loss of Comcast and its 5.7 million subscribers in the eight Big Ten states would be enough to make



the conference second-guess its decision.

However, the BTN is up and running and has resorted to begging fans to subscribe. The network Web site asks fans to complain to cable providers and to "recruit your friends to do the same."

It is stunning that a conference playing its worst football in years is so full of itself.

Football is king in this country, and the Big Ten is counting on football fans to keep the network afloat. With Michigan's 1-2 start following Ohio State's dismantling by Florida in last year's BCS Championship Game, many questions have been raised nationally about the quality of play in the conference.

What is worse is that most of the conference's big games such as Ohio State-Michigan already have an agreement in place with ESPN and ABC. Fans are just paying extra cash to watch Northwestern play Indiana.

Die-hards who want to watch those games might not see the network as a bad thing, but for the average fan who supports just one of the conference's teams, it seems like a rip-off.

YSU sophomore Jordan Butts is one of those die-hards, but still feels that the network should be available to everyone in the Big Ten states.

"I actually like it," Butts said. "They have a few channels so you can watch different games, and you don't get interruptions for updates of other sports, like on ESPN. Still I think if you get cable you should get it."

The network also takes away one advantage college football has on college basketball. Since football student-athletes are required to stay in school at least three seasons, fans get to watch them grow and develop in the national spotlight. This kind of exposure makes stars out of premier players and increases the marketability of both the athlete and his university.

Some fans have made adjustments in order to watch their favorite teams play.

Scott Foreman, a Jillian's employee, said that the bar's sales were up 66% from last year on the day of the YSU-OSU game.

"There's a huge fan base for Ohio State and even Michigan and Michigan State in this area," Foreman said. "It allows people who don't have access to all these games to come in and watch them at the bar."

Youngstown Sports Grille has seen similar increases, according to employee Kristen Markovskiy. She said that because the restaurant carries the BTN, it is a haven for local football fans on the weekends.

Barring a major change, cable or Comcast subscribers who can't make it to a bar carrying the BTN will be stuck with Sportscenter and score searching from now on.

It remains to be seen if the BTN will make enough money to be a long-term success. The network, like anything else, gives in to the greed of the people at the top. Although the Big Ten is famous for the Scarlet and Gray and the Maize and Blue, its defining color is clearly green.



DOUBLE THREAT — Junior Ferlando Williams scores his third touchdown of the game while leaving Stony Brook defender Andre Jean-Pierre in the dust. Photo by Andrew Berry.

Player of the Game

No. 1 Ferlando Williams Junior, QB / WR



The Penguins unleashed the talented Ferlando Williams against the Stony Brook Seawolves. The junior plays both wide receiver and quarterback for Youngstown State.

Williams caught touchdown passes of 15 and 44 yards from quarterback Tom Zetts and also ran another in anotherscore from 15 yards out. Williams led all Penguin receivers with 4 catches for 86 yards.

Jambar Key Performance Picks

Jabari Scott Running Back No. 34

- 16 carries for 99 yards
- 6.2 yards per carry
- Rushing touchdown
- Long run of 29-yards

Dorian Chenault Defensive Back No. 6

- 5 tackles, 3 assists
- 2 solo tackles
- Forced fumble
- Interception



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