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Professors William and Betty Greenway pose for a photo at Park Vista in Youngstown. Betty is recovering from a stroke that occurred last summer.

## Betty Greenway: 'Keep working, keep laughing'

BY KAREN SCHUBERT

When English Professor Betty Greenway sat down to do the interview for this article, she had some suggestions for the headline: "Professor Stretches One-year Sabbatical Into Two," or "Professor Still Not Teaching."

After a massive stroke that sidelined her career, Greenway said humor is one thing that keeps her going.

Greenway was on sabbatical in Wales with her husband, Will, also an English professor, when the stroke occurred on July 1, 2005, her birthday, and less than two weeks before their scheduled return to Youngstown.

She has been a resident of Park Vista's physical therapy program since Thanksgiving, when impassioned lobbying on her behalf caused Park Vista to bend the 55-minimum age rule to admit her at 54½.

Her progress has astonished family and friends.

That she is in physical therapy at all is remarkable considering that when she arrived at the emergency room in Swansea, Wales, she was not breathing. After a C-T scan, the doctors told her husband, "Prepare yourself for the worst." She regained her ability to breathe within the week, but remained in a coma for seven weeks.

On Aug. 20, she woke up. "She turned and saw me," Will recalled. "There was this recognition."

She continued to recover, but progress was slow. Will kept family, friends and colleagues at YSU abreast of her condition through regular "Betty Update" e-mails.

"It must have been the only thing keeping him sane, going home and writing, 'Today she squeezed the doctor's hand," Betty said.

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## MyYSU, new e-mail system start this fall

MyYSU, the university's internal portal, is on schedule for a campus-wide launch at the start of the fall semester.

"We have a pilot group of about 100 people now using the new portal," said Bob Tupaj, leader of the MyYSU implementation team. "We are looking for this group to give us feedback on what they like – and dislike – so we can make any necessary adjustments prior to the 'go live' this fall."

MyYSU is an internal portal or Web site that allows YSU students and employees quicker access to the type of information that relates directly to their needs, Tupaj said.

The Office of Marketing and Communications was the initial group in the pilot to undergo training on the new sys-

tem. During a three-part training session, the staff set up an office calendar, learned how to organize group communications and experimented with other features of the portal.

"This system obviously has much potential for improving communications across campus," said Ron Cole, YSU manager of news and information services.

MyYSU also features a new portal e-mail system. The current CUE-mail system will be migrated to the MyYSU system in phases over the summer, Tupaj said

Student e-mail will be migrated alphabetically by last name. Plans also call for migrating employee e-mail over the summer, starting with the pilot test groups and

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## Chemistry student invited to Capitol research event



Cortney Hoch
April 25.

Cortney Hoch of Hubbard, a senior chemistry major at YSU, will present her research on breast implants at the exclusive Council for Undergraduate Research's "Posters on the Hill" at the U.S. Capitol on

Hoch, 22, who graduates in May, is among only 60 students out of hundreds of applicants nationwide to be invited to the research gathering in the nation's capital.

This is the second consecutive year that a YSU student has participated in the

event, which is conducted to raise awareness of undergraduate research and to garner support and funding for research projects.

At the event, Hoch will present research she conducted last summer through the University of Akron's Research Experience for Undergraduates, a 12-week National Science Foundation program in which students work closely with faculty and other researchers on specific projects.

At Akron, Hoch worked on a project with Judit Puskas, a professor of polymer science, involving development of a new material used in breast implants.

"With the new outer polymer-based material, silicone can be safely used inside the implant without leakage," Hoch said.

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## Sacred Landmarks project chronicles area churches

One thing there's no shortage of in Mahoning, Trumbull or Columbiana counties is churches.

Just ask Norma Stefanik.

Stefanik, a research associate for YSU's Center for Urban and Regional Studies and assistant director of the Sacred Landmarks Partnership of Northeast Ohio, devoted three years to gathering information and photos documenting the more than 700 active congregations in the tri-county area.

Once the information was collected, Carol Trube, data services/Web site manager at CURS, worked with Stefanik to develop the "YSU Sacred Landmarks" Web site, located at http://cfweb.cc.ysu. edu/sacredlandmarks/.

"Every church, temple, synagogue and meeting place that we know about is on the site," Stefanik said. "Searchable databases, photographic galleries, and county maps make it easy for anyone to search the site," Trube added.

In addition to archiving these often historic structures, the site serves as a source for someone new in town looking for a place of worship, for current residents to find a new church, or for conducting research on area sacred landmarks. Stefanik said.

Funding for the site was provided in part through a \$74,000 grant from the Ohio Board of Regents' Urban University Program. Since the grant has ended, Stefanik is currently looking at other sources of funding.

Stefanik recently offered a presentation about the site, "Sacred Landmarks Information Collection and Dissemination," at the International Conference on

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Carol Trube, left, and Norma Stefanik, both of YSU's Center for Urban and Regional Studies, stand in front of the Free Gospel Church on the corner of McGuffey Road and Wick Avenue in Youngstown.

## Byline

### Ohio public records: What you should and need to know



By Greg Morgione YSU Associate General Counsel

As a public institution, YSU is required by Ohio law to provide prompt inspection of public records and provide copies of public records within a reasonable

Greg Morgione

As defined by the Ohio Re-

vised Code, a public record is: (1) any document, device, or item, regardless of physical form or characteristic, including an electronic record; (2) which is created, received, or sent under the jurisdiction of a public office, and (3) documents the organization, functions, policies, decisions, procedures, operations or other activities of the office.

Any person may request a public record, and a public records request cannot be denied or delayed on the grounds that it will cause a public office to expend an excessive amount of time or expense to comply with the request. A public records request does not need to be in writing, unless the requester is a journalist seeking a peace officer's residential and familial information, nor does the requester have to provide a reason for making the request.

Also, if the information requested is not kept on paper, it is still subject to release as a public record. For example, e-mails and information stored on audiotape, videotape and computer disks are all subject to disclosure as a public record.

Many of you receive requests for public records each year, but please be aware that a record being sought may be exempt from public disclosure under Ohio or federal law. For instance, attorney-client privileged information, and certain student education records maintained by the university are exempt from public disclosure. Additionally, there may be a record that is not exempt from public disclosure, but contains exempt information that must be redacted prior to disclosure, such as an individual's social security number.

To ensure that the university continues to comply with all applicable state and federal laws regarding public disclosure of records, all public records requests are to be processed through the Office of General Counsel. If you receive a request for a public record in writing, please forward the request to our office as soon as possible. If you receive a verbal request for a public record, please instruct the person to contact our office to request the public

Please feel free to contact the Office of General Counsel if you have any questions regarding public records. Also, for additional information on public records, please visit the Ohio Attorney General's Web site at www.ag.state.oh.us. ■

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## Campus News

## Roundup

## Elm St. bridge closed, walkway open

The Elm Street bridge over the Madison Avenue Expressway (U.S. Route 422) was closed to vehicular traffic on April 3 as part of the Ohio Department of

Transportation's \$7.5 million project to rehabilitate six bridges on the northern perimeter of the YSU campus.

The project, which includes painting the bridges "YSU red" and incorporating YSU themes into other aspects of the construction, will enhance major gateways to the campus.

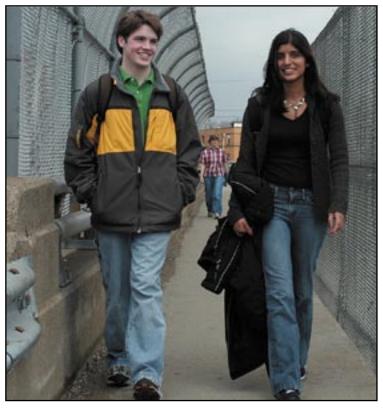
Pedestrian traffic on the Elm Street bridge, which leads from the Cafaro and Lyden house residence halls, will be maintained until the end of spring semester on

Bridge construction is scheduled to be completed prior to the start of the fall semester, at which time vehicular and pedestrian traffic will resume.

For more information on the bridge project, including its impact on students

YSU students Chad Henson and Anisha Skariah cross the pedestrian walkway on the Elm Street bridge. The bridge closed for repairs on April 3, but the walkway will remain open until the end of the spring semester.

living in the residence halls this summer, read the Fact Sheet on the Housing and Residence Life Web site at http://cc.ysu.edu/student-services/livingoncampus/. ■



## College of Ed outstanding alumni

YSU graduates James Hall, Ron Marian, Charles Swindler and Marie Viglio will be honored at the Beeghly College of Education's fourth annual Outstanding Alumni Awards Banquet 6:30 p.m. April 27 in McKay Auditorium.

Hall of Canfield, who is being recognized with the Lifetime Educational Service award, has been the superintendent of South Range Local School District for the past 20 years and plans on retiring after this school year.

Viglio of Boardman, a science teacher at St. Christine School for 27 years, is being acknowledged by the teacher education department.

Marian of Youngstown, executive director of the Mahoning County Mental Health Board since 1978, is receiving the college's counseling department

Swindler of Canfield, the superintendent of Western Reserve Local School District, is being recognized by the Department of Educational Foun-

## Heacock coach of the year

YSU head football coach Jon Heacock is this year's recipient of the Ohio College Coach-of-the-Year Award presented by the National Football Foundation's Northeast Ohio Chapter.

Heacock will be honored at the 18th Annual Scholar-Athlete Awards Banquet on Monday, May 1, at the LaCentre in Westlake, Ohio. Tickets for the banquet are available by calling Tim Gleason at 330-963-0444. ■

### YSUpdate online

Sign up for eUpdate, the online version of the YSUpdate, at http://eupdate.ysu.edu.

You will receive the eUpdate via e-mail twice a month during the academic year and once a month in the summer. eUpdate includes all of the stories and features of the printed YSUpdate, and more. eUpdate also includes a searchable database to help you find stories, photographs and other features from past issues of the YSUpdate.

For more information, contact Editor Ron Cole at 330-941-3285. ■

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### Tomorrow's leaders...

Nancy Willeman, guidance counselor at West Branch High School, speaks at the "Today's Business for Tomorrow's Leaders" conference March 29 in the Chestnut Room of Kilcawley Center. The event, sponsored by the Williamson College of Business Administration and the Industrial Information Institute for Education, was aimed at equipping guidance counselors, career education coordinators, administrators and classroom teachers with resources to help students determine and reach their career goals.

## Faculty/Staff

#### **Awards and Honors**

Matt Folk, assistant track and field coach, Intercollegiate Athletics, has been selected the Road Runners Club of America Runner of the Year. Selected from 700 clubs and 160,000 runners, he was presented with the award at the RRCA National Convention in Houston in March. This is the second year in a row Folk has received this award. In 2004, he qualified for the Olympic Trials.

#### **Grants**

Shawn Kim, professor and chair, and **Hazel Marie**, assistant professor, both of Mechanical and Industrial Engineering, received a \$35,662 research grant from Parker Hannifin Corp. for conducting research on "CFD Analysis of External Gear Pumps." The research, which is part of fluid power research activities that have been conducted at YSU's Hydraulic Research and Education Center for the last three years, deals with initial phases of computational fluid dynamic analysis of gear pumps and experimental work for validation. Parker Hannifin Corp. has been providing ongoing support for YSU in developing cutting-edge research in fluid power.

#### **Professional Activities**

Al Bright, professor, Art, had a solo exhibition at the Trumbull Art Gallery, "Al Bright and Beyond," from Jan. 15 to Feb. 18, featuring oil paintings from his private collection.

Gunapala Edirisooriya, professor, Educational Foundations, Research, Technology and Leadership, chaired the Outstanding Dissertation Award Committee (2006) of the Division H, American

Educational Research Association.

Michael Gelfand, professor, Dana School of Music, performed concerts as a member of the Cincinnati Symphony Orchestra. He also returned as guest artist, cellist and conductor at the Black Hills String Camp in Rapid City, South Dakota. Gelfand also served as guest conductor of the Youngstown Symphony at Powers Auditorium in "Nutcracker" performances with the Great Lakes Ballet.

Carol Hawkins, assistant professor, Human Ecology, is currently serving as president of the Ohio Association for the Education of Young Children for a two-year term. The organization has over 4,000 early childhood professional members statewide.

**Allen Hunter**, professor, Chemistry, co-presented "Remote Access and Instrumentation Consortia for Undergraduate Education and Research" and "Towards Organometallic NanoWires and NanoStars" at the 229th American Chemical Society National Meeting in San Diego.

Carol M. Lamb, assistant professor, School of Technology, has been selected to serve on an Ohio Board of Regents Career Technical Credit Transfer faculty subcommittee. The committee is composed of adult/secondary career-technical institutions, community and technical colleges, and universities.

Melissa T. Smith, professor, Foreign Languages and Literatures, appeared at the Midwest Slavic Association annual conference at the Ohio State University Center for Slavic and European Studies as a panel member to discuss the comedy, "The Government Inspector" by Nikolai Gogol. ■

Submit items for "Faculty/Staff" to Wendy Wolfgang, associate editor, at wawolfgang@ysu.edu

## YSUpdate welcomes the following

new employees to campus:

Full-time faculty

Robert I. Ward, assistant professor, Human Ecology.

Full-Time Professional Administrative Susan Beiling, manager of financial

analysis and collections. Student Accounts and University Receivables.

Megan Collins, financial aid counselor-federal programs, Financial Aid and Scholarships.

Sarah Ellis, manager of Re:CREATE Program, Support Services. Emily Farkas, intervention classroom

instructional aide, Rich Center for Autism. Robert DeFrances, manager of custom-

er service and operations, Student Accounts and University Receivables.

.Iill Holod-Dunbar, intervention aide, Rich Center for Autism.

Steven Hoffmaster, manager of monthly close. General Accounting. Melanie Koontz, coordinator, SCOPE.

**Tia Johnson**, intervention classroom instructional aide. Rich Center for Autism.

Timothy Maher, assistant coordinator, Metropolitan College. Gregory Morgione, associate general

counsel, Office of the General Counsel. Susan Moorer, coordinator of diversity

initiatives, Equal Opportunity and Diversity. Rosanna O'Neil, head of collection services, Maag Library.

Jason Rakers, director, Network Services.

Shannon Reesh, coordinator, Center for Student Progress.

Sharon Schroeder, assistant coordinator, Metropolitan College.

Timothy Stuart, manager of athletic marketing and promotions, Intercollegiate Athletics.

Natalie Trott, intervention aide, Rich Center for Autism.

Christine Utnage, assistant volleyball coach, Intercollegiate Athletics.

Part-Time Professional Administrative

Molly Burdette, general studies coordinator/academic advisor, Dean's Office, Arts and Sciences.

Angela Gerthung, coordinator of external testing, Comprehensive Testing Center. Tracey Liston, TV production studio engineer, Communication and Theater.

Kathy Rober, social skills classroom aide, Rich Center for Autism.

Jeannette Bailey-Sigle, parent support group coordinator, Rich Center for Autism. Deanna Theodore, co-head coach,

cheerleading, Intercollegiate Athletics. Jane Watts, assistant coordinator, Rich Center for Autism.

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Shari McKinney, secretary 2, Geological & Environmental Sciences. Rita Kennehan, secretary 1,

University Development. Amanda Parsons, data entry operator 1, Undergraduate Admissions.

Part-Time Classified

Desa Pavlichich, secretary 2, Center for International Studies & Programs. ■



Ronald A. Berk jokes with participants in his humor workshop March 30 at YSU.

## Humor: breaking down higher ed's serious side

Ronald A. Berk, professor of biostatistics and measurement at the Johns Hopkins School of Nursing, visited YSU March 30 to present "Humor as an Instructional Defibrillator," sponsored by the Center for the Advancement for Teaching and Learning at Youngstown State.

Berk, who has taught for 30 years at Johns Hopkins, has written two books on humor, "Professors Are from Mars, Students Are from Snickers" and "Humor as an Instructional Defibrillator: Evidence-based Techniques in Teaching and Assessment." For more information on Berk and his teaching style, visit www. ronberk.com.

YSUpdate associate editor Wendy Wolfgang caught up with Berk during his YSU visit:

YSUpdate: So, you're billed as "A funny guy." Are you funny by nature?

Berk: I'm twisted. I know that much. But, funny is in the ear of the recipient. I was sitting in a meeting 10 years ago, when it occurred to me that we take everything so seriously at Johns Hopkins - in higher education in general. I started thinking of ways I could break the mold. I've always joked and liked humor, so I started thinking of ways that I could develop that and apply it to teaching.

YSUpdate: Tell me how you started using humor in the classroom?

**Berk:** I taught for 11 years in the Division of Education, so when I began teaching in the School of Nursing, it was all new to me. So I always say I started using humor to cover up my incompetence, and I have been able to successfully do that for 19 years. I started making up medical words, and the students' response was incredible. That was the birth. Five years into that I realized how systematic using humor was. I made it part of my teach-

ing, presentations and assignments. Then I started holding workshops on how to use humor. It can be used in any field. The approach I take with humor is all research and evidence-based.

**YSUpdate:** How does using humor help in instruction?

Berk: Humor helps establish an emotional connection with students and helps change their attitudes. Humor helps open them up, relax them and break down anxiety. When I first walk into class, I give a survey asking how the students feel about biostatistics. Overwhelmingly, they feel negative about it. So I have to change that feeling by drawing on intelligences that are normally not associated with the subject matter by using their music, television shows, movies and plays to connect with them. It's up to me to make a cultural connection with their world. That's the learning twist.

**YSUpdate:** Are students receptive to humor in college classes?

Berk: Undergraduates are very receptive to my class – 100 percent of them say they love my class as a complete change of pace. The moment you introduce humor to them, they are with you along that journey, rooting for you and for each other. If you're trying to think like them, they know you care about what they do.

**YSUpdate:** It seems that higher education can be a bit stuffy by nature. How receptive are most faculty to the use of these teaching techniques?

Berk: Throughout the years, a lot of faculty have adopted my methods. Those who want to be good teachers will try almost anything to connect with their students. If I have a mantra that I try to convey to other faculty, it's that teaching is all about the students. It's all for them, not for you.



### Williamson Symposium...

Patrick Calhoun, YSU graduate and former president and CEO of Intercontinental Manufacturing, visited campus March 28 as part of the Williamson Symposium series in the Williamson College of Business Administration.

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## Festival honors memory of Salvner's son



Jeremy Salvner

Jeremy Salvner was one of those guys who was always listening to music – any music.

"Metallica, classical, Phantom of the Opera, Les Miserables, rap – you name it, he loved it all," says his father,

Gary Salvner, chair of YSU's English Department and long-time chair of the YSU English Festival.

But on June 14, 2005, Jeremy - at the

age of 29 – died unexpectedly in his sleep of what doctors later determined was a heart abnormality.

"It's the hardest thing that my family has ever lived through," Salvner said. "It's a shattering experience."

So this year, when the YSU English Festival came around, Gary, his wife Kathy, and their other son, Matthew, wanted to do something in Jeremy's memory. His love of music was the first thing that came to their minds.

The Salvners established the first Jeremy Salvner Memorial Music Award at this year's English Festival earlier this month.

The competition called for junior and senior high school students participating in the English Festival to create original music compositions inspired by one or more of the books on the festival's reading list.

More than a dozen students submitted compositions that – like Jeremy Salvner's taste – ran the musical gamut from piano and guitar compositions to a violin and clarinet duet. Mike Crist, director of the Dana School of Music, led a team of judges for the award.

Salvner said Jeremy attended the English Festival as a student and later as an

adult helped at the information desk and in other capacities.

"I think he would be tickled" by this competition, said Salvner. "He knew how much the English Festival meant to me, and so when the Festival season would come around he would always ask me about it and was always interested. I think this is a great testament to his memory."

Salvner said the family is considering establishing an endowment fund that will allow the Music Award to continue in the years ahead.

#### **Greenway** (Continued from page 1)

A grueling trip by air ambulance Oct. 10 brought the Greenways from Swansea to Cardiff, Wales; Reykjavik, Iceland; Goose Bay, Canada; Toronto; Cleveland and finally Youngstown. She was hospitalized several times with lung infections after returning, and finally began the most amazing part of her recovery at Park Vista.

Betty said she is thankful the physical and occupation therapy staff saw her potential recovery. "I will always think highly of them," she said. "They saw what I might be able to do instead of seeing what I couldn't do."

Some of the strides she has made include eating solid food independently. No more pureed grilled cheese sandwiches, "the best example of horror," Will said. She also learned to pull herself to a sitting position in bed, and to speak clearly, facilitating jokes.

Will told her, "I never thought of you as a funny person. It's like some part of your brain that was comedy got unlocked. You're a riot."

"You just have to see the funny side or else you wouldn't be able to get out of bed in the morning," Betty said.

Betty is slowly regaining her ability to walk. At first therapists used a LiteGait machine, a framework that dangles like

a parachute harness. She can now walk several steps with the help of a walker, but it is still difficult because her knees tend to lock. "I've gone from Pinocchio to Frankenstein," she said.

Betty will return home soon. Doorways have been widened to accommodate her wheelchair, and "as Betty says, we have hand rails out the wazoo," Will said.

She has made some forays into the world, including to a performance of Will's band, Brady's Leap. She is still having some double vision, causing her to see two of each members of the band. "The dark side of cloning," Will joked.

She hopes that the problems with her eyes will clear up enough to allow her to teach two classes in the fall.

Betty said she takes strength from the people she knows who have shown grace and resilience in the face of great physical difficulties, like Melissa Smith of the foreign language department who suffers from multiple sclerosis.

"You just go on with your life," she said. "You don't let it affect you too much. You make the concessions you need to make. You just keep working and keep laughing."

(Karen Schubert is a graduate student at YSU and a former student writer for YSUpdate.)

### Capitol research (Continued from page 1)

With the proper funding, Puskas hopes to have an implant ready for clinical trial in about two years.

The University of Akron REU annually recruits 10 undergraduate students in physical science, engineering, computer science or mathematics for its summer research experience.

After receiving her degree from YSU,

Hoch will move across country to attend Washington State University, where she has been awarded a graduate assistantship in the school's Ph.D. program in chemistry.

"When I graduate, I will be able to teach or I could work with a drug company," Hoch said. "I really like tutoring people, so maybe teaching is for me."

### MyYSU (Continued from page 1)

then by department/office.

During the transfer, students and employees will not be able to read, view, send or receive e-mail from on or off campus. Departments/offices will be given prior notice as to when their e-mail will be transferred, and the transfer period for each group will be as short as possible, Tupaj said.

"We are taking every step possible to make this transition smooth and worry free," he said.

For more information on *MyYSU*, visit http://www.ysu.edu/portal/.

The MyYSU portal is part of the threeyear YES (YSU Enterprise Resource Planning Solution) project to upgrade the university's computing capabilities, particularly in administrative areas. For an update on the YES project, read the latest YES newsletter at http://www.ysu.edu/ yes/yesnews.htm. ■

### Sacred landmarks (Continued from page 1)

Social Science Research in Orlando. She said she thought it would be useful for others to know that they could provide the same kind of information in their communities.

She also discussed in her presentation the Sacred Landmarks Partnership, which was formed about five years ago between YSU, Cleveland State University, the University of Akron, Kent State University and Lorain County Community College. Michael Tevesz of the Maxine Goodman Levin College of Urban Affairs at Cleveland State serves as SLP director and as director of CSU's Center for Sacred Landmarks.

The mission of the partners is to serve as a regional resource for the research and documentation of the history, institutional memory, architecture, aesthetic features and current uses of sacred landmarks in the region. In addition, SLP serves as a catalyst for the preservation of the landmarks.

One landmark that Stefanik helped to preserve was the oldest church in

Mahoning County, the Messiah Holiness Church at 220 Elm Street. Built in 1852 as the Welsh Congregational Church, it was damaged in a fire in October 1997. In 1998, she formed a non-profit organization to assist in restoration. Though the congregation is not yet actively worshipping at the site, the roof was fixed and the building was weatherproofed.

Stefanik, who has been at YSU for 11 years, said she has had a longtime interest in sacred landmarks because of her background as a preservation architect.

"For many people, their place of worship is extremely important to them and religious institutions quite often have a unique building type," she said.

Stefanik is currently collecting information and photographs on all the stained-glass windows in the churches along Wick Avenue that Trube will include on the site. St. John's Episcopal Church, Stefanik said, has an enormous amount of stained glass, including several Tiffany windows.



#### Whodunit?...

Matt Campbell of New Wilmington, Pa., a senior mechanical engineering student, examines a "dead body" at a crime scene in Cushwa Hall. The crime scene and mannequin are part of the forensics engineering course taught by Professor Robert McCoy. In the class, students learn how to use the scanning electron microscope for forensic and failure analysis investigations.