

# News • Briefs

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**READY FOR SOME FOOTBALL:** Get a glimpse of the 2011 version of Penguins football at the annual Red White Spring Game at noon Saturday, April 16 in Stambaugh Stadium. Second-year head coach Eric Wolford, below, aims to improve on last year's 3-8 record. Also this week, Penguin coaches conduct a football clinic at 5:30 p.m. Friday, April 15, in the DeBartolo Stadium Club for women who want to learn more about the game. Read more about the clinic in this week's YSU News Briefs.

## **Campus Calendar**

**Tuesday, April 12, 10 a.m. to 2 p.m.** The Spring 2011 Job Expo sponsored by YSU's Office of Career and Counseling Services will be in the Chestnut Room of Kilcawley Center on the YSU campus. Nearly 60 employers from local, regional and national companies will be available to discuss employment opportunities, distribute organizational information and accept resumes from YSU students and alumni. For more information, contact Susan George in the Office of Career & Counseling Services at 330-941-3299.

**Tuesday, April 12, noon to 2 p.m.** "StandOut 2011," an artistic celebration of the lesbian, gay, bisexual, transgender, questioning, intersex and asexual community in Youngstown, will be outside Kilcawley Center on the YSU campus. See News Brief below.

**Tuesday, April 12, 3 to 4 p.m.** An information session on the Peace Corps, which this year celebrates its 50<sup>th</sup> anniversary, will be held in Bresnahan Suites 1 and 2 in Kilcawley center on the YSU campus. The session will

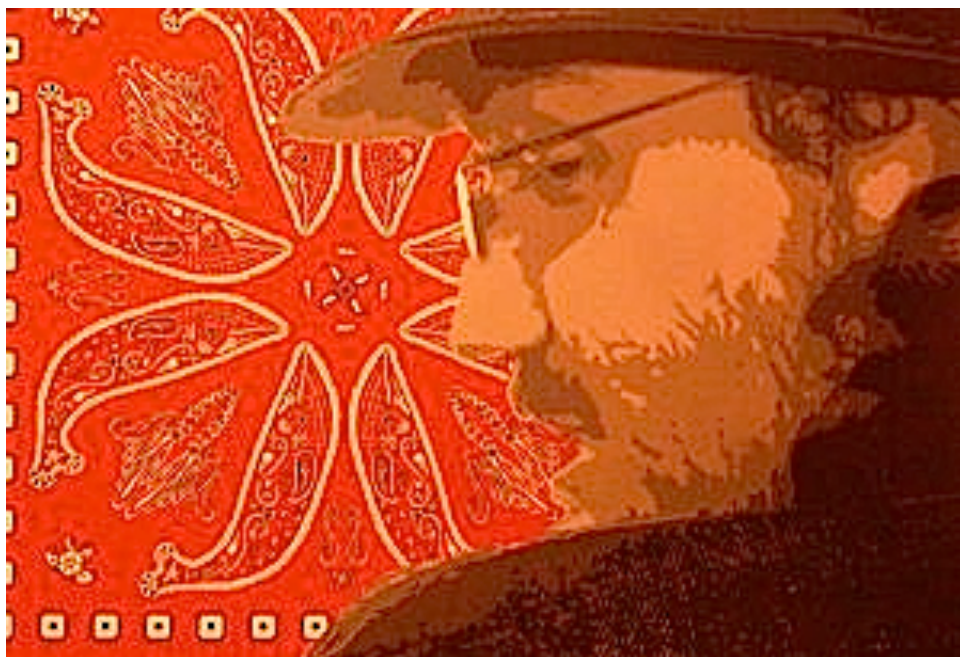


provide information on the Peace Corps, the application process and the benefits of service. For more information, call Christina Hardy, 330-941-3514.

**Tuesday, April 12, 4 to 7 p.m.** The School of Graduate Studies and Research at YSU hosts a Graduate Program Information Session in the main floor atrium of Williamson Hall on the YSU campus. YSU offers doctorates in educational leadership (EdD) and physical therapy (DPT), 35 master's programs and 11 graduate certificates. For more information, contact Angie Urmson Jeffries at 330-941-2515, or email [ajurmsonjeffries@ysu.edu](mailto:ajurmsonjeffries@ysu.edu).

**Tuesday, April 12, 5 p.m.** YSU softballers take on Detroit at McCune Park in Canfield. The teams also play a doubleheader at **3 p.m. and 5 p.m. Wednesday, April 13.** The softball team concludes a busy week with home games against Valparaiso at **1 p.m. and 3 p.m. Saturday, April 16, and noon Sunday, April 17.**

**Wednesday, April 13, 9 a.m. to 1 p.m.** YSU hosts Careers in Aging Day, in the Chestnut Room of Kilcawley Center. See News Brief below.



**“Wyant & Whales” by Ross Mazzupappa is among 60 pieces of art by 35 YSU students featured in the 75<sup>th</sup> annual Juried Student Exhibition at the McDonough Museum of Art at YSU. The exhibit runs through April 15.**

will be shown. For more information, contact Lindsay Clifton 740-317-7079 or [lrclifton@student.ysu.edu](mailto:lrclifton@student.ysu.edu).

**Thursday, Friday, Saturday and Sunday, April 14, 15, 16 and 17.** YSU's Performing Arts Series present Offenbach's comic opera *La Perichole* in Bliss Hall's Ford Theater at YSU. Thursday through Saturday performances are at 7:30 p.m. The Sunday matinee performance is at 3 p.m. Show tickets may be reserved by calling the University Theater Box Office at 330-941-3105.

**Friday, April 15, 5:30 to 9 p.m.** The second annual YSU Football Women's Coaching Clinic will be in the DeBartolo Stadium Club in Stambaugh Stadium. See News Brief below.

**Wednesday, April 13, 12:15 p.m.** The YSU Dana School of Music's String Department presents a free Music at Noon concert at the Butler Institute of American Art.

**Wednesday, April 13, 3 p.m.** Penguins' baseball squad takes on rival Kent State at Eastwood Field in Niles.

**Wednesday, April 13, 6 p.m.** The American Studies Program at YSU hosts “Roots and Relationships,” a program about sustainable food issues and practices, at The Lemon Grove Café, 122 W. Federal Plaza, in downtown Youngstown. Clips from several documentary films, including *What's Organic and Organic?*, *Ingredients* and *Chicago's Food Deserts: A City in Transition*,

**Friday, April 15, 7 p.m.** Penguins' women's tennis team plays Cleveland State at the Boardman Tennis Center. The squad also play **8 a.m. Sunday, April 17**, in Boardman against Detroit.

**Saturday, April 16, 8:30 a.m. to 4 p.m.** The 18<sup>th</sup> annual Dana School of Music Flute Festival will be in Bliss Hall on campus. See News Brief below.

**Saturday, April 16, 12:05 p.m.** The annual Red and White Spring football game will be played at Stambaugh Stadium.

**Saturday, April 16, 7:30 p.m.** The Honorable Nathaniel R. Jones, retired judge of the U.S. Court of Appeals for the Sixth Circuit, receives the YSU Friend of the University Award at the Youngstown Club in downtown Youngstown.

## **YSU hailed in national safety brochure**

YSU's emergency response preparedness is featured in a six-page, full-color brochure recently produced by SimplexGrinnell, a national leader in security communications systems.

The brochure says YSU's approach to emergency communications is a model for other universities nationwide.

"Following the shootings at Virginia Tech and other events at campuses around the country, the university made a commitment to be proactive and visionary in its efforts to create the safest possible environment for students, faculty, staff and visitors to the campus," the brochure says.

YSU installed SimplexGrinnell's notification system about three years ago. The system allows the university to quickly communicate messages to buildings in the event of an emergency.

"In conjunction with the campus safety technology improvements, the university has created a threat assessment team that constantly reviews operations and systems and discusses potential problem areas," the brochure says.

"Through this process, YSU has established clear responsibilities for all personnel to be prepared and to take full advantage of the new life safety and communications capabilities. With respect to campus safety, the university places considerable focus on keeping students, faculty and staff educated, informed and prepared. The subject of life safety is also a major component of parent-student orientation. Clearly, much good has come from the overall effort. YSU has emerged as a university leader in life safety, security and campus-wide emergency voice communications."

To view the brochure, visit [cfweb.cc.yzu.edu/ta/download.cfm?id=1389](http://cfweb.cc.yzu.edu/ta/download.cfm?id=1389).



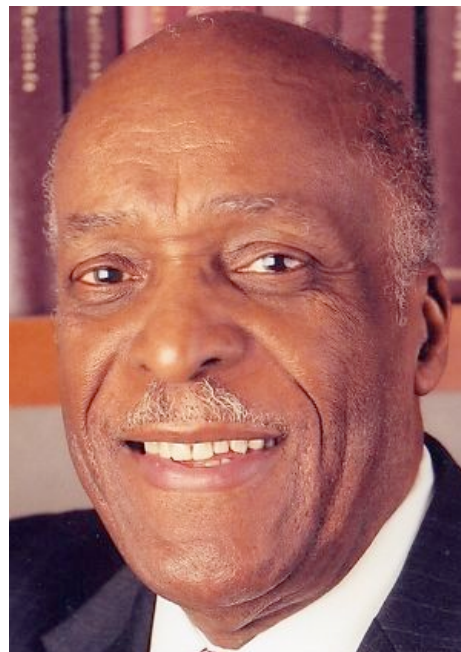
## Judge Jones receives Friend of University Award

The Honorable Nathaniel R. Jones, retired judge of the U.S. Court of Appeals for the Sixth Circuit, receives the Youngstown State University Friend of the University Award at a dinner Saturday, April 16, at the Youngstown Club in downtown Youngstown.

Initiated in 1997, the annual award recognizes alumni, friends and donors who have had a significant impact on YSU. The awards dinner is by invitation only. Previous recipients include the Schwebel and Beeghly families, Tony and Mary Lariccia, Frank and Norma Watson, and John and Denise DeBartolo.

Jones, a native of Youngstown, served in the Army and then attended YSU, receiving his A.B. in 1951 and his L.L.B. in 1955. He was admitted to the Ohio Bar in 1957. From 1956 to 1959, he was executive director of the Fair Employment Practices Commission of the city of Youngstown. He then began private practice, and a year later was appointed as an

Assistant U.S. Attorney for the Northern District of Ohio in Cleveland. In 1967, he served as Assistant General Counsel to President Johnson's National Advisory Commission on Civil Disorders. In 1969, Jones was invited to assume the responsibility as general counsel of the NAACP, a position he held for 10 years. In May 1979, President Carter announced his intention to appoint Jones to the U.S. Court of Appeals for the Sixth Circuit. Jones took his oath of office on October 15, 1979.



Nathaniel Jones

Following his retirement from the Court of Appeals in March 2002, Judge Jones assumed a position as counsel with Blank Rome LLP. He was named the firm's Chief Diversity and Inclusion Officer in 2006. In addition, he serves as honorary co-chair and director of the National Underground Railroad Freedom Center in Cincinnati. He is a member of the Toyota Motor Manufacturing, North America, Inc. Diversity Advisory Board, member of KnowledgeWorks Foundation Board of Trustees, and director emeritus of the Cincinnati Youth Collaborative. He has taught at several law schools throughout the nation and is the holder of 18 honorary degrees.

An internationally renowned civil rights activist, Jones played an important role in furthering the abolition of apartheid in South Africa. The drafters of South Africa's new constitution and laws consulted him, and he conferred with Nelson Mandela upon Mandela's release from 27 years of imprisonment.

Jones has authored numerous articles and papers and has been the recipient of many honors and awards. Most recently he received Kappa Alpha Psi Fraternity, Inc.'s Laurel Wreath Award, The American Lawyer's Lifetime Achievement Award, the Just The Beginning Foundation's Trailblazer Award, the Metropolitan Club's 2005 Metropolitan Award, the 2005 Annual Fellows Award from the American Bar Association's Young Lawyers Division, the Queen City Foundation's Robert L. Black, Jr. Award of Excellence and Diversity in Education, the Thurgood Marshall Scholarship Fund Award of Excellence, the Ohio Bar Medal from the Ohio State Bar Association and was honored by radio station WCIN and The Fifth Third Bank as one of "The Fifty Most Influential Blacks in Cincinnati in the Last Half Century."

Jones is married to the former Lillian Hawthorne. They have four children, three of whom are lawyers and one an Atlanta businessman, and six grandchildren.

## Careers in Aging Day set for Wednesday

Youngstown State University will host Careers in Aging Day, 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. Wednesday, April 13, in the Chestnut Room of Kilcawley Center on the YSU campus.

The event is an annual joint venture between the Gerontological Society of America and the Association for Gerontology in Higher Education. It will provide information about the wide range of professions in the field of aging and aging research, raise awareness about older populations and their needs, and inform students and the public of the many academic programs available to get started on a career path.

By 2020, there will be 61.5 million Americans older than age 65, and 6.5 million of those will be over 85, according to the Census Bureau. The array of industries that will be affected by this shift is quite diverse. The graying of the country's population is resulting in a shortage of people trained to meet the unique needs of older adults.

For more information, contact Nicole Zarzycki at [nezarzycki@student.ysu.edu](mailto:nezarzycki@student.ysu.edu) or 330-559-1700.

## Philadelphia Eagles VP speaks at Communication Week

Pamela Browner-White, a Youngstown State University alumna and a senior vice president for the Philadelphia Eagles, is the featured speaker for Communication Week at YSU April 18 through 22.

Browner-White, who earned a bachelor's degree at YSU in 1987, joined the Eagles in 2008 as senior vice president of public affairs and government relations. She came to the Eagles from Citizens Bank, where she had been senior vice president and director of public affairs.

Her presentation, titled "Adventures of a Communications Professional," is at noon April 21 in the Williamson College of Business Administration, Room 3422.

Other events include:

- Monday, April 18, 6:30 to 8:30 p.m., party for communications majors/alumni, Inner Circle Pizza.
- Tuesday, April 19, 3 to 4:30 p.m., job and internship workshop, Maag Library communications classrooms. Speakers are Diane Hritz of YSU Career and Counseling Services and Jim Donnan, internship coordinator for the department.
- Wednesday, April 20, student scavenger hunt. Pick up list of items between 9 and 11 a.m. in the department offices, Bliss Hall. Prizes for first, second and third place teams.
- Thursday, April 21, 6:30 p.m., Communication Honors Banquet, Cassese MVR restaurant. Reservations required.
- Friday, April 22, 1 to 2 p.m., Master Class, Maag Library, Room 136, featuring Wittenberg University communications professor Matt J. Smith. His presentation is "Beyond BIFF! BAM! POW! Reading Comic Books as Communication."



**Pamela Browner-White**

For more information, call 330-941-3631.

## Extreme Entrepreneurship Tour hits YSU April 20

The Extreme Entrepreneurship Tour, featuring two of America's top young entrepreneurs who've made, earned, or sold a company for millions and/or made a huge impact before the age of 30, will be visiting Youngstown State University's Williamson College of Business Administration on Wednesday, April 20 as a part of the Paul J. and Marguerite K. Thomas Entrepreneur In Residence Program.

The event, which is 1 to 5 p.m. in the WCBA Conference Center, is designed to help both students and members of the community succeed with starting their own business. The Extreme Entrepreneurship Tour program is free and open to the public. Registration is limited to 200. Register in advance at [www.extremetour.org/ysu](http://www.extremetour.org/ysu).



The tour event consists of two question-and answer-sessions with two young successful entrepreneurs at 1 and 3 p.m. Two interactive workshops focused on leveraging competitive advantage will begin at 2 and 4 p.m. Attendees are welcome to attend all or some of the sessions held throughout the afternoon.

The planning committee for the event includes the Monus Entrepreneurship Center, the Ohio Small Business Development Center, and the WCBA. "The Extreme Entrepreneurship Tour: Dream Big!," founded by award-winning entrepreneurs Michael Simmons and Sheena

Lindahl at 25-years-of-age, is presented in partnership with the Free Enterprise Campaign, with additional support from Inc. Magazine.

The tour has held more than 150 events throughout the country and attracted more than 600 people. The organization has received the Innovation Award from the National Association of Development Organizations and the Program of the Year award from Northern Michigan University. Lindahl and Simmons have both received numerous business awards – Lindahl was named by *Business Week* as one of the country's top 25 entrepreneurs under 25 and Simmons received entrepreneur of the year awards from the National Foundation for Teaching Entrepreneurship, Fleet, and the National Coalition for Empowering Youth Entrepreneurship.

### Event focuses on LGBTQIA community

"StandOut 2011," an artistic celebration of the lesbian, gay, bisexual, transgender, questioning, intersex and asexual community in Youngstown, will be noon to 2 p.m. Tuesday, April 12, outside Kilcawley Center on the Youngstown State University campus.



The event will feature informational tables for community organizations and sponsors. Activities will include banner and rock painting, ribbon giveaways, bake sale, live performances and more.

"StandOut 2011" seeks to create strong networks of support, encourage teamwork and diversity, and build relationships between all members of the local LGBTQIA community on and off YSU's campus.

For more information, contact Sarah Lowry at 330-941-2058, [sjlowry@ysu.student.edu](mailto:sjlowry@ysu.student.edu), Twitter at @StandOutYSU, blog at [standout2011.wordpress.com](http://standout2011.wordpress.com), and Facebook at YSU StandOut! 2011.

The program is sponsored by YSUnity, Mahoning Valley Pride Center, Safe Zone Advisory Council and the YSU American Studies Program.

## **Football coaches present clinic for women**

Are you a female football fan suffering from football season withdrawal? Start gearing up for next season and attend the second annual YSU Football Women's Coaching Clinic on Friday, April 15, from 5:30 to 9 p.m. in the DeBartolo Stadium Club in Stambaugh Stadium.

The clinic, presented by the YSU football coaching staff, provides an opportunity to learn the basic concepts of every position and view an equipment demonstration by current YSU players. Participants will be involved in drills and hands-on training with the coaches and gain insight on pregame preparation and game planning.

In addition, a tour of the Stambaugh Stadium facilities to meet the coaches and their wives will take place, and participants will receive a gift bag with YSU memorabilia and have the chance to win raffle prizes. A full itinerary can be found at <http://www.ysusports.com/sports/fball/2011-12/releases/20110328r696ed>.

The cost of the clinic is \$25. All proceeds will be donated to the Rich Center for Autism, located in Fedor Hall on the YSU campus.

For more information, contact Dan Kopp at [dmkopp@ysu.edu](mailto:dmkopp@ysu.edu) or the YSU Football Office at 330-941-3478. Find a reservation form at [cfweb.cc.ysu.edu/ta/download.cfm?id=1394](http://cfweb.cc.ysu.edu/ta/download.cfm?id=1394).



## **Flute Festival is this Saturday in Bliss**

The 18<sup>th</sup> annual Dana School of Music Flute Festival will be Saturday, April 16 in Bliss Hall on the campus of Youngstown State University.

The event, which runs from 8:30 a.m. to 4 p.m., is designed for flute players of all levels and includes workshops, vendor exhibits, guest artist performances, a master class and a closing concert. A full event schedule is included below.

“The flute festival is a long-standing Dana event that offers new and experienced flute musicians the opportunity to participate in meaningful and interesting workshops as well as to interact with important guest artists,” said festival coordinator Kathryn Thomas Umble, assistant professor of Flute. “First-hand involvement with other musicians and the interaction with presenters, plus attending the performances is critical in a performer’s development.”

She noted that participants are welcome at any level, stressing that sessions are planned for all levels of experience.

Special guest artist Jonathan Keeble, associate professor of Flute at the University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign, is a regular on the concert series throughout North America. Jonathan's passion for new music led him to commission many new works for the flute from rising young composers. As a member of the Prairie Winds Woodwind Quintet and as a solo clinician, he travels throughout the world performing and teaching.

Participants should bring their own instruments. The cost to attend the festival is \$16 per student if registered prior to April 16 and \$20 at the door. Registration forms may be found at [http://web.yosu.edu/gen/fpa/Flute\\_Festival\\_m120.html](http://web.yosu.edu/gen/fpa/Flute_Festival_m120.html) or by calling Umble at 330-941-1831. Parents are welcome to attend free of charge. Parking will be available in the Wick Avenue deck for a nominal fee.