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Board of trustees proposes tuition and fees hike

Doug Livingston
EDITOR-IN-CHIEF

The board of trustees' finance and facilities committee deliberated over raising tuition and certain fees in a meeting Tuesday. And, after unanimously voting 'yay,' committee Chairman Dr. Sudershan Garg waited a little

longer than usual after asking if anyone opposed the measure.

No one did.

YSU President Cynthia Anderson and members of the board emphasized that the decision to raise tuition by 3.5 percent, or \$126 per semester for undergraduates, came after much consideration.

"This was a hard decision to make," Anderson said, adding that administration and the board are "working hard to make other cuts. It certainly wasn't one that we wanted to have to impose."

The \$3,726 semester, or \$7,452 per year, for undergraduates would take effect for the fall 2011 term if the full board of trustees passes the measure

on June 17. Tuition for in-state graduate students will increase by \$167 to \$4,955 per semester.

Of the 14 Ohio public universities, only two have lower tuition rates: Shawnee State University at \$6,775 per year and Central State University at \$5,672 per year. YSU is \$1,594

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Students feel high gas prices

Hilary Carr
REPORTER

During his Monday lunch break, Youngstown State University senior Bobby Lipps put his last \$25 in his 2000 Ford Taurus at the gas station across from Stambaugh Stadium on Fifth Avenue.

"I probably spend \$30 a week to get up here — \$120 a month on gas — and I don't like that one bit," Lipps said.

Average gas prices continue to fall — with the lowest gas price in Youngstown at \$3.67 per gallon Wednesday morning at USA Gas Mart on Belmont Avenue — but some YSU students still have concerns about the cost of fueling their vehicles.

With the average price of gas in the Mahoning Valley below \$3.80 per gallon, Mahoning, Trumbull and Columbiana counties have some of the lowest gas prices in the state. Preble County in western Ohio and Fairfield County in central Ohio had a price per gallon average of more than \$3.94 last week. The state average of \$3.787 is higher than the national average of \$3.745.

Some students are concerned also by the amount of gas needed to fill their tanks.

"I have a Suburban, a van and a Cadillac. They're all gas guzzlers," said YSU freshman Tomeka Kimbrough.

Other students have begun to realize just how much more money they're putting in their tanks compared to five or 10 years ago.

"When I started driving, gas was \$1.20 on an expensive day. Now I have no money ever. I'm constantly thinking, 'I have to save money for gas,'" said junior Lisa Mamula about her commute from Warren to YSU three days a week.

Students can use a variety of tactics to preserve gas on their commutes, according to information provided by OhioGasPrices.com. By driving 62 mph instead of 75 mph, fuel consumption could be reduced by almost 15 percent. Fuel consumption could also be



Youngstown State University sophomore Chakieyla Merriweather pumps gas into her Oldsmobile Bravada at the Sunoco station on Fifth Avenue. Merriweather spends an average of \$60 a week on gas. Photo by Hilary Carr/The Jambar.

reduced by as much as 20 percent by braking gradually versus making sudden stops. A fuel-efficient vehicle, light loads and driving with the air conditioner off will help to save gas as well.

"I stay home when I can. I have to make sure that the gas lasts," Kimbrough said.

Students aren't alone in feeling the strain of high gas prices. Grounds department vehicles are expected to use more than 40,000 gallons of gas this fiscal year. With two months remaining, the department has already exceeded last year's \$100,324.

Gas cost an average of 40 cents more than last year, according to Dave Ewing, associate director of the grounds department. With an average of \$13,000 per month required to run the vehicles, the department may spend more than \$126,000 this fiscal year.

Board unveils 2012 budget, proposes \$20.5 mil investment

Doug Livingston
EDITOR-IN-CHIEF

Along with unveiling the 2012 budget, the board of trustees' finance and facilities committee is proposing to add \$20.5 million to Youngstown State University's debt by purchasing the University Courtyard Apartments on the northeast end of campus.

As the state's supply of federal American Recovery and Reinvestment Act funds dries up, YSU will be left with a \$7.2 million hole to fill next year.

The state's 2012 contribution will decrease by 15 percent, while revenue from tuition, fees and student charges will increase by 4 percent, closing the deficit by more than \$7 million.

While adding \$20.5 million to YSU's \$62 million debt may sound exorbitant, other Ohio public universities have a much higher debt-to-revenue ratio. When comparing a college's debt versus revenue, YSU has the fourth best ratio of the 14 Ohio public universities.

YSU's \$62 million debt is about 39 percent of its nearly \$159 million revenue. But if YSU sells \$20.5 million in bonds to purchase the University

Courtyard Apartments from the University Housing Corporation, its fourth-ranked solvency will drop to seventh among Ohio public universities.

YSU's cumulative debt consists mainly of money set aside for ongoing and proposed construction projects, like the postponed renovations of Pollock House and Kilcawley Center. YSU also has an outstanding balance of more than \$16 million from the construction of the new Williamson Hall.

Still, officials said the purchase of the University Courtyard Apartments would have a positive impact on the university's long-term budget.

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YSU's outstanding debt

Williamson Hall	\$16,050,000
Kilcawley Center	\$10,000,000
Athletics/Housing Debt	\$9,771,200
WATTS	\$7,533,000
Johnson Controls Energy Lease	\$6,279,724
Parking Deck Upgrades	\$4,500,000
Pollock House	\$3,950,000
Intramural Sports Fields	\$2,100,000
Land Acquisition	\$1,000,000
STEM Bldg. Programming	\$500,000
Lincoln Building Renovation	\$400,000
Total	\$62,083,924

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Familiar faces take office in Tod Hall

Garg elected board of trustees chair

Jordan D. Uhl
NEWS EDITOR

With board of trustees Chair Scott Schulick not seeking another term, Dr. Sudershan Garg will assume the role on June 17.

Garg has been on the board for six years and has served as vice chair for two. During this time, Garg felt he learned a great deal.

"I've participated in a majority of the meetings. Everybody on the board felt I have been asking critical questions," he said.

As president of the Blood and Cancer Center Inc. in Canfield, a private corporation, Garg said he believes this gives him the leadership experience required for the position. In order to gain insight to

best guide the workings of the board, Garg has sought advice from Schulick, which is something he said has been "very, very helpful."

As former chairman of the investment subcommittee, Garg was able to direct it through tough fiscal times.

Garg is also a hematologist and oncologist at St. Joseph Health Center in Warren and St. Elizabeth Health Center in Youngstown and Boardman.

A supportive and cooperative board will make Garg's tenure much more effective, although he feels there is more that can be done. Financial restraints make it much more challenging.

One hurdle he already recognizes is the bargaining between the Association of Classified Employees and the YSU chapter of the Ohio Education Association, but it doesn't appear insurmountable.

"Times are tough, and tough decisions have to be made," he said. "But a strike is not in the benefit of the university."

Dr. John Jakubek will be filling the void of vice chair. Jakubek is an anesthesiologist at St. Elizabeth Boardman Health Center and Bel-Park Anesthesia Associates Inc.

Fahey appointed vice president of student affairs

Jordan D. Uhl
NEWS EDITOR

President Cynthia Anderson named Jack Fahey vice president of student affairs on Friday, edging out Clarice Ford of the University of Illinois Springfield.

"Jack has a passion for this university and our students that guides every decision he has made in more than three decades at YSU," Anderson said in a statement released Friday.

Fahey, who served as interim vice president for student affairs after Anderson was named president, was sitting in Anderson's office when he heard of his promotion. A sense of satisfaction immediately overwhelmed him.

"[I was] very, very happy and excited," he said. "I'm really looking forward to the op-



portunity."

With a passion for working with students, the job is a perfect fit for the former ombudsman. The biggest sense of gratification for him comes from watching students grow.

"[There's] something about a university environment that really fosters personal growth," he said. "It's a time in your life when you're devoting your life

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NEWS BRIEFS

YSU AMA receives awards at national conference

YSU's chapter of the American Marketing Association received the 2010-2011 Outstanding Overall Performance award at the AMA's Annual Collegiate Conference. This award is given to chapters that demonstrate excellence in membership, community service, fundraising and professional development activities. The chapter, which is housed in the department of marketing in the Williamson College of Business Administration, also received an Outstanding Professional Development award and the AMA Saves Lives award. More than 1,300 students from the U.S., Canada and Puerto Rico attended the conference, held in New Orleans.

Arts festival seeks ethnic groups for Festival of Nations

The Summer Festival of the Arts' Festival of Nations — which highlights the area's ethnic populations through food, displays, and musical or dance performances — seeks ethnic groups to participate July 9 and 10. The festival will be held on YSU's campus. Ethnic groups must be members of a church, synagogue, or established club or organization to be considered. All participating groups will receive a tent, tables and chairs, media promotion, inclusion in the health department license application and free volunteer parking. For more information, contact Lori Factor, assistant director of the YSU Performing Arts Series and head of the arts festival, at 330-941-2307 or lafactor@ysu.edu.

POLICE BRIEFS

Officer finds woman drinking beer on curb

On Sunday, a YSU police officer on patrol noticed a woman sitting on a Baldwin Street curb, drinking from a 24-ounce can of beer. The officer issued the woman a misdemeanor summons for an open container and a court date. The woman was released at the scene, and the can of beer was confiscated and logged by police. It was placed in the police station's evidence refrigerator.

Man in parking deck arrested for trespassing

On Wednesday, a YSU police officer saw a shirtless man walking on the sixth level of the M-1 parking deck. The man, who was wearing a tattered pair of shorts with the fly held closed by a paper binder clip, put on the shirt he was carrying as the officer approached him. The officer told the man that he was trespassing on YSU property and asked him if he remembered receiving a previous written warning for trespassing in April. The man said that after research, he found that the warning was not legal and that he can be on YSU property whenever he wants. The officer told the man he was under arrest for criminal trespass and handcuffed him. The man was then issued a misdemeanor summons and was taken to his car. According to the police report, the man was not cooperative throughout the process and continually said he was going to sue the university police officer and YSU for illegal arrest.

YSU pays for damage from power outage caused off-campus

Chelsea Miller
REPORTER

A power outage in April that left Youngstown State University without electricity for two hours will cost YSU officials an estimated \$3,500.

Ralph Morrone, YSU facilities engineer, estimated the cost of repairing the damaged equipment. He said there is little YSU can do to prevent

further damages in another blackout situation.

"We lost a couple larger motors across campus. We lost maybe one elevator on campus. We lost a couple disconnects on campus, and we lost a lot of little fuses on campus," Morrone said.

The outage, which began at 1 p.m. on April 15, started at Ohio Edison, knocking out power at YSU and some sur-

rounding areas, such as St. Elizabeth Health Center. YSU runs on a three-phase power system, and with only two phases operable after the outage, sporadic blackouts and overworked equipment were a result.

Power was returned at 3:20 p.m., but most classes were canceled. YSU Police and the Youngstown Fire Department were responsible for evacuat-

ing students and pulling out those trapped in elevators.

Despite the problem originating from Ohio Edison's power lines, Morrone said YSU would foot the bill for the damages incurred, as per the university's contract with the company.

"We have a deal with Ohio Edison that any damage incurred from them sending us

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Board of trustees propose renovations

Academic renovations

Doug Livingston
EDITOR-IN-CHIEF

The board of trustees has unveiled a plan to use money left over from the postponed Kilcawley Center renovation to refurbish academic buildings across campus, but the proposed renovations will not deal with the mechanical and electrical issues that students and deans are complaining about until 2013.

With \$10 million from bonds set aside for the Kilcawley Center renovation, campus administrators presented a proposal to the finance and facilities committee of the Youngstown State University Board of Trustees on Tuesday.

The proposal first addresses aesthetic issues,

detailing millions of dollars in carpet replacement and paint.

"Some of these buildings haven't been painted in 30 years," said board member Carole Weimer. Weimer was concerned, though, that the renovations didn't go deep enough.

Students and deans have expressed concern about heating and cooling issues as well as roof leaks and standing water in some buildings, including DeBartolo, Meshel, Bliss and Cushwa halls. All proposals for 2012 and the remainder of 2011 deal specifically with carpet replacement, lounge upgrades and painting. Roof, masonry or elevator repairs would be addressed in May 2013.

In February and April

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Sports facilities makeover

Nick Mancini
REPORTER

Youngstown State University's sports facilities are joining the campus-wide upgrade in an effort to gain an edge over the competition.

Improvements include new turf for the football field, basketball courts in Stambaugh Stadium and the anticipated completion of YSU's multisport indoor training facility.

Work is nearly complete in Stambaugh Stadium to replace the existing turf with high-quality modern turf.

"The turf is about 90 percent complete," said Tim Stuart, manager of athletic ticket operations. "The only part that still needs to be completed is around the track."

The playing surface, installed by Sports Construction Group, will feature a brand new synthetic turf system. This surface is designed to enhance player performance and ensure maximum

safety.

Some aesthetic differences will be included as well.

The end zones will now be red instead of green, while "Penguins" will be black letters outlined in white. The 50-yard line will still feature Pete the Penguin, this time with a white scarf — just like in Beeghly Center.

The same turf was installed in the Watson and Tressel Training Site, YSU's indoor athletic practice facility.

The WATTS is also near completion, with only minor work required for completion.

Originally intended to be finished in December, harsh winter weather and late shipments on supplies delayed construction.

Stuart said it should be ready by the beginning of July.

One of the final elements to be completed is track installation.

The surface will be a Mondo track surface, the same as what was used in Beijing for the Olympics. Stuart called it the "Cadillac of tracks."

It will also be able to house multiple team practices at once, if necessary.

"Football, baseball, soccer and golf could all practice here at the same time, if they really wanted to," Stuart said. "This is a great facility for us and will really boost athletics."

Not to be left out, the basketball courts in Stambaugh Stadium also had work done recently.

They now feature three collegiate-size courts, with the backboards being replaced. The side hoops were previously being used for play even though they were not full-sized courts.

Including Beeghly Center, YSU will now have five full-court basketball courts, something that will help the university, officials said.

"With these new courts, this could help us gain more [Amateur Athletic Union] tournaments, which in turn will give us more revenue," Stuart said. "Before, tournaments wouldn't even consider hosting on our campus."


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Revenue collected from students' rental payments at the apartment complex should offset the \$20.5 million purchase price within 25 years. Some officials say it could be sooner.

"It's possible to pay it off in 15 to 20 years," Budget Director Neal McNally said.

In the short term, YSU's budget is healthier than it was last year. Revenue is 3 percent higher, or \$3.9 million more, than it was in March 2010.


Though the Ohio Board of Regents estimates the state's contribution for YSU will be 15 percent less next year, additional revenue from a 3.5 percent tuition hike and spending cuts project 2012 revenue to be only \$100,000 less than the 2011 budget, a difference of about one-tenth of a percent.



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Our budget, our debt

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EDITORIAL BOARD

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Tuition, page 1

On Tuesday, the board of trustees approved the budget for fiscal year 2011 as well as a 3.5 percent tuition raise.

The Jambar was pleased with many things accomplished in the meeting, namely the tuition increase in order to maintain a high level of academic standards. During the meeting, former board Chair Scott Schulick cited one of our previous editorials in which we asked the board to not back down from a tuition hike if academics would suffer.

Thank you for standing your ground.

Having said that, the increase in parking permit prices and other inflated fees is unacceptable, especially while staff and faculty are exempt from such payments. We understand that employee fringe benefits for parking are standard with other universities but so is exorbitant spending. And we know that is not a practice in our collegiate family.

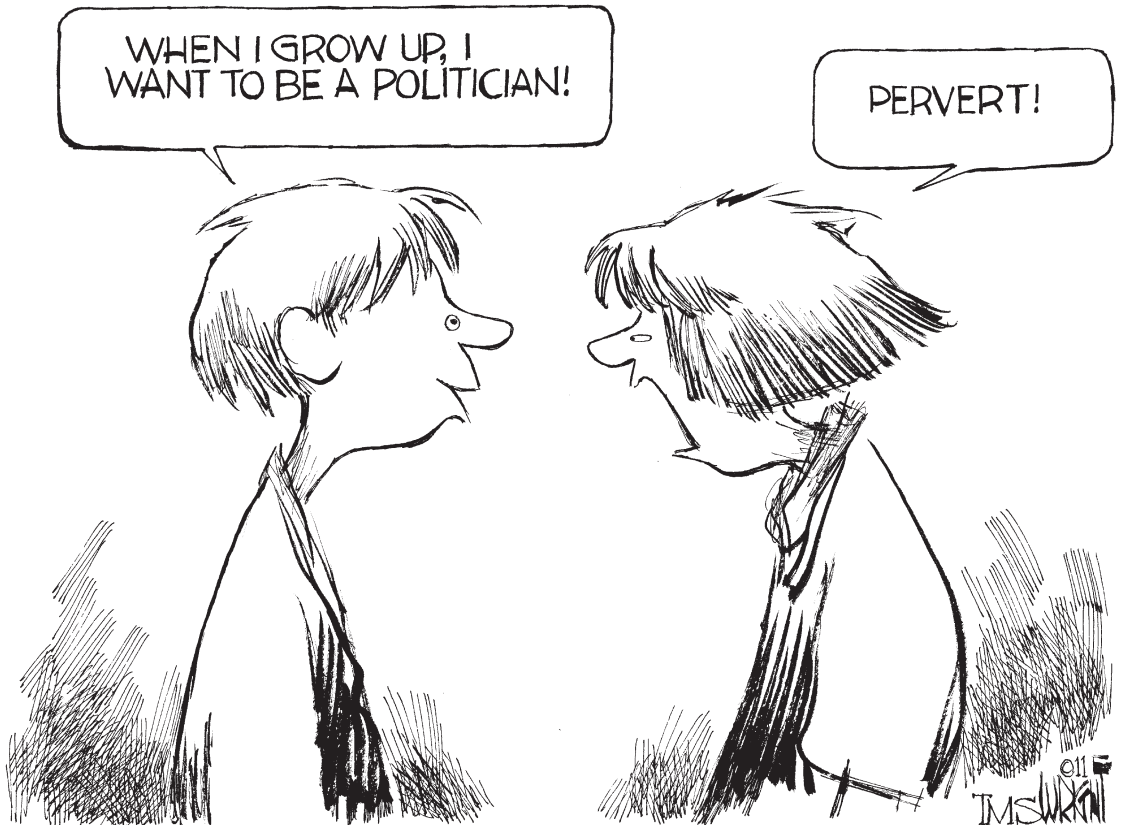
We do appreciate the proactive approach to redistributing Kilcawley Center renovation funds in light of the three-year construction postponement. However, we cannot wait until 2013 to begin much needed work to leaking roofs and often flooded basements in many buildings.

To spend \$5.26 million on new carpet and paint across campus from July 2011 to January 2013, before we deal with leaky roofs in March 2013, is asinine.

We sure hope that carpet is waterproof.

The preliminary assessment amounts for the aesthetic renovations are a bit high. We hope these bids are extremely overestimated.

Thanks you for making the tough decisions. But please refrain from placing the \$7.2 million budget deficit from decreased revenue on the backs of the students. As times are tough for the university, we must not forget that we are in this together.



The views of this artist do not necessarily agree with those of The Jambar.

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of 2013, campus core lighting and building systems — mechanical and electrical systems — will be upgraded.

“We don’t really have structural issues,” John Hyden, executive director of facilities, said.

Hyden said that while the buildings are structurally sound, the building’s heating and electrical systems must be addressed. The university is waiting on an independent assessment by Sightlines, a firm that reviews university conditions and operating costs.

Weimer and fellow board member Leonard Schiavone,

chairman of the board’s investment subcommittee, voiced concerns about putting off building systems upgrades and some structural repairs, like leaking roofs.

A determination as to what repairs are needed must be conducted.

“I think that’s what Sightlines is intended to do,” Weimer said, adding that YSU’s recent track record for completing projects on time and bidding projects within budget parameters has not been good.

The first renovation of an academic building is a \$550,000 carpet and paint project in DeBartolo Hall slated for next month.

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bad power is typically at the cost of the consumer,” he said.

Morrone said preventing damages if a future blackout occurred would be difficult because protections to all machinery would be costly. YSU has protections on equipment sporadically throughout campus but not on all machinery.

“Because we have so many devices out there on campus, to go ahead and put protection on every single device that doesn’t have it would just be an astronomical cost,” he said.

He added that the key to preventing further damages should another power outage occur would be to act as quickly as possible.

“Because it’s mechanical and because it doesn’t fail immediately, the sooner we can shut down, the sooner we can prevent any further damage,” Morrone said. “So, for us, we’re not taking intricate steps to go ahead and put protection out there. We are taking steps at our substation where power comes in to recognize this quicker so we can automate the shutdown procedure and we can actually shut down faster by recognizing it faster.”

Morrone, who has worked for YSU for five years, said it was the first time a situation of this caliber has occurred. He added that students were in no imminent danger because of emergency back-up generators and lighting that would allow students to safely evacuate buildings and elevators.

YSU student Sarah Kluska was working at her on-campus job in Williamson Hall when the power went out. Kluska said the outage presented some issues with scheduling, but she was able to work through it.

“On Fridays in Williamson, it’s not as busy as it is during the week, but it was right around registration time so we did have a few people come in, but we had no power to be able to advise them,” she said. “The staff did the best they could or set up appointments if it was an issue that would require the Banner system or anything like that.”

Kluska said she believes the situation was handled well.

“I think that power was returned in a speedy manner, and I believe the text alerts were sent out,” she said. “Other than the actions that were taken, I don’t think anything else could have been done.”

For Michael Weaver, who was at Maag Library, the on-campus blackout was a positive experience.

“At Jazzman’s [Cafe] they had to throw out all the food, so I asked for some while they were throwing them away,” he said. “Four free sandwiches and a parfait later, I was full.”

Weaver also said restoring the power went smoothly. The text alerts, he said, were helpful to students.

“From what I experienced, they handled it quite well. They evacuated properly and gave plenty of time for students to pack their things and get out,” he said. “They weren’t shoving people out of buildings or rushing to close. They announced it, and I think the president sent a message from his cell phone just to assure students that it was OK and it wasn’t their fault.”

Ohio Edison declined to comment due to privacy concerns.

Students can’t wait for ‘Super 8’

Hilary Carr
REPORTER

Students across campus anticipate the Friday release of J.J. Abrams’ science-fiction film “Super 8.”

Paired up with Steven Spielberg, Abrams takes moviegoers to fictional Lillian, Ohio, where a group of kids witness a train crash while they’re creating a film when a pickup truck drives across the tracks. Soon after the collision, strange happenings haunt the town, and, before long, the military gets involved.

“‘Super 8’ is the movie I’m most interested in coming out,” said Youngstown State University freshman Mark Warchol.

Noted to have “Spielbergian” qualities by critics, Abrams has repeatedly expressed his thrill to be work-

ing with Spielberg, his idol from his teenage years.

“It was such a privilege to work with Steven. We had countless story meetings before I started writing, finally ending with him telling me, ‘J.J. Go write,’” Abrams told Time Magazine.

Students are also looking forward to “Harry Potter and the Deathly Hallows: Part II,” “Breaking Dawn: Part I,” and “Cowboys and Aliens.”

“I want to see ‘Twilight’ and ‘Harry Potter.’ I’m into those,” said YSU freshman NaTasha Harris.

The final installment in the Harry Potter series comes out July 15 and will conclude the search for Voldemort’s remaining horcruxes. The previous seven films have grossed more than \$6.3 billion in box office sales worldwide.

SLAA welcomes poets to Lemon Grove

Chelsea Miller
ONLINE EDITOR

Youngstown State University students will have a chance to showcase their talents Thursday evening at the Lemon Grove Cafe’s open mic poetry reading. The event is sponsored by YSU’s Student Literary Arts Association, with readings by authors Karen Schubert and Robert Miltner prior to the open mic session.

SLAA President Chris Lettera said the event would give students a chance to connect with others who share similar interests.

“I feel like with Facebook everyone has a better relationship with the computer screen than they do with themselves sometimes, so to actually go and to hear Karen Schubert or Robert read their poetry out loud, hear the sound of their voices and read their own words, I think that’s important,” he said.

Miltner and Schubert will read from chapbooks just released by Kattywompus Press.

Miltner, the author of chapbooks and books of poetry including “Against the Simple,” “Queen Mab and the Moon Boy,” and “Hotel Utopia,” teaches at Kent State University at Stark and in the Northeast Ohio MFA in Creative Writing program. Miltner is also editor of the Raymond Carver Review and has won a Wick Chapbook prize and

the New Rivers Press Many Voices Project book award.

Schubert’s chapbooks are “Bring Down the Sky” and “The Geography of Lost Houses.” She teaches writing workshops at Mill Creek Park and the YMCA in Boardman. Shubert was nominated for 2011 Best of the Web, and her poetry and prose have appeared in Gently Read Literature, MUSE, the Penguin Review, Wisconsin Poets’ Calendar 2012 and others.

Both authors were also published in SLAA’s literary magazine, Jenny.

SLAA has held poetry readings during the academic year as part of the Youngstown Reading Series at the Lemon Grove, which Lettera said were successful. Thursday’s event is the first of the summer.

“We saw that Karen and Robert both were having their chapbooks dropped to the same press, and we thought this would be great to sort of kick off the summer with a nice literary event,” Lettera said.

He added that the event would give those attending a chance to be exposed to new authors.

“We found that the students who do go to these events, they come back and they enjoy the experience. They enjoy the sense of community and also discovering new authors,” he said.

The event will begin at 7 p.m., and it is free and open to the public.

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to thought.”

His eyes are set on the YSU 2020 Strategic Plan, with hopes of facilitating its progression and ultimately its fulfillment.

“Dr. Anderson, obviously, her platform is student success and academic excellence, and being the former vice president of student affairs, it’s in great shape,” Fahey said.

Both he and Anderson share, as he described it, “similar philosophies,” when dealing with how the university should be run and the order of precedence.

“For her, her priority is students, and for me it’s always been students,” he said. “It’s really great to work with her and be in this position. She understands what my priorities are. I don’t

have to explain why.”

Fahey never envisioned himself as the “vice president” type.

“I always wanted to be in a position where I could work with students and I could help people, and as I’ve been promoted higher and higher in my career, part of what happens is you lose student contact, so I’ve always tried to maintain [that],” he said.

At the highest point yet in his career, Fahey is unsure of what’s ahead of him.

“I’m already at the point where I’d have a full retirement if I wanted to take it, [but] I’m too young to retire. I’m not ready to retire. I’m really enjoying what I’m doing. I’ll stay here as long as Dr. Anderson needs me, that’s for sure. After that, who knows,” he said.

E3 unveils next generation of video games

Nikki Ericksen
REPORTER

From a virtual trip to Disneyland to the look and feel of commanding a football huddle, the Electronic Entertainment Expo, or E3, came through for not only competitive gamers but also for casual gamers everywhere.

Three major companies held press conferences and televised them for the public. The conferences were streamed live over the Internet.

Microsoft kicked off the expo by introducing "Modern Warfare 3," "Gears of War 3," "Tomb Raider," "Ghost Recon: Future Soldier," "BioShock Infinite," "Star Wars: The Old Republic," "Fable: The Journey," "Mass Effect 3," "Kingdoms of Amalur: Reckoning," "Battlefield 3," "Brothers in Arms: Furious 4," "Assassin's Creed: Revelations," "Halo Remastered and "Halo 4." Those are just the shooters of the bunch.

Another genre being explored is interactive gaming. Kinect has made this possible on the Xbox 360 systems. Now consumers can get up and dance along with a song, sing in a band or be a vital part of the composing.

Xbox 360 TV premiered, along with the announcement from Marc Whitten of Xbox Live that YouTube and Bing will also be coming to the consoles soon. Netflix and Hulu Plus services are also part of the Xbox community. Minecraft is also making its debut on the Xbox soon.

The Kinect peripheral also has many conventional controller games becoming more active and hands free. In "Ghost Recon: Future Soldier," gamers' hands are used to customize the weapon layouts, all the way down to the gas pistons. In "Madden NFL 12," gamers will be able to make calls on the field prior to snapping the ball. "Star Wars Kinect" will let players choose between the dark and light



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sides of the force and wield the corresponding light sabers.

Kinect is also teaching kids how to interact with storybooks. Not only can parents read along with their kids but they can now also be part of the story in "Sesame Street: Once Upon a Monster." Cookie Monster and Elmo were shown during the press conference, while many other Sesame Street characters will be included in the story.

"Disneyland Adventures" will allow the players to immerse themselves in the whole experience of Disneyland. Games from each area of Disney with different characters will allow interactive gameplay, like flying down Alice's rabbit hole and being the ball in the Red Queen's croquet game.

Sony made a lasting impression during the press conference by introducing their handheld device, the Sony PlayStation Vita. This new handheld, which will be available exclusively through

AT&T, has two thumb sticks, a D-pad and two touch screens, one in the front and one in the back.

In an effort to make 3-D gaming more affordable, Sony has released a package deal. For a 24-inch 3-D PlayStation branded TV, HDMI cable and a pair of the PlayStation-branded 3-D glasses, the price will be \$499. This package will also contain the game "Resistance 3," but no system will be included.

"NBA 2K12," "LittleBigPlanet 2," "Sly Cooper," "Dust 514," "inFAMOUS 2," "Star Trek," "Street Fighter X Tekken," "God of War," "Uncharted 3" and "SSX" were all introduced during Sony's press conference.

The PlayStation Move also made an impression during the conference, as a medieval game called "Medieval Moves" will be coming in fall 2011. In this game, players will be able to wield swords and shields as well as other medieval weapons.

After Sony's PlayStation Network was hacked, free downloadable games and games on disc will be offered to gamers who own devices and consoles. This is part of the welcome back program that Jack Tretton, president and chief executive of Sony Computer Entertainment of America, spoke about during the press conference.

Nintendo came out with guns blazing by introducing us to the new Wii, WiiU. Not only will this console be a great step forward for Nintendo, but it also changes how consumers view Nintendo. The 3DS system is getting more games that will play with the WiiU.

One downfall is that the WiiU is still in development. But from what was shown at the press conference, this console will sweep consumers off their feet.

The 25th anniversary edition of "Zelda" is coming out and will include a symphony CD with the "Zelda: Skyward Sword" game. With the holiday season approaching, there will also be a gold Wii remote released. Starting in the fall, 25th anniversary "Zelda" symphonies will tour the nation.

All three major companies talked about making their communities bigger and more solid. Many of the games coming out will have upgraded social community settings and connecting with people will be a breeze.

More community features means more gamers connecting around the world.

JAMBAR TOP PICKS

"Halo Remastered" and "Halo 4": This first-person shooter is what made Xbox really take off. These two editions both take place in the Halo universe. While "Halo Remastered" is the original "Halo" updated, "Halo 4" continues the story of Master Chief and was said to begin a new trilogy.

"Gears of War 3": "Gears of War" is a third-person shooter that takes place in a world called Sera. It is a continuation of the battle between mankind and huge beasts called Locusts. This game won the most anticipated game of E3 from GameSpot.com.

"Mass Effect 3": This is a third-person shooter with elements of a role-playing game. It continues the story of Cmdr. Shepard and his crew. Some have said this would be the most exciting and action-packed game of the trilogy thus far.

"Modern Warfare 3": This first-person shooter is a continuation of "Call of Duty: Modern Warfare 2." With this fast-paced game, many nights of multiplayer madness will ensue.

"Ghost Recon: Future Soldier": This long-awaited first- or third-person shooter sequel has been in limbo for six years. With future technologies such as cloaking and cross-com communications with your entire squad, this game is based on teamwork.

"BioShock Infinite": This game is a first-person shooter with elements of role-playing. The previous two were set underwater in Rapture, while this one goes to a floating city in the sky. The screenshots have been gorgeous stills of intense action.

"Fable: The Journey": This game takes on a whole genre of its own. Not exactly a shooter or a massively multiplayer online role-playing game, but it still encompasses a single-player campaign. Heading back to the world of Albion to be either good or evil is what this game is all about.

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below average for statewide universities.

Still, YSU is estimating a \$9.5 million deficit for next year. The tuition hike will generate an additional \$3.2 million for fiscal year 2012, Budget Director Neal McNally said.

"I think we all recognize that the coming year, 2012, is going to be the most difficult of the next few in terms of ratcheting down of the economy," board member Scott Schulick said.

"We've taken our cuts internally already this year. The proposed budget is going to include additional

cuts," Schulick said.

The cuts and tuition raise result from a depletion of expired federal stimulus dollars that propped up state funding this year. Overall, the university must offset a loss of \$7.2 million as the projected state contribution falls to \$39.8 million. The state budget, being debated in the Senate, has yet to be passed.

Some board members expressed concerns that rising tuition would deter students from attending YSU. Gene Grilli, vice president for finance and administration, said reports and statistics indicate no such deterrent.

"I don't know that there's any significant impact on enrollment," Grilli said.

Preliminary stats for summer semester indicate that enrollment is down 1.5 percent from this time last year. The number is tentative as students will be enrolling and dropping classes through July.

Still, YSU's overall enrollment has trended upward for the past decade. As enrollment increases, the university provides more financial aid for students, of which 88 percent received assistance last year. The assistance will be needed as tuition increases. But the board has yet to consider whether more financial aid should be provided as tuition costs go up.

Along with increasing some existing fees, new fees are being introduced under the proposal.

The \$78 parking permit, required for both fall and spring semesters, would increase to \$100. The board abandoned a prior proposal to automatically assess a parking fee to each student's general fee.

Employee and faculty parking was not raised, as the university covers their parking expenses as a fringe benefit.

A new \$65 graduation fee will cover students' caps and gowns for commencement.

Adding a class late, which penalizes students \$27.50, would cost \$50 under the new plan. And a late registration fee of \$55 would increase to \$75.

These late fees probably will not generate any revenue, McNally said.

"We did not increase any of our revenue projections based on fees or fines," McNally said.

Campus Connection

What do you think about the proposed tuition raise?



"If it goes towards academics, I think it's a good idea."

- Jacquie Mohney, senior



"I think it's unnecessary. You should keep it so students everywhere can come and get their degree." - Chris Hollis, sophomore

The late fees are designed to incentivize students to register and drop classes in a timely manner so that other students who wish to enroll in those classes have the opportunity to do so, McNally said.

Additionally, Youngstown Early College tuition would increase 3.5 percent, adjusting the cost per credit to nearly \$100.

Tuition for out-of-state students would also increase. Students from the Western Pennsylvania Advantage area would pay \$3,831 per semester, an increase of \$131, under the finance and facilities Committee proposal.

Other full-time students in the 15-county regional service area of Pennsylvania, New York and West Virginia would pay \$5,139 per semester, an increase of \$193. And all other out-of-state students enrolled full time would pay an additional \$268 per semester, hiking tuition to \$6,704.

MILL CREEK METROPARKS

Summerfest

100% Natural Flavors
Spectacular

June

- 15 Sarah Turner (Country)
- 18 ATLANTA RHYTHM SECTION ★
(National Recording Artist)
- 22 Canfield Community Concert Band
- 29 Del Sinchak / Jack Vasko (Polka)

July

- 6 Ryan Humbert Band (Americana/Pop/Rock)
- 13 Don Burns (Original Music From the Big Bands)
- 20 Going for the One (YES Tribute)
- 27 The HouseBand (Rock/Dance)
- 31 Sensations (Dance/Party/Rock) 5:00 - 8:00 pm

August

- 3 HeartBEAT Afrika (Percussion/African Drumming)
- 10 The Juke Hounds (Blues/Rock/Soul)
- 17 Easy Street Productions (An Evening of Favorites)*
- 24 Hey Mavis (Modern Old-timey)
- 31 Michael Austin (Jazz)

Listen to live music outdoors in the Park and savor the sounds of summer.

7 pm
Wick Recreation Area • Judge Morley Pavilion
Free performances • Lawn seating
Alcohol - Free Events
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*Rain date will be August 18. Call for information.

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WRTA "DUMP THE PUMP" DAY

June 16, 2011

WRTA, along with other Transit agencies nationwide, is encouraging all to park their vehicles on Thursday June 16, 2011 and take public transit.

Ride for free with "Dump the pump coupon." WRTA will offer Free Rides For The Day with the coupon. You can present your free ride coupon from the Vindicator (Youngstown State "Jambar") and ride free on June 16. Present the coupon upon boarding the WRTA unit. Pass is good for ALL DAY on June 16, 2011 only.

Complete information on the coupon to be eligible for drawings for one of Five 15 ride tickets, and one of Three 31 day passes that will be drawn on June 20, 2011. Turn your coupon in to your driver on your last ride for the drawing.

Name _____
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Free day pass
Good for June 16, 2011 only.
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