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YSU profs awarded emeritus status

Jordan D. Uhl
NEWS EDITOR

The board of trustees awarded 31 retiring professors emeritus status at its Friday meeting.

Totalling 868 years of service at the university, their time spent ranges from 11 to 40 years. Louis Zona of the art department claims the longest tenure.

According to the board's resolution, to be considered one must have "at least 10 years of meritorious service and [be] recommended by the president of the university."

To one of the recipients, Steve Ellyson, it's like a "job well done" for his 25 years teaching at Youngstown State University.

"Basically, people think you did a good job and all that stuff," Ellyson said with a chuckle. "But it's mostly an honor."

"It feels like all my work was appreciated," he said.

With the title, professors have the option to have a shared office on campus, free parking and reduced admission prices for athletic events.

Ellyson doesn't intend on taking advantage of any of those things, as he and his wife are "moving away to warmer climates."

Board of trustees elects new chair, raises tuition

Hilary Carr
REPORTER

The Youngstown State University Board of Trustees increased the price of tuition and parking permits, as well as voted in a new chair, vice chair and secretary, at its final meeting of the summer on Friday.

YSU President Cynthia Anderson issued a "message of thanks" to the board of trustees for a "busy but productive year."

"We've completed a strategic plan in absolutely record time," Anderson said. The strategic plan will guide the university through 2020.

All resolutions were adopt-

ed unanimously, including the tuition increase.

Undergraduate tuition for Ohio residents will increase by \$126 a semester, while nonresident regional, nonregional and western Pa. advantage undergraduate tuition will increase by \$193.32, \$268.08 and \$131.04 a semester, respectively.

Resident and nonresident graduate tuition will increase by \$167.40 and \$172.44 a semester, respectively.

The cost of parking permits will also increase from \$78 a semester to \$100 a semester in the fall and spring. A summer permit will increase from \$35 a semester to \$51 a semester.

Ikram Khawaja, provost and vice president for academic affairs, issued a staff

report on behalf of the academic and student affairs committee that highlighted the accomplishments of some academic groups throughout the past year.

One accomplishment that Khawaja noted was the summer news media workshop that will host students from China from July 18 to Aug. 6.

Khawaja also called attention to the new family nurse practitioner program, to YSU being placed on the President's Higher Education Community Service Honor Roll for the second year, and the upcoming Summer Festival of the

"We've completed a strategic plan in record time."

-Cynthia Anderson, YSU president

Arts and the Youngstown Jazz Festival.

Gene Grilli, vice president for finance and administration, gave a staff report on behalf of the finance and facilities committee. He addressed ways of "improving services and reducing cost."

Grilli also said the Watson and Tressel Training Site will be ready for the 2011-2012 season, while the first phase of the M-2 parking deck remodeling will be completed by the fall.

The completion date for the M-2 parking deck renovation

is Aug. 23, with an opening date of Aug. 29.

"Right now we are on schedule," said Danny O'Connell, director of support services.

Two of the major concrete pours are done, O'Connell said, and the rest is expected to go as planned.

With no unfinished or new business, the board of trustees elected Dr. Sudershan K. Garg as chair. Garg is a hematologist and oncologist at St. Joseph Health Center in Warren and St. Elizabeth Health Center in Youngstown and Boardman. Garg has spent six years on the board of trustees and served as vice chair for two. He has also served as chairman of the investment subcommittee.

Resch Foundation leads donors in third quarter

Jordan D. Uhl
NEWS EDITOR

On Friday, the board of trustees passed a resolution to accept 1,917 development gifts — totaling \$754,917 — from university donors.

Gifts are down \$517,756.60, or 40.7 percent, from the third quarter of fiscal

year 2010. Total donors have fallen by 546, a 22.17 percent decrease.

The gifts come from three areas: alumni relations, WYSU-FM and university development. Of the three, the latter brought in the most with \$680,297 from 1,014 donors.

Despite the slump in numbers, Catherine Cala, director of university development, said there is an explanation.

"Last year we were in our Centennial Capital Campaign, now we're post-campaign, in general fundraising mode," Cala said.

Already, the university has exceeded last year's total.

"Our alum-

ni and friends have been very generous, even in tough economic times," Cala said. "We're very lucky to have such great donors."

University development has little control over where the funds end up, as a vast majority of donations are designated for a particular recipient.

"Last year, out of the \$1.4 million, 95 percent was donor designated," Cala said.

One of the more gracious donors over the past several years is the Marion G. Resch Foundation, which was established in 1997 to aid students with financial need.

One of the recipients of the Resch Foundation Scholarship is second-year junior Annalisa Walkama.

Walkama applied for the scholarship after hearing about high school classmates from Poland receiving aid.

She said a burden has been lifted off her shoulders, while making her feel secure about her future.

"When I graduate, I won't have any debt," Walkama said. "[This] makes it

easier when it comes time to pay bills."

If Paul and Marion Resch were still alive, she would thank them for giving to a local school.

"It's really nice to give back to an area, to make it better by investing in education," she said. "It's so important to remember where you came from."

The Resch Foundation gave \$150,000 during the third quarter of fiscal year 2010-2011. This placed it in the YSU President's Council category, reserved for donors of \$100,000 and above. The foundation was the only donor to do so.

Paul McFadden, chief development officer, maintains a close relationship with those overseeing the trust, as both Paul and Marion Resch have passed away.

"She was making very generous donations and left instructions to continue the trust after her passing," McFadden said.

The fund's agent is Farmers Trust

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Y\$U Donations

WYSU-FM: \$61,597 Alumni Relations: \$13,023

University Development: \$680,297

NEWS BRIEFS

Career and wellness fair scheduled for Wednesday

NEO HealthForce's Career and Wellness Fair — intended for anyone interested in a health care career or education — will be held Wednesday from 9 a.m. to noon in the Rose Melnick Medical Museum, located on the YSU campus. The event is free and open to the public. The event will feature discussions of in-demand health care careers, health care screenings and museum exhibits that feature medical technology of both the past and present. To register, call 330-965-1787. Registration is also available on the day of the event.

Students intern with local nonprofits

This summer, a dozen YSU students are working at local nonprofit organizations through the Nonprofit Leadership Summer Honors Internship Program. The program, which is run by the YSU Center for Nonprofit Leadership, is funded through a \$40,000 grant from the Raymond John Wean Foundation and matches college students to nonprofit organizations for paid summer internships. Overall, more than 30 nonprofit organizations and almost 70 students applied to participate in the program. All students selected for the program have a minimum 3.0 GPA, are of at least senior standing and have a declared major.

POLICE BRIEFS

Man found using computer in closed building

On Thursday, a YSU police officer on campus patrol noticed a man using a computer in Williamson Hall, which was closed. The man told the officer that he took a couple of classes at YSU in 2008 but that he was no longer a student. Although the man did not possess any existing warrants, the officer told the man that he could not be in the building or use the computer lab unless he was a student. The officer also said he could not have a YSU ID. The man apologized, stating that he did not know the building was closed and that he was using the computer to look up information on possible employment. Police confiscated the man's YSU ID, which will be returned to the bursar's office, and issued the man a written trespass warning. He was escorted from the building.



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Summer employment for students on the rise

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Some Youngstown State University students are on summer break, while others are working while enrolled in summer classes.

Traditional air-conditioned mall jobs constitute some of the seasonal work for college students. But area amusement parks, swimming pools and baseball fields are where other students find occupational excitement.

During the summer, college student employment rises.

In 2010, the student summer employment rate from April to July rose by 1.8 million to 18.6 million, the U.S. Bureau of Labor Statistics reported. About 10 times as many students went to work during the summer than during the traditional school term.

Jobs are also available on campus so that students who want to take summer classes can work convenient jobs with flexible hours.

YSU junior Mallore Miller works two on-campus jobs during the summer.

"The Candy Counter and the staff office are convenient jobs and great at working around students' lifestyles," Miller said.

Junior Brian Bianco also works on campus. He enjoys more than the paycheck.

"Being the student life office assistant is the greatest job on campus. I work with the best group of ladies at the university," Bianco said.

The key to summer employment for most college students is earning money and having time off to have a little fun. Some students do internships for educational and work experience.

In the past, some YSU students have worked at Cedar Point, Kings Island Theme Park and Disney World. A few students have even worked in Washington, D.C., for Congress.

Still, others find that the best job is the one closest to home.

Chelsey Pitoscia, junior, works at the YMCA of Youngstown as a lifeguard.

"I work at the Y because it's next to YSU, so it is convenient for me," Pitoscia said.

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Company, which as of 2009 posted \$13.9 million in income, with \$21 million in assets.

According to the foundation's 2009 990 tax form, awards from the trust are only "to be granted to colleges and other institutions of higher learning located within 100 miles of Youngstown, Ohio."

"They've been very, very, very generous to the university, which is wonderful," Cala said.

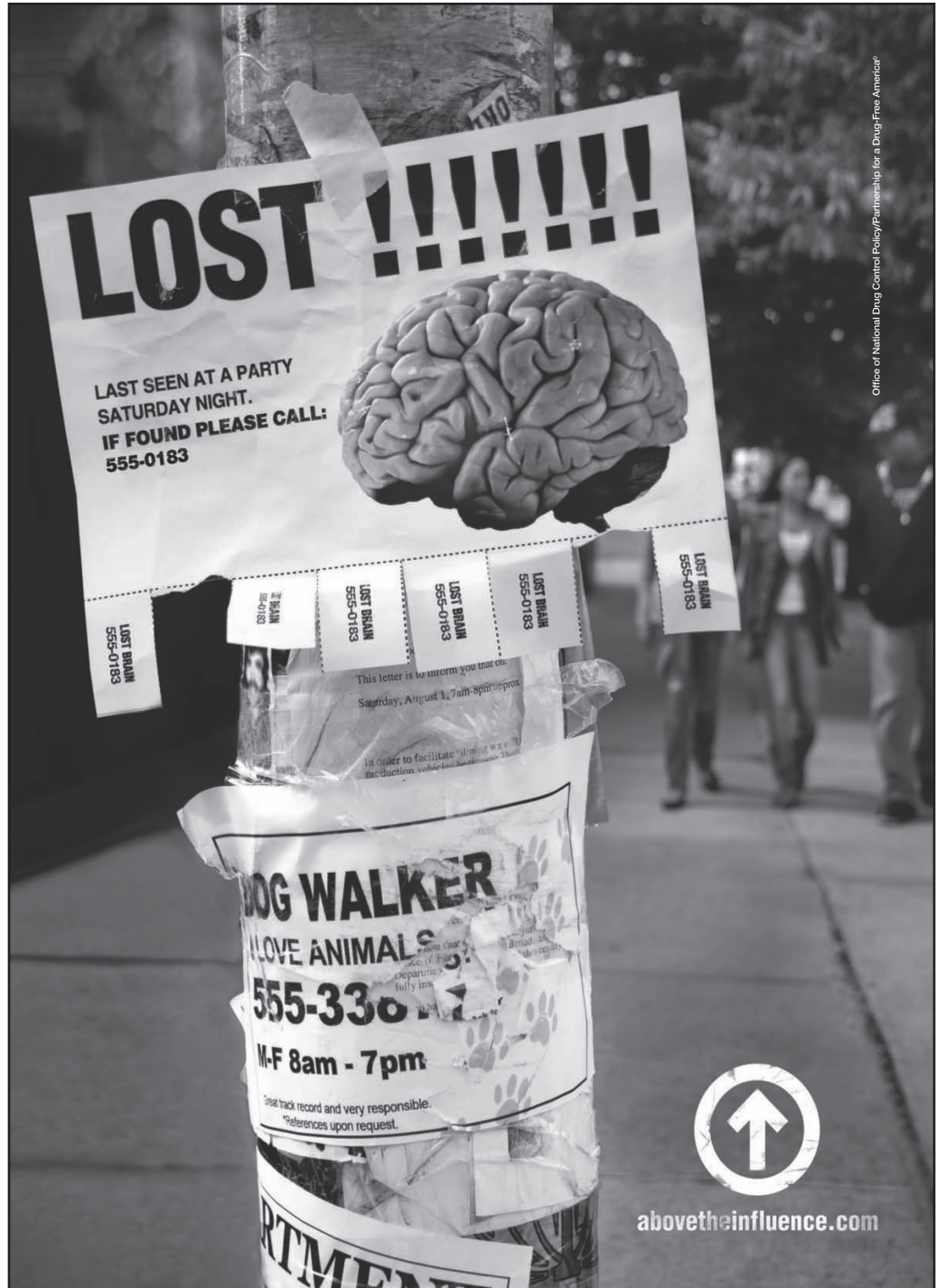
In 2009, YSU received \$322,810 when combining their donations to the university with the gifts to the Rich Center for Autism.


Paul Resch was a 1933 graduate of the Youngstown College of Law.

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EDITORIAL BOARD

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As the board concluded its summer session, tough decisions were made possible by thorough deliberation.

The future solvency and the high educational standard of our university were left unscathed.

We commend Sudershan Garg, newly elected chair, for his practical and meticulous approach to the tuition increase and budgetary measures discussed during the finance committee, at which time he jokingly said the university should avoid the same practice that the money-hemorrhaging federal government has committed to.

We hope you will continue to cut costs and uphold YSU's respected status.

Issues affecting that status will need to be addressed in the coming fiscal year.

As the state finalizes its budget, YSU will be faced with staggering questions. Should we remain an open enrollment institution? How should we invest in our future? What is our place in the community?

The board denied Wick Neighbors' proposal for YSU to assume control of its development operation. We hope this is a sign that YSU cannot be all things to all people. We are wondering, however, what YSU will do with the five properties it wishes to acquire from Wick Neighbors — as well as the numerous other properties outlining campus.

We'll be keeping a close eye on YSU's acquisitions, like the purchase of the University Courtyard Apartments, which officials claim will pay for itself.

We're eager to see improvements next year to buildings frequented by students and fewer frivolous improvements, like the Tod Hall entrance renovation.

Finally, being everything to everyone means retaining our open enrollment status. We feel that a diverse and affordable education is what makes YSU successful. The future of our enrollment status depends as much on our budget as it does the success of our students.

In 2004, 1,860 first-time freshmen enrolled, and by 2008 a little more than 13 percent had graduated.

And last year nearly 55 percent of freshmen finished the required coursework to become sophomores, of which only 11.33 percent became juniors.

Retention and graduation rates must be improved.

So, Dr. Garg, we hope you lead the board with a student-oriented approach and fiscally sound resolve. Cut expenses, not corners.

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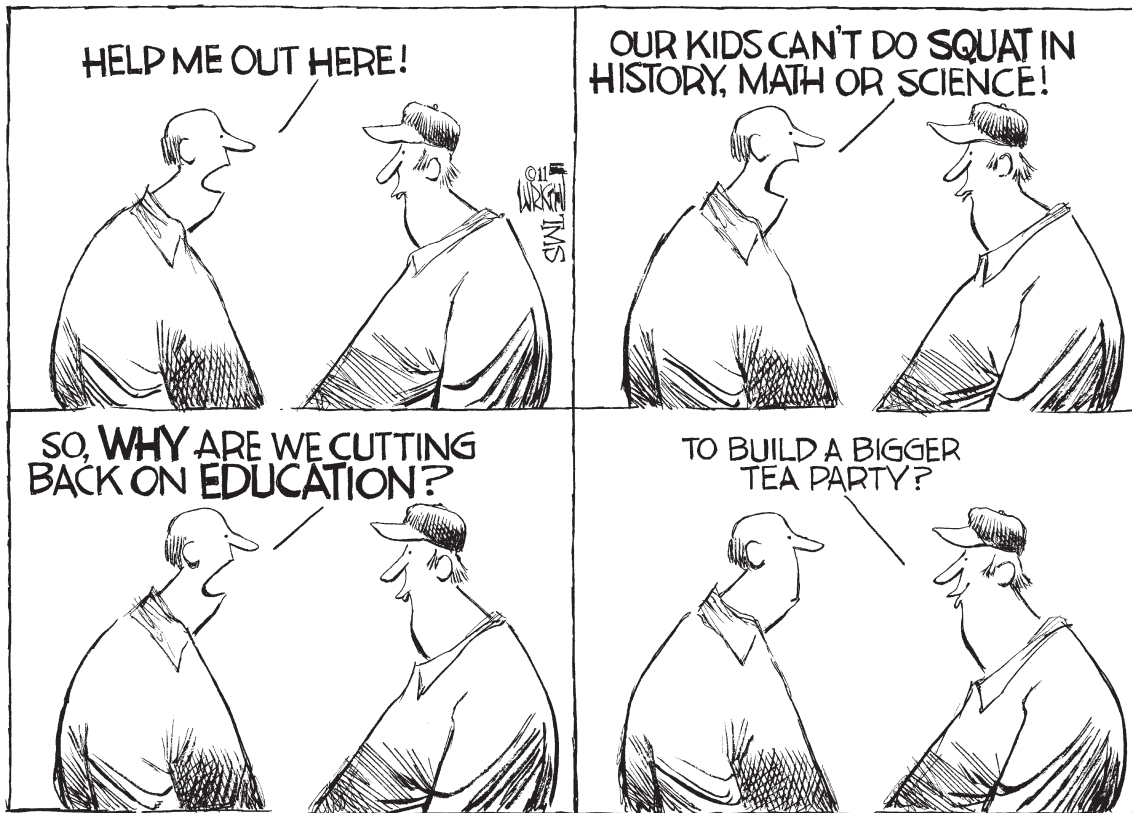
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Rallying behind SB 5

Christopher Kochera
CONTRIBUTOR

Drums and bagpipes echoed across the lawn of the Ohio Capitol as an estimated 5,200 individuals united in protest against Senate Bill 5 during a cold February afternoon. Crowds chanted, "Kill the bill," while others held signs that read, "Protect workers' rights" and "Kasich is the idiot."

Prior to the passage of SB 5 in March, rallies such as this were common across the state. Record crowds stood in unison with a message: protect workers' rights.

The new law limits collective bargaining rights for public employees, potentially affecting wages and benefits.

Called "a huge blow to the middle class" and "a politically motivated attack," anti-SB 5 advocates garnered support through rallies.

One such rally took place at YSU on April 18.

"The Rally for Education and Community was a success because we brought several hundred people together to talk not only about the repercussions of SB 5 and how they would affect everyone in the state," said Gary Davenport, then vice president for university affairs of the Student Government Association at YSU. Davenport helped organize the rally.

Why so much interest in this bill than other current controversial issues?

"[It has a] big impact on [the] lives of public employees," said William Binning, professor and chair emeritus of the political science department at YSU. "It impacts [their] livelihood and rights."

"I think it's a geography and timing issue here," Davenport said. "There are always issues that need to be addressed, but in Ohio, we have to take care of SB 5 immediately."

During an anti-SB 5 rally in Columbus, large crowds prompted state troopers to lock Capitol building doors, a move that infuriated protesters.

"This is tyranny!" a protester wrote on Twitter.

"This is the people's house!" another user noted.

SB 5 supporters are in the minority. Tea Party members organized pro-SB 5 rallies, but none enjoyed the success of their counterparts.

"I just don't see or hear anyone talking about it positively," Davenport said. "SB 5 doesn't create jobs, will decrease the quality and security of existing jobs, will deplete the applicant pool to those jobs and may actually work to eliminate jobs. Who wants any of that?"

With the 90-day referendum going into effect, anti-SB 5 advocates will look to gain signatures and support. Rallies could continue, but they could turn into something different.

"[F]rom now on you'll see local-scale events to get signatures as well as individuals approaching one another about it in neighborhoods and public venues," Davenport said. "I'm not sure if there will be protests like there has been in recent months, but you can be sure if there's a reason to say something publicly while they're collecting signatures, people will organize."

Cooperation and the lack thereof

Patrick Donovan
CONTRIBUTOR

For the moment and the foreseeable future, the political chasm and rampant partisanship evident across the country is being embodied and exemplified to the extreme here in Ohio — where Republicans and Democrats are putting on their gloves to duke it out over unions and collective bargaining rights.

As federal and state governments struggle to deal with budget deficits reaching monumental proportions, voters and legislators in Ohio continue polarization into their respective camps over issues surrounding Senate Bill 5.

Further fueling partisan fires, media outlets reduce complicated issues to sound clips, and cameras pan over raging protests as union leaders bark about attacks on the working class.

Private sector workers face economic woes, and non-union taxpayers shake their heads at teachers they see working only half the year.

Amidst all the charged rhetoric and banter, Gov. John Kasich points his finger at high health care costs and public employee pensions as major fiscal problems for the state.

"If we do not get a handle on pensions, if we do not get a handle on health care, a lot of these employees could ultimately be left high and dry, and I do not want to see that happen," Kasich said in an interview with John King, CNN's chief national correspondent.

Ohio's Democratic representatives vow to take up arms, fight the bill and protect the working class.

"The Ohio Constitution allows for a citizens' veto, and if I have to travel the state and have 'No on SB 5' rallies, I'll do it," said state Sen. Joe Schiavoni shortly after the bill passed in the Senate on March 2.

It is important to understand that the parties and interests involved have deeply seeded roots of hostility and mistrust toward one other.

National labor unions formed in the early-1900s typically supported Democrats. Throughout the years, the trend has persisted, pitting Republicans against unions.

"There is a distinctive union vote in American national elections, with union members and their families more likely to vote Democratic than those without union affiliation," according to a study conducted by the Political Research Quarterly.

The political benefits connected to securing union votes have translated into unions holding a very powerful bargaining card when it comes to legislation and influence on government.

The powerful influence unions have wielded for the past 40 or so years has led to taxpayer outrage, voter backlash and ultimately a sticky situation.

The struggle between Republicans and Democrats reflects a much greater sway in the na-

tional political pendulum and has vast implications for Ohio's political future.

The line in the sand has been drawn at collective bargaining. Although unions were prepared to make financial concessions, the governor refused to end his attack on collective bargaining. Because of his refusal, Democrats all but abandoned the legislative process, submitting no amendments to the bill they wanted scrapped. So now we sit at an impasse with no signs of compromise.

William Rodgers, a former chief economist for the U.S. Department of Labor and now a professor at Rutgers University, noted the lack of cooperation and said it won't turn out well for either party involved.

"It's a two way-street. Everybody is a stakeholder in this, and everybody needs to be accountable. There needs to be less political drama and more thought about how to make future agreements workable for states, their employees and the taxpayers," Rodgers said.

Jim Cartwright, whose father was a 30-year member of the steelworkers' union in Youngstown, expressed a similar, more "middle of the road" approach to the situation in a letter to the Vindicator.

"I believe any employer, including the government, whose employees organize, gave them reason to do so. I believe any employee who thinks that union membership entitles them to dictate the strategic course of their employer will soon be as underemployed as all the empty land formerly occupied by steel mills along the Mahoning. Both sides must pull their weight or perish together," Cartwright said.

With Georgia, Virginia, Minnesota, Texas and Kentucky implementing more than half of the performance-boosting recommendations made by their commissioners over the past decade, it would be wise for Ohio's legislatures to follow suit, sit down and come to an agreement about their policies.

Lenny Mendonca, a senior partner of the McKinsey Global Institute, has spent the past 20 years analyzing productivity and says the problem lies with inefficiency as a whole.

"You need a group focused on delivery. It sounds so generic, but it's not there now. The problem is not ideas the problem is making it happen," Mendonca said. "The choice of cut more or tax more is not acceptable. You have to do it better."

As we go through the next few months listening to union leaders yell about attacks on the middle class and government officials respond with budget woes and finger-pointing, we should remember that the key is cooperation. The only problem is that we are not likely to see any.

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got an opinion?

Fireworks, parades celebrate Fourth of July

Nikki Ericksen
REPORTER

On July 3, 1776, after the Continental Congress proclaimed the American colonies independent of England, John Adams wrote to his wife, "The second day of July, 1776 will be the most memorable epoch in the history of America. I am apt to believe that it will be celebrated by succeeding generations as the great anniversary festival ... It ought to be solemnized with pomp and parade, with shows, games, sports, guns, bells, bonfires, and illuminations, from one end of this continent to the other, from this time forward forever more."

In north central Indiana, fish fry fundraisers, car shows and tractor pulls precede fireworks.

In Louisville, Ky., two days of bands, festivals and fireworks on the banks of the Ohio River mark the Fourth of July.

In Philadelphia, it is a flashback to the past as locals put on clothing inspired by the 1700s, re-enact historical events and read the Declaration of Independence at Independence Hall.

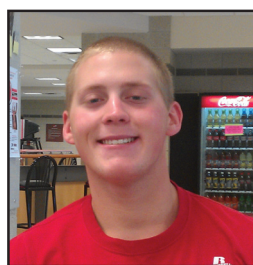
In Boston, the USS John F. Kennedy often sails into the harbor, while the Boston Pops Orchestra holds a televised concert on the banks of the Charles River, playing patriotic music and ending with the "1812 Overture."

Campus Connection

How will you celebrate the Fourth of July?



"Campbell has a block party and fireworks that my friends and family attend."
Ava DiRienzo, senior



"Family party and fireworks, all while trying not to blow up the neighbor's house with fireworks."
Kevin Fusselman, sophomore

The following list features local events celebrating the Fourth of July Mahoning County

Austintown
• On July 4, a parade, which starts at Raccoon and Kirk roads, will begin at 2 p.m. It will end on Falcon Road.

Boardman
• Beginning at 8 p.m. on July 2, the Maag Outdoor Arts Theatre will host a military band, face painting, children's activities and fireworks.

Jackson
• Beginning at 10 a.m. on July 4, a parade will start at Liberty Steel and end at the high school parking lot.

Struthers
• On July 4 at noon, a parade will begin at the Fifth Street Plaza.

Youngstown
• On July 4 at the Covelli Centre, fireworks will begin at 9:30 p.m. Park in surrounding lots and garages, not at the Covelli Centre.

Mercer County
Mercer
• On July 1, two bands will perform from 6 to 9 p.m. at the Mercer High School Auditorium on Butler Street. An ice cream social will take place.

Sharon
• Small Ships Review at Quaker Steak & Lube, located at 101 Chestnut St., will begin at 5 p.m. on July 1. A parade will begin at 6 p.m., while the ships will be launched at 7 p.m. Fireworks will follow the events.

Hermitage
• On July 3, fireworks will begin at 9:45 p.m. at Hermitage Middle School.

Trumbull County
Cortland
• A fireworks show will begin at 10 p.m. on July 4 at Lakeview High School. Gates will open at 9 p.m.

Newton Falls
• On July 4, a parade will begin at 10 a.m., and fireworks will start at 10 p.m. at the city park.

Niles
• Fireworks will be held in downtown Niles on July 4 at 10 p.m.

Warren
• Beginning at 8 p.m. on July 4, an outdoor concert followed by fireworks will be held at Packard Music Hall.

WARNING!!! from the Ohio Department of Commerce



State Fire Marshal Larry Flowers encourages Ohioans to follow safety tips this Fourth of July in an effort to reduce the number of fires and fireworks-related injuries:

- Handle and discharge trick and novelty devices only under adult supervision.
- Appoint one adult to be in charge. This person should know the hazards of each type of firework being used.
- Carefully read and follow the label directions on the trick and novelty device packaging.
- Light only one sparkler at a time and hold it away from your body and others.
- Sparkler wires should immediately be placed in a bucket of water to avoid injury as they remain hot for a few minutes after burnout.
- If someone gets burned, run cool water over the wound for two or three minutes and seek medical attention when necessary.

Penguins compete in W. Va rugby tournament

Nick Mancini
REPORTER

Over the weekend, the Youngstown State University rugby team participated in the Almost Heaven Sevens rugby tournament.

The tournament took place in Morgantown, W.Va., at Cheat Lake soccer fields. The Westmoreland Highlanders rugby club hosted the tournament.

A total of 24 teams participated in the tournament.

The tournament featured

three divisions: six in the men's social, six in the men's competitive and 12 in the women's division.

The Penguins competed in the men's social division.

The Penguins were one of only two colleges participating. West Virginia University was the other.

Going into a relatively unknown tournament, Brett Grabman, YSU rugby club vice president, said there would always be some level of uncertainty.

"Seeing as this was our first Olympic-style rugby tournament,

I thought we played well," Grabman said. "We knew we would score our fair share of goals going in."

The Penguins went 2-2 in the tournament. They beat West Virginia twice and lost to the South Pittsburgh Hooligans and the Dirty Whores.

"The talent was pretty even for the most part," said forward Matt Ruse. "Experience did play a factor though, especially in the first game."

The Penguins ran into some teams with more experience but were able to hold their own.

"Overall, there wasn't one standout performance, but rather great team play for the tournament," Grabman said.

One of the problems for the Penguins was getting an adequate number of players for the tournament since it was held in the summer.

"It was definitely tough to get some of the more experienced back there," Grabman said. "Since it's the summer, some of the guys were on vacation and some were also nursing injuries."

Scoring for the Penguins throughout the tournament were Grabman, Lee Hartman, Brad Harnett, Timmy Bowser and Levi Hively.



Matt Ruse (left) and Brett Grabman (right) scramble for the ball during a game last season. The two were among members of YSU's rugby club who participated in the Almost Heaven Sevens tournament over the weekend. Photo by Jordan D. Uhl/The Jambar.

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