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Faculty, administration still unable to agree on contract

Josh Stipanovich
EDITOR-IN-CHIEF

Following another round of contract negotiations on Friday, Stan Guzell, Youngstown State University-Ohio Education Association chief negotiator, said in a press release he feared that the administration would impose a contract on the faculty. "[The administration does] not care to invest in

the faculty and don't see our concessions as sufficient. I've worked on several previous negotiations, and the attitude and approaches this time have been far worse than ever before," he said in the release.

Guzell and other YSU-OEA members were frustrated and left wondering when, if at all, "key issues" would be agreed to.

No other meetings were scheduled to take place.

On Monday, members of

YSU-OEA, the administration and the Association of Classified Employees union at YSU met for nearly four hours to discuss health care, an issue Ron Cole, director of university communications, said is vital.

"Health care is the only issue that is still remaining," Cole said.

Guzell agreed that health care is one key issue among

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Campus Connection

How do you feel about the possibility of a strike?



"I think it would be kind of awesome. I could relax a week. But as far as making it up, that would suck."
- Aislynn Merling, freshman



"I'm scared. I like coming here. I like coming to school. I couldn't really see them going on strike."
- Olympia Phifer, freshman

Comparable schools becomes new hot button in negotiations

Jordan D. Uhl
NEWS EDITOR

The newest topic for discussion and consequently disagreement between the administration at Youngstown State University and its branch of the Ohio Education Association is what criteria is dominant when comparing YSU to other universities.

In 2008, a joint committee of 28 faculty and administration representatives agreed on a list of comparables, which was used in contract negotiations then and at the start of negotiations this spring.

"This year, we agreed to use that comparables list," said Julia Gergits, YSU-OEA president. "The administration asked that we add [the University of] Akron and Kent [State University] to it. That was the list we were thought we were operating under."

A comparable school list compiled by the administration, which was recently released to the public, differed from the list agreed to in 2008. This list was a result of the fact-finding that took place in July.

Comprised entirely of private schools and mostly religious institutions, the new list featured 10 schools with enrollment ranging from 1,545 at Capital University to 11,119 at the University of Dayton. The average enrollment number is about 4,311.

"In their fact-finding report, this is what they decided was comparable to YSU. Not the ones that were in, which they called, 'our list,' which of course is not true. The list was put together jointly," Gergits said.

Gergits said the initial list from 2008 was comprised of Rust Belt state schools that are similar in size and deal with similar issues.

The American Association of University Professors compiles and classifies the average salaries of all levels of educators at higher education institutions. YSU falls under category IIA, which features primarily master's degree institutions.

George Crisci, the administration's attorney, said that based on the results, the administration assembled the new list of all IIA

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Youngstown STATE UNIVERSITY "COMPARABLE INSTITUTIONS"	
2008	2011
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Grand Valley State University (Mi) Oakland University (Mi) University of Michigan, Flint (Mi) Buffalo State (Mi) SUNY Fredonia (Mi) SUNY New Paltz (Mi) SUNY Oneta (Mi) 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Ashland University College of Mount St. Joseph Capital University Franciscan University of Steubenville John Carroll University Mount Vernon Nazarene University University of Dayton Xavier University
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Bloomsburg University of PA California University of PA Clarion University of PA Edinboro University of PA PA State University of IIA Campuses Shippensburg University of PA Slippery Rock University of PA 	<p>* During the negotiations, the administration presented these schools as comparable to YSU, based on the AAUP survey.</p>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Marshall University (WV) 	

GRAPHIC BY PARIS CHRISOPOULOUS/THE JAMBAR

New English professor relieved to be teaching

Candace Mauzy
REPORTER

The threat of a teachers' strike has clouded Youngstown State University with uncertainty and left one teacher with an unforgettable first-year experience.

Karen Lee, a new assistant professor of English, said she could vouch for the uncertainty of the looming strike. Along with the typical interview process, Lee contended with added pressure from an unsettled relationship between administrators and faculty.

"[The strike] was an extra layer of stress. When you start any new job, you are trying to see where you fit in relation to the company. So, with the administration upset, the faculty upset and the community upset, I am still working on that," she said.

Lee earned her bachelor's degree in English with a minor in journalism from the University of Florida. After working for a small company doing publications, marketing and design editing, she attended Florida State University where she obtained a master's degree in English.

Lee then studied at Purdue University while specializing in professional and technical writing. She finished her doc-

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Open academic adviser positions cause Penguin pandemonium

Caitlin Cook
REPORTER

Through the glass doors of the Jermaine Hopkins Academics Center in Stambaugh Stadium, Youngstown State University student-athletes can be found tirelessly working or waiting for a helping hand.

STROLLO

However, student-athletes will have a harder time finding help this academic year after losing half of the athletic academic advisers.

"Obviously I am short-staffed. I lost two important people in our area," said Marilyn O'Bruba, coordinator of athletic academic advising.

Terry Samuels, former athletic academic adviser, retired this summer, while Susan Carfalo, former assistant athletic academic adviser, transferred to the Williamson College of Business Administration.

Samuels and Carfalo tracked student-athletes to ensure that they maintained eli-

gibility.

"[Advising] involves a lot of different things," O'Bruba said. "You're working with young kids [and] making sure they're adjusting well to school. I'm writing recommendations [and] helping kids with job searches. It really just depends on what the individual's needs are."

O'Bruba added that the job includes addressing academic and eligibility issues, and working with older students planning to graduate.

Elaine Jacobs, associate athletic director, said she considers the services provided by

"Everyone in the public sees wins and losses, the scores posted and the games on TV, but ultimately our student-athletes are here to graduate."

-Ron Strollo, executive director of athletics

O'Bruba and her staff crucial to the overall success of the athletics program.

"To have those specific people in your department that know the NCAA requirements is critical to make sure

there are no mistakes," Jacobs said. "Just little nuances about student-athletes have to [be] taken into account when the student is moving on their path."

O'Bruba and her staff manage 344 student-athletes. Marty Hyden, athletic academic adviser, is O'Bruba's only other employees who maintains 20 hours a week.

"The more staff you have, the better off you are because you're giving more attention to each individual student's curriculum to make sure there

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Exploring a day in the life of a YSU police officer



Officer Don Cox patrols Fifth Avenue during his afternoon shift for the YSU Police Department. Photo by Nick Young/The Jambar.

Marissa McIntyre
ASSISTANT NEWS EDITOR

At home, officer Don Cox is equipped with crayons and action figures, but at work he is equipped with handcuffs and a gun.

Prior to being a police officer, Cox was in the military, worked for other areas within the police force and even played football at Youngstown State University for part of the season. He has been working for the YSU Police Department since 2003.

At home, Cox is a hero to his 8-year-old son and 5-year-old daughter.

"They don't understand that daddy is in danger," he said.

His wife, however, does understand the danger that comes with being a police officer and constantly worries about what will happen to her husband.

"My wife knows it's dangerous, but she also knows that it's my dream," he said.

Cox's father, however, isn't as understanding.

"Because he worries, we just don't talk about it," Cox said.

Since becoming a police officer, Cox said that he has seen "the best of the best and the worst of the worst."

One particular incident he recalled was when a man committed suicide by shooting himself in the head.

"Those kinds of things stay with you. To this day I can't eat a Subway sub with pickles," Cox said, recalling that earlier that day he had eaten at Subway.

A typical workday for Cox starts

with roll call at the beginning of his shift, which is when the officers are given numbers that represent what areas of campus they will patrol for their shift.

On Friday, Cox was given section 902, which encompasses Lincoln to Belmont avenues and its surrounding areas. Officers are also assigned a car, which is inspected before they start patrolling.

As he was patrolling, it seemed as though Cox was leisurely driving around campus, but he said that, out of habit, he multi-tasks. He said he was looking for expired license plate tags, cracked taillights and anything out of the ordinary, all while listening to the police radios.

In addition to responding to YSU campus calls, YSU Police can also respond to calls from the Youngstown Police Department, since the YSU Police patrol cars are also equipped with a Youngstown Police radio.

"By doing that, we're keeping the campus safe by keeping the city safe," Cox said.

YSU Police carries around a list of codes for both YSU and the city of Youngstown.

During patrols, YSU officers also lock buildings on campus and patrol within the building. Cox locked up Stambaugh Stadium. He said that even though it's his least favorite part of patrolling, he understands why it's important.

"This lets the students know that we're around and we are making sure that no one is around that shouldn't be," Cox said.

Cox also stopped and made sure that any stationary vehicles on campus

were OK, including what seemed to be an abandoned vehicle and an occupied vehicle that was waiting on the side of the road. He also asked anyone walking alone if he could be of assistance.

Cox said that one of the biggest misconceptions about YSU police officers is that they are security guards.

"A lot of times when it sets in for someone that we're not security guards is when we're arresting them," Cox said.

That YSU has its own police station instead of security is what makes campus safer, he said.

During his patrol, Cox took multiple trips around the dorms.

"It lets the students know that we are out here so bad guys don't get them," he said.

Cox responded to a call: a diabetic female student in the M-2 parking deck who could not find her car.

Cox got out of the car and immediately asked her if she was OK. It turned out that her car was one level below where she thought she had parked. Before letting her drive away, Cox asked her if she was medically all right, to which she responded "yes."

Shortly afterward, Cox was called back to the station to make a police report for a woman whose car had been hit in the M-2 parking deck the previous day. At the same time, there was a call for a car being pushed up Fifth Avenue.

Upon patrolling Fifth Avenue, there was no car to be seen.

"You have to prioritize your calls," he said.

Even though there was no car being pushed, he would rather respond to that first than take time to write a police re-

port while someone could have been hit by a car.

"I really like that stuff. I've helped two people out already," Cox said. "It makes me feel good."

There were multiple traffic stops during his shift as well. Cox responded to assist Sgt. Dennis Godoy on a traffic stop involving a car that ran a stop sign. Officers call for assistance, as they are unsure of what car occupants may have on them.

Afterward Cox was called to assist Godoy in an expired license plate tag stop.

While assisting, Cox parked his patrol vehicle with the tires turned toward the road and stood at the back of the pulled-over car on the passenger side. He said this is so that if someone were to hit the car, it wouldn't "blast" into the pulled-over car or anyone standing around. He stands at the back of the pulled-over car so that he can easily see into the vehicle for anything that Godoy may not see from his point of view.

"I've pulled traffic stops before with guns," Cox said. "We always do things in pairs or more."

While patrolling, Cox saw graffiti on the back of a building that said, "YSU cops are assholes."

"You have to have thick skin, so that doesn't bother me," Cox said. "Some people just don't have respect for police officers."

Another issue is that there is sometimes a language barrier when it comes to the calls. Cox pulled over a vehicle whose headlights were not on, and the driver, who was Nigerian, could not speak English well. Cox let him off with a warning and told him to drive carefully.

Sometimes he also has to respond to students goofing around. During the later part of his shift, Cox saw what appeared to be an altercation in the F-3 parking lot. Cox pulled up and requested assistance. The car was occupied by females who were only 17 years old. It turned out that the girls were from the Youngstown Early College program, and what appeared to be an altercation was just a group of teenagers messing around.

Cox said that this was a normal evening for him and he's never sure what to expect from day to day.

"We either get hit hard with drug busts and DUIs, or we're driving around for hours with nothing," Cox said. He also said that even on a night when not much happens, they're still doing something important because they're keeping the campus safe.

"I really care about the students here. They're here getting an education, and I want their time here to be as safe as possible," Cox said.

At the end of his shift, Cox checked the car again. He drove 55 miles around campus during his patrol.

"At the end of the day, I just want to make sure everyone is safe," Cox said. "We're just letting everyone know that we'll be here and we're going to enforce the laws."

YSU scholars achieve Bronze Star status

Kevin Alquist
NEWS REPORTER

Youngstown State University's chapter of the National Society of Collegiate Scholars received Bronze Star status for its success in community service, member engagement and chapter involvement.

The announcement was made at the NSCS 2011 Leadership Summit, held June 15-19 in San Juan, Puerto Rico.

This is the second consecutive year that the YSU chapter has received an award at the ceremony. At the NSCS 2010 Leadership Summit, the chapter received Silver Star status.

"As a group we are proud of being recognized nationally," said Jerod Everly, chapter president.

The NSCS is an honors organization for high-achieving freshmen and sophomores. The organization consists of 300 student-run chapters with more than 800,000 members across the 50 states, Puerto Rico and the District of Columbia.

The NSCS is the nation's only interdisciplinary honors organization to invite first- and second-year students. Membership is by invita-

tion only and is based on grade point average and class standing.

The NSCS is involved with community projects such as Planning to Achieve Collegiate Excellence, or PACE, a mentoring program where members tutor students at West Boulevard Elementary School in Boardman.

The chapter also participates in I Stand for Integrity Week, which is dedicated to supporting the integrity initiative within the program.

Members also participate in events held during YSU's Welcome Week.

"The chapter has participated in these events in the past and hope to continue to support these events and spread the word about our program," Everly said.

Everly was the only member of the YSU chapter to attend the conference in San Juan because of financial restrictions, but he said he wishes the entire group could have attended.

"The conference was a good experience for me," Everly said. "It provided a chance for me to attend a lot of workshops and interact with a variety of students from different campuses."

Activities at the conference included mock interviews and a variety of other career-building skills.

YSU embarks on month-long Hispanic Heritage Celebration

Rachel Lundberg
REPORTER

Thursday marks the beginning of Youngstown State University's month-long celebration of Hispanic Heritage Month.

The opening ceremony, held Thursday at 12:15 p.m. in the rotunda of the Mahoning County Courthouse, will feature YSU alumnus and attorney Edwin Romero as keynote speaker.

Youngstown Mayor Charles Sammarone and Yulanda McCarty-Harris, director of the YSU Office of Equal Opportunity and Diversity, will also be present during the ceremony.

Due to the intended renovation of Kilcawley Center, the closing ceremony was scheduled for an alternate venue, the McDonough Museum of Art. Even though the renovations have been postponed, the different venue remains.

"We're kind of hoping that's a blessing in disguise," said Grimilda Ocasio, co-chair of the Hispanic Heritage Celebration Planning Committee.

The closing ceremony will be held Oct. 15 at 3 p.m. It will feature music, dance performances, cultural displays,

art exhibits, informational tables and more. Local Hispanic restaurants will provide refreshments for the closing ceremony.

"As part of diversity here at YSU, we're always looking for community partnerships and how to engage the community," McCarty-Harris said, adding that more than 270 people attended the celebration last year.

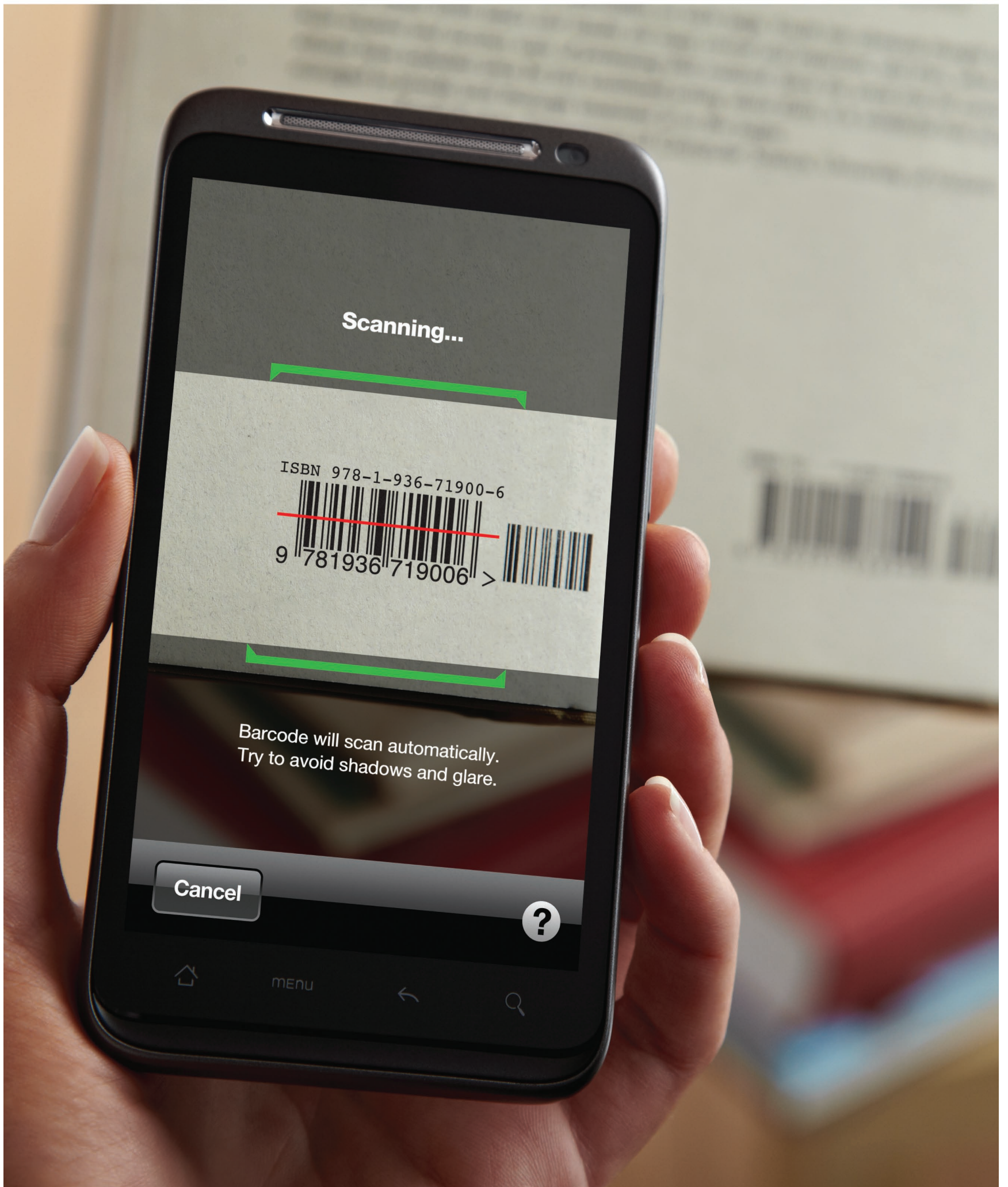
Continuing its involvement with Hispanic Heritage Month is the YSU Student Latino Organization. During the opening ceremony, the organization's members will be acting as flag bearers for the 22 Spanish-speaking countries.

For the closing ceremony, the YSU Student Latino Organization will be performing Latino dances, singing and running its second annual food drive. The food drive benefits the Beatitude House and the Organization Civica y Cultural Hispanica Americana.

President of the YSU Student Latino Organization Christa Peifer, a senior biology major, encourages the community to bring non-perishable goods to the event. Goods can also be donated in advance upon contacting Peifer at 412-953-3103 or christapeifer3@gmail.com.

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NEWS BRIEFS

'Homework Express' launches seventh season

"Homework Express," the call-in show that helps middle school students with their math homework, starts its seventh season Tuesday. The show is broadcast to more than a million households in Northeast Ohio and airs live on Tuesdays and Thursdays from 4:30 to 5 p.m. Repeats air on Mondays, Wednesdays, Fridays and Saturdays. "Homework Express" originates from the TV studio in Bliss Hall, and the crew consists of telecommunications studies students from the College of Fine and Performing Arts.

YSU Wind Ensemble kicks off season with 9/11 tribute

The YSU Wind Ensemble will begin its fall performance season with an outdoor concert featuring songs that commemorate the 10th anniversary of 9/11. The concert will be held Wednesday at 7 p.m. in the Warren Amphitheatre. In case of inclement weather, the concert will be held in Bliss Hall, Room 2326. The wind ensemble, conducted by Stephen L. Gage, will perform "Star Spangled Banner: A Love Song for Our Country," "Liberty Fanfare" and "America the Beautiful," among other selections.

Law Day scheduled for Sept. 30

YSU's Law Day will take place Sept. 30 from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. in Kilcawley Center's Presidential Suite. The event, which is hosted by the YSU Department of Political Science and Rigelhaupt Pre-Law Center, is open to YSU students interested in studying or practicing law. Representatives from law schools across the nation will be present, while law school catalogs, applications and other information will be available.

POLICE BRIEFS

Student reports car damage in parking deck

On Thursday, a student discovered that his car, parked in the M-1 parking deck, had been hit near the gas tank. The student moved his car to another parking lot and then reported the damage to YSU Police upon the advice of his mother.

Bag of pills found in Christman

On Thursday, YSU Police reported to Christman Dining Commons after a woman was given a bag containing three black and five white capsule pills, found on a table. The pills have not yet been identified.

Woman claims that ex-boyfriend struck her

On Friday, a YSU police officer reported to the East Bound Service Road near the Watson and Tressel Training Site after a woman said she had been approached by a former boyfriend. The two began arguing. She said that the man struck her, then fled. An ambulance arrived and treated the woman at the scene. She declined to file a report.

CORRECTION

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schools in Ohio.

Gergits disagreed. "It was a cherry-picked list that certainly made no sense," she said.

Confusion besieged Gergits when she recollected the administration's request to change its initial list.

"It's kind of an added oddity that we were complying with what they asked us to do and then told us how wrong we were," she said.

The discrepancy between YSU and its "comparables" outraged, amused and inspired Matt O'Mansky, associate professor of sociology and anthropology.

O'Mansky presented a resolution at Wednesday's academic senate, suggesting that the university modify its mission statement to "be more consistent with the missions of the private institutions now determined to be comparable to our university."

Justin McIntyre, vice president of the YSU Student Government Association, was in attendance.

"It seemed like a lot of the student representatives agreed with Dr. O'Mansky's opinion that the list is not appropriate for a comparison of Youngstown State," McIntyre said.

McIntyre and O'Mansky said that numerous student representatives seconded the motion, and a majority of faculty members were supportive of O'Mansky's proposal.

"It was more about making a point," O'Mansky said. "I'm sorry it had to come to this."

Still, the two sides weren't able to agree what the list's origin or purpose was.

"It was supplemental information provided by the fact-finder," said Shearle Furnish, dean of the College of Liberal Arts and Social Sciences. "The second list recognizes the fact that YSU is either unique as a IIA among senior institutions in the state."

Ron Cole, director of university communications, said, "[It's] not saying [the new list] is the only way, [but it] certainly is part of the picture."

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these negotiations but not the only one. He alluded to summer school rate of pay.

"We're not sure, but we haven't settled yet on the contract article about leaves of absences. We're really not in dispute over that, but that's kind of hanging in the balance," Guzell said.

Cole added that while both sides continue talks, it's with little merit.

"There was a lot of discussion today, but there was no substantive progress made at

the same time," Cole said.

Cole said he's optimistic that both sides will continue talks on health care as early as Tuesday. Cole said he believes imposing a contract on the faculty is an "absolute last resort."

"At the same time, the board has made it clear that they have a bottom line, and that all options remain on the table at this point," Cole said.

"We need to continue to remain hopeful for as long as we can."

Meanwhile, frustration is one word to describe how Guzell feels following another round of unsuccessful talks.

"Certainly, I do feel frustrated. There's not a better word for it. Maybe also a little bit of anger at the amount of time that's been wasted. It's starting to appear the board doesn't want an agreement," Guzell said. "They're being so rigid, about not just on the amount of money they want but the way they want it."



Fashion, Fashion, Fashion Show!

Network Council of Mahoning Valley ABWA teams up with Alpha Omicron Pi to proudly announce the 22nd Annual Fall Fashion Prevue. The function will be held Sunday, September 25, at Mr. Anthony's Boardman. Doors open at 12:30 p.m. and luncheon will be at 2 p.m. Tickets are \$23 per person. There will be a raffle for a 32-inch flat screen TV, split the pot and great Chinese auction. Come support us, as this is a way to help local business women raise funds for local scholarships and member education. Celebrate ABWA! Tickets are available until September 15 by calling Shirley Papaggallo at 330-207-9779 or Chelsea Stoffel at 330-941-2118.



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Yet again, YSU administrators and faculty have found another item on the contract negotiation agenda to gripe over.

This time it's a list of comparable schools. The two sides came to an agreement on comparable schools when sizing up contract negotiations in 2008. They agreed to use that list three years later at the beginning of the recent contract talks.

Until the fact-finding session, that is. But who's to blame? We say the administration.

We understand that YSU falls in the same category as 10 other schools in Ohio. They all offer master's degrees. We get it.

After the American Association of University Professors reported its latest findings of median and mean salaries of colleges and administrations across the U.S., the administration threw a curveball to the teachers' union, asking it to agree on the new list based on these findings.

But no other comparison can be made between YSU, a public university of more than 15,000 students at the time the comparison was made, and Capital University, a private Lutheran college with an enrollment of 1,545.

The only thing the administration's exploitative techniques are doing is driving the wedge between the two sides even deeper.

Cooperation, not manipulation, is the key to a fair agreement.

The comparison flies in the face of reason and serves as yet another log on the contract inferno. Heading into negotiations on Friday, neither side offered an olive branch to appease students' concerns.

As long as the games continue, the threat of a strike will hang over our heads.

It's time for both sides to take our education as seriously as we do.

Great moments in Facebook history.

What did you use social media for?



Photo illustration by Doug Livingston.



Clear your mind

How one columnist prioritizes his thoughts

Jared Buker
COLUMNIST

I am in a crowded room. Several people are enthralled in a Sunday night football game between the Jets and the Cowboys. The room is smoky; conversations about nothing are commandeering my ears in a way I can't escape. My head is aching, my fingers are lazy and I haven't showered in quite some time.

It's been a rough weekend. So I venture to my room for some peace and quiet, but it doesn't help. My air conditioner is aggressively loud, like when someone snores with his mouth open. Everything is distracting me: my new iPhone, a fly in the room, a faint stench I can't quite locate, that new R. Kelly song "When a Woman Loves."

"Words with Friends" is ruining my life. Even as I write this line, my focus is cloudy. This is maybe the first semester in three years of college where my level of procrastination was outlandish right out of the gate. In my second-to-last semester and with my capstone project in journal-

ism, I can't have that.

As simple as it sounds, someone told me recently how effective it could be to make lists. Benjamin Franklin used to make lists for everything, even synonyms for being drunk to use at his tradesmen club.

Hey, I can do that! Fifty-three drunken bullet points later, I realized I might have a drinking problem. I also realized I had yet to accomplish my overall goal of motivation. Amidst a Taco Bell run and the TV show "Pawn Stars," I am back to square one.

But then I reread some of this column and realized how much of the last two hours I had incorporated in it. It struck me that a column that could have been about anything ended up being about flies and R. Kelly. It isn't about procrastination; it's more about my personal inability to prioritize my own thoughts.

No one knows this, but it's actually a pretty good example. At least once or twice a day, I take a pencil and tap the lights on the ceiling of my room to

see if there are any moths hiding where I can't see them.

I don't consider this compulsive in any way because anyone who knows me will tell you I think moths are the creepiest insects in existence.

All wings, no body. It doesn't make any sense. But every time I feel the need to go moth hunting, I realize just how boggled and trafficked my mind gets. They say we can only use 10 percent of the brain, and, of that 10th, half of mine is constantly wondering whether I have clean socks on.

How could anyone work to the best of his abilities with that kind of mental gymnastics taking place?

So I cleared my mind. I eliminated all distractions, turned off my phone and finished writing this column.

I believe the only thing that separates most people from being on top of things and being beneath them is the ability to realize how trivial the garbage that travels through our brains really is.

A list would do no good for me if I were unable to adequately execute the items on it.

I know now that I must reach an almost meditative state before I begin working. As a word of advice, if something major is plaguing your mind, take a break and think long and hard about it until any more thought would just seem unwarranted. And, once the walls of your mind are finally barren, focus on the task at hand and redecorate them.

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In David versus Goliath, the advantage is David's



Joe Catullo Jr.
SPORTS EDITOR

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When the Youngstown State University Penguins traveled to Michigan State University on Sept. 2, they managed to not get their butts kicked but still lost 28-6. The same month, Kent State University traveled to face the University of Alabama and got destroyed 48-7.

These are two examples of small schools such as YSU and KSU traveling to face some of the toughest, biggest schools in the country and almost knowing they will lose. Is it worth traveling to remote locations with such a small chance of winning?

On one side, YSU was paid \$600,000, KSU received more than \$1 million and both were on national television. For the other team, it is, or can be, a great tune-up game to gain confidence. Also, because MSU won by only 22, the team had a hard week of practice, improving upon its mistakes and lack of effort.

On the other side, YSU plays only 10 games this year, so why waste time on a game that can-

not be won? Looking at the schedule, it is almost guaranteed that a loss will be recorded in the column for the first game. With MSU, it can hurt. The team does not gain any credit from the polls unless a team ranked higher loses.

One example of biting the big school is Appalachian State University when it played the University of Michigan in 2007. The Wolverines were pre-ranked No. 5 in the country, and the game was in Michigan.

What happened? Appalachian State not only stayed in the game throughout but also wound up winning 34-32 on a blocked field goal attempt in the final seconds, capping off one of the greatest upsets in college football history.

While it hurts the big-time schools, games like these are perfect for the smaller universities and fans. YSU lost by just 22, and that had people talking. Is YSU improving, or is MSU

overrated? YSU is improving. The proof? MSU won 44-0 Saturday, and YSU destroyed Valparaiso State University 77-13.

For smaller schools, it is not necessarily always about winning or losing. If YSU pulled off the upset, it would be talked about for years to come. But the Penguins lost, meaning that Wolford and the team has extra film to study off against a team like that.

Great job, guys. The defense kept the team in the game. The offense struggled but moved the ball efficiently in the first half. The special teams forced a turnover on a fumbled punt. Fans and media saw the adjustments made for Valpo when the team won by 64 points.

Sept. 2 was a huge breakthrough performance. Sept. 2 showed what YSU is capable of doing. If YSU wins the title, think back to what happened on Sept. 2.

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Facebook unveils the overheard

Chelsea Telega
ARTS & ENTERTAINMENT
EDITOR

Bystanders hear conversations, statements and opinions of other people every day on campus. One Youngstown State University student has found a way to use these as entertainment.

"Things Overheard at YSU" is a Facebook page that has become increasingly popular since its creation last year. On the website, members of the YSU community are able to post things that they have overheard others saying on campus.

Junior Zack Lord created the page after having regular discussions with his friends in Peaberry's Cafe about what they heard that day. He then posted it to Facebook to see what other people had to say.

Since then, the fan base has taken on a domino effect. The site has attracted 1,643 fans and is still growing.

"I'm always hoping that it gets bigger," Lord said.

He said he checks the page every day to see what the YSU community has posted. The conversations he sees never cease to amaze him.

"You just don't believe some of the things that are overheard," he said.

Students and faculty are able to write on the page as often as they want. Although only a few pictures have been

posted, they are permitted on the page.

Lord has not made strict limitations. However, he frowns upon names and inappropriate pictures being used. The page is not intended to cause trouble or "call anyone out," he said.

Since the page has attracted so many followers, Lord decided to make it more interactive with contests for users.

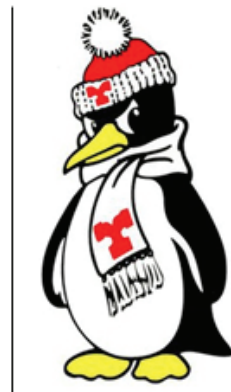
Contest planning is still in progress, although the general idea is that the person with the most "likes" on the quote he or she shares will win a prize.

Freshman Emma Shartle, who heard about the page through friends, said she would recommend it to anyone.

"I used it because on the first day of school, I overheard something that I just couldn't resist sharing. I had already told a bunch of people so the fact that I could share it and look at other things people have said was really cool," Shartle said.

Senior Kelly Mehalco is friends with the creator but didn't know that it was his masterpiece when she heard about it.

"I first noticed it on my news feed and had no clue what it was or that my friend was behind it. I read through a handful of posts and found it rather humorous. That's when I really started paying attention to the conversations around me, never knowing



Things overheard at YSU

Wall



Things overheard at ysu

"do you think pot would make college professors better?" asked by a prof



Eric Martin

In a sociology class : I heard if you're Mormon and a family member dies, you commit suicide. Yes, this person was dead serious.



Alyssa J Sansone

Guy1 "hey dude whats up?"
Guy2 "hey nothin man its so hot out here!"
Guy1 "yeah it is. im about to take my shirt off and show these ladies what they're missing!"



Kelsey Myers

"Why did I choose to use lightsabers in my senior project?" - overheard in Debartlo



Justin D. Erra

"I don't understand why it was called an 'armed robbery' if no one was shot."

Keep in mind, this student is a fourth-year criminal justice major.



Justin D. Erra

Guy 1: Dude, YSU classes are so boring. They are all like common sense.

Guy 2: Didn't you fail one of your courses and get a D in another?

Guy 1: Yeah, but thats different.

LOL, ok...?

1,643
like this

what to expect," she said.

Freshman Tyler Moliterno found it on his news feed while "liking" pages.

"I think the students probably like it. I enjoy it. It's kind of fun to read the different posts people make. It's cool because they take place at school," he said.

Lord has bigger goals than a campus-wide fan base,

however. He intends to construct another page, "Things Overheard," that can be used by anyone. He has checked Facebook and has not come across this kind of page yet.

A Twitter account for "Things Overheard" will also be constructed.

"A lot of people are switching from Facebook to Twitter, it seems. So I thought

it would be a good idea," Lord said.

The page is still being updated. Lord is working with a graphic design major to create a picture for the site. For now, the response to the page has far exceeded his expectations.

"I just hope people keep posting what they overhear," he said.

Getting pole fit

Being passionate about the pole

Kacy Standohar
FEATURES EDITOR

Since its beginning, pole dancing has been a staple at most gentlemen's clubs. Today, however, a local entrepreneur is uprooting pole dancing from its sleazy reputation and turning the seductive dance into a form of exercise.

According to the Pole Dancing Tricks website, "[By] presenting pole dancing as a means of achieving fitness, it has gradually lost its association with sleaze and is now more accessible to the 'average everyday person' like you and me."

Emily Kreuzler, sole proprietor of Youngstown's PoleSitions, is making sure her business does just that. She owns the only certified pole fitness studio in Ohio.

She said she hopes her studio will provide an effective form of exercise that every woman, regardless of shape or size, can enjoy from using a pole.

Kreuzler started PoleSitions to express pole fitness as an art, a science and a sport.

"It is artistic and individual. I want to bring mass awareness to the sport," Kreuzler said.

Kreuzler explained that pole fitness started in the 1920s when performers traveling in tents used poles as props.

"It got big during the Great Depression and was used in burlesque. It is an aerial art like circus, trapeze or silk performance," she said.

Former exotic dancer Fawna Dietrich was surprised that there was nowhere to learn pole-dancing techniques. She opened up the first pole fitness studio in Las Vegas.

"[Dietrich] is a fitness icon, not a sex icon," Kreuzler said.

It's taken a long time for the sport to evolve in the central U.S., and it initially flourished in larger cities, Kreuzler said.

Kreuzler was introduced to pole fitness at a club. She watched other girls doing it and wanted to learn. She was trained



Emily Kreuzler shows a class her moves on the pole. Photo by Chelsea Miller/The Jambar.

and certified under Dietrich at the Pole Fitness Studio in Las Vegas.

"Then I started a business plan, did a lot of research and decided to stick to it," Kreuzler said.

PoleSitions is located at 1740 S. Raccoon Road in Youngstown. After a month and a half, the fledgling business is experiencing growth and heightened interest from an increasing clientele, Kreuzler said.

She recently added Dina Fabry, Youngstown State University student and exercise sci-

ence major, to her staff. Fabry said that while she was taking a summer class, she saw a pole fitness flier and it interested her.

"I like [pole fitness] because it helps me stay active," said Fabry, who teaches at the studio twice a week.

Fabry said she feels the same way Kreuzler does about the sport.

"I wouldn't be involved if it was something [taboo]. It's definitely not that. I was even skeptical at first, but Emily [Kreuzler] reassured me," Fabry said.

YSU students receive a 30 percent discount at PoleSitions. Prices for classes and memberships are listed online at <http://polesitionsllc.com>.

Kreuzler said people enjoy expressing themselves while working out.

"We do not discriminate. Any woman can walk in here and take class, but to become a professional ... it's not easy. It requires a lot of muscle and core strength," she said.

She also said she gets a greater response from older women.

"Older women are less intimidated and want to have fun. Women in their 20s don't want to participate unless their friends do it. It's got such a cliché about it. People think it's naughty," she said.

While Kreuzler does not have a co-ed studio, she has received positive feedback from men involved in dance and gymnastics.

"There are competitions everywhere," she said. "I am a judge at the second annual American Pole Fitness Association championships this year in New York. I get to watch beautiful men and women perform."

Kreuzler also said that while some studios focus on sex appeal, she focuses on fitness.

"It's fun and you look sexy because you have confidence," she said.

No stripping is involved at PoleSitions.

"I teach the sport. I don't teach anyone how to take their skirt off," Kreuzler said.

Kreuzler explained that the stereotype associated with pole dancing is difficult to overcome.

"I'm trying to take the image of exotic dancer off the pole. That's what my goal is. The pole is not taking off my clothes. It's just weird in America, the way the pole is associated with stripping," she said.

"Pole fitness is big, growing and it's not going anywhere," Kreuzler reminds herself and her students when facing negative criticism.

"It is not something to judge. It's a beautiful sport," she said.

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The Lemon Grove Cafe

The Sensations
Tuesday, 7 p.m.
The Fireplace

Open Poetry Reading
Tuesday, 7:30 p.m.
Pig Iron Press

Wednesday

Two Buck Blowout
Wednesday, 5:30 p.m.
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torate work this summer and is now teaching Professional and Technical Editing.

YSU hired Lee in the spring, following her exhausting academic job search.

“You have to see where the jobs are through several lists, send out your cover letters, then begin the interview process,” she said.

For YSU, Lee was interviewed on the phone and invited for a campus visit, during which she met the dean, administrators and the department staff. After 60 applications, 20 phone interviews and five campus visits, YSU was at the top of her list.

“I was born in Akron and lived there for 12 years before my parents moved to Florida. I had never been to

Youngstown, but I love Northeast Ohio. The department and people here were so nice. This was the better job out of my choices,” Lee said.

Lee explained that she likes the compact campus, the near-downtown location and YSU’s integration within the community.

Lee said she was well informed by Julia Gergits, YSU-Ohio Education Association president, and others about what was going on at YSU.

When the strike was called off, she was relieved and excited to start her new position.

“In the back of my mind, I feel that it is going to work out on its own,” Lee said. “Now I am full tilt on the student semester with teaching and lesson planning.”

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are no mistakes,” Jacobs said.

O’Bruba said her main goal is for all student-athletes to graduate with successful athletic experiences while she is in charge of facilitating their success.

“Everyone in the public sees wins and losses, the scores posted and the games on TV, but ultimately our student-athletes are here to graduate,” said Ron Strollo, executive director of athletics.

Brian DePaoli, assistant men’s basketball coach, recalled not having the resources now provided through athletic academic advising when he was a student-athlete.

“It’s key to our guys. We use it daily with Marilyn O’Bruba,” DePaoli said. “She is our head counselor [and] monitors study tables, schedules, upcoming papers or exams.”

With 22 years of experience, O’Bruba said her biggest task this year will be trying to keep up with everything and handling a larger workload.

Jacobs is confident in O’Bruba’s ability to deal with an increased workload but said that the athletic academic program is vulnerable right now.

“I am hoping things can settle themselves here at the university financially so that we can replace what we’ve lost with some quality replacements that can eventually take the baton down the road when Marilyn retires,” Jacobs said.

Strollo said he is also confident in the athletic advising staff and is eager to replace lost staff as soon as possible.

“We are walking a thin line between replacing those positions and the timing and seeing if we can save some dollars,” he said.

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Intramural flag football teams get rowdy on the field last fall semester. Photo courtesy of YSU Campus Recreation & Student Programming.

Fall intramurals near the horizon

Nick Mancini
SPORTS REPORTER

With fall semester underway, the deadline to register for fall intramural sports is fast approaching.

Youngstown State University will offer 11 sports including men's, women's and co-recreational sports ranging from flag football to table tennis.

This semester, the registration process has been simplified. It can be done online through the MyYSU portal.

Intramural coordinator Joe Conroy said this is something that is great for the program.

"Everything is now online so students can now register in their student portal," Conroy said. "With everything being online, it just makes it easier for not only the student but also the system program as well."

Flag football, ultimate Frisbee and soccer deadlines will be Tuesday at 6 p.m. Conroy said flag football and soccer are two of the most popular sports.

"With soccer, we have to have a limit on teams," he said. "Not being able to accommodate all the teams is never a good thing, but also we cannot have games being played at two in the morning on weeknights."

Conroy said that competition has never been better.

"We have guys playing that were great athletes in high school, which gives our program a real boost," he said.

Flag football will be played on Sundays at Harrison Field, soccer at Beede Field and ultimate Frisbee



An intramural flag football player jumps for a pass last fall. Photo courtesy of YSU Campus Recreation & Student Programming.

indoors at Stambaugh Stadium.

One sport gaining a big boost in popularity is the Madden 12 Xbox 360 tournament, Conroy said.

"We have 24 people already signed up for Madden, which is a record," he said. "Madden is easily our most popular gaming sport. The kids who play never want to stop playing."

Badminton, table tennis and racquetball all begin in October, with their respective registration deadlines being Oct. 10, 18 and 25. All games will be held on Thursdays.

The final set of sports will take place in November.

The 3-on-3 basketball intramural has a Nov. 1 registration deadline

with play beginning on Nov. 3.

The final two sports for the fall intramural season are 3-on-3 volleyball and 4-on-4 Air It Out football. Volleyball registration ends on Nov. 15 and play begins on Nov. 17. Football's registration deadline is Nov. 14 and play begins Nov. 16 and 21.

"Students need to remember their IDs for all their games. I cannot stress that enough," Conroy said. "If they don't remember their IDs, we cannot allow them to play."

Eight of the sports do not require a fee to play, while flag football, soccer and volleyball charge a \$10 team fee for participation.

Soccer loses three straight after winning three straight

Nick Mancini
SPORTS REPORTER

The Youngstown State University soccer team lost two games over the weekend to Kent State University and Bowling Green State University.

The Penguins started the weekend Friday at KSU, losing 6-1. Freshman forward Jade Flory got the Penguins to a fast start, tallying her sixth goal of the year in the first half to put YSU ahead 1-0.

KSU tied the game before halftime when sophomore Jessacca Girona scored her fourth goal of the year with nine minutes to go. That's as close as the Penguins got, as KSU totaled five goals in the second half.

Will Lemke, head women's soccer coach at YSU, said he thought the team wasn't physically ready for the game.

"Against Kent, a lot of the team was sick, and we just didn't show up," Lemke said. "We didn't have the team physically ready to play, and that one is on the coaching staff. We were without five starters for the game and made a mistake in some of the things we did in preparation for the game."

The Penguins were outshot 31-5 by KSU. Sophomore goalkeeper Ali Viola notched nine saves for the Penguins.

The Penguins returned home Sunday to take on BGSU. YSU dropped a heartbreaker, 2-1, as BGSU scored the game-winning goal with just 32 seconds remaining.

Lemke was much more pleased with the team's performance on Sunday.

"I was pretty happy for the most part with our game against Bowling Green," Lemke said. "I thought we responded very well from Friday's game and played pretty well for the most part."

With the game scoreless at half, BGSU took the lead on sophomore Tracy Togba's goal at the 71:06 mark of the game.

The Penguins countered nearly six minutes later, when sophomore Heather Coonfare scored her first career goal. Sophomore Kaitlyn Tobin scored the deciding goal, her first of the season.

Flory had a chance to tie the game for YSU with two seconds to play, but her shot hit the crossbar and bounced out of bounds. Viola tallied seven saves for the Penguins.

"We had a few defensive lapses during the game, [and] in the final minute that really hurt us," Lemke said. "I did think we did a lot of things well. We possessed the ball well and dominated the 50-50."

Although the team had a setback this weekend, Lemke said he thinks this team will be able to bounce back quickly.

"We are still a young team and [learning] to be more consistent," Lemke said. "We are working very hard in practice, and I think we are getting close to that point."

After starting the season 0-1-1, the Penguins won a record-setting three straight games from Aug. 26 to Sept. 2 but dropped three in a row since. They stand at 3-4-1.

The Penguins will travel to Wright State University on Sunday at 1 p.m. to open Horizon League play.

Bellamy named Jambar Player of the Week

Joe Catullo Jr.
SPORTS EDITOR

The Youngstown State University Penguins dominated Valparaiso University on Saturday, and sophomore Adaris Bellamy made a prominent impact.

Junior Jamaine Cook is the team's starting running back, but, because of a record-setting 35 points in the first quarter, Bellamy got most of the carries. In the game, he carried the ball 23 times for 180 net yards and two touchdowns. Afterward, Bellamy spoke on behalf of the offense.

"I'm always shocked by our offense," Bellamy said. "Today, the offense showed how much stronger we are this year."

Bellamy hails from Dunedin, Fla., and attended Fork Union Military Academy in Virginia before joining the Penguins. In high school, Bellamy was a four-star prospect and ranked 43rd on ESPN's best running back prospects.

Bellamy's junior campaign consisted of 1,950 yards and 22 touchdowns.

He earned 5A All-State, first team All-County and second team All-Sun Coast honors.

Bellamy signed with the University of South Florida in 2009 as its first commit but was academically unqualified. Thus, the university placed him with FUMA.

He planned a visit to the University of Cincinnati but decided to sign with YSU instead. Bellamy also had offers from the University of Mississippi, the University of Florida, Iowa State University and Clemson University.

In his first game with the Penguins against Pennsylvania State University on Sept. 4, Bellamy led the team with 12

carries for 41 yards. He was named to the Missouri Valley Football Conference All-Newcomer Team.

Earning those honors, he ran the ball 110 times, compiled 545 yards and tied for the team lead with 11 touchdowns. Also, his 11 touchdowns tied the school record for most by a freshman since Adrian Brown in 1996.

So far in 2011, Bellamy has 183 rushing yards and two touchdowns.

Jambar Player of the Week:
Each week,

The Jambar's sports staff will honor a student-athlete based on his/her performance of the previous week or game and contribution to the team. The first student-athlete honored is sophomore Adaris Bellamy for his outstanding rushing game Saturday against Valparaiso University and for helping the Penguins demolish the Crusaders, 77-13.



Height: 5'10"
Weight: 220 pounds
Year: Sophomore
Hometown: Dunedin, Fla.

BELLAMY

Stats:
23 carries
180 yards
Two touchdowns
Long of 34

