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Task force evaluates alternative budgeting methods

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NEWS EDITOR

Few on campus are fully aware of the university's budgeting process, but Youngstown State University officials are working to make it more inclusive.

Neal McNally, YSU budget director, is leading a task force that is charged with eliminating the current budget model, evaluating alternatives and implementing the best choice.

While the name "task force" suggests an elite group of highly specialized individu-

als, it's actually composed of nearly one dozen campus officials from various areas.

The fiscal health area of the university's strategic plan, otherwise known as YSU 2020, calls for "a transparent and responsive budget system."

"There is a sense that decision-making surrounding the current budget process is less than transparent, and the task force is working to address this," McNally said.

The university operates on an incremental model, with college and department budgets calculated based on the prior year's allocations.

Paul Koblunicky, executive assistant to Gene Grilli, vice president for finance and administration, said the task force is evaluating eight models.

Koblunicky declined to comment on his or the task force's initial perceptions of models.

"I think it's important to let the task force do its work before commenting on an implementation timeline or on the specifics of any given budget model," McNally said.

One possible alternative is the responsibility center management model, which other universities have employed

over recent years.

It's a decentralized approach, with revenues for colleges being disbursed based on revenues from tuition, fees and other charges.

Kent State University employed the RCM model in 2009.

Yi Liu, a budget analyst at KSU, said she thinks it's a better model than the incremental budgeting approach, adding that it fosters a strong spirit of competition on campus.

"It's a benefit to the university. It's not like they fight and

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Disability services' relocation satisfies students



Senior Isaac Adu-Poku uses an electric wheelchair and crutches to get around campus. Adu-Poku has been a part of disability services for three years. Photo by Doug Livingston/The Jambar.

Chelsea Telega

ARTS & ENTERTAINMENT EDITOR

Either Isaac Adu-Poku's father or his friends drop him off on campus every morning. He stabilizes himself with his crutches or unfolds his wheelchair as he enters Youngstown State University's disability services.

Adu-Poku has been utilizing the services for nearly three years due to a physical handicap.

"I have problems with my legs, and so I'm not very mobile, so I use crutches, and I use my wheelchair all the time," Adu-Poku said.

But getting around campus and to disability services' offices can be strenuous.

Since its establishment, disability services at YSU has relocated three times. The latest transfer brought the services closer to campus, making it more accessible than before.

The service has moved multiple times in attempts to find an accessible building for students, causing each location to be temporary, said Gina McGranahan, assistant director of disability services.

The previous locations were on Wick Avenue in the Wick House dormitory and on Wood Street near the newly constructed Williamson Hall.

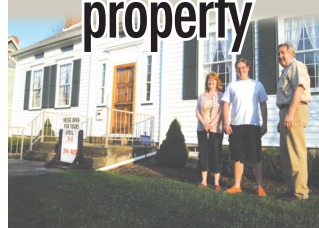
McGranahan said the Wick Avenue and Wood Street locations did not have good parking options and were not wheelchair or restroom accessible.

The new single-story building, on Fifth

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The life of an undercover alcohol agent

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ASSISTANT NEWS EDITOR

At the age of 7, Ken Van Horn walked into a Lawson's drug store in Warren with his parents. As the family shopped, a robber entered the facility, grabbed Van Horn by his hair and threw him to the ground.

"The area I grew up in wasn't the best, so that incident definitely motivated me to go into law enforcement," Van Horn said.

Today, Van Horn is an enforcement agent for the Ohio Department of Public Safety, specializing in crimes linked to alcohol.

He visits Youngstown State University, Kent State University and the University of Akron to work with local law enforcement agencies to solve alcohol-related problems.

He first came to YSU in 2001 at the request of John Gocala, YSU's police chief at the time.

Van Horn has 19 years of police experience and began working for the state in 2001.

He grew up in Warren and graduated from KSU. After graduating from the Warren

police academy, he worked for the Windham Village and Vienna Township police departments.

His job requires him to work undercover, so when he accepted his current position, he said he had a tough time transitioning from being uniformed every day to looking like a civilian.

"I was able to grow facial hair and wear whatever I wanted," Van Horn said. "I almost went back to my old department because it felt odd to me."

He said, at the time, Youngstown had problems with bars in the area serving alcoholic beverages to minors.

Since 2001, the investigative unit has shut down approximately seven bars, which Van Horn says is a "relatively high number."

"YSU doesn't have problems like Kent and Akron do," Van Horn said.

YSU Police Chief John Beshara said he appreciates that the task force is readily available.

"Ken provides a great service for the police department."

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Number of underage drinking offenses (bars only)



Furnishing/sale to a minor



Open container/consumption in a motor vehicle by a minor



Knowing consumption/possession of beer or liquor by a minor

Numbers gathered from Jan. 1, 2009, through March 9, 2012, in and around Youngstown, including Austintown, Boardman and Canfield

GRAPHIC BY KEVIN BUCK/THE JAMBAR

Getting underneath underage drinking

Kevin Alquist
NEWS REPORTER

For 10 years, Ken Van Horn, an enforcement agent with the Ohio Department of Public Safety, partnered with former Youngstown State University Police Chief John Gocala to keep underage drinking under control.

With the arrival of Chief John Beshara, Van Horn says he expects little to change.

"Chief Gocala did a good job suppressing parties and problem bars," Van Horn said.

"YSU doesn't have parties in the streets or the bar scene that [similar universities] like Kent and Akron do."

Van Horn credits the proactive approach of Gocala and Youngstown City Prosecutor Jay Macejko for the lack of excessive underage consumption that he said typically creates problems in "college towns."

Macejko said he believes the same strict enforcement will continue under Beshara.

"I have known Chief Beshara personally and professionally for over 20 years and have no reason to believe that

our partnerships would not continue or that we would not have his full support in our efforts at curbing underage drinking," Macejko said.

During his six years as prosecutor, Macejko has partnered with the Youngstown Police Department Vice Unit and the Ohio Investigative Unit to shut down three bars through the nuisance abatement process.

Nuisance abatement involves identifying a pattern of underage drinking, liquor or

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Instructor works to preserve historical property

Shannon Watson
REPORTER

The John Stark Edwards House and Museum in Warren was taken off the National Register of Historic Places in the 1980s. Now, a part-time Youngstown State University history instructor, with the help of a few students, is trying to secure the house's future by getting it back on the list.

"If a building is on the list, it essentially is provided protection," said Chris Klingemier. "It would protect it, for example, from demolition if the federal government would want to put in a highway."

Restoration was a childhood fascination and later a hobby for Klingemier, who spearheads the movement to save the Edwards House.

As he finishes his thesis in historical preservation, the Edwards House has become his main focus.

With the help of graduate students Ben Winings and Isabel Seavey, Klingemier plans to nominate the Edwards House for the historical registry.

"It's tricky trying to get back on the list," Klingemier said. "We need to look at the



Chris Klingemier (right) stands outside of the John Stark Edwards House and Museum in Warren alongside assistants Cindee Mines and Ben Winings on Wednesday. Photo by Shannon Watson/The Jambar.

when and why during the period of the house's significance."

In 1807, John Edwards built the first wing of what would eventually become a large house. The wing was one room deep and three rooms wide.

In the 1930s, President Franklin D. Roosevelt's New Deal created the Historic American Buildings Survey, or the HABS. The program, which created jobs for jobless architects, draftsmen and photographers dur-

ing the Great Depression, involved documentation of the country's architectural heritage.

"The Edwards House's significant period was in the '30s when the HABS decided to turn it into the museum," Klingemier said. "The house was restored by the then newly formed Trumbull Historic Society and later came to be the museum that is still open today."

The house was moved in the 1980s due to expansion of the Warren Tribune

Chronicle.

"When a historic site is moved, it loses part of the information that comes with it," Klingemier said. "That was when it was taken off the list because the site no longer was important."

Klingemier's analysis of the Edwards House looks at how the structure was constructed and investigates the significance of the time in which it was built.

"What we know is that the building has been an ongoing process of understand-

ing it," Klingemier said. "We have to get inside the heads of the builders."

The Mahoning Valley is unique because of immigration; immigrants stayed in the area long enough to leave their house types, Klingemier said. "A house type is how a house looks and is constructed, and commonly comes from the same region of the world."

Even as Klingemier works to get the site back on the list, a date has not yet been set as to when the nomination will be complete. He said the most difficult part is finding the scholarship that goes along with the house.

"The first 120 years is the easy part," Klingemier said. "The lack of documentation from the architectural point of view on what is going on in the '30s will be the most difficult."

Klingemier said a great deal of research must be conducted.

"We need to find the people that know the sources that already know what was going on in the 1930s surrounding that period of architecture and the house itself," Klingemier said.

The house is still available for tours during the weekend and by appointment.

Students overlook Who's Who award

Alina Rios
REPORTER

Last spring, just 61 students applied for the Who's Who Among Students in American Universities & Colleges award.

This year's deadline is Friday, and 77 students have applied so far.

Youngstown State University is allotted 150 spots for the award, a number based upon the number of enrolled students.

Carrie Anderson, coordinator of programs and marketing for campus recreation and student programming, said she hopes that more students apply — especially because it's free to do so.

Several emails and MyY-SU personal announcements have been sent to students, encouraging them to apply and reminding them of the

award's deadline.

However, despite notifications, some students haven't heard about the award.

"I wasn't sure what it was. Now that I'm aware of it, I would love to get that award," said junior Brandon Suverison.

Freshman Ashley Perri said she hadn't heard about it either.

"I would most definitely apply for the Who's Who award if it doesn't get lost in my YSU email. I tend to skip over a lot of what they send because they send so much," Perri said.

Anderson said the award is well marketed, stating that the real problem is students' being unaware of the nomination process.

"I think many students are afraid to nominate themselves, or they don't know they can, which isn't the case," Anderson said.

Laura Krcelic said she wanted to apply for the award this year, but found out some disappointing news.

"It looks great on a resume, and it shows you're the cream of the crop. I was really disappointed I missed junior status by one credit hour," Krcelic said.

In order to qualify for the award, nominees must be of at least junior status with a minimum 2.5 GPA. Graduate students are also eligible for the award.

Despite the prestige of the award, some students who meet the requirements said they are hesitant to apply.

"I have heard about it, but I never apply because I feel that I would never receive it," said junior Veronica Nolen.

"I thought of applying, but I feel like other people who do everything, like tons of organizational involvement, are more likely to get it than me,"

said senior Samantha Streb.

Community service, campus involvement and academic information, among other recognitions, may be submitted with the application.

"I applied to show future employers that I not only went to school, but I also participated in other things. I was involved on campus, but I also excelled academically," said senior Mandy Alcorn.

Applications can be found in the student programming office and online. YSU staff and faculty members can nominate an outstanding student, but students may also nominate themselves.

However, YSU alumna Ariel Foster said she feels the award was of little use for her after graduating. Tysa Egleton, associate registrar, nominated her.

"I forget to put it on my resume all of the time. Yes, the award is free, but you still

have to pay to get your name printed in the book. Then you have to pay for a copy of that book. However, it's just like paying dues to an honor society," Foster said.

A committee of nine — consisting of YSU faculty, staff and graduate students — will review the applications. Those selected can attend the annual YSU Student Awards Banquet that will be held April 26.

Parents and friends can purchase tickets for \$17 each, while students receiving the award also get free tickets to the banquet.

Cynthia Anderson, YSU president, and Jack Fahey, vice president for student affairs, along with members of the YSU Board of Trustees and the YSU Student Government Association, will be in attendance to present awards to those honored.

Breaking the spring break buzz

Josh Medore
REPORTER

While many students across the U.S. are now enjoying or have already enjoyed their spring breaks, a nonscientific survey conducted by The Jambar showed that many Youngstown State University students stayed home last week.

The survey asked 113 students about how they spent spring break.

Of the students asked, 65 students, or 57.5 percent, worked.

Freshman Alphonso Davis was one of those students.

"I didn't mind working over break," Davis said. "It was killing time and some extra money."

Davis said he worked at a cabaret for his mother. He made \$60 per day.

"I cooked for three hours, worked the front desk for three hours and then I served drinks after that," he said. "It was too energetic. If you were sitting there, you were bored. And no one was sitting down."

He added that the 12-hour workdays were worth it.

His friends came home, too. "Most of my friends are in the Navy and Army, so a lot of 'em came back," Davis said.

Meanwhile, roughly 50 percent of the YSU students surveyed said they would have left the area if they didn't have to work over break.

Results also revealed that, even if students weren't working, they didn't go on

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Campus Connection

What did you do over spring break?



"I had to work and work out."
— Gabrielle Colucci, junior



"I watched March Madness and wrote an essay."
— Lee Harvey, freshman




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Roommate convicted of bias crimes in Rutgers spycam case

The Philadelphia Inquirer
(MCT)

Former Rutgers University student Dharun Ravi was convicted of invasion of privacy and bias intimidation charges Friday for spying on his roommate in a sexual encounter with another man.

A Middlesex County, N.J., jury found Ravi, 20, guilty of every charge handed up in a 15-count indictment last year, although the panel made some distinctions that focused on Ravi's alleged motives.

The spying incident attracted national attention and became a cause celebre in gay rights circles and beyond after Ravi's roommate, Tyler Clementi, 18, committed suicide by jumping off the George Washington Bridge days after learning Ravi had used his laptop to stream a webcam video of his encounter on Sept. 19, 2010.

The verdict was hailed in some circles as a step forward in the fight against bias intimidation of gays. But other legal experts questioned the jury's decision and predicted it would be appealed.

"The actions of Dharun Ravi were inexcusable and surely added to Tyler Clementi's vulnerability and pain," said Hayley Gorenberg, deputy legal director for Lambda Legal, a national legal organization that focuses on civil rights issues for gay men, lesbians, bisexuals and transgender individuals.

"The verdict today demonstrates that the jurors understood that bias crimes do not require physical weapons like a knife in one's hands."

But Annemarie P. McAvoy, an adjunct professor at Fordham Law School, said the verdict was "murky and confusing" and could provide the basis for a serious appeal by Ravi's attorneys.

"The jury appeared to find that Ravi's intentions were not out of hatred or bias," she said. "But the jurors believed Tyler Clementi perceived them as such . . . It's an outrageous standard."

The jury, which deliberated for about 12 hours over three days, appeared to parse the issue of bias intimidation, which was charged in four of the 15 counts.

Ravi was charged with using his laptop webcam to stream an encounter between Clementi and a man identified only as "M.B." on Sept. 19, 2010, and attempting to do so again on Sept. 21.

In the four bias intimidation counts, Ravi was convicted of conduct that "caused" Clementi to be intimidated and to believe "that he was selected to be the target of the offense because of sexual orientation."

But under each count, the jury rejected arguments that Ravi set out to invade Clementi's privacy "with the purpose" to intimidate him, finding him not guilty of that aspect of the charge.

In each count, the jury also rejected allegations that Clementi's sexual partner was the target of bias intimidation.

While Clementi's death was not part of the indictment, it turned a spotlight on the case.

The attention intensified after initial police reports indicated that Ravi had videotaped and broadcast the encounter online. Those reports, which were incorrect, helped fuel a media firestorm that brought news of the case around the world.

In fact, testimony indicated, no more than six students, including Ravi, briefly viewed Clementi and his guest kissing on the night of Sept. 19. There was no webcam stream of their encounter on Sept. 21, although Ravi attempted to set one up.

Throughout the trial, Ravi's lawyer, Steven Altman, had argued that his client did not intend to harass or intimidate Clementi because of his sexual orientation.

Altman described Ravi's actions as "stupid" and "immature," the acts of an 18-year-old college freshman living away from home for the first time.

Ravi, of Plainsboro, N.J., showed little emotion as the verdicts were announced shortly before noon.

A native of India who came to this country with his parents as a child, he could face deportation in addition to a jail sentence of up to 10 years for the most serious bias intimidation charges.

In addition to the four bias intimidation counts, Ravi was convicted of two counts of invasion of privacy, two counts of attempted invasion of privacy, three counts of tampering with evidence, three counts of hindering prosecution and one count of witness tampering.

He also was charged with erasing or altering Twitter and

text messages in which he commented about the incident and encouraged others to view the webcam stream.

Ravi remained free on \$25,000 bail. Neither he nor his lawyer would comment as they left the courthouse Friday afternoon.

Ravi had rejected a plea offer last year that would have resulted in no jail time, six months probation and several hundred hours of community service.



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vacation. Nearly 62 percent of the students surveyed said they stayed home.

YSU student Alicia Herbert said she spent her week studying, getting caught up on school work and playing with her niece at the park.

Despite many who stayed home, 87.6 percent of the students surveyed said their friends went away during spring break.

Sophomore Dan Davis, who spent his week working at a pawn shop, said many of his friends went to Panama for spring break.

"If I had had the money, I would have gone with them," Davis said.

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What's to hide, task force?

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BUDGET PAGE 1

The highly regarded and deeply revered 2020 strategic plan calls for a more transparent budgeting model.

"Clear communication, transparency and understanding are vital as the university embarks on restructuring the process by which it budgets its funds," the plan reads.

Yet the examination process of alternative models is shrouded in secrecy.

Members of the budget task force, which is responsible for finding a substitute, refused to even comment on the initial impressions made by the eight alternatives.

"I think it's important to let the task force do its work before commenting on an implementation timeline or on the specifics of any given budget model," said Neal McNally, budget director and task force leader.

YSU administrators can recite their worn-out "students first" rhetoric all they want, but when students inquire about what goes into making the university operate, they're left in the dark.

Worst-case scenario: The entire funding model, which dictates who gets what and who gets to distribute it, completely changes.

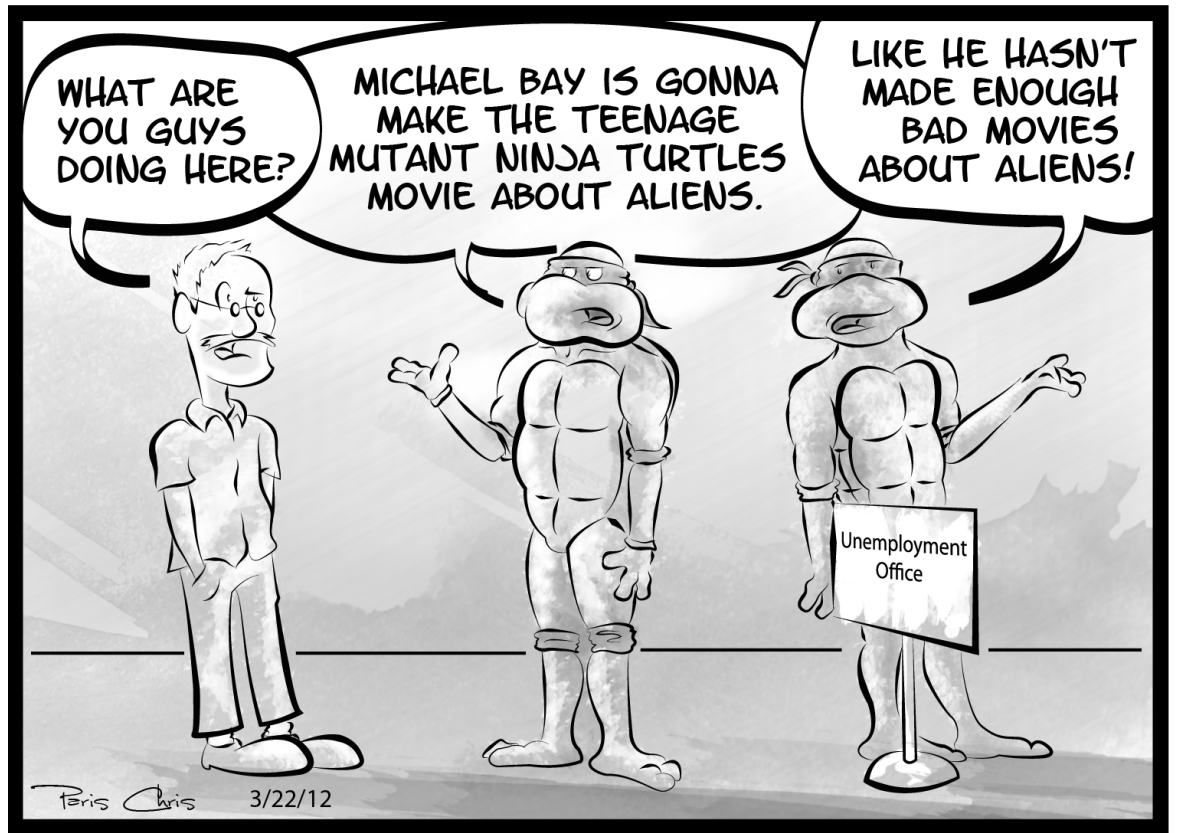
So, about that "clear communication" bit. How can students, who fuel the budget with their tuition dollars, be rejected the right to know where those funds go?

To ensure that students are informed, The Jambar has requested copies of all materials pertaining to the task force's progress, even down to the last travel receipt.

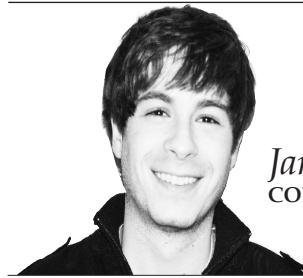
We'd like to let the students know how their university will be funded next year ... sometime before the board of trustees passes the budget during the slow and inconspicuous summer months.

Because nothing of importance gets passed in the summer — just tuition increases and mandatory fees.

THE Jambar cartoon



Cartoon by Paris Chrisopoulos/The Jambar.



Jared Buker
COLUMNIST

'The Big Picture' #Kony2012 Pick the right battle, U.S.

Roughly three weeks ago, Twitter users were bombarded with tweets and hash tags regarding Ugandan guerilla group leader Joseph Kony that read #KONY2012.

For what reason, I'm still not sure.

A 27-minute documentary done by Jason Russell, co-founder of Invisible Children, seeking to build momentum toward thwarting Kony, spawned the #KONY2012 craze.

Last week, Russell stripped naked in his San Diego neighborhood and ran around in a maniacal fashion. He was hospitalized for what he described as "dehydration," but what his wife described as "reactive psychosis" brought on by his sudden fame.

Fortunately, this charade has not hurt the movement he created.

Kony has abducted, brainwashed and transformed some 66,000 Ugandan children into soldiers and sex slaves, murdered the oldest and youngest of the children, forced children to watch their parents get their hands chopped off and brutalized mothers and daughters — all based on some theocratic delusion based upon the Ten Commandments.

Once the video hit YouTube and people realized what was going on, they grabbed their phones, thinking it would make a difference.

Those who believed this textual Twitter militia would ever reach anyone of authority had a fairytale view of what social media is capable of.

I assume it was a siren song many hoped would encourage the world's biggest player — namely the United States — to find Kony deep within the jungles of Uganda.

The Obama administration has done everything it can to help catch Kony, and it shouldn't be expected to do more with such an overwhelming global agenda that includes concern in Iraq, Iran, Syria and Israel.

What has Barack Obama done?

He signed into law the Lord's Resistance Army Disarmament and Northern Uganda Recovery Act, which expanded upon George W. Bush's wish to provide logistical and financial support in the African effort to stop Kony.

Four months later, Obama revised his plan for assisting in the capture of Kony and requested more funding.

Nearly a year later, in October of 2011, Obama authorized the shipping of 100 combat-ready American soldiers to central Africa to help with what seemed like a failing effort to find Kony.

The only reason this wasn't a more notable piece of legislation is because they were ordered to act strictly as intelligence, not soldiers.

Remember, you need to look no further than Vietnam to see that the U.S. has a poor track record with jungle warfare.

Perhaps the notion of tweeting in hopes of lighting a fire under legislatures to do more in Uganda is a product of most tweeters jumping on a cause they don't fully understand.

Another aspect to remember — Kony is estimated to be only one of hundreds of tyrannical theocrats doing horrible things in Uganda.

But the ease of watching a documentary and then "hash tagging" the title put a spotlight on Kony, and Kony alone.

David Porter, a professor in the

YSU Political Science Department and Rigelhaupt Pre-Law Center, said he believes social media is a "double-edged sword" and discussed the vast benefits it has had on the issue of child endangerment in Africa.

"I think the real story here is that there have been people in this country, myself included, who for 20 years have been trying to expose the issue of children soldiers," Porter said. "All that effort and literally millions of dollars to make it more publically known in the U.S. has eclipsed with YouTube."

Porter thinks the issue, as a whole, is local.

"The U.S. is relatively powerless to solve this issue unless you want to send 50,000 soldiers and have them open fire on a 14-year-old with an AK," he said.

YSU senior Anoli Shah disagrees, and said such horrific travesties should be rectified with an American fist.

"The American military is still supreme," Shah said. "If the U.S. doesn't step up and help stop this trend in Africa, who will?"

We should all value the impact of social media on international issues that would otherwise go unnoticed by the American populous.

But a half-hour documentary certainly doesn't make you as informed as you could be, and many people negatively used the social media of Twitter to sensationalize something that the U.S. shouldn't really get more involved in.

I salute the Obama administration for doing what it could to help Africa, and I will continue to as long as the administration picks its battles the right way.

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BREAKING NEWS!

'IRS policies help fuel tax refund fraud, officials say'

Brooke Novak
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This is terrifying, but the real shocker is that headlines like this one from CNN.com on Tuesday often take center stage in an effort to grab readers' attention.

Stories about the dangers of the Internet, theft, the salacious lives and deaths of pop culture stars, the personal scandals of political figures and destruction are all at the top of the media hot list.

According to the article "If It Bleeds, It Leads: Understanding Fear-Based Media," by Deborah Serani, "capitalistic motives associated with journalism have forced much of today's television news to look to the spectacular, the stirring and the controversial as news stories."

Scare tactics are the easiest way to grab the audience's attention. After all, do you really care if

something nice happened in your community?

But when a school shooting happens, suddenly no child is safe at school. Or when a drug-addicted singer dies, suddenly nothing in the world seems quite as important or quite as sad.

What about the years — even decades — those schools have gone without incidents, or the hundreds and thousands of schools with spotless records? What about the forgotten deaths of people who are actually trying to make a difference, like the soldiers dying daily in a war many people still forget we are fighting?

With all of these terrible stories flashing across our television and computer screens and jumping off the front pages of every newspaper, is there any wonder people believe the world is such a dangerous place?

While the media would have us believing the world is a terrible and dangerous place, the FBI's Prelimi-

nary Semiannual Uniform Crime Report for January to June 2011 shows that the U.S. reported a 6.4 percent decrease in the number of violent crimes, including murder, forcible rape, robbery and aggravated assault, reported to law enforcement in the first six months of 2011, compared to the same time in 2010.

These scare tactics are working.

Viewers continue to tune in to the news around the clock to find out why that car is wrapped around a telephone pole and if anyone died, how the little boy in Florida ended up dead and what is in my tap water that I NEED to know about.

As viewers, we want to blame it on the media, but we can't seem to get enough of it either.

While stories of triumph are swept under the rug, the media blows up every story of conspiracy, destruction and mayhem until it's bursting at the seams. But are they to blame?

Around the country, before she's 30

Student travels to tackle cancer

Kacy Standohar
FEATURES EDITOR

When senior Brandi Hess felt a mass on her breast in her dorm room, she said she'd be concerned only if she were awoken at 3 a.m.

"I was putting on pajamas and it kind of hurt. I was embarrassed and just figured I'd chalk it up to womanhood," she said. "I asked God to wake me up at 3 a.m., if it's anything to be concerned about."

In the middle of the night, the fire alarm went off in the dormitory. When Brandi Hess returned to her room, she glanced at the clock.

It was 3:23 a.m.

The next day, she told her mother, and Brandi Hess went to a doctor's office for ultrasounds.

"They weren't too concerned because it is normal for women to have fibroadenomas," the 23-year-old Mineral Ridge native said. "Then the mass went from the size of a baseball to the size of a grape fruit in a matter of, like, two weeks."

Brandi Hess' pain increased, and she scheduled a surgery to remove the tumor. But, before her scheduled surgery, the tumor ruptured while she was playing football with friends in November 2007.

"When I was tackled, the mass ruptured and split into two," she said. "It started growing and bleeding."

Following her surgery in December 2007, Brandi Hess received an unexpected call from her surgeon on a Friday night at 9:30 p.m.



Senior Brandi Hess hangs on a sign in Wisconsin. Hess is on a mission to visit every state in the U.S. so she can create a piece of art with her photographs. Photo courtesy of Brandi Hess.

Her surgeon asked to speak with her mother, Cheryl Hess, who broke into tears and began asking the surgeon questions.

It was then, Brandi Hess said, she knew it was cancer.

Brandi Hess was diagnosed with a rare form of high-grade spindle cell sarcoma that affects the soft tissue. She said the sarcoma was working with another phyllodes tumor.

"I guess if you're going to do it, you

better go big or go home," Brandi Hess said. "I never really felt afraid. I never really cried."

Cheryl Hess said it was the last thing she expected to hear.

"It was tough to absorb, but we absorbed it," Cheryl Hess said. "Brandi loves mail, and she got through it with cards and letters from friends and family. We had a closet drawer full of them."

Cheryl Hess added that it was tough to watch her daughter fight, but said she's

a better person because of it.

Now Brandi Hess celebrates being a four-year cancer survivor, and she's studying to get her bachelor's degree in geography. She spends her free time and extra money traveling across the country.

She said she hopes to reach all 50 states before she turns 30.

"Whenever I cross a border, I get out and take a picture with the sign and whoever I'm with," she said. "That way, when I have all 50, I'll turn it into a piece of artwork or something."

Brandi Hess has traveled to 28 states; her favorite was Montana.

The picture taking started when Brandi Hess drove west with a friend who was moving to Seattle. Her stays often vary: Sometimes she stays for a week, while other times, she'll drive straight through.

"I wanted to make a better story for myself. We're all going to die one day, you know. How are you going to live it?" she said. "So, to get out of the rut of day-to-day living, I decided to make my life an adventure by putting purpose behind each season of my life."

But Brandi Hess said she doesn't want to limit her travel to just the United States; she's interning with missionaries this summer in El Salvador.

"We'll be running feeding programs, working with slum kids and in hospitals," she said. "I've had the call to be a foreign missionary. I want to live overseas and in the jungle."

She said the journey has brought her a peace beyond all understanding.

Meshel, the music man



Harry Meshel shared his memories and photographs with celebrities, musicians and politicians on Monday afternoon at Collections Cafe. Photo by Kacy Standohar/The Jambar.

Kacy Standohar
FEATURES EDITOR

Before Harry Meshel was a member of the Youngstown State University Board of Trustees and president of the Ohio Senate, he spent his time chasing his passion for jazz music.

In his 87 years, Meshel never once picked up an instrument, but knows what jazz music is supposed to sound like.

He learned by watching the greats.

"We had a family violin, but everyone in the family learned but me," he said. "I followed music closely from the time I was a young kid."

Meshel has met famous musicians and politicians, and has traveled to 28 countries around the world.

He loved to dance. At the age of 15, he often stayed at after-hour clubs where jazz musicians would play until 2 or 3 a.m.

After graduating high school at 16, he followed jazz musicians and attended performances in the Youngstown area.

"There were big band jazz groups and small group combos," he said. "It depended on the night, but there was polka, Italian and other sorts of music, too."

In 1943, Meshel was overseas in the service, but continued his collecting of records and tapes. He said he didn't have a camera or radio during World War II, and the only jazz music he could listen to was the occasional broadcast out of Japan, which was meant to make the American soldiers homesick.

Art Tatum, Harry James, Charlie Parker and Miles Davis were among the many Meshel encountered and enjoyed.

"They were instrumental geniuses known throughout the world," Meshel said.

"These musicians used to get together at the Elms Ballroom — where Kilcawley Center is today — and just have jam sessions," he said. "They would all play together and take turns."

Meshel said he and his friends would often go to jazz clubs in their Sunday best. He said the clubs were low key, but expensive.

"It was giant. It could hold hundreds of people

dancing. The women were dressed up and wore high heels," he said. "We made up a lot of our own moves, and we did the jitterbug and the boogie-woogie."

Though Meshel has met Frank Sinatra, Dean Martin and Sammy Davis Jr., he is most proud of his donating three sculptures that stand in the Butler Institute of American Art.

The sculptures are of Miles Davis, Charlie Parker and Dizzy Gillespie — American jazz musicians, composers and performers in the 1940s.

Meshel said the sculptures are worth up to \$80,000.

Kent Engelhardt, associate professor of jazz studies at YSU, said Meshel has an intellectual approach to jazz music and is a strong supporter of the jazz program.

Engelhardt said he often discusses ethnomusicology, the study of social and cultural aspects of dance and music, with Meshel to apply in his classes.

"Everything that surrounds the music is important. The culture is a part of it," Engelhardt said. "It's nice to talk to Harry because I can get a feel for other things besides the notes in the music."

Al Bright, professor emeritus of the art department, said Meshel was a jazz aficionado on the forefront of the historic jazz movement in the Mahoning Valley.

Bright, 72, paints to live music and said Meshel was instrumental in helping him receive a grant to bring a famous jazz group to the area. Bright, who retired in 2005, said students shouldn't forget the jazz foundation, even though music has evolved.

"We should be proud like Meshel because jazz is America's only original art form," he said.

Bright said Meshel performed in politics like a great jazz musician.

"He was able to take that kind of energy for music and apply it to his political career as well," Bright said.

Though Meshel has traveled the world, he said there is nowhere like Youngstown.

"I'm proud of Youngstown. Hell, I had a condo down in Marco Island, but I sold it," Meshel said. "I didn't find enough people down there that I enjoyed spending time with. Youngstown was a great stop for big bands, and now the area is a great university."

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Avenue has windows in the test rooms and cameras that allow the staff to supervise a student who is testing without providing distractions.

It is directly across from the Beeghly College of Education, and McGranahan said that anonymity and accessibility are two of the most improved attributes.

"We're not inside the library or something where people can see them, so if they don't want other people to know that they have a disability, they don't have to," McGranahan said.

The new location is Adu-Poku's favorite of the three. He said the staff calls him part of the team because he is there every week.

When Adu-Poku started at YSU in the summer of 2009, he said his classes were scattered throughout campus, making it hard for him to travel to the disability services office when he needed to.

Adu-Poku, a freshman accounting major, said the commute to disability services is more convenient because he is stationed in Williamson Hall four days a week.

Even then, he said he runs into some problems.

"When the weather is nice, it's cool. Right now, I like to go out and sit in the chair with people around," he said. "But I find that it's awful, especially in the winter. Sometimes my wheelchair will get stuck, and I need someone to push me."

Disability services employs student workers to escort those like Adu-Poku who are in need of an escort or assistance.

He said he often used the help during his freshman and sophomore years, but wanted to be more independent once he became familiar with the campus.

Adu-Poku said he doesn't consider the distance between the office and campus to be an issue, especially if people have a ride to and

from school like he does.

McGranahan said students are unaware of facilities, such as a shuttle service, that are available to them to make their commute to the building easier.

Two large parking lots are also in the front and back of the building for students able to drive themselves.

Freshman criminal justice major Rebekah Theobald receives audio books and lecture recordings from her classes. She also has a reader on test days because of a reading-comprehension learning disability.

She said it would be helpful for the service to move closer to the campus core, but the walk isn't a big issue if someone needs the accommodations.

"Half of my stress is because of tests, and it's alleviated by this center. I'm very happy they have this, not just for me, but for everybody," Theobald said. "You can normally tell who needs help, and you can tell them there's this place right down the road."

Theobald said she seldom goes to the office, and when she does, it's only when she has a problem with scheduling or testing in her classes.

The service has made the forms and information easily accessible on the Internet. Once students are registered, they will be enrolled with the services until they choose to terminate their application.

Last semester, 707 students registered for the services, and each year it fluctuates between 650 to 750, McGranahan said. Not all students are active, but each is able to use the services as needed.

"A lot of people say, 'Oh, well, I don't have a physical disability,'" McGranahan said. "If you have a learning disability, if you have diabetes, if you have anything covered under the Americans with Disabilities Act, then we can help you."

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ment," Beshara said.

He added that Van Horn and his team have taken in YSUPD officers to train them on how to efficiently deal with situations when someone is drinking underage, whether in a bar or at a party.

He said that, while Youngstown's problems are with bars, Kent's and Akron's are with house parties.

"I've seen them drag couches into the street being lit on fire on other campuses," Van Horn said.

YSU is proactive in preventing problems like this before they occur, Van Horn said.

He said staffing is an issue. The unit is made up of 13 men who cover 16 counties from Trumbull to Mansfield.

He relies on local law enforcement agencies to be active in preventing alcohol-related problems.

"That's what makes YSU unique. They stop the problems before they happen," Van Horn said.

He said it's beneficial that he no longer has to witness as much domestic violence, since most of his work is undercover.

The hardest part, he said, is not being able to talk to his wife about why he may have had a bad day.

Although the emotional toll for the most part doesn't get to him, certain situations do.

"What really bothered me was when two kids wrecked a car and died," Van Horn said. "We had to reconstruct what happened, find out where they got the alcohol. But in these cases, I confide in other agents."

Since coming to YSU, Van Horn said the task force has made around 1,500 alcohol-related arrests.

Looking forward, he hopes to bring safety to the community by preventing underage drinkers from getting behind the wheel.

"What we're trying to do is stop things from going wrong before they happen," Van Horn said.

"We've done a better job with violations because of them," Beshara said. "We have a zero-tolerance policy. If there is an alcohol violation, it's going on paper, and they've worked with our guys to make sure we're doing it right."

Outside of work, Van Horn has a 6-year-old son who says he would like to be a police officer one day.

Van Horn will support him no matter what but said, "I hope he doesn't."



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Hamilton runs into record books and beyond

Nick Mancini
SPORTS REPORTER

Junior Samantha Hamilton has captured five school records.

But she still has nearly a season and a half to capture more.

Hamilton holds the indoor record for the 1-mile run and for the 1,000-meter, 3,000-meter and 5,000-meter runs. Going into each season, those were the goals she set for herself, she said.

"Last year, I really had the 5K circled," Hamilton said. "I thought 17:16 would have been pretty achievable, but things did not come together as well. This year has definitely been a whole different ball game, in terms of developing into a better runner."

But Hamilton wasn't always just a runner. She started track and cross-country in seventh grade and played basketball during her first two years at Jackson-Milton High School.

That changed after she broke her foot — twice.

"I was on crutches for a couple weeks and thought everything was healed, and in my first game back I broke it again," she said. "After that, I kind of just stuck to running. Thankfully, I did."

Brian Gorby, track and field coach at Youngstown State University, said Hamilton's improvement in the last two years has been astonishing.

"She is somebody that not only lives it, not only between practice time from 3 to 6, but she lives it 24/7," Gorby said. "She is at every road race; she is looking up and reading all about running. She lives it more than any other athlete that we have."

When choosing a college, Hamilton narrowed it down to two schools: YSU and Ohio State University.

"I knew I wanted to run at Division I, and when it came down to reality, I was a little nervous going somewhere so big," Hamilton said. "I didn't really have to adjust to many things coming to YSU. All through high school, I trained in Mill Creek Park, and I still train there."

Hamilton said she always runs in the park.

"It is one of probably the best places to run in the country," she said. "It gets really hard in the winter because I run on them until I can't anymore. In the middle of fall, it gets tough, too, because of all the leaves. I am usually running on the trail all year round."

Hamilton's training partner, sophomore Anna Pompeo, said training with Hamilton has been a great experience.

"It has been a very positive experience for me because, not only is she someone to do the workouts with, but she is a constant motivation for me to always do better,"



Samantha Hamilton runs at the Horizon League championships in February at the WATTS. She looks to break even more records before her YSU career is over. Photo by Dustin Livesay/The Jambar.

Pompeo said.

Gorby said Hamilton has found a good training program that works for her.

"From a training standpoint, we have figured out what works for her over the last two to three years," he said. "It is kind of neat to see someone now drop a whole minute."

Hamilton said she increased her training mileage for the season. She said that has been the difference in her success.

"I kind of found a happy medium," she said. "I raised my mileage and stuck to around 55 miles a week. It seems to have gone pretty well. I think that is kind of the main difference, but 55 is low compared to what some people do."

Hamilton added that Watson and Tressel

Training Site has helped the team.

"The farthest we would go is Geneva just to workout," Hamilton said. "That's a few hours of driving to work out, and it took its toll on us. Everyone was tired, and we were getting home so late."

Though her senior season remains, Hamilton said she is looking forward to her future and wants to keep running.

"There are like sponsorships you can get," Hamilton said. "It is kind of like applying to college. You just kind of apply to different companies. There are some smaller companies that will sponsor you. Hopefully, as long as I am healthy, I plan on doing some big things after college."

'She's a competitor'

Coach, team hold high expectations for Meenachan

Joe Catullo Jr.
SPORTS EDITOR

Since freshman Brooke Meenachan began playing T-ball, she has wanted to play softball in either of the Carolinas.

While that dream has yet to come true for the Boardman native, Meenachan said playing close to home is still a rewarding experience and opportunity.

"That's what I wanted since I was little, but I'm happy here because I grew up here," Meenachan said. "It's an honor to play where you're from. I'm glad I chose to stay here."

Her choice to play for the Penguins gave her the chance to taste some southern baseball during the team's 16-game road trip to North Carolina to open the season. She said it was an exciting time, and it was nice to leave Ohio.

Meenachan played softball at Boardman High School before committing to Youngstown State University. At Boardman, she was a four-year letter winner and was twice named captain.

She posted a .561 batting average with 17 stolen bases and 26 RBIs as a senior, and she won the 2011-2012 State Farm Insurance Scholarship. She also helped Boardman win three district championships.

"It was a lot of fun playing in Boardman," Meenachan said. "I grew up with a lot of the girls since we were playing T-ball. I've been through a lot with them, so it was like playing with my best friends."

Brian Campbell, YSU's head softball coach, said he noticed



Freshman Brooke Meenachan participates in batting practice at the WATTS on Tuesday. Meenachan's most prominent feature of her game is her power, said head softball coach Brian Campbell. Photo by Joe Catullo Jr./The Jambar.

Meenachan's power during scouting.

"She swings well," Campbell said. "Her adjustment period she's going through right now may be a little faster removed from pitching and stuff like that."

Campbell added that being a local helped the recruiting process.

"When you go [recruit], you definitely circle the wagons around your home state at first," he said. "We go around and recruit the kids that are Division I caliber that other Division I schools are looking at, and then you're able to expand off of that."

The biggest challenge Meenachan has faced at the collegiate level is switching positions. She was a shortstop at Boardman, but is learning to play second base for the Penguins.

Meenachan said the biggest difference from switch-

ing sides in the infield is bunt management. Instead of covering second base like a shortstop would, she has to cover first base.

"I played every position before except for second base, and a lot of people don't think it's different from shortstop, but the ball moves differently, and it's a big adjustment," she said.

Campbell said senior second baseman Kristen Philen is helping Meenachan adjust because Philen was faced with the same scenario when she began playing with the Penguins.

"The good thing with Philen being the starting second baseman is that she is able to teach her as a senior, and hopefully she takes advantage of the opportunity," Campbell said.

One advantage Meenachan said she has over her teammates is living at home with her parents.

"I have the opportunity to

see my family every day," she said. "My mom cooks them meals sometimes, so it's a lot of fun when they come over."

Meenachan's mother, Kelly, invites the players over to her house for dinner every week. The freshmen are almost always there because they do not have home-cooked options in the dorms, said freshman infielder Samantha Troxell, a native of Cuyahoga Falls.

"She makes great shrimp pasta," Troxell said with a laugh.

Troxell added that Meenachan is a competitor — but one who will help out any friend in need.

"She's probably one of my better friends," Troxell said.

Because Philen is the team's primary second baseman, Meenachan has seen limited action, playing in 12 of the team's 16 games and starting four times.

She is batting .158 with three hits and three RBIs but no extra base hits (double, triple or home run) before Wednesday.

"Well, that's obviously not happening right now," Meenachan said. "I don't know if I have power, but I think I'm more of a line drive hitter."

She visited her father before Wednesday's doubleheader because she was struggling at the plate. She went 2-2 with a walk, a double and two RBIs.

Campbell said he is not expecting Meenachan to produce immensely right off the bat, although she is exceeding more than expected.

"She's been in some key situations, and for a freshman, I think that that's all you can ask for from a younger kid," he said.

Sports Briefs

Tresey named defensive coordinator

Eric Wolford, head football coach, announced Tuesday that Joe Tresey will fill the defensive coordinator position for the Penguins. Tresey, who coached under the same position at the University of California, Los Angeles, in 2011, is a Warren native and Ohio State University graduate. He is known for his aggressive defensive style and fiery personality.

YSU softball players earn HL awards

Penguins' outfielder Haley Thomas was named Horizon League Softball Player of the Week. The senior hit 13 for 27 (.481) for the week of March 12. Sophomore Casey Crozier was named Horizon League Softball Pitcher of the Week. Crozier earned three wins and a save for the Penguins, with a 1.19 ERA. YSU finished the week with a 6-3 record.

Spring football practice begins

On Wednesday, the YSU football team began spring drills at Stambaugh Stadium. The spring schedule consists of 15 practices. The team will also scrimmage on March 31 and April 7. The penguins will play the 40th Annual Red-White Spring Game on April 13.

Injury Report



Jeremy Banks

Senior first baseman Jeremy Banks could miss up to two weeks of action with an AC joint separation, which is an injury to the shoulder. Banks was injured after hitting a walk-off RBI double in Sunday's 4-3 victory over the University of Wisconsin-Milwaukee. The Penguins stormed the pitcher's mound, and one player stepped on Banks' shoulder. Banks leads the Horizon League in batting average (.426), home runs (five) and RBIs (25).

'Jack Up The Rev'



Sports Editor Joe Catullo Jr. will review Tuesday's baseball game, injury updates on baseball's two senior leaders and a softball doubleheader on Thursday.