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## International students

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For the past three years, Youngstown State University's international student enrollment has grown by nearly 31 percent.

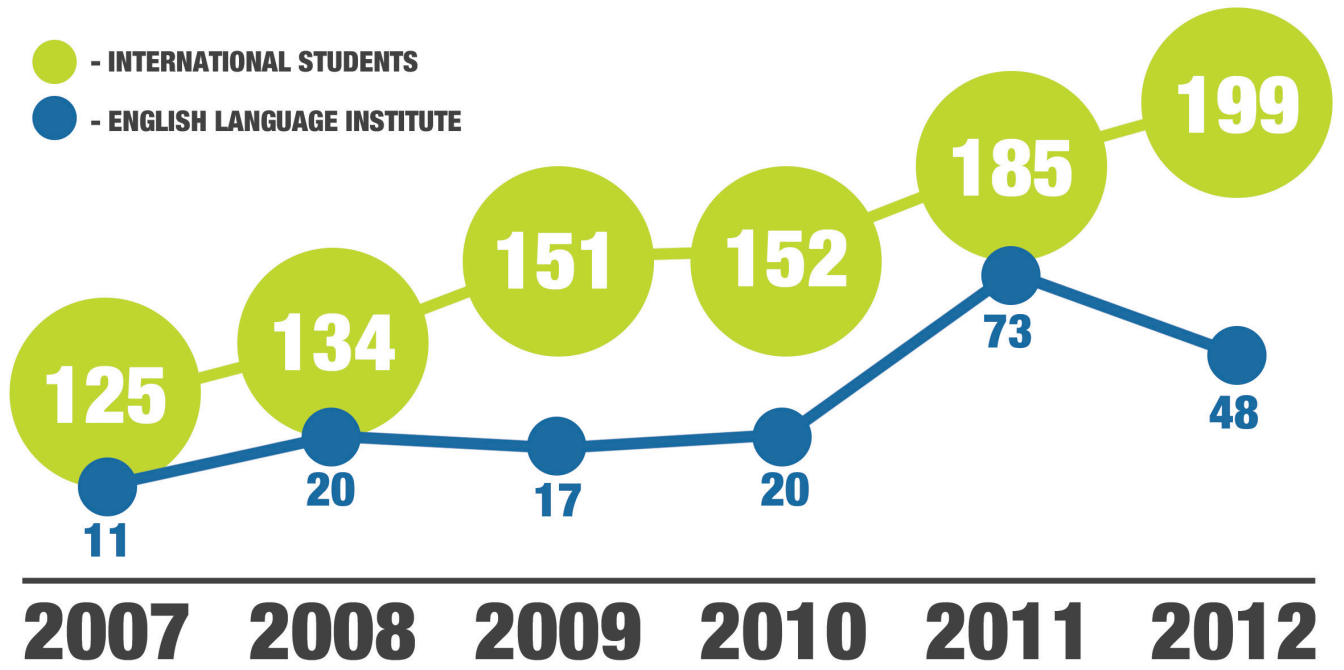
This fall, 199 undergraduate full-time international students are attending YSU — 14 more students than in the fall of 2011.

In 2008, the YSU Center for International Studies and Programs set out to achieve an international enrollment of 2 percent of full-time students by 2013.

CISP Director Jef Davis said they've reached about 1.75 percent already.

"There is a year or two lag, though," he said. "I went in

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## Issue 2 and you

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REPORTER

For Ohio residents, November's ballot is more than a vote for president. Issues 1 and 2, the statewide ballot measures, both hold the potential to change Ohio's governmental structure.

State Issue 1 is a ballot measure calling for a review and possible revision of the Ohio Constitution. The revisions are unspecified in the ballot language. In order for this measure to pass, it requires a majority of the vote.

State Issue 2 puts before voters the decision to overhaul how the state draws its districts for legislative representation. Coinciding with the decennial census, both state and federal congressional districts are redrawn to reflect changes in population. The Ohio Appointment Board draws the districts for the Ohio General Assembly. This board consists of the governor, the secretary of state, the state auditor and one representative from each political party.

The Republicans control the board with four seats filled by Gov. John Kasich, Secretary of State Jon Husted, Auditor of State David Yost and Sen. Thomas Niehaus. Rep. Arnold Budish is the sole Democrat on the board.

For U.S. congressional districts, this process is delegated to the state legislatures. The Republican majority in the Ohio House of Representatives gives them redistricting power.

The redistricting process is notorious for being abused by party officials who carve out districts that protect their candidates from competition.

In political parlance, this is known as gerrymandering. Officials draw what is called a safe district, or a district where the candidate's chances of re-election are basically guaranteed.

Paul Sracic, chair of the political science department at Youngstown State University, explained the impact of having a political party determine the way districts are drawn — and the problems that come with trying to change them.

"Naturally, [parties] draw districts in their favor. You can't absolutely determine the composition of the legislature, but you can influence it," he said. "It's generally the out party that wants independent redistricting."

Issue 2 would change this by placing the redistricting power in the hands of a commission of 12 members: four affiliated with the largest party represented in the Ohio General Assembly, four affiliated with the second-largest party and four persons unaffiliated with any political party.

Under the new proposal, seven members of this board must vote in favor of the plans for them to be approved. If they cannot agree by a certain date, the power to determine district borders would be transferred to the Ohio Supreme Court.

Despite the importance of this measure, many YSU students are unaware.

"I haven't even heard of the issues," said freshman Landon Kline.

According to election data from the Ohio Secretary of State's Office, non-presidential elections never achieve turnout more than 50 percent; rarely is it above even 45 percent.

## Enrollment at EGCC on the rise

Sarah Thomas  
REPORTER

As Youngstown State University's enrollment continues to fall, the enrollment at Eastern Gateway Community College is on the rise.

There are 13,813 students enrolled at YSU this fall — 638 students less than fall 2011 and 1,381 less than 2010. Since 2000, enrollment at YSU has declined only three times. However, 2012 marks the second year in a row that the number of students enrolled at the school has decreased.

"It's important to put in context," said Ron Cole, director of university communications. "Most public universities have declined this year."

EGCC is the exception. "EGCC's enrollment has increased since opening," said Elizabeth Modlin, secretary to the dean of enrollment management at EGCC. "For example, enrollment this fall is at 2,392 students versus 2,150 students last year."

Eastern Gateway's enrollment increased from 1,727 in the fall of 2007 to 2,136 in the fall of 2010. One of the largest enrollment spikes occurred between the years of 2008 and 2009, with an increase of 243 students.

Modlin attributes the enrollment increase

to EGCC's campus expansion in 2009.

"Before that, we were just Jefferson Community College," Modlin said.

In 2009, Jefferson Community College expanded its campus and changed its name to Eastern Gateway Community College. This expansion allowed the school to include Trumbull, Columbiana and Mahoning counties — and any potential students therein — as part of its service area.

"We went from a one-county service district to a four-county service district," said Patty Sturch, dean of enrollment management at EGCC. "The enrollment increase is basically due to the expansion."

Cole said he does not believe that YSU's enrollment decrease is connected to EGCC's expansion and enrollment increase.

"EGCC provides another option, but their approach is different," Cole said.

Sturch agreed. "The average age at the Valley Center is 32. We don't have a large volume of students directly from high school," she said.

Cole attributed the enrollment decrease to the decline in high school graduates from YSU's primary recruiting area. Cole also said that enrollment tends to decrease when the economy gets better because possible students search for jobs rather than seek education.

## STEM calling all women

Justin Carissimo  
REPORTER

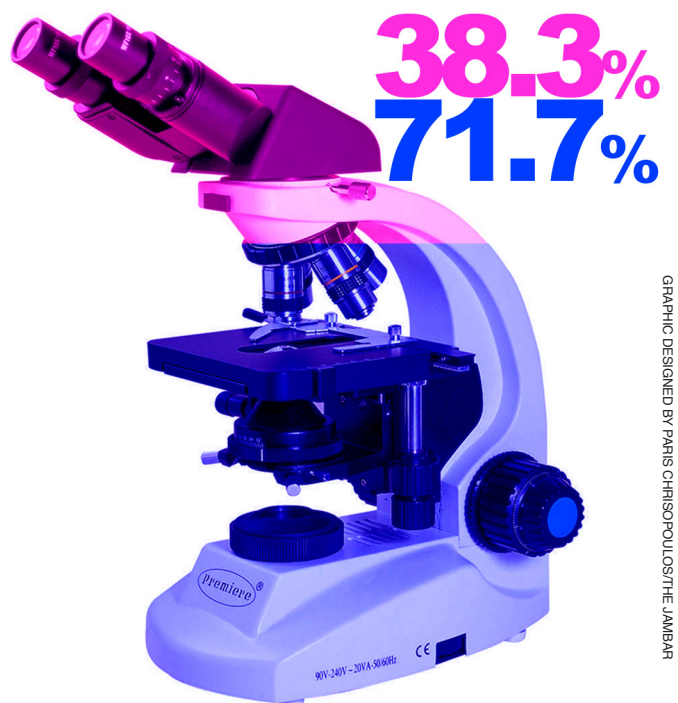
Careers in science, technology, engineering and mathematics will see a 17 percent growth by 2018, nearly double that of other career choices.

But according to the Office of Institutional Research and Policy Analysis, women at Youngstown State University account for only 38 percent of all students majoring in STEM at YSU.

"The concern of women in STEM areas is a concern, both locally and nationally," said Martin Abraham, dean of the STEM College at YSU.

He said that it isn't a matter of aptitude.

"Women students can do very well in STEM, but may be discouraged based on



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Office of Institutional Research and Policy Analysis

## Police: Suspect in case of missing college student recently purchased shovel, duct tape

Howard Cohen and Meredith Rutland  
The Miami Herald  
(MCT)

MIAMI — Gainesville, Fla., detectives investigating the disappearance of University of Florida student Christian Aguilar on Wednesday revealed the prime suspect in the case recently purchased a shovel and duct tape.

It's unclear why Pedro Bravo, 18, who is in custody charged with denying medical aid to a victim, purchased the items, but relatives of the missing Miami-area teen said they were preparing for

the worse.

Christian's father, Carlos, broke down during a news conference and said he still held out hope that his 18-year-old son is alive.

"Police don't have certainty of imminent death," the father said. "We still believe there's hope. But we're preparing for the worse."

Police said they have not found the shovel and did not reveal where Bravo purchased the items and said they were still searching for Aguilar, who has been missing since Thursday.

"With every day that goes by, the likelihood gets less and less," said police spokesman Ben Tobias.

Investigators said Agui-

lar's last cell phone activity came at 8:14 p.m. Thursday when the phone was powered off.

The two one-time best friends who graduated together in June from Doral Academy Preparatory were captured by security cameras entering a Best Buy in Gainesville. Both followed the career of rapper Kanye West and on that day purchased the artist's "Cruel Summer" CD.

Bravo acknowledged he fought with Aguilar and left him in a parking lot later that night.

In court on Wednesday, Christian's father, again pleaded with Bravo for information about his son's

whereabouts and said Bravo didn't seem like the same boy he has known.

"Where did you leave my son?" the father asked later during the news conference. "What is important is finding my son; that he's alive."

The father said he didn't believe the falling out between his son and Bravo had anything to do with a love triangle.

"My son was living the dream (Bravo) wanted for himself," Carlos Aguilar said.

Bravo had planned to attend Florida International University but at the last minute enrolled at Santa Fe College in Gainesville, where Aguilar and Bravo's

ex-girlfriend were attending school. The girl, Erika Friman, had recently started dating Aguilar.

Meanwhile, the search for Aguilar continued and Doral police said it will send a contingent of officers to Gainesville to help in the search for Aguilar.

Friends and family, including administrators, teachers and students from Doral Academy Preparatory School, have been searching for Aguilar since the weekend.

Multiple agencies are assisting Gainesville in the search. Doral will be providing six officers including K-9 units plus all-terrain vehicles.

## Professor Schwarzenegger gives a lecture on post-partisanship

Thomas Curwen  
Los Angeles Times  
(MCT)

LOS ANGELES — Charisma counts. Former President Bill Clinton proved it at the Democratic National Convention, and former Gov. Arnold Schwarzenegger proved it Monday at the University of Southern California.

He received a standing ovation as he stepped onto the stage in an auditorium on campus for the start of a daylong symposium — the inaugural session of the augustly named USC Schwarzenegger Institute for State and Global Policy.

Gone was any evidence of the disaffection that he had accrued after seven years as California governor. Gone was the shadow cast for his commuting the murder sentence of a friend's son. Gone was the outrage over the news last year of his affair — and fathering a child — with a member of his household staff.

"I stand here today full of hope," he said to the auditorium of nearly 750 people.

Forgiveness is sometimes easy in the face of hope, and the hope, as often is the case with Schwarzenegger, is that he can bring his Alpha-Dog personality to bear on the stickiest problems of the time.

He did it in the 1991 "Terminator 2" movie as a cyborg assassin assigned to protect the human race. He did it in 2003 when he defeated Gov. Gray Davis in a recall election, and now he is back ready to take on the environment, health and wellness, education, fiscal and economic policy and political reform.

On campus, Schwarzenegger will be known not only as the chair of the institute's board of advisers, but also as a professor. The school recently named him the Gov. Downey Professor of State and Global Policy. The position was named for John Downey, who in 1860 was elected governor of California, and like Schwarzenegger, was an immigrant to this country.

As grandiose as his new title is, the institute is equally ambitious. After committing \$20 million to the institute from his own wallet and the wallets of others, Schwarzenegger hopes to bring politicians and Hollywood movers and shakers to the table to discuss bipartisanship, or as he's calling it, "post-partisanship."

"We see the institute as a way to move ahead with a lot of the important initiatives that he continued or began as governor," said longtime associate Bonnie Reiss, the institute's director.

USC President C.L. Max Nikias introduced Schwarzenegger and praised his financial support and vision. Afterward, a short video played featuring a photograph of the former governor overlaid on a waving American flag and the

words from his 2007 inaugural address:

"One of the great lessons I learned as governor of California was that the best solutions to common problems could only be found when each side was willing to engage thoughtfully and respectfully with each other."

He spoke for 20 minutes. The audience — students and invited guests — occasionally interrupted him with applause as he laid out his goals in the form of a critique of politicians today who play it safe, more willing to fight for an ideology than find a compromise.

"If a soldier can risk his life for his country," he asked later in the session, "why isn't a politician willing to risk his office for making the right decision?"

In evidence was his trademark enthusiasm ("fantastic") and his ability to be blunt. "Words without action is just poetry," he said.

The event, divided into three panels, brought together politicians such as Sen. John McCain, R-Ariz., and former Democratic Sen. Tom Daschle of South Dakota to diagnose the problems in Washington. An afternoon session featured record producer Jimmy Iovine and movie producer Brian Grazer to talk about innovation in industry.

Waiting in the stand-by line was junior Lindsay Rapkin, 20, who was intrigued at the prospect of seeing McCain and film director James Cameron, who had to cancel at the last minute.

"You don't have to agree with his policies or how he ran the state in order to hope it does good things for USC and the School of Public Policy," Rapkin said.

Graduate student, Laura Martinez, 23, signed up immediately upon hearing about the event. "This is not about Schwarzenegger," she says. "It's what he's going to do. He's started something bigger than himself."

Media from about 40 outlets, including the Wall Street Journal, "Inside Edition," the Daily Telegraph and Kleine Zeitung from Austria, were covering the symposium.

"Entertainment has become an important part of the news coverage," says Barbara Gasser, a reporter for Kleine Zeitung. "This is what L.A. is known for, and we haven't heard from Schwarzenegger since 2011. This is the first time in the limelight. No one thought we would see professor Schwarzenegger."

After the morning session, USC history professor Kevin Starr praised the panelists. "It is important to acknowledge how a university environment brings out sides of our nature that is not seen in normal political discourse," he said.

Afterward, people stepped outside and strolled to an open tent where lunch was being served. In the bright autumn sunlight, the campus was alive with skateboarders, bike riders and students oblivious to the gathering.

## College reaching out to at-risk students

Harvy Lipman  
The Record  
(MCT)

HACKENSACK, N.J. — Suicide attempts are on the rise among three select groups of Americans: military veterans, gays and lesbians, and college-age males, federal statistics show.

Administrators know when lots of their students fall into those three group. And that's part of the reason Bergen Community College, in conjunction with the mental health non-profit Care Plus NJ, applied for a federal grant to establish a suicide prevention program on its Paramus, N.J., campus.

This month it was awarded \$301,215 from the Substance Abuse and Mental Health Service Administration to create the program.

"Those are groups that make up a lot of our student body," noted Kathleen Pignatelli, director of the college's Wellness Center, part of the health and counseling program on campus.

"We've done multiple mental-health programs with Care Plus over the last six or seven years, and we know from those programs that there's a great need," Pignatelli added. "Our counselors continue to see more students with mental-health concerns, although not all of them are suicidal of course."

The new suicide prevention program will begin next month. Pignatelli said the idea behind it is to train 125 students and 15 staff over the next three years in "mental-health first aid."

Pignatelli and one of the center's counselors have already been trained. They,

along with Care Plus staff, will conduct the sessions.

The idea, she said, is to help identify mental-health problems before they turn into emergencies, and to help overcome the stigma many people feel about acknowledging they have mental-health issues.

Why focus so heavily on training students?

"Who do students talk to when they're feeling stressed? Other students," Pignatelli said.

"Ninety percent of the people who die from suicide have a diagnosable, treatable mental-health disorder," added Carol Augustine, vice president of Care Plus' children and family division. "But people can only get treated if they come in and get help. There's this terrible stigma attached to mental-health disorders. A lot of people are embarrassed to acknowledge they need help."

That's where having student and staff trained to recognize and offer assistance comes into play, she added.

"We have seen that outreach efforts make a difference," Augustine said.

"That's why the program will be two-pronged," Pignatelli explained. "Part of it is educational, to train students and faculty in mental-health first aid. But it will also help us deal with that stigma, so that when people appear to be in emotional distress someone will be able to recognize that. They'll be able to refer them and help them overcome the embarrassment they feel in asking for help."

She added that another arm of the program will be to conduct surveys of students and then develop additional programs around the identified needs.

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2008 and 2009 and didn't see increase until 2010 and 2011."

Ikram Khawaja, provost and vice president for academic affairs, said a diverse student body prepares students for the "international market."

"We have recruiting agencies in China and India. We need to continue to be proactive and aggressive," Khawaja said. "We feel we have made great progress, but we have sights set on higher numbers. We're not done."

In 2008 and 2009, Davis traveled to eight different Middle Eastern countries in 16 days to recruit students and market YSU.

"It can be a challenge getting the information into the students' hands," Davis said. "But they can understand what we offer."

Davis, along with representatives from about 25 other universities and institutions, traveled to major college fairs, meeting thousands of prospective students. He said he also actively part-

nered with international student advisers and visited high schools.

Davis traveled to Saudi Arabia, Kuwait, Jordan, Bahrain, Lebanon and Central Asia.

He said the most successful trip was to the Persian Gulf.

"India is still the second largest group, and we haven't had any success in Kazakhstan yet," Davis said.

Another 48 international students attend the English Language Institute as non-

credit students, studying for prerequisite English aptitude tests before enrolling in college.

"Those students aren't necessarily ready in English proficiency," Davis said.

In order to apply to attend YSU as an undergraduate, ELI students have to score a 5.5 on the Test of English as a Foreign Language, or the TOEFL, in order to apply for a bachelor's degree. They must score at least a 550 on the International English Language Testing System, or

the IELTS, for the master's program.

Ramez Zaytoun, 27, received his bachelor's degree in electrical engineering in Syria. He decided to attend YSU for a master's degree in electrical engineering or a master's degree in business administration.

Davis said diversity is important in a university setting.

"Our local students often don't meet with people from other parts of the world. It gives them a chance to meet and interact," Davis said.

**POLICE BRIEFS**

**ROTC sergeant reports drunk trainee**

YSU Police responded Saturday morning to a call concerning an ROTC trainee who was possibly intoxicated. The 20-year-old trainee was leaning on a light pole near Beeghly Center and in full military uniform; he had the odor of alcohol on his breath. He admitted that he had been drinking at a party the night before and said he felt "funny" afterward. Police transported the trainee to the Boardman Police Department for a breathalyzer test.

**Student finds note likely from ex-girlfriend on windshield**

After classes on Friday, a male student returned to the M-5 parking lot and found a threatening note on the windshield of his 1989 Ford Thunderbird. The student suspects that the note was written by his ex-girlfriend or by a friend of his ex-girlfriend. The note read, "If you know what's good for you, you won't park here ... anonymous." In addition, "Bitch" was written on the back of the note. The student said he and his ex-girlfriend broke up more than a month ago; although she has texted him angry notes in the past, she's never made threats to him. He said he doesn't want his ex-girlfriend to attempt to contact him at any time.

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**NEWS BRIEFS**

**Planetarium presents original movie**

YSU's Ward Beecher Planetarium, located in Ward Beecher Hall, will host the premiere of its original full-dome presentation, "Cosmic Castaways," on Oct. 4. The fundraising premiere event begins at 7 p.m. in Maag Library, followed by the screening of the movie in the planetarium at 8:30 p.m. Admission is \$75 per person, with all proceeds going to the Ward Beecher Planetarium and Cosmoquest. Make reservations at <http://tinyurl.com/ccpremiere>. "Cosmic Castaways" — which is about intracluster stars, the stars that are removed from galaxies because of galaxy collisions — will make its public debut at 8 p.m. Oct. 5; it will be followed by another screening at 8 p.m. Oct. 6.

**YSU considered military friendly**

Victory Media, a media entity for military personnel transitioning into civilian life, named YSU a Military Friendly School for the fourth consecutive year. The 2013 Military Friendly Schools list honors the top 15 percent of colleges, universities and trade schools that are working to ensure the success on campus of military service members, veterans and spouses. A complete list of Military Friendly Schools, along with interactive tools to help military students find the best school to suit their needs and preferences, can be found at <http://www.militaryfriendlyschools.com>.

**WCBA offers GRE prep courses**

The Williamson College of Business Administration is offering non-credit review courses for those looking to take the Graduate Record Exam, which is often required for admission into graduate programs. Those interested can register for one or both sections of the course. The courses will not be graded. Each course consists of four, four-hour sessions, and will meet on four consecutive Saturdays (Oct. 6, 13, 20 and 27) in Room 2225 of Williamson Hall. The quantitative sections will be held from 8 a.m. to noon, while the verbal sessions will be held from 1 to 5 p.m. The cost is \$155 for each course, or \$255 for both. To register, email Monique Bradford at [mrbradford@ysu.edu](mailto:mrbradford@ysu.edu). Call 330-941-3069 for more information.



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cultural stereotypes. A lot of this happens throughout the middle and high school programs, unfortunately," Abraham said.

Women with STEM jobs earned 20 percent more than women in non-STEM careers. The demand for these degrees convinced Kate Krossman to change her major from art to environmental studies.

"At first, I was intimidated by the math, but majoring in STEM isn't as hard as people would make it out to be," Krossman said.

Krossman plans to eventually pursue a master's degree in marine biology. But she also wants to use her art background.

"I'd really like to write and illustrate books about aquatic animals and their environment, so kids can learn about their importance," she said.

The STEM College will work with the Williamson College of Business Ad-

ministration to host a career development program for students. The first business co-op and internship expo will take place in the Williamson Building's atrium on Oct. 17.

In addition, the Office of STEM Professional Practice Program provides opportunities for students to gain hands-on experience in their chosen field.

Sherri L. Hrusovski, coordinator of STEM Student Professional Services, said the program can "confirm or deny a student's career choice." She also noted that the STEM College's career development plan begins during a student's freshman year.

"A new course called Stem Career helps give majors the tools to make career choices," Hrusovski said. "Help with networking, job etiquette and resume building are also a part of the course."

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# 5 ELEMENTS

## Youngstown band prepares for the next step



Members of 5 Elements practice songs from their new album, "Enter the Zao," in vocalist and "turn-tableist" Jim Logan's basement. They practice late into the night after getting off work. Photo by Marissa McIntyre/The Jambar.

**Marissa McIntyre**  
ARTS & ENTERTAINMENT EDITOR

Six years ago, Jim Logan walked through the campus of Youngstown State University not as a student, but to promote his band, 5 Elements. Now, a month into the release of their first full-length album, Logan and the band prepare for the long haul.

Logan, the band's vocalist and "turn-tableist," grew up with fellow members Josh Warnock, Tony Parent, Nick Barbush and Kevin Gallite. All graduates of Chaney High School, they started by playing music together as a hobby.

"We're all family. We used to just play all the time, messing around. It was never really a serious thing, and we started taking it seriously," said Warnock, vocalist and guitarist.

The band performs primarily in Youngstown but has performed in Cleveland, Pittsburgh and Columbus. They practice together three days a week, usually at night after they all

get off work.

"Party music is a real good way to describe it. It's a cool, funky, reggae party music [for] people who like something like The Beastie Boys or Sublime mixed with classic reggae like Bob Marley," Logan said.

The band said their new album, "Enter the Zao," is a step up from what they have done in the past.

"I love it. It's something we're really proud of," Warnock said.

Two years ago, the band added a sixth element in lead guitarist Dan Newsome. Logan said he adds to the music and contributed to composing the new album.

Whereas the other five elements have recorded in a studio before, it was a new experience for Newsome.

"It was a lot of fun. It was different. I actually recorded a lot of my stuff on a PC; it sounded terrible. Nothing like it is now," Newsome said.

He was a fan of the band before joining. He started playing guitar after his mother died of cancer when he was 15. Now 23, Newsome said mu-

sic is still his daily escape to deal with the stress of work.

All members have jobs outside of the band, but take the band seriously and take time late at night to practice.

"The band doesn't pay the bills. The band pays the band's bills, but for now, we all have to work other jobs," Logan said.

Still, he said they wake up in the morning, go to work and then rehearse late into the night — no matter what.

"Music is my escape. I work 40 plus hours a week, so to be able to get off work and sing takes the stress away," said Barbush, vocalist and keyboardist.

Warnock said it's a hard balancing act, especially with his daughter, but it's worth it.

"You got to make time for the things you love to do. I love my family and being able to support them," Warnock said. "It's a hell of a balancing act, but you got to have fun."

Being a band for six years, they have formed a brotherhood.

"Awkwardly enough, Jim and I work both our other jobs together and have the band together," Parent said.

Logan and Parent also work at Aladdin's Eatery and at Valley Awning Tent.

Parent said he hears growth from the kids who would play together as a hobby to where they are now.

"We used to sound like crap, and now we can actually pull off a good set," Parent said.

Warnock said staying true to their Youngstown roots is important as the band continues to gain momentum.

"It's where we're from. You can't help but sing about or write about where you're from. It's a big part of us, and it'll always be a big part of the music," Warnock said.

The band hopes to purchase a van for traveling and play more shows both in and outside of Youngstown.

"Now, we're definitely in it for the long haul," Logan said. "It's a lifelong thing. I'm never going to give up on it. We're going to keep at it no matter what."

# Honors program introduces Penguin Pen Pals

**Taylor Phillips**  
REPORTER

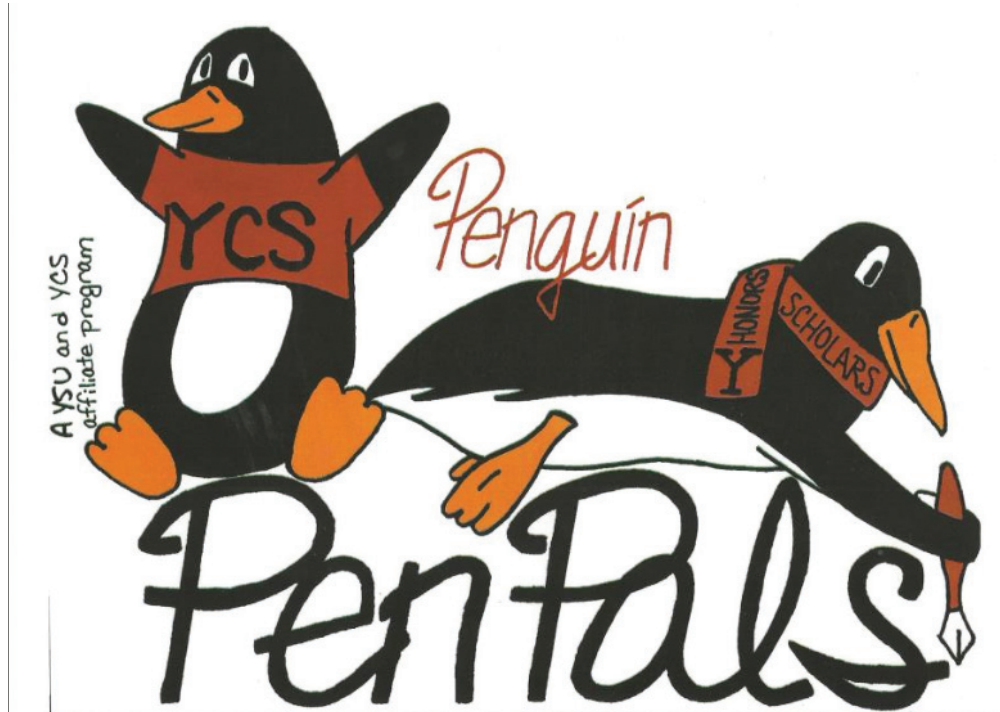
Honors students at Youngstown State University will dust off their crayons this week as the Penguin Pen Pals program begins.

Penguin Pen Pals is a program that links fourth graders in the Warren City School District to college students in the honors program at YSU.

Every Friday, the elementary school students will write to their YSU student in their journals and tell their pen pals about everything that is going in the classroom and in their lives. A social is planned for January.

Amy Cossentino, assistant director of the honors program at YSU, said the program aims to build relationships and create role models for young students.

"They can have someone who they can look up to and communicate their thoughts



The above logo will appear on Penguin Pen Pals shirts. Logo courtesy of Heather Miller.

with," she said.

Cossentino said students are encouraged to share portfolios with their pen pals.

"They can share artwork or tests that they may have gotten a good grade on," Cos-

sentino said. "They will basically communicate thoughts with one another."

The program has been in the making for the past few months. Freshman Ashley Orr was one of the students

who helped drive the program.

She said she was involved in a similar program during her years at Columbiana High School.

"We have over 65 honors

students who are interested in the program, which means every kid will have a pen pal," Orr said. "We hope this program has a lasting volunteer opportunity for students."

As for the future, Orr would love to expand to different elementary schools and possibly younger grades as well.

"If we get enough kids, then that can definitely happen," Orr said. "We had an overwhelming response this year, so maybe next year we can expand more."

Eric Shehadi, a sophomore who is involved with Penguin Pen Pals, said the program benefits both the elementary school students and the college students.

"We want to give them a goal they can work toward, such as going to college," Shehadi said. "It can also help give the college student a different perspective of a child with a different atmosphere than they had in school."

## Oppression under the big top

The Bill of Rights applies to all: man, woman, white, black ... and clown.

Arizona, California, Pennsylvania and Utah recognize Juggalos — the painted-faced fans of the rap group Insane Clown Posse — as members of a gang.

Just because a guy or gal likes to dress like a clown and spray the working man's soda doesn't make him or her a threat to society.

The First Amendment guarantees the right to freely associate with others. The government could intervene if they see a compelling state interest. If Juggalos were murdering little old ladies and torturing kittens, the government could intervene.

But their actions must also be content neutral.

Metalheads mosh, "Rocky Horror Picture Show" fanatics dress in bizarre outfits and soccer hooligans beat the piss out of one another.

Yet they remain unmarked.

ICP fans use the music as an opportunity to gather with like-minded individuals.

Through discriminatory governmental classification, mere music fans are branded the same as the Latin Kings, the Aryan Brotherhood and the Crips.

Seriously?

Spraying bullets aimlessly and spraying Faygo at a concert doesn't seem to equate.

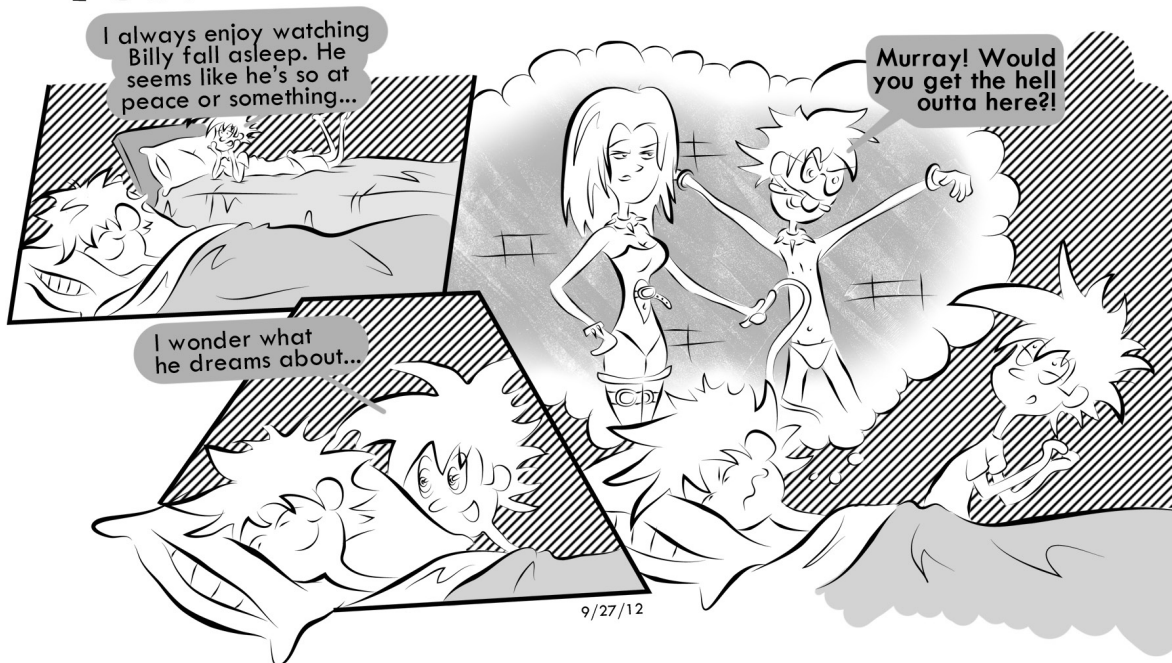
Distant observation by Big Brother and the subsequent gang designation stifles the group's ability to express its message.

By labeling the fan base as a gang, the government has created an entity it must now monitor and govern.

Every reach the government makes into private life is one inch closer to an ironclad grip on your inalienable rights.

## YOUNG CITY

BY PARIS CHRISOPOULOS



## Standardized testing: a true measure of cerebral fitness?



Dave Roberts  
COLUMNIST

Standardized tests such as the ACT, GRE and countless others are used by various levels of our education system to figure out the intelligence of the nation's students. In regards to college admission, these scores make a big difference in a person's hopes and dreams. I do not know about you, but I sure love having a simple number playing a huge determinate in my future, don't you?

I realize standardized testing is necessary to measure students in their academic learning, but I believe too much emphasis is placed in these tests that really do not prove all that much. Now, for instance, I have more of an understanding for standardized testing during a child's K-12 years. The proficiency tests taken during those formative years are used to gauge a student's learning, but I would not bet the bank on their effectiveness.

Where my real problem with standardized testing comes is dealing with college and graduate school admission exams. The ACT and GRE play a big role in college and graduate school admissions. This means that these tests can definitely make or break

a student's academic dreams. Many students may be smart but suffer from test anxiety, making standardized testing a serious roadblock.

The average ACT score in the U.S., according to the ACT website, is 21 out of a possible 36. Meanwhile, the minimum ACT score needed for the University Scholars program at YSU is a 28. Now, I realize there are only so many of these scholarships available, but it just seems ridiculous to value a test score so highly. I mean, can you honestly make the argument that a student with a 3.6 high school GPA and a 28 on the ACT is more intelligent than another who had a 3.86 GPA but only a 25 on the ACT?

I talked to Robert Merz, a professional writing and editing graduate student at YSU, who put it very plainly: "Standardized testing in no way measures intelligence."

"Some people are just good test-takers and can just get it like riding a bike," he said. "Others struggle with finding the right balance and never really get the hang of it."

Surely in a society where we say we value the entire individual, a simple test score would not be enough to turn down an otherwise promising student.

Now, let's look at the GRE, a test required by most graduate schools for admittance into their postgraduate programs. Graduate schools use the test scores as a way of "weeding out" the lesser-qualified applicants. I can find some merit for this process; when you have hundreds of applicants who apply for a program with only 50 openings, you have to make cuts somewhere.

However, to place so much stock into a three-hour exam where otherwise strong candidates are turned away just because they are falling short of a certain number is just ridiculous.

Needless to say, I am one of the many who has never been a great test-taker. Luckily, like the countless other students who manage to have successful college careers without the support of superb test scores, I've managed to do all right.

I don't know about you, but this truly seems to be an irrational way of judging a student's academic talents. Again, I see from a basic level that educators need some way to sort through the millions of students that matriculate through the different levels of our education system. Nevertheless, the practice of using these test scores as rigid admission standards is just not right.

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### LETTER TO THE EDITOR

## Two different plans: free market republic or socialism

Forget everything else. This election comes down to one thing: Do you want to stay a free market republic or become a socialist country?

This election, you are going to have to decide if you want to follow President Barack Obama on the road to socialism.

In his own words: "Fundamentally transform America and redistribute the wealth."

That's socialism.

Or do you want to stay the free market republic that has made us

the greatest nation in history? Why would you want to fundamentally transform it? Socialism has never worked anywhere!

The average wage in Cuba went up this year to \$19 per month. Still want socialism? When Cuba went socialist, people risked their lives to get here. If we make ourselves socialist, there is no place else to go.

Listen to our forefathers:

John Adams: "There are two ways to conquer and enslave a nation. One is by the sword. The other is by debt."

Thomas Jefferson: "The democracy will cease to exist when you take away from those who are willing to work and give to those who would not."

Abraham Lincoln: "America will never be destroyed from the outside. If we falter and lose our freedoms, it will be because we destroyed ourselves."

Save the republic. Vote for Mitt Romney!

George Schneider  
Shelby, Ohio

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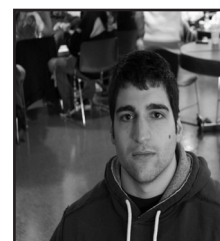
## Campus Connection

How do you plan to vote on the ballot issues this November?



"Yes on Issue 1 because the Ohio Constitution needs to be looked over because they're not changing anything; [they're] just adding to it. No on Issue 2 because I like Tim Ryan as my congressman, and I like how Mahoning County is set up."

-Kelly Sullivan, junior



"I probably won't vote. I don't know about any of the issues."  
-Pano Katsourakis, senior

## San Francisco stay 49ers in town for second straight year



Randy Moss of the San Francisco 49ers catches a pass during practice at Stambaugh Stadium on Wednesday. The 49s made a stop in Youngstown to avoid a trip back home before their next game in New York on Sunday. Photo by Dustin Livesay/The Jambar.

**Steve Wilaj**  
SPORTS EDITOR

Under a gray, cloudy sky on Wednesday at Stambaugh Stadium, San Francisco 49ers Pro Bowl tight end Vernon Davis caught passes from quarterback Alex Smith.

Meanwhile, former NFC rushing champion Frank Gore participated in running back drills in the south end zone, while first-team all-pro linebacker Patrick Willis practiced pass coverage in the opposite end zone.

Oh, and Randy Moss played rock-paper-scissors between repetitions at practice, as the 49ers began their usage of the Youngstown State University facilities for the second straight year.

"The facilities at [YSU] are excellent," 49ers head coach Jim Harbaugh said.

To prepare for the New

York Jets on Sunday, the 49ers stayed on the East Coast after playing in Minnesota this past weekend. The goal is to avoid travel and switching time zones.

Last season, San Francisco used the tactic for games in Cincinnati, then Philadelphia. Also like last season, the 49ers will stay the week at the Holiday Inn in Boardman.

Smith said there are pros and cons to the situation.

"The cons would be you're away from your family and stuff like that," he said. "But with that, there's no distractions here. We all hang out with each other. And the meeting rooms are two floors up."

Smith added that not much has changed from last year to this year.

"I have not noticed much difference to be honest," he said. "There's still the Longhorn [Steakhouse] across the

street, Chic-fil-A, you know."

Then again, San Francisco wouldn't change a thing about its 2011 East Coast trip. After a win at Cincinnati, the 49ers defeated the Philadelphia Eagles, 24-23, the next week. San Francisco used the couple of games to propel themselves to an eventual 13-3 record.

Following the Philly win, Harbaugh commented, "Thanks, Youngstown, you've been good to us."

Ron Strollo, executive director of intercollegiate athletics at YSU, said the appreciation goes both ways.

"When they're here, it brings national media attention to Youngstown," he said. "The 49ers have nothing to say but good things about our campus and our city, and that gets pushed out nationally."

Holding true to that friendly relationship, Harbaugh met with head football coach Eric

Wolford.

"We talked some football," Harbaugh said. "I congratulated them on their great start."

Wolford said it was good to see Harbaugh, who he has known "for a while."

"I got a chance to see him on the field and spend a little time with him," Wolford said. "I think we see the game the same way. He's a time of possession guy, likes to be physical on the ball. So, we have a lot of similarities."

YSU quarterback Kurt Hess has not met with any of the pros yet. Among those he would like to meet, Hess mentioned Smith and Moss.

"I'll probably still get starstruck when I see them," Hess said. "It's neat that they're using our facilities to come in here and get their work done and go about their business like we do. I wish them nothing but the best."

## Penguins' offense stings the Yellow Jackets with a victory

**Cory Bartek**  
SPORTS REPORTER

The Youngstown State University soccer team returned to its winning ways Tuesday night at Stambaugh Stadium, picking up a victory against Cedarville University.

The 3-1 victory ended a four-game losing streak to give the Penguins a 5-4 record, which is one shy of tying their record for most wins in a season.

"We were doing the good things but having letdowns," said head soccer coach Will Lemke. "We need to get back to being consistent, get on a roll and play 90 minutes of good soccer."

Despite the wet and windy conditions, the Penguins shined. In what was the first meeting between Cedarville and YSU, the Penguins were the clear aggressor, taking 20 shots compared to the Yellow Jackets' four.

Freshman Tyesha Kizer scored the first point of the game with a header on an assist from teammate Katie Hohmann. The Penguins continued to stay aggressive as Jade Flory attempted a header,

which was just high of the goal with five seconds left in the half.

As the second half began, YSU didn't ease up, as Chelsey Haney and Heather Coonfare scored two more goals.

Cedarville eventually got on the board with a successful penalty kick from Jacoby Ziegler.

Lemke had mixed emotions about his team's performance, saying it matched the weather conditions.

"We were impatient and over-relied on playing long and on our forwards finishing," he said. "However, we did have a few good moments putting patterns together, and our young players made plays and found a way to score."

Kizer was one of those young players who found the back of the net.

"Our play was kind of sloppy, but we held it together," she said. "It was rough between the wind and the rain coming down; it was chilly."

Lemke admitted that the adverse conditions got players off pattern.

"With conditions like tonight, it's tough to string passes together," Lemke said. "We



Chelsey Haney dribbles the ball during a recent home game at Stambaugh Stadium. The Penguins defeated Cedarville University, 3-1, on Tuesday. Photo courtesy of YSU Sports Information.

need to learn from it, be more patient and adapt to the conditions."

The Penguins open up Horizon League play at noon on Saturday against the University of Wisconsin-Milwaukee

at Stambaugh Stadium.

"They're struggling right now, and they'll be hungry," Lemke said of Milwaukee. "We need to match their intensity while staying patient and running our system."

### SPORTS BRIEFS

#### Women's golf plays CSU invitational

The YSU women's golf team finished sixth in the Cleveland State Invitational, held at the Pine Hills Golf Course, on Tuesday. Opponents included Bowling Green State University, Niagara University and CSU. The event began on Monday, and the Penguins improved by four shots on Tuesday. They scored 327 in the first round and 323 in the second round, making their total score 650. Aislynn Merling and Sarah Heimlich each tied for ninth place with 160; they had identical scores of 79 and 81. The team will play again at the Robert Morris Invitational on Oct. 8-9.

#### Hall of Fame Ceremony set for October

YSU's annual Hall of Fame Ceremony will take place on Oct. 20 and will precede the home football game against Southern Illinois University. A luncheon will begin at noon, and the ceremony will follow at 1 p.m. Individual admittance is \$25, and a table of eight costs \$200. To make reservations, contact Emily Wollet, assistant athletic director, at 330-941-7208 or the Penguin Club at 330-941-3720.

### PENGUIN SPOTLIGHT



**WILL SHAW**

Year: Junior  
Height: 6'3"  
Hometown: Baltimore, Md.  
Position: Tight end

In Saturday's 42-35 win against the University of Northern Iowa, Shaw caught five passes for 95 yards and a touchdown. On the season, Shaw has 14 catches for 207 yards and four touchdowns. Shaw, a business management major, is the 2012-2013 recipient of the Ralph W. and Mary Louise Heberling Memorial Football Scholarship.

### SCHEDULE

**Women's Volleyball**  
University of Illinois at Chicago @ YSU  
Friday, 7 p.m.

**Cross-Country**  
YSU @ Notre Dame Invitational  
Friday, 2 p.m., Notre Dame, Ind.

**Women's Soccer**  
Milwaukee @ YSU  
Saturday, noon

**Women's Volleyball**  
Loyola @ YSU  
Saturday, 4 p.m.

**Men's Golf**  
YSU @ Cleveland State Invitational  
Tuesday and Wednesday, Cleveland