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The YSUPD recently purchased the new 2012 Ford Police Interceptor when the former Crown Victoria Interceptors ceased production. The department hopes to add a new vehicle each year to patrol the campus. Photo by Kacy Standohar/The Jambar.

YSUPD cruising to upgrade fleet

Kacy Standohar
NEWS EDITOR

The Youngstown State University Police Department recently purchased a new cruiser to patrol the campus. The 2012 Ford Police Interceptor, a Taurus, has more horsepower with better fuel efficiency than the previous cruiser.

Sgt. Bryan Remias said the department researched Chevrolet and Dodge vehicles, but felt Ford would best fit their needs.

"We've always had good luck with Fords," he said. "It's law enforcement friendly, even though it's smaller on the inside and outside."

Remias said the department spent a

bit more than \$23,000 on the new interceptor and an additional \$4,000 for equipment.

Sgt. Dennis Godoy said the department is planning to transition away from the former Ford Crown Victoria Police Interceptors, which are no longer in production.

"These cruisers come with the police package," Godoy said. "The engines are built to be faster, and they come equipped with two radios."

Godoy said the new interceptor is comfortable but not as spacious as the Crown Victoria.

"It's nice," he said. "It feels more like you're wrapped somewhat."

Remias said the former Crown Victorias had a V8 engine. They were also rear-wheel drive.

The new vehicle is a V6 engine but runs on all-wheel drive.

"It was redesigned," Remias said. "The V6 engine will give us better gas mileage and more power. With all-wheel drive, the new vehicle should also help us through snow and slush on Fifth Avenue during the winter months."

The standard V6 engine is projected to get at least 20 percent better fuel efficiency than the 2011 Crown Victoria Police Interceptor, according to the Ford website.

"YSU has been fortunate enough to give us money for a new vehicle each year. We try to retire one car a year," Remias said. "But we need reliable cars to get from A to B, and we've had some real junk at one

point in time."

The police department is hopeful that the next purchase will be the Ford Interceptor Utility SUV, which will provide officers with more room.

"It helps us to stay proactive," Remias said. "It just takes a little bit to get used to."

Remias and Chief John Beshara were also able to work with a company to come up with a new design for the exterior of the vehicle.

"We used the YSU red on the outside with the police logo," Remias said. "And we've gotten a lot of positive feedback since then. People love the look."

Youngstown, along with Austintown and Boardman, is also getting the new Ford Interceptor.

Astronomy professor looks to the stars



Three members of the team who created "Cosmic Castaways" show off the new lighting system in Ward Beecher Hall's planetarium. In order from left to right: Annie Wilson, John Feldmeier and Curtis Spivey. Photo by Rachel Lundberg/The Jambar.

Rachel Lundberg
ASSISTANT NEWS EDITOR

"Cosmic Castaways," a planetarium show created and produced at Youngstown State University, was first released in May, but John Feldmeier, an associate professor of physics and astronomy, is already raising money for another film.

On Thursday, Feldmeier and his colleagues will play host to past donors, including faculty; staff; supporters of the YSU College of Science, Technology, Engineering and Mathematics; and local amateur astronomers.

The event consists of a reception in Maag Library, followed by speeches and a prescreening of "Cosmic Castaways" in the Ward Beecher

Hall planetarium before the film's official release on Friday.

"Cosmic Castaways" focuses on research by YSU astronomy professors on stars between galaxies; it was a national collaboration between YSU, Case Western Reserve University and Southern Illinois University Edwardsville.

Curtis Spivey and Annie Wilson, who both work in the planetarium, edited and improved the show. Feldmeier said about one-third of the show is new or improved from the original rough draft.

"There were some scenes that we just kind of used as a placeholder," Spivey said.

They made the scenes more stunning and internally

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The date that Wendy's was expected to open in Kilcawley Center came and went on Monday as construction continues. Photo by Kacy Standohar/The Jambar.

Wendy's opening delayed

Kevin Alquist
ASSISTANT NEWS EDITOR

Students hungry for Wendy's while on campus will have to wait another month.

The date for the eatery's grand opening in Kilcawley Center has been pushed back to Nov. 5, though the tentative opening date AVI Foodsystems gave Youngstown State University in the summer was what would've been Monday.

John Young, director of Kilcawley Center, said though the new date cannot be guaranteed at this point, he is confident it will be met.

"Nobody knows that there

won't be any snags, but the Nov. 5 date is realistic," Young said. "The equipment has been ordered, and AVI is committed to opening it on time."

Danielle Bair, a director of dining services at AVI, said they are working intensely with YSU to get the Wendy's space open as quickly as possible.

Cory Thomas, an engineering student living in Cafaro House, said he was disappointed that Wendy's did not open yesterday.

"It's a big difference from what we were told originally," Thomas said. "I was ready to eat some Wendy's, and there's no Wendy's yet."

Though Thomas said he understands the reason for the delay, he is ready for a new dining option.

"It's getting old, eating everything here a couple times a week. It'll be nice to have something new to eat," Thomas said.

Arby's, which operated at the location for decades, closed June 8. AVI took control of the space on July 2.

"The location missing a restaurant for that long is hurting dining services financially, so they're anxious to get the doors open again," Young said.

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A different shade of U.S. politics

James Toliver
REPORTER

Despite President Barack Obama's election in 2008, race remains a factor in U.S. elections and politics.

African-Americans are the largest racial group in the U.S., at 12 percent of the total population. However, African-Americans and other minorities continue to be under-represented in government compared to the majority population.

There are 44 African-Americans in the 112th Congress. All are in the House of Representatives, and none are in the Senate. According to the Congressional Research Service, this is a record number of African-Americans represented in Congress.

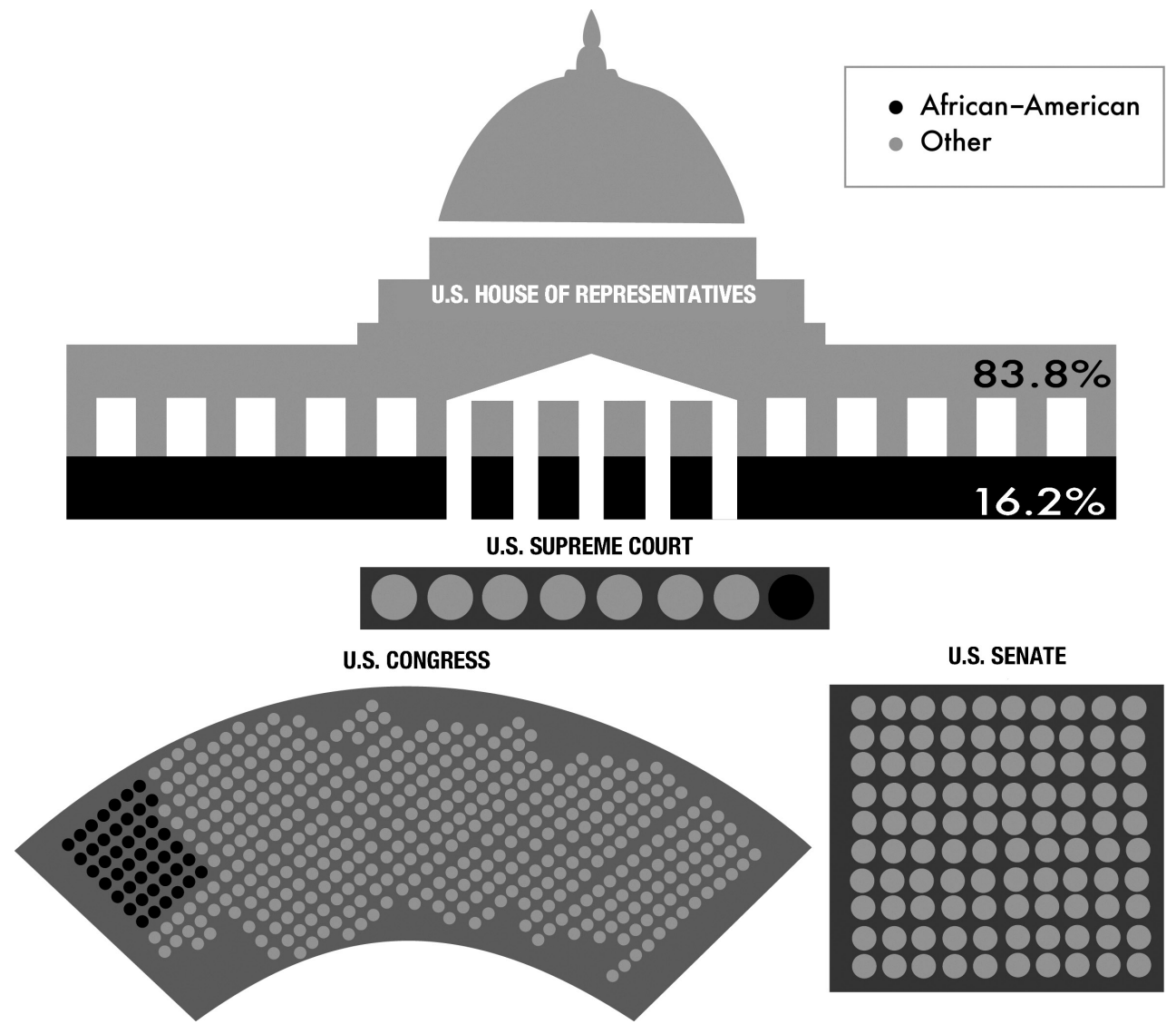
Of the 1,320 federal judges, only 125 are African-American. The U.S. Office of Personnel Management shows that from 1994 to 2006, the number of African-Americans employed by the executive branch has decreased from its peak at 17 percent of employees to its current level of 16.2 percent. Postal employees were exempt from the study, but members of the armed services were included.

Michael Tesler, an assistant professor of political science at Brown University, argues that Obama's election has brought about the return of "old-fashioned racism" in a study titled "The Return of Old-Fashioned Racism to White Americans' Partisan Preferences in the Early Obama Era," which appeared in the *Journal of Politics*.

According to the study, Obama's presidency is responsible for a resurgence of racial attitudes in U.S. politics.

"Old-fashioned racist attitudes ... were a significant predictor of white Americans' partisan preferences — 2008 presidential vote intention, 2009-2011 partisanship and 2010 congressional vote choice," Tesler said.

The Southern Poverty Law Center reports that since 2000, the number of hate groups in the U.S. has increased



by 69 percent. After Obama's election, these groups increased by 755 percent, from 149 in 2008 to 1,274 by 2011.

The SPLC suggests that Obama's election and a perceived decline of "white privilege" is causing this proliferation.

A dinner hosted by the Youngstown Warren Black Caucus underscored African-American feelings toward the 2012 elections and the upsurge in white

partisanship. John Lewis of Georgia's 5th Congressional District recalled the great lengths many went to integrate the U.S.

Lewis is remembered as one of the "Big Six" alongside Martin Luther King Jr., James Farmer, A. Philip Randolph, Roy Wilkins and Whitney Young.

Recalling his role in the Selma to Montgomery marches, Lewis and

around 600 other marchers were attacked by Alabama state troopers when they attempted to cross the Edmund Pettus Bridge.

"I gave a little blood on that bridge," said Lewis of his efforts to peacefully integrate the South.

Lewis expressed the importance of voting then and now.

"We are not going back," he said. "We've come too far."

GRAPHIC BY KEELEY BLACKTHE JAMBAR

Valley native to head Office of Career and Counseling Services

Rachael Kerr
REPORTER

Youngstown State University recently welcomed its new director of the Office of Career and Counseling Services, Jennifer Johnson.

A Mahoning Valley native, Johnson returned to the area two years ago to settle down with her husband and son after working as the director of human resources for the law firm of Chester, Willcox and Saxbe in Columbus. Opportunity brought her back to the area as the customer field services manager at Aqua Ohio, a private water utility company, in Boardman.

An alumna of YSU, Johnson graduated with a bachelor's degree in business administration and later pursued a master's degree in the same field. She was also part of the Leadership Mahoning Valley Class of 2003 and was named 2001 YSU Williamson College of Business Administration Outstanding Recent Alumna.

Johnson also held a position as a peer assistant in the first-year student center during her time at YSU and acted as a peer orientation leader in the first Student Orientation, Advisement and Registration, or SOAR, program.

"This is kind of a coming home for me," Johnson said. "I just have a strong affinity

for YSU and this area."

Johnson said she brings experience and drive to the Office of Career and Counseling Services.

"Our team has the awesome responsibility of helping our graduates make one of the most important transitions of their life," Johnson said.

The Office of Career and Counseling Services assists students and alumni with defining, preparing and implementing their career plans. Students can schedule a session with a staff member to work on their resumes or interviewing skills, or to research additional internships and employment opportunities.

In the hopes of connect-

ing students with employers, the Office of Career and Counseling Services holds a job expo each semester; at the expo, students can meet with potential employers from various area companies.

YSU junior Cameron Carter received a job offer after the last expo.

"I didn't take it," Carter said. "But it did give me good interview experience."

More than 80 employers were registered for Wednesday's job expo. Johnson said she hopes she can continue past successes.

"What I'm looking forward to doing is to build on the department's success, explore new ideas for student and employer outreach, and,

ultimately, increase the job placement rate," she said.

Johnson said she understands student concerns about finding a job after graduation, but cautions students not to write off the Mahoning Valley.

She sees value in getting experience outside of the area if that is the student's goal, but she has also made a case for students who may consider staying in the area, citing investments in the shale gas industry and the National Additive Manufacturing Innovation Institute.

"It may take a little time, but I am hopeful the local job market will benefit from this economic activity and opportunities will be available for our graduates," Johnson said.

Rage against the flu

Kate Mills
REPORTER

On Oct. 20, the Student Health Clinic will fight the flu with influenza immunizations from 8:30 to 11 a.m. and from 1 to 3 p.m.

English professor Stephanie Tingley said she recognizes that her courses may be affected by flu season.

"When flu sweeps through a class, it is tough to keep things moving forward in class, and nobody — myself included — is an academic machine," she said.

Kathy Papa, a YSU alumna and local medical practice owner, said flu spreads easily on a college campus.

"Kids come into contact with so

many people at college," Papa said. "They are constantly in crowds and big groups of people, whether they're in class or walking across campus."

Papa, a registered nurse, administers flu vaccines. She said she's seen the effectiveness of vaccinations firsthand.

"Your chances of getting the flu are greatly reduced, which is fantastic when college kids are already so susceptible to so many different viruses and flus," Papa said.

But not all Youngstown State Uni-

versity students are convinced.

"I don't think it's that important to get flu shots, unless you have an absolutely terrible immune system," said Kimber Misel, a senior at YSU.

In their annual influenza surveillance report, Ohio Department of Health officials recommend that everyone over the age of 6 months receives the flu vaccine in 2012. More than 3,000 Ohio residents die from influenza complications

each year, and the preventability of the illness makes getting vaccinated more

important than ever, according to the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention.

The vaccine, administered with a hypodermic needle, consists of dead or weakened cells from many different strains of the disease. After receiving the vaccine, students can expect protection to take effect after two weeks, and the vaccine will last one year.

In addition to flu vaccines, YSU will also offer pneumonia vaccinations, which are recommended by the CDC to anyone at high risk for the disease or to those who have suffered from it in previous years. The cost for the pneumonia vaccination is \$40.

"You don't want to miss class," Papa said. "I make my daughter get it every year."



GRAPHIC BY KEELEY BLACKTHE JAMBAR

POLICE BRIEFS

Bicycle snatched near Bliss Hall

On Thursday morning, a 25-year-old student reported her bike stolen. On Wednesday around 1 p.m., she parked and secured her 18-speed mountain bike to a light pole near the Wick Oval sidewalk with a combination lock and cable. When she returned to her bike around 10:30 p.m., the bike was missing, and her bike lock and cable were on the ground. However, the cable was not cut, and the lock was in working condition.

Drunken woman cited for disorderly conduct, trespassing

Around 4 p.m. Tuesday, YSU Police reported to the intersection of Wick and Lincoln avenues in reference to a woman who appeared to be intoxicated and roaming around the area. Upon their arrival, the woman was walking west onto the campus core, just north of Maag Library. According to the police report, it was immediately apparent that the woman was intoxicated. She also appeared to have urinated herself and smelled heavily of an alcoholic beverage. When officers asked her to take a seat on the sidewalk for her safety, she became loud and agitated. She received citations for disorderly conduct and trespassing, and she was then given a ride to her Elm Street home by a university police officer.

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NEWS BRIEFS

The NewsOutlet wins \$300,000 grant

The NewsOutlet has been awarded a \$300,000 grant from the John S. and James L. Knight Foundation to help produce investigative stories about gas and oil well drilling in Ohio, Pennsylvania and New York. This is the third consecutive year that The NewsOutlet has won a Knight Foundation grant; the foundation awarded \$62,000 in 2011 and \$79,000 in 2010. Founded at YSU in 2009, The NewsOutlet partners student journalists at YSU, Kent State University and the University of Akron with professional media editors and journalism faculty. This year, a NewsOutlet investigation developed and published through The Vindicator won first place in the Ohio Associated Press Investigative Reporting category.

Music at Noon performances planned for October

The YSU Dana School of Music will continue its free Music at Noon concerts throughout October. Performances are scheduled for Wednesdays at 12:15 p.m. in the Butler Institute of American Art. Parking is free at the Butler, and the concerts are open to the public. Wednesday's concert is choral music, while the Oct. 10 concert is new music. Oct. 17 is the percussion ensemble, Oct. 24 is the tuba/euphonium recital and Oct. 31 is new music.

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consistent, and also improved opening and closing scenes.

The fundraiser will be accented by a new lighting system in the YSU planetarium.

All the money raised will be used to fund the next planetarium show Feldmeier and his team hope to create.

The team who worked on "Cosmic Castaways" is tossing around three ideas for the next show. They are considering producing a show about asteroids, distant galaxies or John Wheeler, a world-renowned physicist who hailed from Youngstown and coined the term "black hole."

"Which show we'll do first is which show we get funding for first," Feldmeier said.

Of all the ideas, Feldmeier is leaning toward a planetarium show about Wheeler, which

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The building process has taken longer than originally expected.

"It's been completely overhauled and gutted down to its shell," Young said, referring to the space formerly occupied by Arby's. "Wendy's has chose to build from scratch."

Young said this includes new finish on the walls and floors, ventilation, plumbing, sinks and more.

"AVI has worked with the Wendy's corporation to expedite the process, but some things were not negotiable, such as the extensive training [employees and managers must go through]," Young said.

Bair agreed that part of the delay stems from the long training process.

"All managers must go through eight weeks of learning 'the Wendy's way,'" Bair said. "This includes everything from proper cooking techniques to customer service levels to sanitation measures."

This is AVI's first Wendy's franchise. It is also an "untraditional location" because it is on a college campus, is not a stand-alone building and does not have a drive thru. Because of this, Bair said, there are a lot of details that must be negotiated before the grand opening.

Wendy's is updating the look of its restaurants nationwide, and YSU students will get to see this look introduced once the building process is complete.

"There are some more modern elements to the finishes and artwork in the restaurants, as well as a new marketing effort that stresses freshness and quality of food," Young said.

Another new feature Wendy's is introducing is a breakfast menu. When the store opens, the YSU location will be the only Wendy's in northeast Ohio to offer breakfast.

"Upon opening, we will be offering biscuit sandwiches, breakfast burritos and the Redhead Roaster coffee program," Bair said.

Hours of operation will be from 7 a.m. to 8 p.m. Monday through Thursday, 7 a.m. to 4 p.m. on Fridays, and 7 a.m. to 3 p.m. on Saturdays.



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would involve partnering with YSU's history department.

Feldmeier said if this fundraiser doesn't provide all of the funding needed for the next show, he and his collaborators would begin looking at other ways to raise funds.

"This is kind of like fishing. You stick your hook in the water and see what happens," Feldmeier said.

"Cosmic Castaways" took 18 months to produce, but Spivey said the experience has given them enough experience that the next project will take less time.

"Possibilities are endless once we get going on this,"

Spivey said. "We know what we're doing now. It should take a lot less time."

Feldmeier said he hopes to translate the shows they produce into foreign languages in the future and will continue to make them free for other planetariums.

Planetariums can download the file for the show from a file-hosting site called CosmoQuest, which is the brainchild of Pamela Gay, the voice of "Comic Castaways."

The YouTube version of "Cosmic Castaways" will be available before the year's end.



Application Deadline Extended for the B.S. in Dental Hygiene

Applications are still being accepted for the new B.S. in Dental Hygiene program. The deadline has been extended from September 15, 2012 to October 15, 2012.

Interested students may apply for the program in the Bitonte College of Health and Human Services Dean's Complex—Cushwa Hall 2064.

Students must have a minimum GPA of 2.7 in selected core courses and a cumulative GPA of 2.5 or better. The core dental hygiene courses must be completed with a "C" or better by the beginning of the 2013 spring semester.

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26 miles for Chris Niles

YSU student runs marathon for cousin



Chris Niles is surrounded by family and friends on Thursday when he received the YMCA Salute to Courage award. Niles was hit by a falling tree on March 3, 2011, leaving the lower half of his body paralyzed. He has high hopes that with therapy and stem cell treatments, he will regain use of his legs. Photo by Joe Catullo Jr./The Jambar.

Marissa McIntyre
ARTS & ENTERTAINMENT EDITOR

On March 3, 2011, Chris Niles was cutting down a branch in his woody backyard. The tree fell, and Niles wasn't able to get out of the way in time.

He lay in the woods for more than three hours before he was found. He was wearing a red hat that day, which he propped on a branch that allowed his family to spot him.

"I remember it was late at night when my mom found out, and she told me, 'Just pray for him,'" said Elizabeth Yazbek, a Youngstown State University graduate student and Niles' cousin. "We weren't sure if he was going to make it or not."

The tree shattered Niles' spinal cord from the sixth thoracic vertebrae, leaving him paralyzed from the chest

down. Wheelchair-bound, he attends therapy three times a week to work out his upper body.

Niles was told that he would never be able to walk again. As a father of two sons and an active individual before his accident, he wasn't able to accept this.

"My family researched stem cell treatment and found this place in Panama," Niles said.

He now travels to Panama a few times a year to receive stem cell treatments. So far, he's had four treatments. The treatments have been working, he said.

Niles now has limited feeling in his toes, and he's shown progress toward being able to walk again.

These treatments cost upward of \$10,000 a visit.

So, to help with expenses, Yazbek plans to run a marathon; all of the money she raises will go toward her cousin's treatments.

"I think it's amazing that she's running to fund my treatments and other offset expenses," Niles said. "I'm very blessed, and I have a great family."

Like Niles, Yazbek is an active individual and wanted to use her skills to help her family. Although she hated cross-country when she was in high school, she's run four full marathons in the last four years.

"I was always running marathons, so this is my chance to do something for Chris," Yazbek said.

Yazbek will run the Towpath Marathon on Sunday. Her cousin — Lynn Zvara, a part-time English instructor at YSU — will run half of the marathon.

"When I found out about Chris, I just asked, 'What do they need me to do to help them?'" Zvara said. "We have a very big, loving family. It's just who we are."

Yazbek wanted to raise \$10,000. To date, she has exceeded her goal, raising \$11,600.

Since July, Yazbek has promoted through her church, handed out donor forms to friends and family to distribute, and used email and social networking to spread the word.

Yazbek said she looks up to Niles. "Even though he is in a wheelchair, he's not disabled. He's had a lot of low points, but he always pulls through," Yazbek said. "I've been through obstacles in my life, but not like Chris."

Zvara said that never stopped her and that Yazbek is a very driven person. She's proud of Yazbek for being the mastermind behind running the marathon for Niles.

"It definitely shows you that there is always someone who has it worse. I tell people all the time that if they think they have it bad to look at Chris, who had his entire life pulled out from underneath him," Zvara said.

Theater season blossoms with 'Cherry Orchard'

Justin Carissimo
REPORTER

Rebecca Anderson, a Cortland native who started performing on the stage as a fifth grader, will assume the role of Charlotte Ivanovna in Youngstown State University Theater's season opener, Anton Chekhov's bittersweet comedy/drama "Cherry Orchard."

A senior theater major, Anderson said she is excited about this opportunity to perform.

"This has always been my passion. I never knew I'd be performing at YSU, but it's definitely been a great fit for me," Anderson said.

Although the play is set in a different era, Anderson said a lot of the issues can be applied to modern times.

"'Cherry Orchard' has a very interesting balance of comedy and tragedy. It also represents a change of time and change in the country of itself. It reflects how modern America is currently changing as a whole," Anderson said.

The storyline features a family who is about to lose all of their wealth along with their family estate. The family is then presented with an ultimatum: to cut and sell their beloved cherry orchard.

"I'm excited about my character," Anderson said. "I even get to use a little ventriloquism. It's been a challenge, but I've done tons of research to pull it off."

Tony Genovese, another senior theater major, will portray Yermolay Lopakhin, a businessman who presents the aristocratic family with solutions to save their estate.

"This is the story of the have-ers and the have-nots. ... It shows that the have-nots will always find a way [to] strive," Genovese said. "If you were expecting to see some dry piece, you'd definitely be mistaken."

Matthew Mazuroski, an assistant professor of theater, is the director of "Cherry Orchard."

Although it was written more than 100 years ago, the play remains culturally relevant, Mazuroski said.

"'Cherry Orchard' takes the idea of someone with the life of Paris Hilton, losing all of their money and how that person would survive," he said. "The audience should certainly laugh, think about their lives and most importantly have a good time."

The production features students filling the roles of dance choreographer, sound and light designer, and music composer.

"This work is usually done by faculty," Mazuroski said. "It's a great chance to bring students' different disciplines to the floor that the staff usually handles."

"Cherry Orchard" premieres Thursday in Bliss Hall's Spotlight Arena Theater; it runs through Oct. 14. Thursday through Saturday performances begin at 7:30 p.m., while Sunday matinees begin at 3 p.m. Tickets are \$10 for adults and \$5 for seniors, YSU faculty and staff, high school students, college students from other universities, Penguin Club members and YSU alumni. They're free for YSU students with valid ID.

For more information, call 330-941-3105.



Youngstown State University Theater practices during dress rehearsal for their season opener, Anton Chekhov's "Cherry Orchard." The show premieres Thursday in Bliss Hall's Spotlight Theater. Photo by Justin Carissimo/The Jambar.

Savage speech

The answer to offensive speech is always more speech.

Mona Eltahawy, an Egyptian-American journalist, was arrested last week while defacing an advertisement in a New York subway she felt was offensive.

The ad read, "In any war between the civilized man and the savage, support the civilized man. Support Israel. Defeat Jihad."

These words are offensive, but their author has the right to make them known.

To be clear, calling any person a savage gives the speaker permission to treat the subject as less than human — a gruesome possibility considering all the disgusting things we do to animals in this country.

The ad is also ignorant to claim that if you don't support Israel as it steals land from its enemies, with assistance from the U.S., then you clearly support Jihad.

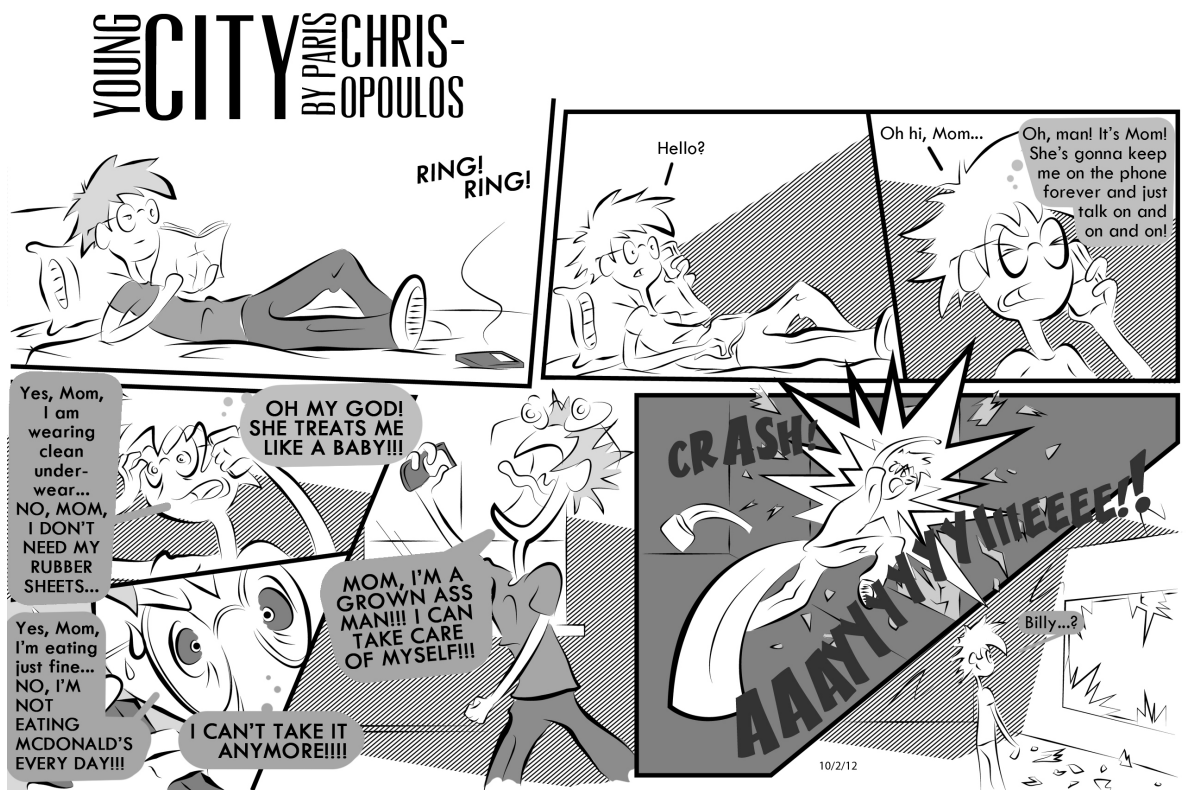
Nonetheless, silencing these views with force and destruction betrays America's founding principles.

Eltahawy said her acts were her own "free expression," but she should take a lesson from this famous expression: "Your right to swing your arms ends just where the other man's nose begins."

Eltahawy's arrest changed the conversation. Instead of discussing whether the ads are offensive, the country is caught up with her actions and whether they were justified.

She would have done better to make her own ad, or a 30-second video on YouTube calling for people to stand up against the ad's offensive language.

If someone says something you don't like, speak louder.



Exhausted: Presidential election overwhelms media



David Roberts
COLUMNIST

In case you haven't noticed, we are in the midst of a presidential election year. If you have managed to avoid seeing and hearing any of the infamous political ads, I commend you on a job well done. As Americans, we prepare for the eventual barrage that every election season brings. What if—and this is a crazy thought—instead of all these silly defamation campaigns, the candidates focused on themselves?

The U.S. presidential election has become a reality show of sorts, pitting the candidates against each other. They use varying types of political ads on television and radio to convince voters to vote one way or the other.

According to The New York Times, each of the two major political parties has raised roughly \$1.3 billion for their campaigning needs. That's an enormous amount of money spent to market a candidate. Granted,

money is, of course, needed for these candidates to travel the country, but campaign ads are more so an unnecessary expense.

From a marketing standpoint, these commercials are excellent pieces of propaganda. But for those who can overlook the obvious bias of these ads, they become little more than another commercial to ignore.

YSU graduate student Rebecca Steh said political ads are one of her biggest pet peeves.

"I feel like they take so much out of context that 90 percent of the info is incorrect, and people are being misled," she said.

Candidates should focus on their personal merits as a candidate instead of what the other candidate has or will do wrong. I would much rather hear about what former Gov. Mitt Romney or President Barack Obama plans to do if elected, rather than what horrible fate would befall our country if his competitor won. Degrading your opponent is not a becoming action for anybody, let alone a person running for public office.

Now, I realize that the candidates do take to the road in certain areas of the country to campaign for their cause, and we have the televised debates that show us the candidates going head to head on their platforms. This is by far a more effective way of campaigning.

Cut out the TV and radio ads, and save the cash. I mean, if people really want to donate thousands of dollars, why not donate to a more worthy societal cause?

What I'm calling for is just a more basic grassroots return to the political campaigning of the old days run solely on a candidate's ability to move crowds with his words. This not only would bring out a better-informed American public, but a better image for the candidates and, of course, a cheaper price tag for the campaigns.

Moving back to the old style of campaigning with public appearances and debates would better allow the candidates to show their true colors to the people. Beyond that, I think the candidates would gain more respect in the people's eyes as men standing on their own merits — and not on the faults of another.

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Privacy, technology face off again

San Jose Mercury News
(MCT)

The tension between new technology and individual privacy is as old as Silicon Valley. Each advance that allows or impels us to share information or seek windows into others' lives is scary at first. Often the fears blow over as benefits become clear — but there will be limits to the degree that privacy and civil liberties will be given up, and individuals should have a right to make the choice for themselves.

The latest frontier is facial recognition technology, which tech companies such as Facebook hope will help ramp up profits. And well they should — as long as users' participation is an option.

Facebook announced Friday that it would switch off its facial recognition feature in Europe by Oct. 15, and it is deleting facial recognition data it has compiled there. Countries including Germany expressed concerns that Facebook was breaking European

privacy laws.

A Facebook spokesman told the Los Angeles Times that the company is committed to "best practice in data protection compliance." But it's clear that not all European users were aware of how or even whether their data was being collected and used.

Millions of people are willing to share practically every detail of their private lives with their online friends and family, if not the entire world. Others find that stunning. Some would love it if a company took their picture as they walked into a store, used facial recognition technology to identify them and then instantly offered them store discounts through their smart phones, based on their buying habits. Others abhor the thought that businesses and individuals have the ability to stalk their every move.

The most worrisome aspect of facial recognition technology isn't personal or business use, in our view. It's the potential for government to use cameras and satellites to track citi-

zens' whereabouts.

At a Senate hearing in July, Sen. Al Franken, D-Minn., expressed concern that the federal government could use facial recognition technology to identify and potentially jail peaceful protesters.

The Federal Bureau of Investigation has reportedly compiled a database of more than 13 million photographs of criminals. It isn't far-fetched to envision an FBI has a database with the photo of every American so each could be tracked at will.

The Federal Trade Commission has promised to issue a best practices guide this year for companies using facial recognition technology. It should include the ability for Americans to opt out of the feature.

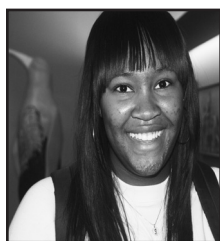
And Congress should be writing law to protect individuals' privacy. Law enforcement agencies have accepted limitations on the use of wiretaps and GPS information. Individuals should have the same reasonable protections against abuse of facial recognition technology.

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Campus Connection

What role do you think race plays in this year's presidential election?



"I think many African-Americans will be voting for [Obama] because he's black, and other young students as well. I don't think many people know exactly what Obama stands for, including myself, and may vote just based on color."

-Jessica Williams,
junior



"It plays a huge role because racism is not dead; it is just cleverly hidden behind the backs of big business."

-David B. Rice,
freshman

'Light at the end of the tunnel' Warren natives inspire area youths



Mario Manningham (82) catches a pass during the San Francisco 49ers trip to Youngstown last week. Manningham, a Warren native, provides inspiration to inner-city youths. Photo by Dustin Livesay/The Jambar.

Steve Wilaj
SPORTS EDITOR

For San Francisco 49ers wide receiver Mario Manningham and Youngstown State University defensive back Dale Peterman, home is the city of Warren.

More specifically, the homes where Manningham and Peterman were raised are in the same neighborhood on the city's west side.

And while the men shared the same neighborhood, they also share an opinion of their upbringing: Growing up in that Warren neighborhood was not ideal.

"In the neighborhoods that we grew up in, there's a lot of drug-related problems, gang-related problems and houses getting broken into," said Peterman, who is number 21 on the team. "It's just not the best place to raise a family."

Manningham, who was back home last week as the 49ers prepared to take on the New York Jets, took time to reflect on his past during Wednesday's press conference.

"It means a lot being from this area and just knowing how tough it is to get out of here," he said.

Peterman said his neighborhood presents many challenges: drug influence, gang influence and crime, to name just a few.

"I know a lot of guys who I grew up with that could be in the NFL or be big-time Division I football players," Peterman said. "But they let the influence of the street life get the best of them."

Peterman, an Ursuline High School graduate, originally committed to

play football at Syracuse University, but he was ruled academically ineligible. He then bounced from Georgia Military College to the City College of San Francisco before ending up at YSU.

"You have to use those challenges to motivate you," said Peterman, a junior. "Things like you didn't grow up with a silver spoon in your mouth and now you gotta go and get what you dreamed about."

While Peterman's still in the process of reaching his dream, Manningham — a Warren G. Harding High School graduate — has had plenty of professional success. Drafted by the New York Giants in 2008 out of the University of Michigan, he won his first Super Bowl ring last season.

Manningham said he accepts and cherishes the responsibility of being a role model to area youths.

"Coming from around here, you don't really see that many people who encourage, who are trying to help out," Manningham said. "But these kids, they're more talented than we were when I was in high school. They need someone to tell them how it's done and anything is possible."

One of those kids that followed Manningham at Harding is YSU redshirt freshman running back Demond Hymes. Having lived in both

Youngstown and Warren throughout his childhood, Hymes knows the reality of the situation.

"We've got good talent, but some people just don't push themselves, or they take the easy way out," he said. "They want to be lazy."

Hymes added that there are ways to spin the negative influences into positive results.

"Coming from a tough background can be good for us, because we've been through the struggles off the field," he said. "Then, on the field, you get into struggles. The tough background pushes you to do better on the field, so you can get to the next level."

For Hymes, Peterman and all area hopefuls, Manningham is a prime example that success can be made from a difficult upbringing.

"He shows that anybody can make it," Peterman said. "It doesn't matter where you're from or what you've been through. If you just work hard and keep your mind to something, there's always light at the end of the tunnel."



Soccer sorrows

Beth Shiller
REPORTER

Junior Benjamin Smith loved the passion he shared with his teammates while playing soccer during his four years at Ursuline High School. But when he came to Youngstown State University, he was disappointed to learn that the school lacks an official men's soccer team.

"It was almost a deterrent for coming to YSU," Smith

said. "Anywhere I go, I want soccer to be an integral part of my life."

He is a part of various indoor leagues and lesser competitive leagues, but said he misses playing against other schools.

"They are nice outlets to have fun, but they aren't the same competitiveness," he said.

Elaine Jacobs, associate athletic director, said a number of sports were dropped in 1987 to reallocate funds to other sports programs.

"Simply by the fact that two women's programs were dropped would lead me to

think that the dropping of men's soccer was not due to compliance with Title IX, but to reallocate resources," she said.

According to TitleIX.info, Title IX, passed in 1972, is "the federal civil rights law that prohibits sex discrimination in education" and "is best known for breaking down barriers in sports for women and girls."

Jacobs said the bulk of the money for men's sports goes to the football program.

"We would be working against Title IX by adding another men's sport," Jacobs said.

YSU sponsors 18 varsity sports, 10 for women and eight for men. Funding is divided equally between men's and women's programs, but men's football receives \$3,431,462 of the total \$12,468,802.

"I like football. It's a great sport, and we have a great tradition here, but we also have an immaculate intermural soccer following," Smith said. "I think a lot of players there would agree with me that this quota takes away a lot of opportunity. Soccer has such a huge international presence that YSU should share with the Valley."

SPORTS BRIEFS

Soccer victorious over Milwaukee

On Saturday afternoon at Stambaugh Stadium, the YSU soccer team tied the record for most wins in a season and beat the University of Wisconsin-Milwaukee, 2-1, for the first time. The Penguins are now 6-4 overall and 1-0 in the Horizon League, while Milwaukee fell to 2-7-1 overall and 1-2 in the HL. Jade Flory, a sophomore, scored the game-winning goal, and she also assisted on Chelsey Haney's fourth goal of the season. Freshman goalkeeper Jackie Podolsky had four saves. The Penguins will visit the University of Wisconsin-Green Bay on Saturday; play begins at 2 p.m.

Volleyball beats UIC, falls to Loyola

At Beeghly Center on Friday, the YSU volleyball team defeated the University of Illinois at Chicago in five sets (25-23, 23-25, 23-25, 25-21, 15-12), bringing YSU's record to 11-6. The win was also the Penguins' first Horizon League victory in three tries. UIC dropped to 8-9 overall and 2-1 in HL play. In the match, the Penguins got double-doubles from three players, and they endured 33 ties and 11 lead changes. Missy Hundelt had 23 kills on a .423 hitting percentage, and she added 15 digs. Jenna Cavanaugh tied a school record with 12 blocks and added 11 kills, while Alexis Egler added 11 kills and 15 digs. Erika West had 20 digs.

Loyola University Chicago beat YSU in four sets (25-16, 25-23, 16-25, 25-19) on Saturday afternoon at Beeghly Center, dropping YSU's record to 11-7 overall and 1-3 in conference contests. Loyola is now 11-6 overall and 3-1 in HL play. Hundelt and Shannon Watson each had 11 kills, and Hundelt added 12 digs. This weekend, YSU will play at Wright State University (Friday, 7 p.m.) and at Valparaiso University (Saturday, 6 p.m.).

PENGUIN SPOTLIGHT



Jackie Podolsky

Year: Freshman
Height: 5'6"
Hometown: Canfield
Position: Goalkeeper

Following the first two starts of her career, YSU goalkeeper Jackie Podolsky was named Horizon League Defensive Player of the Week for the week of Sept. 24-30. Podolsky recorded six saves last week, as YSU went 2-0 on the week. On the season, Podolsky has nine saves and a 0.80 goals-against average.