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## Kicking hunger in the can



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**Kacy Standohar**  
NEWS EDITOR

Students, faculty and staff are partnering with Sodexo, the company that holds a contract for Youngstown State University's dining services, for the fourth annual Helping Hands Across America food drive.

Kim Bacchetti, who is in charge of marketing for YSU's dining services, said she hopes to collect six tons, or 12,000 pounds, of nonperishable canned food to provide a good holiday meal for needy families.

She said more than 11,400 pounds were collected in 2009, although the donation amounts decreased in 2010 and 2011.

"We're trying to recapture that," Bacchetti said of 2009's donations. "Every little bit helps."

Bacchetti said local elementary schools and families also do a lot to bring in additional donations.

"The kids love it," she said. "If they win, they receive a pizza party, and Pete the Penguin delivers the pizza."

Some donors give money instead of food, and Bacchetti said the food drive volunteers use those funds to purchase more canned food.

Helping Hands Across America at YSU gives the food to the St. Vincent De Paul Society, the Rescue Mission of Mahoning Valley and the Second Harvest Food Bank of the Mahoning Valley.

Drop-off boxes are located in the Kilcawley Center Staff Offices, Pete's Place and Christman Dining Commons.

Bacchetti said she feels humbled during the food drive, especially while thinking about families spending time together for the holiday season.

"It's so important because some families wouldn't have that extra money or food to make dinner without this," Bacchetti said. "Pantries

are stretched to the limits, and anything we can do to help, they really appreciate. It makes you remember how lucky you are."

She said YSU is a supportive partner during the food drive.

"It makes for a nice work environment, and it makes you feel like you're doing something right," Bacchetti said.

Weigh-in day is Thursday. The State Highway Patrol will bring scales to the recreational lot across from Kilcawley Center.

YSU also hosted a canned food-themed office decorating competition during homecoming week. The winners were Maag Library, the chemistry department and the crime scene condo in the criminal justice department.

Angela Messenger, coordinator of the YSU Writing Center, said Maag Library's decorations were a collaborative effort among the Writing Center, Waste Free Maag, the English Language Institute and the Read-

ing and Study Skills Center. The library won the Pete's Choice Award for best use of red and white with a YSU theme.

Maag Library's display was titled "School of Rock," which was inspired by the rock 'n' roll homecoming theme, Messenger said.

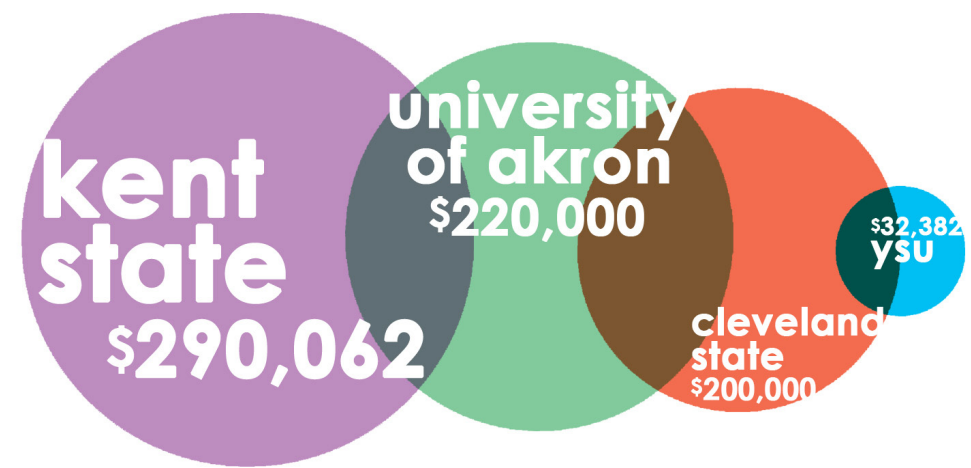
"We wanted to portray that, at YSU, you can study rock in both fashions," she said. "So, it also had a geology theme."

Messenger said the Maag Library team used a classroom with desks and penguins in rock T-shirts. She said the room was decorated with recycled eight tracks and records. The cans were used to make shelves in the classroom display.

The library team also incorporated a picture of YSU's painted rock in its display.

"It gives us a good opportunity to work together with students and show them we were students once, too, and we like homecoming," Messenger said.

## SGA hopes to increase appropriations budget



GRAPHIC BY PARIS CHRISOPOULOS/THE JAMBAR.

**Rachel Lundberg**  
ASSISTANT NEWS EDITOR

Cory Okular, president of the Student Government Association, is spearheading a campaign to increase the funds allotted to SGA's appropriations budget.

The appropriations budget is currently a little more than \$32,000.

The money goes directly to student groups for events and travel. In the 2011-2012 academic year, student organizations requested more than \$182,000.

Okular said SGA is working to include a fee in next year's tuition increase. He said tuition would not go up any higher because of this restructuring, but money from the planned tuition increase would be allocated to SGA's appropriations budget.

"We really feel that this is a win-win for students because it's not going to cost them anything extra, and they're going to get so much more out of their tuition dollars be-

cause we're going to now be able to give more funding to more groups," Okular said.

At first, Okular said he intended to propose a charge of \$1 per credit hour for full-time students.

"Per the advice of Dr. Anderson, we are going to request [an] incremental increase yearly, starting from 25 cents and working up to \$1," Okular said.

Erin Driscoll, the director of student activities, said she thinks the tiered structure is a smart approach and won't burden students.

"In my opinion, it's a worthwhile use of some of that tuition increase, and I believe that we have strong advocates across campus that really want our students to have great experiences here," Driscoll said. "So, I hope that it's something that can be taken seriously by the decision-makers."

The University of Akron's appropriations budget for student organizations' events and travel totals \$160,000, while Kent State University has more than \$200,000 to allocate to

## Jones gets plea deal

**The Jambar**  
STAFF REPORT

A plea agreement entered Tuesday on behalf of Mark Jones, one of five men charged in the February 2011 shooting on Indiana Avenue that killed Youngstown State University student Jamail Johnson, could allow Jones to leave prison by 2016.

According to the plea agreement, Jones pleaded to one count of involuntary manslaughter, carrying a sentence of 10 years and a fine of \$20,000, and seven counts of felonious assault, carrying a total sentence of five years and fines of \$150,000.

The county prosecutor's office recommended that the sentences run concurrently, and that Jones be given credit for time served.

Jones' attorney, Thomas Zena, said he expects that

Jones will be released from prison five years from the date he was arrested in 2011.

Zena said prosecutors offered plea agreements on multiple occasions, but Zena rejected them.

"Nobody has ever accused [Mark Jones] of being a shooter," Zena said.

However, Zena said that after the August conviction of Columbus Jones to 92 years, "you have to start thinking about different dynamics."

Johnson's mother, Shirlene Hill, said she wasn't told about the plea agreement until the day it was entered.

"It's just common courtesy," she said.

Hill said Jones' sentence feels like a "slap in the face."

"I am so angry that a man who passed a gun gets a plea. He can walk," she said. "This boy passed a gun, [and] he gets five years? Is this really justice?"

## Meshel awarded, YSU vets reconnect

**Kevin Alquist**  
ASSISTANT NEWS EDITOR

Veterans and ROTC alumni of Youngstown State University will spend the weekend celebrating their service to the country.

A reunion dinner and awards ceremony will begin at 6 p.m. Friday at Williamson Hall. The dinner will include updates from the ROTC, the YSU Office of Veterans Affairs and the YSU Alumni Society, while the YSU Jazz Ensemble will perform.

"The intent of this dinner is to start a chapter of people that have served their country at YSU," said Jim Olive, coordinator of the YSU Office of Veterans Affairs.

In addition, the terrace dinner, which includes a full buffet and reserved seating, is scheduled for 12:30 p.m. Saturday, and a block of tickets for the football game against the Indiana State University Sycamores will be reserved for attendees.

Heather Belgin, an events coordinator for alumni and events management, said the weekend events give current and former soldiers time to connect.

"This group has a common bond, and it's nice to bring them all together at something like this," she said.

Friday's dinner will feature the granting of the Cincinnatus Award to former state Sen. Harry Meshel, a World War II veteran and a member of the YSU Board of Trustees.

"There have been different ROTC

dinners in the past, but this is the first year the award will be granted at the dinner," Belgin said.

The Cincinnatus Award is given annually to a veteran who continues to serve his country after serving his country in uniform.

Olive will present the award to Meshel.

"He's a tremendous asset to the university, the state and this country," Olive said. "He came back to civilian life and has continued to serve the community."

Meshel served as a Navy Seabee in the South Pacific for two years. He said he appreciates receiving the award, but does not see himself as any better than other veterans.

"It's a really outstanding honor,

but I'm just one of many people that should be credited for serving in the military," Meshel said.

Of his service to the Youngstown community and the state of Ohio, Meshel said it's work that he truly loves.

"Getting into legislation was perfect for me 'cause I like to get things done, but also I like working with people," he said.

Meshel was chosen among nominees like Bernie Kosar Sr., a YSU ROTC alumnus, and Joseph Mosca, dean of the Bitonte College of Health and Human Services. Both are veterans of the U.S. Army.

For more information about the reunion or to make a reservation, contact Belgin at [habelgin@ysu.edu](mailto:habelgin@ysu.edu).



Solar panels stretching across 41,000 square feet of Moser Hall's roof provide electricity for the building and serve as a teaching tool for engineering students at YSU. Photo by Christina Mullen/The Jambar.

## Solar panels energize classrooms

**Christina Mullen**  
REPORTER

The solar panels atop Moser Hall help generate energy for classrooms and contribute to the education of students in the College of Science, Technology, Engineering and Mathematics.

Martin Abraham, dean of STEM, said the technology within the panels is more valuable as a learning tool.

"They are mostly used for demonstrating the technology to our students," he said. "It is not valuable for the energy generated because it would take many years to save as much money as the panels cost."

Michael Costarell, an associate professor of mechanical engineering technology at Youngstown State University, said he uses the solar panels in class to study renewable energy.

Abraham said the panels serve as a useful

tool; they offer real-life examples and models.

"We look at the energy source, record how much energy is captured and then we record the total amount omitted," Abraham said. "When we calculate the total amount captured, then we are able to calculate the ratio efficacy."

Ganesh Kudav, a professor of mechanical and industrial engineering at YSU, said the panels don't always work as intended.

"On hot summer days when the sun is beating down on the panels, it will convert light energy into electricity," he said. "But as the temperature of the panel goes up, the efficiency to convert from light to electrical energy goes down drastically."

Kudav said he works with his students to figure out different solutions to the problem.

"We design ways to automatically cool them," he said. "I work with the students with my ideas, and if they have something better, we will go with their idea."

## Green Team shreds for recycling day

**Kevin Alquist**  
ASSISTANT NEWS EDITOR

The Mahoning County Green Team is celebrating America Recycles Day by inviting citizens to bring paper documents to a mass-shredding event in Wick Park.

Thursday's event will benefit the environment while helping people safely dispose of documents that may contain personal information. The shredding is free, and participants can bring up to five full boxes of papers.

Jim Petuch, the county recycling director, said America Recycles Day is like the autumn's version of Earth Day.

"It's a national day to recognize the importance of recycling, and it's gotten better and better every year I've been involved," Petuch said.

Though the event is not associated exclusively with Youngstown State University, Petuch said he hopes to see a showing from YSU students, who may have a lot of paperwork from courses this semester or from past semesters.

"We encourage students to bring personal documents

or anything they'd like to have shredded," Petuch said.

Petuch said he considers YSU one of the Mahoning County Green Team's most important partners.

However, YSU will not be bringing its documents to the event because of a contract with Protect-N-Shred, a Cortland-based shredding company, said Dan Kuzma, manager of YSU's recycling program.

"All the documents from YSU that are shredded do get recycled," Kuzma said.

Kuzma said he encourages individuals to participate in shredding events to benefit the environment and their own personal security.

Petuch said similar shredding events usually draw a crowd of around 150 people that bring a combined average of nine tons of recycled paper.

"It really saves a lot of trees," Petuch said. "We bring in nine tons of paper that could have been thrown in the garbage and is instead recycled."

The event will be held from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m., and the shredded paper will be brought to one of two recycling facilities in Mahoning County.

## Students, faculty blast California State University fee proposal

**Laurel Rosenhall**  
THE SACRAMENTO BEE  
(MCT)

SACRAMENTO, Calif. — It's a natural question: Why — just a week after voters approved Proposition 30 to alleviate cuts to California schools and tuition increases at its colleges — are California State University trustees set to vote Tuesday on a new set of student fees?

CSU officials argue that the proposal to charge new fees on "super seniors," course repeaters and those who take an extra-heavy class load has nothing to do with the budget. Administrators say they've come up with the plan as a way to free up space to admit 16,000 new students and alleviate

one of the most common complaints on the crowded CSU campuses: that students can't get into the classes they need to graduate.

But students and faculty are blasting the fee proposal, saying it would punish those already facing obstacles on the path toward a diploma and favor students with the ability to pay over those of modest means.

The controversy may get an extra dose of attention Tuesday, with California Gov. Jerry Brown is scheduled to attend the meeting in Long Beach where CSU trustees are supposed to vote on the plan — and where students have vowed to protest.

Brown likely will thank university students and

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## Early scholarship opportunities for YSU students

**Justin Carissimo**  
REPORTER

Several scholarship opportunities are now available to Youngstown State University students, thanks to both the Yo-Mah-O Chapter of the International Association of Administrative Professionals and the Women Retirees of YSU.

The IAAP plans to award two \$1,000 business career scholarships in 2013, while the amount of the Women Retirees of YSU scholarship varies from year to year. Last year, two students were awarded \$1,000 each.

Crystal Stanton, a non-traditional student at YSU, said she was elated when she received the Women Retirees of YSU scholarship in 2011.

"This was the first scholarship I'd ever received, and

I really needed the financial help for school, so it was a huge blessing," Stanton said.

Stanton said students should get an early jump on their scholarship applications.

"Filling out the application and writing an essay doesn't take very long," she said. "And if you end up winning the scholarship, it's extremely helpful."

Stanton said the scholarship was important to finishing her education.

"A lot of students talk themselves out of applying by thinking that they aren't qualified," she said. "Don't sell yourself short. Put yourself out there and try because, if you win, it's a huge help and a great feeling."

As the fall semester nears its end, the Women Retirees of YSU and the Yo-Mah-O chapter of the IAAP aim to remind YSU students

that they have the chance to receive funding.

Laura Malloy, co-chair of the IAAP scholarship committee, said education is expensive, and many students need financial help.

"We hope that students would take advantage of every scholarship opportunity," Malloy said. "We hope this ensures a strong future for our students' professions."

Marlene Dailey, a member of the Women Retirees of YSU and the IAAP, said they lacked student candidates last year.

"Any kind of assistance is encouragement for students to pursue their education," Dailey said. "Knowing the present cost of college, any amount helps."

The IAAP business career scholarship aids students who pursue careers in

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## Battles of Black Friday



Customers stream into the Foot Locker store in South Coast Plaza in Costa Mesa, Calif., at the 8 a.m. opening for Black Friday specials and deals on Nov. 25. Black Friday has become a shopping tradition with retailers hoping for big turnout on the day after Thanksgiving. Photo courtesy of Mark Boster/Los Angeles Times/MCT.

**Kate Mills**  
REPORTER

Youngstown State University student Katy Moran once disappeared into the hordes of battling shoppers in the early hours of Black Friday.

"I used to love it," she said, "but now after working in retail, I take care of most of my shopping online because I don't like it anymore."

Moran, an employee of Victoria's Secret at the Southern Park Mall, said she recognizes Black Friday's widespread appeal.

"We have a ton of people lined up before we even open our doors," she said. "It's really hard to move because our store is so small."

On Nov. 23, shoppers across the nation will trade their turkey dinners and pumpkin pies for cups of coffee and plummeting prices.

Some shopping centers, includ-

ing Southern Park Mall, will open at midnight, leaving Thanksgiving Day as just a faint memory.

YSU senior Kelsey Anderson once tested the rough waters of Black Friday to scout out low-priced Christmas presents for family members.

"People act way too crazy for a few bargains," Anderson said. "I was able to get some really good deals on clothing items and electronics, but I found out later that if I would have just ordered the same items online, I would have gotten the same deal."

Although shopping online post-Thanksgiving has become increasingly more popular in recent years, the legend of in-store Black Friday shopping still endures.

Since the Halloween candy left the shelves, Black Friday ads have surfaced on retailer's websites, highlighting the big-ticket items of the season. Target, Best Buy and Wal-Mart will offer deals on Apple prod-

ucts, flat-screen TVs, and other normally high-priced gadgets.

Department stores like Macy's have even developed their own mobile apps to help shoppers organize their shopping strategies for the big day.

Another app available to iPhone customers, "Black Friday" by dealnews.com, allows users to browse ads from an array of stores in the palm of their hand.

The techniques amongst retailers to attract customers range from technology to start times.

At the Grove City Premium Outlets, many stores such as American Eagle, Old Navy and Banana Republic will open three hours before the rest of the outlet mall, starting their sales at 9 or 10 p.m., with the rest joining them at midnight.

Student Christina Cioppa has taken part in the midnight madness — and states that she hasn't had a nega-

tive experience yet.

"I haven't violently competed with other people for a product. My biggest enemy is the cold and waiting outside in the snow in the early morning hours," Cioppa said.

Like Anderson, Cioppa said she's sought low prices on electronics.

"I'm from New Castle, so there's a good possibility I would have to go to Boardman if there's a product I want at Best Buy, for example," she said.

At Ollie's Bargain Outlet, employee Ariana Carr will be opening the doors at 6 a.m. along with her sleepy-eyed co-workers. She worked on Black Friday for the first time last year, and said she was surprised by the turnout.

"People even come to Ollie's," she said. "It's a ritual for those people."

As for Carr herself, she happily admitted that she's "never been Black Friday shopping."

## Course planning becomes easier with new website

**Christina Mullen**  
REPORTER

William Buckler, the coordinator of academic advising at Youngstown State University, is working with Cory Okular, president of the Student Government Association, to create a website that will help students plan their course schedules years in advance.

"My idea is to have one place where a student can go to look at all the curriculum sheets the university offers, although it is going to be a very long process," Buckler said.

Buckler said he expects the website to be available by the summer of 2014.

"We have to review each curriculum sheet to make sure they are up to date," he said. "Then we will have to talk to each chair of the department to verify that the bulletin matches the courses on the curriculum sheets."

Mary Jane Quaranta, an academic adviser for the YSU College of Science, Technology, Engineering and Mathematics, said students should also meet with an academic

adviser.

"It helps the students stay on track," she said. "Classes frequently change when they are offered, and an adviser would be the first to know these changes."

Jeanne Herman, the university registrar, said YSU offers a Degree Audit Reporting System, or DARS, that can help students stay on top of their education.

"Students can see what classes they are currently taking and what they need to take," Herman said. "It is always a good idea to plan out two semesters ahead by looking up the classes offered ahead of time. But the best way to stay on track is to always remain focused."

Okular, who is in his final year at YSU, said he planned ahead by speaking with an adviser and making a list of the classes he needed for his degree.

"But I also include a plan," he said. "Sometimes the classes are not offered when you need them or there is a time conflict. In reality, it's all about planning for the worst. If you plan for the worst, you can only receive the best."

## International students discuss Thanksgiving plans

**Lee Murray**  
REPORTER

While many Youngstown State University students will spend Thanksgiving with their families, some, like Mohammed Alhwiti, will stay behind.

Alhwiti, a Saudi Arabian student studying at YSU's English Language Institute, said he is looking forward to spending a few days away from the books.

"I'll watch movies and go with friends to visit American friends to practice English," Alhwiti said.

Alhwiti said he and other ELI students "suffer problems practicing English in such a small city."

"Sometimes, I'll go to a bar because I want to hear English. We want to get Arabic and American [students together] to talk," Alhwiti said.

Alhwiti said he is unfamiliar with the traditions associated with Thanksgiving.

"I've been here seven months," Alhwiti said. "I don't

know the traditions. For me, it's just the schedule."

Overall, Alhwiti said he likes being in the U.S.

"I love America. It's a good country here. I'm happy here," he said.

Thamer Sakher, an ELI student from Jordan, has been at YSU for only two months. He said he's using Thanksgiving break to visit Columbus and do some sightseeing with friends.

Sakher said he might also use the few days off of school to visit the Pittsburgh Zoo. One of the highlights of the weekend, he said, will be watching the Pittsburgh Steelers.

"I love the Steelers," Sakher said. "I've been a fan for months."

Ayed Alshammari, an ELI student from Saudi Arabia, said he plans to visit Columbia with his friends, too.

Ethel Koney, a graduate student from Ghana who is studying social work, has lived in the U.S. for just three months, but she already has plans for Thanksgiving.

"I'm going to Iowa to spend Thanksgiving with my boyfriend's family," Koney said.

Koney's boyfriend and his family are Ghanaian, too, but they've lived in Iowa for a long time. They have plans for a traditional Thanksgiving with all the trimmings.

"I think we are having the turkey and everything else. It will be a Ghanaian family doing it the American way," Koney said.

Rebecca Stafford, a freshman from Australia, is on the YSU diving team. Like Koney, Stafford has lived in the U.S. for three months. She's planning to spend Thanksgiving with the family of Monica Sincel, one of her teammates.

"It will be ... interesting, experiencing my first Thanksgiving," Stafford said. "She has a pretty big family. We're going to her mum's and her dad's, seeing the whole family."

Sincel added that both she and Stafford will "be back for practice on Monday."

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NEWS BRIEFS

Athletics complex takes shape across from stadium

A new \$4.3 million sports complex, which will be located across from Stambaugh Stadium, is in the works and will likely be finished by the summer. The complex will serve students participating in athletics, intramurals and club sports, and it will consist of a soccer field surrounded by an eight-lane all-weather track and a softball field. The project also features field lighting, stands, restrooms, walkways and fencing. Community groups may also have access to the facilities for tournaments and other similar events. The complex was funded through university bonds and private donations.

YSU honors Hartzell scholarship recipients

At a recent luncheon, YSU recognized 12 student recipients of the Michael T. Hartzell Memorial Scholarship, which was created by Howard and Mary Kay Hartzell in memory of their son. Michael T. Hartzell was a Youngstown City police officer who was killed in the line of duty on April 29, 2003, at the age of 26. The scholarship is funded through the proceeds from an annual charity golf outing, and since its inception in 2004, the scholarship has supported 66 YSU students. Recipients for the 2012-2013 academic year are Jordan Fisher of Warren; Simone Grant of Boardman; Joshua Grimes of Boardman; Christopher Kenney of Girard; Parker Lopez of Youngstown; Delaney Lyons of Youngstown; William Magnuson of Canfield; Samantha Marucci of Salem; Tina Meloro of Hubbard; Christopher Platon of Youngstown; Travis Williams of Youngstown; and Jenna Yacovone of Austintown.

Bands play tribute to former director

YSU's Concert Band, Wind Ensemble and the Dana All Star Band will perform in a concert titled "Remembering Robert E. Fleming: A Musical Tribute" at 8 p.m. Monday in Stambaugh Auditorium. Fleming served as the director of bands at YSU from 1968 to 1984, and he helped elevate the band program to a nationally recognized status. A tribute dinner will be held in the auditorium's Anne Kilcawley Christman Memorial Hall at 5:30 p.m., and proceeds from the dinner will fund an endowed scholarship in Fleming's name. Tickets for the scholarship dinner are \$60 per person or \$100 for two; to reserve tickets, email Catherine Cala at cacala@ysu.edu. Concert-only tickets will be available at the door; they are \$5 for adults, \$4 for seniors and students, and free for YSU students with valid ID.

POLICE BRIEFS

Man expresses disapproval of frat house property

Around 6:45 a.m. Saturday, YSU Police received an angry phone call from a 70-year-old man who was concerned about the appearance of the fraternity house at the corner of Broadway and Ohio avenues. The man said the area's condition needs to improve — or he will go to The Vindicator with his story. A few hours later, a university police officer went to the property and took several photos of the area.

'Big paper' leads to student illness

On Friday evening, a university police officer reported to DeBartolo Hall after a student told a member of the cleaning staff that she was feeling dizzy and required medical attention. Upon arrival, the YSU police officer noticed that the student was conscious, and that she was sitting at a table and talking with someone on her cell-phone; however, she looked exhausted. The student told the officer that she had a big paper due and had been studying on the building's fifth floor when she became ill. She added that her last meal had been a package of gummy bears at 8 a.m. An ambulance arrived, but the student denied transportation to the hospital and was picked up by her mother.

Woman begs patrons for money, receives warning

Early Sunday afternoon, YSU Police were providing security for an event at the DeYor Performing Arts Center when they observed a woman who was begging off of theater patrons. The woman told YSU Police that she had been asking people for money and that she had previously begged on YSU's campus. YSU Police issued the woman a verbal warning, and she was released without incident.

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student organizations. Okular said he hopes that budget will eventually rest at approximately \$292,000, which his plan will enable.

The budget proposal SGA plans to submit stipulates that SGA's appropriations budget will be made self-sustaining. This will eliminate the need for the \$32,000 appropriation currently made through student affairs, following the final fee increase.

Okular said he hopes this increase in funds will foster more activity in student organizations and encourage more students to enroll at YSU.

"I think one of the main ways that YSU recruits is that you have organizations that bring students onto campus," Okular said. "If we had more money, we could better advertise, reach out, maybe bring in more students."

In 2009, Zach Brown, a

former president of SGA, headed a similar attempt, which failed.

"[Zach] said a lot of it was he didn't handle it correctly," Okular said. "Answering questions of people when they came talking to him, never really explained it. All kinds of rumors kind of caused it to die."

Okular is revising the proposal originally submitted by Brown and the budget and appropriations restructuring committee.

The plan includes a stipulation for excess money. Any money left over at the end of the year will be used for one of a number of options included in the proposal. These options include putting the money into a scholarship fund, donating it to a current YSU scholarship or contributing it to capital projects.

"If we do have leftover money, we can use it for good purposes," Okular said.

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a business setting. Potential candidates could major in information technology, law, administration, medicine or related fields.

"Both organizations aim to raise money for two scholarships a year," Dailey said. "We always encourage students to get the best education they can."

Dailey also said the organizations are excited to bring in new student applicants.

The Women Retirees of YSU scholarship awards female students who maintain a 3.0 GPA, attend YSU full time and have reached the junior class rank.

The submission deadline for the IAAP business career scholarship is April 15.

Submissions for the Women Retirees of YSU scholarship will be accepted until March 1.

For the business career scholarship guidelines and an application, visit http://www.yomaho-iaap.com.

For more information on the Women Retirees of YSU scholarship, contact the YSU Office of Financial Aid and Scholarships at 330-941-3505.



FEE PROPOSAL PAGE 2

workers for their support of Proposition 30, the ballot measure, passed by voters last week, that will generate \$6 billion in annual revenue by raising the state sales tax and income taxes on top earners. He campaigned heavily on college campuses in the three weeks before the election, repeatedly making the promise that passage of the measure would freeze tuition at the University of California and roll it back at CSU. Now that the measure has passed, CSU tuition will drop by \$250 in January.

Still, the third-term governor could be in an awkward spot Tuesday, taking a victory lap while students protest the proposed fee hikes.

"Prop. 30 is a good thing for education in that we're getting money," said Gregory Lewis, a student at Cal State Dominguez Hills who spoke with reporters by phone Monday. "But these fees are a totally separate entity."

University officials say the "fee modifications" up for a vote Tuesday would have been on the agenda regardless of the election's outcome. That's because the fees aren't meant to address the university's budget — they're supposed to transform the way students make their way through college.

"We're trying to change behavior so we can let more students in and get more (space in) classes for the students we already have," said CSU spokeswoman Claudia Keith.

University officials say they're hoping few students actually wind up paying the fees. Instead, they contend the threat of fees should keep students from making choices that clog up the system and make it harder for everyone to get through — such as sticking around for a sixth or seventh year of college, getting a D or F the first time taking a class, or signing up for more units than they plan to stay enrolled in.

The plan includes: A "graduation incentive" fee: Starting in fall 2013, students who have 160 or more units would pay an additional \$372 per unit. Starting in fall 2014, students who have 150 or more units would pay the fee. Officials estimate this would encourage more students to graduate faster, opening up space for roughly 12,000 new students.

A "course repeat" fee: Students who repeat a course would pay an extra \$91 per unit. CSU officials say they could admit 4,000 new students if they cut in half the number of students repeating a class.

A "third-tier tuition" fee: Students taking 18 or more units would be charged an extra \$182 for each excess unit. CSU believes this disincentive for heavy course loads would open up seats for students trying to get necessary classes

Lewis, the Dominguez Hills student, said the proposal would hurt him because he needs 18 more units to graduate. Under the plan, Lewis would have to pay \$364 extra to take the 18 units in one semester, or enroll for an extra semester.

"Students who have more resources (will be) able to get into more classes," he said. "So effectively if you can pay for those classes you can graduate faster."

Cal State Fresno student Whitney Jenkins said she is a "super senior" who would have to pay dearly under the plan. But she said it's not her fault she's in her sixth year of college.

"The classes I needed in my intended major were not available and I had to take other classes to maintain a full course load and to qualify (for) financial aid and scholarships," she said.

It is just such situations that CSU is trying to reduce, said spokeswoman Claudia Keith.

"Students don't understand the objective of what we're trying to do here. It's not a punitive measure," she said. "It's a paradigm shift."

CSU has been turning away roughly 20,000 applicants a year because of a lack of space, Keith said. The fee proposal would allow many of them to get in.

The students who organized the call with reporters Monday are interns with the California Faculty Association, the union that represents CSU professors and has a contentious relationship with university management.

Union President Lillian Taiz said her organization objects to the fee-modification plan because "there are so many other reasons that are out of students' control that keep them from graduating."

"To implement fees that are punishing is the height of being unfair," she said.

Tuesday's trustees meeting is the last for Chancellor Charles Reed, who is retiring. Trustees are scheduled to approve the salary for incoming Chancellor Timothy White, who is in line to receive the same pay as Reed: a \$421,500 salary plus a \$30,000 supplement from CSU foundations.

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# FASHION FOR 'EVERY-BODY'



Fashion design students Kelli Carney, India Harris and Christina Madej show off their pieces that will be featured in the show. Ashley Rodgers puts final touches on her clothing for the show. Carney designed the red dress. Photos courtesy of Taylor Phillips/The Jambar, Steven Weeden and Erin Crist.

## Taylor Phillips REPORTER

The Everybody, Every-Body Fashion Show, organized by the Social Psychology of Clothing and Appearance class, will make its runway debut on Thursday at Youngstown State University.

The fashion show will take place in the Chestnut Room in Kilcawley Center from 6 to 8 p.m. It is designed to raise awareness of eating disorders and body image issues.

Morgan Baker, a junior majoring in fashion merchandising, is involved with the show.

"The show really is all about promoting body awareness and that everyone is beautiful just

the way they are," Baker said. "It is also to promote being healthy and being comfortable in your own skin."

Baker said all of the models in the show are YSU students.

"All kinds of body types will be in the show," Baker said. "That way, we are promoting that you don't have to be a size zero to be beautiful."

Erin Crist, a junior majoring in fashion design, said those involved want people to realize that being a twig isn't a prerequisite for modeling.

"No matter what body type you have, we just want everyone to know they are beautiful just the way they are," Crist said.

Steven Weeden, a senior majoring in fashion merchandising, said it is important to

raise awareness of body image issues.

"We really just want to bring awareness to help people raise their confidence and self-esteem as well," Weeden said. "By seeing how beautiful the models are in their own skin, they can realize they are also beautiful and can gain the confidence they need."

The Everybody, Every-Body Fashion Show will feature many different styles from e.j. hannah and 850 Blues. The show will also feature designs that YSU students have created.

"I have big visions, but I'm not always sure how to get those visions to life," Crist said. "I tried hard to create that piece and let my creativity come to life."

Crist said that her all-time

favorite designer is YSU alumna Nanette Lepore.

"She is a huge inspiration to me," Crist said. "She puts colors together that most people would not usually think of. Mixing prints and designs makes the designs unique and all her own."

Priscilla Gitimu, an assistant professor of human ecology, said the show will tell the community about the beauty of various body types.

"Runway shows have always had a specific body type," Gitimu said. "But when every body type is represented in one place, it is passing on a message that no matter what size you are, ... you are beautiful in your own skin."

Gitimu said those involved with the fashion show want to target high school students.

"We decided to work in conjunction with local high school guidance counselors and send fliers to post in the hallways," Gitimu said. "We want to target that age group in particular because bullying has been frequent in those groups."

The Andrews Student Recreation and Wellness Center will also have a table at the fashion show, informing attendants about eating disorders and their causes.

Gitimu said the class plans to collaborate with the Rec Center in the future to have more events to educate the campus about eating disorders.

She said the class will also take donations at the door to benefit the National Eating Disorders Association.

# Shining like the sun

## Marissa McIntyre ARTS & ENTERTAINMENT EDITOR

Todd Hancock studied theater at Youngstown State University 30 years ago. After two years of education, he packed up and made his way to Los Angeles to be an actor.

He eventually made his way back to Youngstown and opened Easy Street Productions in 1988 with fellow actor Maureen Collins.

On Friday, Hancock directed and starred in "Annie," the inspiration for the naming of the actors' production company.

"Annie is probably one of my favorite musicals," Collins said.

Hancock said directing and acting have been his passions for a majority of his 50 years. He said he's always proud to perform in a hometown that is full of talent.

"This area breathes artists and athletes," Hancock said.

"Annie" tells the tale of a young orphan who gets adopted by Oliver "Daddy" Warbucks, a billionaire businessman.

Hancock acted in the role of Daniel "Rooster" Hannigan and Collins as

Miss Hannigan, the story's antagonists. Hancock's character pretends to be Annie's real father in the hopes of gaining reward money from Daddy Warbucks.

"Villains are always more fun to play," Hancock said.

Collins said the same, adding that her performance brings a comedic relief to the role.

"That's the most fun part of the job," she said.

She said the most challenging part was pretending to treat the orphans of the play poorly.

"I love little kids, and to act like I don't is a bit of a challenge," Collins said. "It's funny because the kids know I'm not like Miss Hannigan, and when I call them 'little brat,' they know I'm not mad at them."

Collins said performing with Hancock is like performing with family.

"We met in 1983 doing the show, and we've been like brother and sister ever since," Collins said.

Hancock said he hopes to bring more productions to Youngstown through Easy Street Productions.

"Our motto is 'Big Apple entertainment without the Big Apple price,'" Hancock said.

He said he wants to see the theater culture grow even more in Youngstown

as he's seen it grow over the years.

"Youngstown, for me, is where my family is. Anything I was doing anywhere else just doesn't compare to

performing at home," Collins said. "I don't believe we would have survived anywhere else."



Todd Hancock and Maureen Collins decided to revisit "Annie" when they heard Courtney MacKay sing. This was their fourth time performing in the musical, and MacKay's first time. Photo courtesy of Todd Hancock.

## 2-4-6-8! Who do we appreciate?

The student-athletes of YSU have really given the rest of us something to look forward to each week.

Even those of us who aren't sports fans were happy to tell the world that the Penguins defeated the University of Pittsburgh Panthers twice in their own territory.

And while the upset against the University of Georgia wasn't quite a David and Goliath win, it was at least as good as Goliath being beaten up by his little brother Jerry.

The men and women who wear our colors have dealt with adversity for years. Despite strenuous efforts to redirect the teams back toward the path to excellence, most of the teams struggled to exceed mediocrity for years.

Hopefully, those days are coming to an end.

Beating Pitt on the gridiron was thrilling, but multilaterally defeating all opponents from major conferences one season is simply unprecedented.

Sure, any school can pull off a fluke victory over a mid-major, but only YSU runs the gauntlet and comes out unscathed.

Even more impressive is that these victories have all come on the road. It's time to show appreciation.

This weekend, the YSU community has three opportunities to support its teams. The basketball teams open their home campaigns on Friday for men and the women on Sunday.

If the volleyball team wins Friday and Saturday, they'll play in the championship on Sunday.

The last opportunity to watch the football team is on Saturday at 2 p.m.

At Pitt, George Washington University and Georgia, our teams have represented YSU well while proving their worth.

It's time we exhibit gratitude.

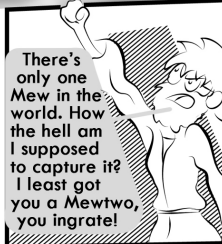
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As the hurricanes flooded the Earth, God appointed Billy to gather two of every animal in preparation for a new world.



My lord, I have captured two of every original 151 Pokemon. We are ready to start over a new world.

DON'T YOU LIE TO ME, BILLY! I KNOW YOU WEREN'T ABLE TO CAPTURE THE ELUSIVE AND LEGENDARY POKEMON KNOWN AS MEW! NOW, GO GET ME MEW!



There's only one Mew in the world. How the hell am I supposed to capture it? I least got you a Mewtwo, you ingrate!



SHUT UP AND GET ME MEW, OR I'LL FORCE YOU TO SACRIFICE YOUR UNBORN CHILDREN!



That guy is so ungratefull!



Hey, I think these Píkachus are both males, and they are frisky!

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## America's two-party system: too few to be democracy



David Roberts  
COLUMNIST

All the political campaigning came to fruition last week when America decided its leader for the next four years. Those who voted for the victor rejoiced in celebration, while those who voted for the defeated ducked their heads, thinking of what could've been. What gets me about the whole thing is how an entire nation can be satisfied with having just two options for its leader.

I'll be honest and say right off the bat that I do not believe in political parties in the first place. I hearken back to the wise words of this nation's first president, George Washington. When stepping aside from the presidency, he had these words to say about the establishment of political parties:

"They serve to organize faction, to give it an artificial and extraordinary force; to put, in the place of the delegated will of the nation the will of a party, often a small but artful and enterprising minority of the community; and, according to the alternate triumphs of different parties, to make the public administration the mirror of the ill-concerted and incongruous projects of faction, rather than the organ of consistent and wholesome plans digested by common counsels and modified by mutual interests."

What Washington is speaking to is that parties will indeed campaign as the champion for what their constituents want. However, in the process, they will also advocate for their own agenda that

advances their own fortunes, which may not always be in the public's best interest.

Now, I know we are way too far down the road with political parties to heed the words of Washington now, but what he said certainly has come true, and I suppose that has to be expected. Of course, every group put into a position of power is going to look for ways for their own betterment as well as the nation's, so I cannot blame them.

I can gripe about the minimal options I have when it comes to the presidential election, though.

The presidential candidates go into every election with a 50/50 shot of getting elected president. I'm not much of a gambler, but I'd be pretty comfortable with those odds. Sure, it is an exhausting and expensive endeavor to run for president — and to lose would certainly be the epitome of a downer — but you have to like your odds going into it.

I've been able to vote in only two presidential elections now, but in each one, I really didn't care for either candidate. I'm sure there are thousands of other Americans who felt the same way, but they still voted for a Republican or Democrat so they didn't "throw their vote away" on a third-party candidate.

I think there is a lot of benefit that can be had if the two-party system were ended and we went forward with viable multi-party presidential candidates. I'd like to believe that voter turnout would increase since one would think people would have faith that their vote counts more. What is

quite possibly the biggest reason, though, is that we would have multiple candidates for what is the most important job in the country. In any job-hiring situation, it has always been looked upon as a blessing to have multiple well-qualified candidates for the job because you really can be choosy in who you pick.

Now, I'm not saying that everybody and their mother should be able to become viable candidates for the presidential race, but at least a three-person race would give us an extra option.

The best finish by any third-party candidate in the history of U.S. elections was Teddy Roosevelt, who after serving two terms as a Republican president from 1901 to 1909, decided to create a new party: the Bull Moose Party.

Roosevelt ran again in 1912, finishing with 27.4 percent of the popular vote. This example just goes to show that many people vote blindly along party lines; just a few years prior, Americans had voted in Roosevelt — but when he bore the banner of an unknown party, he wasn't an option any longer.

Maybe people will shy away from voting strictly on party lines with the endorsement of a multi-party system. I know the argument has been made before, and it will no doubt be made again, but I can't help but think this: What does America have to lose by allowing another option for president? If we believe in our democracy, then the people's choice will always emerge as the victor.

What's the harm in a little competition?

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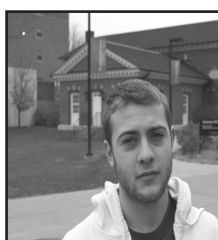
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## Campus Connection

*The Student Government Association is looking to appropriate \$1 per student per semester hour to help develop student groups. What are your thoughts on this proposal?*



"It's good, though the university could always use those funds for the students. I play Division I hockey, and we receive no support from the school whatsoever. It would help us out tremendously."

Makenzie Galati,  
Senior, Marketing  
Management



"I think that most students aren't involved in clubs. Becoming involved with the university is a good thing to get going. Student fees are pretty low. But it shouldn't be mandatory [to pay into groups]; it should be optional."

David Duncan,  
Junior,  
Geography

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# Playoffs?

## YSU needs victory, help from others



Jamaine Cook (35) rushes the ball in Saturday's 31-7 win at Western Illinois University. YSU needs a victory and some good fortune to make the playoffs. Photo courtesy of YSU Sports Information.

**Steve Wilaj**  
SPORTS EDITOR

Heading into the final regular game of its 2012 season, the Youngstown State University football team will need more than a win to make the playoffs.

Running back Jamaine Cook said the Penguins will also need other teams in the Missouri Valley Football Conference to lose, but that the team has more short-term goals in mind.

"We just have to focus on being 1-0 this week," he said. "If we have some good fortune

here, then we'll end up in the playoffs. But, basically, our coaches are stressing us to win the week."

In the same situation heading into last season's finale, the Penguins needed a victory against Missouri State University combined with losses by certain MVFC teams to make the playoffs.

Those specific MVFC teams lost — and so did the Penguins.

"Last year, I think we started overlooking our last opponent," Cook said. "This year, we're definitely not going to do that. Our coaches are going to make sure we don't do that. And as players, we're going to hold each other accountable to

make sure we don't do that."

In the event of a YSU victory and a 7-4 final record, the Penguins would be on the Football Championship Sub-division playoff bubble.

Head football coach Eric Wolford said another win would give his team a record worthy of making the postseason.

"If it's meant to be, it's meant to be," he said. "But I do know this: Of the 10 FCS teams we've played, seven have been ranked in the top 25. ... There aren't other teams in our league that have had to play that many [ranked teams]."

Wolford added that the season-opening win at the Uni-

versity of Pittsburgh should carry some weight as well.

"Why play money games if they're going to hold it against you?" Wolford said. "If you win one of those, it should count as two. Hopefully, that's the way it's viewed as."

Although the Penguins have managed to keep their playoff hopes alive with victories in the past two weeks, tight end Will Shaw called the overall situation "frustrating."

"It's hard, especially when we know in our locker room that we expect a lot more out of ourselves," he said. "We know there's a lot more that could be put out on the field than what's been shown recently."

# Ballers be ballin'

## Men's and women's basketball are 2-0

**Steve Wilaj**  
SPORTS EDITOR

Bob Boldon, Youngstown State University women's basketball head coach, didn't exactly break any ground at Wednesday's press conference.

But he did point out something that, judging from recent history, the YSU basketball programs might not have realized.

"Winning is good," Boldon said.

After 2-0 starts for the YSU men and women — including a win from each against a Bowl Championship Series team — the Penguins are feeling the positive vibes from their success.

"I'm very happy for Youngstown, our university and our athletic department that we could be a positive light," said men's head basketball coach Jerry Slocum.

And that both teams are simultaneously taking a step in the right direction makes the feeling even better, Boldon said.

"We share the same gym, and we practically share the same office," he said. "Our kids know their kids. We take turns shooting on the gun. I think there's a real sense of pride of [YSU] basketball and the direction that it's going."

The men's team started in the right direction with a win against George Washington

University on Saturday. The team followed that victory with an upset of the University of Georgia on Monday.

"We did a really, really good job defensively," Slocum said. "At Georgia, it might have been the best defensive performance that one of my teams has had."

As another positive for the YSU men, the Penguins were featured nationally on ESPN.

"That's tremendous for our program," Slocum said. "There's a lot of people that have talked about it with me that are very complimentary towards our program. And, obviously, our play spoke for itself."

While YSU received a typical performance from Kendrick Perry against the Bulldogs (23 points), the Penguins' newcomers proved vital in the victories.

Freshman Bobby Hain posted 19 points and 11 rebounds against GWU, while junior transfer Kamren Belin scored 17 points against UGA.

"It just proves what we thought we could do," Belin said of the wins. "We're now worried about the next two games as much of the first two."

Belin and the Penguins open their home slate on Friday against Saint Francis University at 7:05 p.m.

Two days later, on Sunday, the women will play their home opener against Bryant University at 12:05 p.m. It will



Bobby Hain (20) tries to block Georgia's Nemanja Djuriscic (42) during YSU's 68-56 win against the Bulldogs on Monday. Photo courtesy of John Kelley/LGA.

be the Penguins third straight early tipoff, not that they're complaining.

In an 11 a.m. matchup with the University of Pittsburgh on Friday, YSU upset the Panthers behind strong three-point shooting and Brandi Brown's 16 points.

Then, on Tuesday at noon, another dominating performance by Brown and 19 points by freshman Shar'Rae Davis led the Penguins to a defeat of the University at Buffalo.

Davis said not to be surprised by the hot start.

"I know hearing that we won against Pitt might have been surprising to people," Davis said. "But I felt that we could do it all along. We have each other's backs on our team."

Although Boldon stressed that the two games should not be overemphasized, there is clearly a buzz around the team that is not usually felt.

"[The wins] bring hope, excitement — all that good stuff," Davis said. "Especially the team, we're really excited knowing that we can win."

### SPORTS BRIEFS

#### Men's basketball signs guard

Marcus Keene of San Antonio recently signed a National Letter-of-Intent during the early signing period to continue both his academic and basketball careers at YSU. Keene is a point guard at Warren High School, and he was named all-state, all-city and was selected to the Super-City Team last season. In that season, he averaged 14.7 points, 5.1 assists, 2.9 rebounds and 1.3 steals per game. In the past two seasons, Keene has scored 781 points.

#### Men's basketball advances to 2-0

On Monday evening, the YSU men's basketball team defeated the University of Georgia, 68-65, at the Stegeman Coliseum in Athens, Ga. This win was the Penguins' first over a team from the Southeastern Conference, and it improved the team's record to 2-0. Georgia, however, fell to 1-1. During the game, junior Kendrick Perry scored a team-high 23 points, including 17 in the second half, and junior Kamren Belin accumulated a career-high 17 points. In addition, senior Damian Eargle recorded a double-double with 10 points and 10 rebounds. The Penguins will host Saint Francis University on Friday at 7:05 p.m.; the game is the Penguins' home opener for the 2012-2013 season.

#### Tickets available for YSU basketball

Both the men's and the women's basketball teams will make their home debuts this weekend at Beeghly Center. Tickets for all men's and women's games are available for \$175 as part of the Penguin Package. Tickets for men's games or women's games only are \$155, while a general admission package for the year is \$115. Single-game tickets are \$14 for reserved and \$10 for general admission in advance, but they increase to \$16 and \$12, respectively, on game day. Youth pricing is available for children under 12, and YSU students with valid ID are admitted for free. For more information, call the YSU Athletic Ticket Office at 330-941-1978.

### PENGUIN SPOTLIGHT



#### Nick Liste

Year: Junior  
Height: 5'10"  
Hometown: Niles  
Position: Punter

For his performance in YSU's 31-7 win against Western Illinois University on Saturday, Liste was named the Missouri Valley Football Conference's Special Teams Player of the Week. Serving as the team's punter and kickoff specialist, the junior averaged 43 yards per punt while totaling three kickoff touchbacks. His kick punt went for 67 yards and was downed at the Leathenecks' two-yard line. Liste, who has lettered each season since 2010, is the recipient of the 2012-2013 Arnold D. Stambaugh Scholarship.