



Board of Trustees to Serve as Sole Members of Search Committees

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Youngstown State University's Board of Trustees announced on Wednesday that only the 11 trustees will serve on the search committee for YSU's next president.

YSU will work with AGB Search to tentatively narrow down possible choices to the finalists in May and will name a new president by June 30.

The university's academic senate adjured the board to include a graduate student, undergraduate student, and a faculty representative from every college across campus.

Sudershan Garg, chair of the Board, said this decision to only include trustees in the committee was made to assure an efficient and economical search within this limited time frame.

"Due to the financial difficulties facing the university, the board will be very prudent and spend only what is really necessary. The board has received a lot of interest from various [members] of YSU and the community at large to serve on the subcommittee," Garg said. "In interest of time, expediency and money, the board has decided that only the board members will serve on the subcommittee. I can assure everyone the process will be clean and honest, as it has been in the past."

The goal of the search committee is to review the applicants found and narrowed down by AGB Search and pick a short list of finalists.

The size of the committee contrasts sharply with the past two search committees, but Garg said it is still larger



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Board of Trustees chairman Sudershan Garg and trustees Harry Meshel and Leonard Schiavone wait for a meeting to start on Feb. 17. The Board will serve as the sole members on the presidential search committee to choose Randy Dunn's successor.

than at other universities.

"In 2009 and 2010, I think we were about 24 members on the search committee, and last year we were 18 members on the search committee," Garg said. "Search committees in some universities are only made up of three or four members of the board. This is what they did at [Southern Illinois University], where Dr. Randy Dunn was selected. They selected him and then presented to the full board, but we don't want to have that small of a committee."

With President Randy Dunn leaving on March 21 and Ikram Khawaja, the

provost, to serve as interim president, the smaller search committees aims to cut the financial blow of another search.

"Last year, if you exclude the expense made to the search firm — it was \$65,000 —, we probably spent close to \$60,000 on top. Hopefully, since the committee is small, we may not spend more than \$45,000 to \$50,000 this year. At the same time, I do want to add, since Dr. Dunn is leaving on 21st of March, we are going to save close to \$175,000 to \$190,000."

Melissa Wasser, student trustee on the Board, said students and faculty

will still be able to voice their opinions during the two day site visit, where candidates come to YSU to meet with important individuals and hold public receptions.

"The finalists are going to be able to come in and talk to each one of these groups that represents campus organizations and groups, and some faculties and students, and they are going to be able to ask them questions on the spot and see how they respond and react," Wasser said.

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Grow Youngstown: Cultivating Produce and Student Involvement



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Some locally grown produce at one of Grow Youngstown's share pick-ups. YSU students will have access to their own shares on campus this spring.

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To welcome spring, a group of students that have ties with Grow Youngstown — a nonprofit organization that promotes the sustainable growth of food, forest, forage and fuel — are bringing shares of produce to the students and faculty at Youngstown State University.

The Youngstown State University version of the lo-

cal group Grow Youngstown — the Grow Youngstown Student Organization — worked with the communities of Youngstown, Warren, Poland and Boardman to bring fresh local foods to the Valley through agricultural means.

"We're a group that works with local farmers to create a community garden, and a Community Supported Agriculture — which is like a farmer's market with a middle man.

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Tressel for YSU?

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After Youngstown State University President Randy Dunn announced his sudden departure from the university, there was no shortage of speculation about the future of this position, but one name has been heard again and again: Jim Tressel.

Tressel, former head coach of both Youngstown State University and the Ohio State University and current vice president of Strategic Engagement at the University of Akron, has received a significant wave of support from the YSU community, the Youngstown community and even from those across the State.

Though Tressel has been sparse and reserved with his comments about the support, both Tim Ryan, U.S. Congressman for Ohio, and Robert Hagan, an Ohio House Representative, have both urged YSU to seek out Tressel for the next president.

At a YSU Board of Trustees meeting on February 27, Sudershan Garg, Chair of the Board, responded to the community's endorsement of Tressel.

"I think we are very pleased that the community is supportive of his candidacy, and Jim Tressel is also aware that we have a selection process for a president and that process has to go on, and it will

be followed very thoroughly. I would hope that Jim Tressel will apply for the presidency, but he has to apply for it," Garg said.

Harry Meshel, former Ohio State Senator and Board trustee, agreed that Tressel should apply and added insight about the communities resounding support.

"There is no question in my mind that Tressel should apply," Meshel said. "If you can manage an enormous football program and lead it to success, no matter where or whatever state you're in, that indicates that you can be a strong manager of an institution. Then if you can add to that scholastic capabilities and understanding of academics and the importance of it, then you have a combination that appeals to people."

After graduating from Baldwin Wallace University, Tressel worked across the state and coached at four different Ohio universities, spending 14 years at YSU before moving on to OSU. His long list of supporters say his experience across the state could bring previously untapped money and support to YSU.

Jon Heacock, former head coach and assistant coach under Tressel at YSU, vouched for Tressel's people skills and competence.

"I think he can run an organization of any kind because I think he has people skills," Heacock said. "I have a 17 year old son that is going to be a junior in high school. If my son could go play college football for coach Tressel, I would

send him there immediately. ... If he ever had the opportunity to work for Jim Tressel, I would send him there immediately."

Maurice Clarett, who played as a running back at OSU during Tressel's tenure as head coach, also vouched for Tressel's character.

"I am sure that he would make a fantastic president," Clarett said. "He can bring a lot of resources to the area and he's a phenomenal leader. ... More than anything, I want him to land on his feet and serve people. Whether he does that at Akron, cool. If he does that at YSU, cool."

The one reservation members of the community have voiced about Tressel is his lack of a master's degree or doctorate, a common credential for university presidents. Garg said, however, that this would not count against him.

Meshel added that this implicit requirement has become less important in academia over the years.

"When I went to Columbia University for my graduate degree, guess who the president was? The president of Columbia at that time was General Eisenhower. Eisenhower didn't have a college degree. He didn't have university degree. He had a military degree," Meshel said. "That tradition has changed a lot. PhDs are very important, I don't want to demean them in any way, but you can have PhDs and not be a good manager. When it comes to Jim Tressel, I would stake my reputation on him."

Students Seek Lounge in Beeghly Center



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Students study in the lobby of Youngstown State University's Beeghly Center. Several students in the university's department of Human Performance and Exercise Science want a student study lounge area in the center.

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Several students and faculty in the Youngstown State University Department of Human Performance and Exercise Science are dissatisfied with the lack of a student lounge area in Beeghly Center.

Beeghly Center currently houses the HPES department and is where the majority of its classes are taught.

Nicole Pavlichich, an exercise science major and chief of staff for the YSU Student Government Association, said she worries that the lack of a study area may adversely impact students.

"We have over 385 exercise science majors, over 70 physical education majors, on top of the multitude of other students that take classes in that building. ... To not have a permanent facility to study in, I think is just hindering the students' ability to succeed," Pavlichich said.

Frank Bosso, a professor in the exercise science department, shared Pav-

lichich's concerns about the lack of a student lounge.

"I think it's very important. Students need a place to relax here, just like any other building," Bosso said.

Without a lounge, students in Beeghly Center have either traveled to other buildings on campus to study or made do with the limited number of tables in the lobby area.

Though the desire for a student lounge is not new, the movement has recently gained momentum.

One factor fueling this movement is the number of HPES students currently serving on SGA. According to Pavlichich, four of them are working together to establish a lounge area.

"Through student government, we've been trying to contact the appropriate individuals to be able to install a permanent study lounge somewhere in the building," Pavlichich said.

The other factor that has contributed to the movement for a lounge is a fear of losing the tables currently available in the lobby of Beeghly Center. Many speculated that these tables would be removed during the construction set to occur this summer in Beeghly Center.

Much of this fear is seeded in a comment Ron Strollo, the Executive Athletic Director, made in an interview with *The Vindicator*.

The *Vindicator* quotes Strollo as having said, "Right now, when you walk in, it looks like the entrance of an academic building. We want this place to look like a basketball arena."

Many took Strollo to mean that he did not think of Beeghly Center as an academic building. Strollo said his comment has been misinterpreted.

"I know it's an academic building first. They get the first say in that building before we do and rightfully so," Strollo said. "My thing was, if you went to a Kent game or an Akron game or name that college, when you walk in you see pictures of athletes or decals of the mascot. I mean we don't have the penguin in the lobby. That's kind of weird to our fans and the community that come and visit. ... [The change] is not going to be overwhelming, but at least you're going to know when you walk in, 'hey I'm at a college basketball game.'"

John Hyden, executive director of university facilities, commented on

the renovations that will be made in Beeghly Center.

"There are going to be a couple of ticket areas that are going into the south lobby and it sounds like that seems to be the concern. However, there's plenty of space within that building to relocate those tables. ... So I'm not sure what the concern is with relocating a handful of tables," Hyden said.

The renovation project — set to take place this summer — is mainly an overhaul of the lobby and hallway area. It will include a new floor to replace the one currently crumbling, a vestibule area at each entrance, walk off carpet, and a few other various minor alterations.

As of right now there are no plans for a student lounge, but Pavlichich remains hopeful that could change.

"There's got to be, somewhere in the building, either an underused classroom or something that could be converted into a study lounge, that is actually a study lounge with four walls — not a lobby to a building that people are constantly walking through," Pavlichich said.

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This year, the university was a given a silver award. In 2012 and 2011, YSU was given bronze awards.

Creation vs. Evolution Lecture

A lecture "Evolution vs. Creationism" will be held on Thursday, April 3 at Youngstown State University in the Chestnut Room of Kilcawley Center. The lecture is free and open to the public.

Michael Ruse will be giving the lecture, and is a known expert on the tug of war between creation and science. Ruse has participated in different publications and has written books on this subject. He will be discussing how these two theories have been an ongoing battle for a number of years.

Free Veteran Income Tax Assistance

The Military Veteran Resource Center, a 501 nonprofit that provides personalized career services for veterans who served honorably, will provide free income tax filing assistance for military veterans through April 15.

The Vienna office is located at 290 Youngstown Kingsville Road and is open from 9 a.m. to 3:30 p.m., Monday through Friday. Walk-ins are accepted, though veterans can schedule an appointment by calling Greg Wedin at 330.272.0559 or Phyllis Collier at 330.752.7722. Veterans will need to bring a photo ID, their DD-214 or other evidence of military service and their income tax records in order to be able to file.

MVRC, in partnership with the Ohio Benefit Bank, offers free electronic filing for federal, state and school district taxes. The program can also help veterans apply for a variety of services such as student financial aid, veteran's education benefits, nutrition and childcare assistance and health coverage.



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On campus, our organization is going to try to expand on the growth of produce," Sam Anderson, president of the Grow Youngstown Student Organization, said.

Anderson explained that she wants to incorporate Farm To You — Grow Youngstown's CSA market — to everyone at the university.

"We're expanding our ... pre-existing operation of a CSA, and we're bringing it to the YSU community," she said. "We want to recruit subscribers to purchase a share of fresh local produce. ... We'll act as middle men and go to the farmers and purchase produce and drop them off in locations where our subscribers can pick them up."

The produce from this program is locally grown within a 40-mile radius. This produce

includes fruits and vegetables like strawberries, broccoli, kale, carrots and apples. Anderson added that about 80 percent of the produce is organic.

Students and faculty will be able to pick up these shares of produce April 8 and 22, and May 6 and 20 in front of Debartolo Hall from 5 p.m. to 6 p.m. The first 35 orders placed will receive a discount of \$5, making the cost of one share \$15, and customers are allowed a pay later option.

Anderson said her organization not only offers healthy food choices, but also educational opportunities.

"We offer scholarships and service projects within the community, and the organization is non-profit. We supplement the duality of the growth in Grow Youngstown by offer-

ing opportunities to the YSU community that improve educational and entrepreneurial skills in growing the personal self," she said.

Anderson said the program will give both students and faculty pride in their community.

"I feel like by giving them the opportunity to appreciate what their community directly gives them has a huge impact and gives a sense of pride in the community," Anderson said. "When you open your fridge and look at your produce, do you know where it comes from? When you pick up these shares and look at the fresh local produce that the people in your community have given to you, it's a really refreshing feeling."

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Eric Shehadi, a student trustee, said students will have a voice through himself and Wasser, and he is working on reaching out to students for their opinions on a new president.

"I am going to try to talk to as many students as possible. ... At earlier stages, my job will be to get out and listen to what the students want. I

have already started doing that. I sit somewhere for lunch with someone and say, 'What do you think about Tressel?'" he said.

Shehadi said that in the later stages, once finalists are chosen and come to campus, his job will then be to "motivate as many students as possible."

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States Explore Free Community College

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Several states are considering offering free tuition at community colleges, as the cost of a college education continues to climb and as high school diplomas no longer guarantee a living wage.

"Higher education for kids should not break families down" and result in a lifetime burden of debt, said Oregon state Sen. Mark Hass, a Democrat who sponsored legislation to study the viability of making tuition and fees at community colleges free to Oregon high school graduates.

In previous generations, Hass said, Oregonians could leave high school and easily find jobs in lumber mills, where they could earn a good living. But those days are gone, and jobs in auto garages, manufacturers and the service sector all require some technical training.

Hass said his bill also would help middle-class families whose children might attend community college for two years and then transfer to four-year colleges to save money.

Democratic Gov. John Kitzhaber signed the bill with some reservations. While he testified for the bill last month, he questioned whether the money would be better spent on the state's need-based scholarships for two- and four-year schools.

Tennessee Gov. Bill Haslam, a Republican, is also pitching a plan to make tuition free at community colleges and colleges of applied technology.

"This is a bold promise," Haslam said in his State of the State address in February. "It is a promise that will speak volumes to current and prospective employers. It is a promise that will make a real difference for generations of Tennesseans."

The proposal is part of the governor's "Drive to 55" initiative to increase the percentage of state residents with college degrees or advanced certificates from the current 32 percent to 55 percent by 2025. Haslam estimates the proposal would cost about \$34 million a year, paid for by creating a new endowment from the state lottery's reserve fund.

However, in 2007 a similar proposal by former Democratic Gov. Phil Bredesen failed in the Tennessee legislature. Moreover, the efforts in both Oregon and Tennessee come after a decade during which both states cut funding for higher education, contributing to tuition hikes.

A study last year by the Center on Budget and Policy Priorities found that states spent 28 percent less per student on higher education in fiscal year 2013 than they did in 2008, and that every state but North Dakota and Wyoming is investing less money in higher education now than before the recession. Oregon cut its higher education funding during that period by 43.6

percent, and tuition rose at both two-year and four-year public colleges in the state. Similarly, Tennessee reduced higher education spending by 30.1 percent, and tuition at its schools also went up.

In Mississippi, a bill for free tuition at community colleges died in committee last week because of funding concerns, but advocates hope the bill can be revived and passed next year.

Six of the state's 15 community colleges already offer some form of tuition guarantee, meaning that after students have applied for financial aid from federal, state and other sources, county or private funding covers the remainder of the tuition cost, according to Kell Smith, a spokesman for the Mississippi Community College Board.

In Massachusetts, Democratic Gov. Deval Patrick in 2007 also proposed making community college free, although the measure failed.

California suspended tuition at its public colleges in 1960 with its Master Plan for Higher Education. But under fiscal pressures, the community colleges have charged enrollment fees since 1984-85. Tuition and fees at California's public colleges still remain the lowest in the country.

And in New York City, the City University of New York offered free tuition from 1970 to 1976, when the policy ended under the strain of the city's fiscal crisis. Even so, between federal and state tuition assistance, nearly half of CUNY's undergraduate students pay no

tuition. Advocates applauded the sentiment behind the idea of making tuition free at community colleges.

"I think these proposals come from a good place," said Debbie Cochrane, research director at The Institute for College Access and Success, a nonprofit based in Oakland, Calif. "They come from concerns about making sure that college is affordable, and they come from a place that recognizes that postsecondary education is increasingly critical for today's workforce."

Still, Cochrane and others question whether free tuition is the most effective means to help the students who need it most, since students who don't need financial assistance would also benefit from no-tuition policies.

Cochrane is concerned that such proposals don't cover the other costs of going to college, such as textbooks, transportation and living expenses. Federal Pell grants already cover most, if not all, of the cost of tuition plus some living expenses for the neediest students.

In the current school year, Pell Grants, which students do not have to repay, provide up to \$5,645 per year, typically for undergraduate degrees in two- or four-year colleges. In-state tuition at two-year state colleges in 2013-14 averaged \$3,264, according to The College Board's annual Trends in College Pricing report. But tuition and fees make up only 20 percent of the cost of attending community college, on aver-

age, the report said.

Sara Goldrick-Rab, a professor at the University of Wisconsin-Madison who has studied the impact of the college-for-all movement, said free tuition could also have unintended consequences.

"I'm glad to see them moving in this direction, but I want to push them to think harder about how they're going to get students to complete and not just start (college)," Goldrick-Rab said.

While some postsecondary education might be better than none, Goldrick-Rab said that those who take on debt to attend college but never receive a degree are at high risk of defaulting on their debt.

Similarly, Paul Attewell, a professor at the City University of New York Graduate Center who studies the sociology of education, said state lawmakers should focus on where to spend state dollars to increase the number of students who actually graduate from college.

"It's not obvious that in all circumstances, using public dollars to reduce tuition to zero is the best use of (public) funds," Attewell said. "It may work out that if you reduce tuition, you're essentially saving the Pell system money."

Attewell said that in some cases, states might be better served by steering public dollars toward the cost of public transportation for students or increasing the number of counselors and advisers to help students make it through community college.



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Wilson Poffenberger: 'Sharing the Magic'

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By the age of 22, Wilson Poffenberger is on track to graduating with a master's degree at Youngstown State University, has recorded with several different ensembles during his time as an undergraduate, has been a finalist in regional orchestra concerto competitions and is now one of 25 semi-finalists in a nationwide saxophone competition.

Since the sixth grade, Poffenberger has displayed a natural ability for playing the saxophone. Even in his days as an elementary school student, young Poffenberger made an immediate connection toward his lifelong musical companion.

"I remember the day the middle school band director came to my elementary school to showcase the instruments we could play," he said. "That day, the saxophone caught my eye, and that was the instrument I chose."

Although Poffenberger didn't have the greatest middle school band experience in terms of learning all of the fundamentals, his parents continued to support and push him even when he lost all interest by the eighth grade. In high school marching band, the first rehearsal left him a bit weary, but it was certain in his mind that he did not want to put down his saxophone.

Poffenberger's positive experiences reassured his decision to continue on.

"My first private teacher during my ninth grade year was the person that instilled the fire to become a great saxophonist. I can remember the first time I heard him play. I couldn't believe the sound that he was able to produce!" he said. "From there, I had to pick up a lot of missing pieces to my playing,

and admiration for Wilson has made it to where I am today."

In the spring of 2013, Poffenberger received his undergraduate degree in music education from the Indiana University of Pennsylvania. He also auditioned at several schools to pursue a Master of Music in saxophone performance.

Following the audition process, he was then accepted to Youngstown State University's Dana School of Music and began attending in the 2013 fall semester. Upon acceptance at YSU he was also awarded a graduate assistantship in the jazz department and is projected to graduate in the 2015 spring semester.

Working with nationally recognized teachers such as James Umble, saxophone professor, and Stephen Gage, YSU's director of bands, has had a tremendous impact on his life.

"Wilson is a great young player — a first-year master's student who is such a hard worker. He has a beautiful sound, a tremendous work ethic and is a very strong player who adds so much to our school and ensembles that he participates in," Umble said.

Poffenberger has recorded several times with different ensembles at his undergraduate school, which has resulted in him being featured as a soloist on recordings in both a wind ensemble and a jazz ensemble.

He has also been a finalist in a few regional orchestra concerto competitions, as well as a few competitions at his undergraduate institution, and was recently selected to be one of 25 semi-finalists from the 120 students nationwide who submitted recordings of their playing for the North American Saxophone Alliance Biennial Conference at The University of Illinois.

"Through the course of this academic year, my respect

and admiration for Wilson has grown. He is an outstanding performer, a confident and respected leader and a very professional and thoughtful young man," Gage said. "As I have the privilege of hearing him play four days per week in our top concert group, I am not surprised at his being able to advance to the semi-final round of this prestigious saxophone competition."

The three-round competition, hosted by the North American Saxophone Alliance, takes place every two years and is open to saxophonists between the ages of 18 and 26. This year's competition will take place on March 21.

"The thought of going to Illinois in March is still surreal," Poffenberger said. "I never imagined that I would be going to play at a national convention, competing in a national competition. I was mainly using it as a vehicle for goals, giving me something to work toward."

Poffenberger's submitted recording serves as only the first round of the competition. The live semi-final round consists of two more required pieces and 10 more minutes of music.

In addition to being prepared for the semifinal round, Poffenberger must be prepared for the final round, which takes place the next day at the convention. Only six players are chosen for the final round, which requires two more pieces and 20 more minutes of music.

"The entire Dana School of Music and university should be proud of Wilson's achievement in progressing to the live semifinal round!" Umble said. "I know I am. We are all rooting for him, and he is playing beautifully."

Preparing for all the music for the competition has pushed Poffenberger to a new level in his playing and has taught him



Wilson Poffenberger, a 22-year-old first-year graduate student at YSU, will be competing as a semi-finalist in the North American Saxophone Alliance Biennial Conference.

to manage his time with such a big workload.

"I owe a good bit of my efforts to Dr. Umble. He's showed so many new techniques on how to practice efficiently and get the most out of preparations," Poffenberger said. "I'm thankful for the many people in my life that have pushed me to work hard: my family's constant support, all my private teachers who have pushed me to new heights and my girlfriend — I can't thank her enough for her

support and teachings."

After graduating, Poffenberger plans to take a year off from school, practice a lot and build a private studio. He said he hopes to eventually study in France or pursue a doctorate in performance and place an emphasis on becoming a great teacher of saxophone.

"I want to share the magic that has been captivating me for the past 10 years," Poffenberger said. "Saxophone is my life."



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Despite the cold temperatures, bagpipes, violins and Irish music filled Federal Plaza Saturday through Monday to celebrate Warehouse 50's St. Patrick's Day Party on the Plaza.

The St. Patrick's Day Party on the Plaza took featured various drink specials, live music and Irish food on Monday for the holiday. One of the featured bands at Warehouse 50 was cover band Abacus Jones.

Scott Austalosh, coordinator of the St. Patrick's Day Party on the Plaza, is also the band's manager and booking agent. Austalosh, who moonlights as a keyboardist for the band, said he decided to book Abacus Jones because of their fan base in the area and also the variety of music they play.

"[Abacus] appeals to all music genres and ages. They have over 400 songs in their repertoire that include covers and originals," he said. "We wanted to have them back after the good reviews they got when they played at Warehouse for the TKE fraternity benefit in February."

Austalosh said that another reason he booked Abacus was because of the unique rocker spin the band puts on the songs they cover, often giving songs of different genres an edgier twist.

"They are very talented and have a likeable sound," he said. "We definitely will use them for Party on the Plaza in the summer."

At the Saturday show, Abacus played covers that ranged from Billy Joel to a few Irish songs to celebrate St. Patrick's Day.

While Abacus played their set, a bag piper interrupted them mid performance to make an advertisement about Monday's St. Patrick's Day Celebration and how the bar would continue the Saturday night party up until St. Patrick's Day. The piper also announced what specials and events would go on throughout the weekend.

Heather McSuley, senior exercise science major, said she really enjoyed her time at the event and liked the specials the bar had to offer throughout the nights.

"The atmosphere was really great and it was fun to see so many people out in the community drinking together," McSuley said. "St. Patrick's Day to me is being in the company of good people and good spirits and that's what I go out of the Party on the Plaza weekend."

Joe Materkowski of Abacus Jones said the band always enjoys playing in Youngstown.

"After doing a St. Jude's benefit with students from YSU about a month ago ... we enjoyed ourselves so much and had to come back to Youngstown to play with our pals Ryan Ross and The Youngstown Syndicate at Warehouse 50 for Saturday's St. Patrick's Day weekend's festivities," Materkowski said. "This area is so great music-wise, and it's an honor to play anywhere."

Austalosh said he was very excited about Monday's St. Patrick's Day festivities.

"We are going to start up with Kegs and Eggs bright and early on Monday," he said. "The fiddle players, Irish bands and bag pipe musicians will be throughout the day. I'm setting the bar for local entertainment and with this I want to give people an updated version of other St. Patrick's Day parties."

Austalosh said he hopes YSU students who attend the event will have as much fun as he does planning it.

"I love YSU and I want to cater in any way I can to Youngstown State," he said. "I know for a fact a lot of students go to Warehouse 50 and I want to bring them in more often."



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EDITORIAL

Who's Really Choosing the Next YSU President?

On Wednesday, the Board of Trustees announced that the presidential search committee will consist of the 11 trustees, with chairman Sudershan Garg spearheading the search, and no one else.

The search committee that selected former YSU President Cynthia Anderson had over 20 members. The search committee last year, where Randy Dunn was chosen as Anderson's replacement, consisted of 17 members: all of the Board members — including both student trustees — two former trustees, a Youngstown State University professor, a retired associate provost, a YSU alum and a former YSU Center for Human Services Development coordinator.

Last year, the committee had a community voice and a faculty voice. The student trustees, along with on-campus forums for students and faculty, will have a say in the decision of who YSU's next president will be this year, as they did last year.

The Board plans on holding these forums again, and those are going to be the only

chance the YSU community will have to impact the next decision. But it's hard to say whether these forums had an impact on the committee's decision last summer and if they will have an impact at all this year.

With no representatives from outside the Board to offer opinions, we have only the word of the Board that they have everyone's best interest in mind when making a decision.

The justification for the small committee was to expedite the search and help save the university money. Yes, those are good things to take into account when YSU has to choose a president extremely quickly and when attempts to reduce spending are being made across the board.

But are sacrificing the official voices of two-thirds of the university community an expense worth getting rid of? Everyone at YSU deserves to be heard.

We want an absolute guarantee that the students and faculty will be heard in the process of choosing YSU's ninth president.

LETTERS—TO THE—EDITOR

I have a few remarks concerning the article published on Feb. 25, 2014 "Board of Trustees Announces New Tuition Increase." First, I would like to mention that this article was very well-written, and I enjoyed the positive side that it attempted to present. While many students may view the tuition increase as a bad thing, I believe it will be helpful to the university's growth and improvement. I agree with the idea of raising tuition, because as expenses rise for the rest of the country, it only makes sense to also raise the tuition.

There are many costs associated with keeping a university running: payroll for employees, keeping equipment updated in the recreation center, supplying the latest technology to students, maintenance of grounds, keeping up with accreditation standards, etc. All of these things add up to a high monetary cost, and sometimes students don't remember that their tuition is helping to pay for these things.

The University of Akron has raised their tuition every year for the past three years. Many state universities have been forced to raise tuition rates because the funding they receive just hasn't been enough to cover the costs of important programs.

If higher tuition means better education, I certainly don't mind paying an extra \$188 per year. I would pay even more than this slight increase if things such as scantron test sheets and blue books would be provided in classrooms. If tuition stayed at the current rate, things we take for granted such as free printing services, access to the rec, free tickets to sporting events, and the YSU Lecture series would face the possibility of being cut out of the budget. Students would certainly complain if we were required to pay for all of these things out of pocket. YSU provides it's students with many services that cost the university a pretty penny.

While it may seem like a hardship on students to pay more for tuition, looking at the bigger picture, as the Board of Trustees has done, allows us to see the benefits of the increase.

Emily Diorio
Boardman

I hope with another round of increases in tuition and fees that the student body will finally wake up. These increases are in part due to further cuts by the state in funding to our state public school systems. These cuts made to help balance the state's budget have only resulted in increased cost at the local level in levies and these tuition increases.

The student body has to take some form of action. Find a voice and let the state know how these increases have impacted you or those who provide for your education. The Board of Trustees apparently isn't going to do anything other than pass the cuts on to you. Speak up; say something — this is your future. Start with something as simple as write the governor and let him know how these constant increases are hurting you financially.

Joe O'Neill
New Middletown



Israelis and Palestinians Have a New Roadmap

Pittsburgh Post-Gazette (MCT)

The long effort to negotiate a peace agreement based on Israeli and Palestinian states in the Middle East, relaunched by Secretary of State John F. Kerry at the beginning of President Barack Obama's second term, may be reaching a crucial juncture.

Kerry has put in front of both sides what is called a framework for agreement. It includes an agenda of the important points to be resolved, suggested approaches to these issues to facilitate negotiations and a timetable for their resolution. To promote acceptance of the framework, and the forward progress that acceptance by both sides would constitute, Obama met with Israeli Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu in the White House last week

and will meet with Palestinian Authority President Mahmoud Abbas in Washington next week.

The public statements of both Netanyahu and Abbas on the subject of an agreement are critical. They are taking positions that will enable them in the future — if an agreement is reached — to defend themselves against inevitable attacks from opponents of an accord among their constituencies. In that sense, assuming that both are responsible leaders, their current, sometimes shrill, insistence on specific provisions is a positive sign. Both will be able to say later that they did their best before making a deal. Both will also be able to say that they were obliged to listen and respond to Kerry's dedicated, energetic efforts to resolve their problems.

One loose end, as progress is made on the agreement, is

Gaza. Kerry has not grasped that nettle from the beginning. The first problem is that Abbas' party, Fatah, which rules in the West Bank, and Hamas, which is more or less in charge in Gaza, do not play well together, thus dividing the Palestinian side in the talks. Egypt has been squeezing Gaza economically, increasing Gazans' fury at their situation. Hamas is now permitting extremists in Islamic Jihad in Gaza to launch rockets into Israel. Israel has responded predictably with air strikes in Gaza. Renewed violence in the conflict area is not a healthy backdrop to the overall negotiations.

The Israeli-Palestinian talks are still the most important item on America's diplomatic agenda. Obama and Kerry must continue to keep their shoulders to the wheel to bring them to a successful close, in spite of distractions such as Ukraine.

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Reaching Olympic Status with Grace

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According to Bobby Grace's teammates, he may be one of most soft-spoken people you'll ever meet, so you might never expect that he's ranked top 20 in the world for shot put. This senior in business management has been unassumingly rewriting Youngstown State University's record books since 2010.

Grace was raised outside of Cleveland in Middleburg Heights and attended Midpark High School. He said he has always loved sports even though throwing for a track and field team his was not original love.

"I pretty much played sports my whole life — started out with hockey, moved into football, then track got more serious into high school. I'd say junior year I really got serious," Grace said.

Grace went on at Midpark High School to become a team captain and the holder of Midpark's shot put record. He was named all conference twice, as well as district champion and would carry his impressive resume with him to YSU.

Since starting his career as a Penguin, Grace has broken the indoor and outdoor shot put record, placed first for numerous events at the Horizon League Championships and is now closing in on his Olympic dreams.

"Two years ago, I didn't make the Olympic trials — I was off by two spots. So, each year is the USA Championship, which is basically the Olympic trials, it's just not an Olympic year," Grace said. "This year I'll be going to the USA Championship in Sacramento and any time you can do a meet with all pros. It's a good builder, and you get to see what the next chapter is like."

With all of the accomplishments and aspirations that Grace has, his teammates say that he remains the same down-to-Earth guy they know off the field.



Senior Bobby Grace attempts a throw during an event earlier this season. Grace finished third in the NCAA Division I Championship in shot put on Saturday, ending his indoor season with a throw of 19.90 meters.

"You'd never think he is as good as he actually is. He's probably one of the most humble people I know. I mean honestly, with the level he's at, you'd never know," Jessica Parham, Grace's teammate and a competitor in women's javelin said.

John Seaver, a fellow thrower and friend, backed up Parham's thoughts.

"He's got all the traits of someone who's great at the sport," Seaver said. "He really applies himself and strives to be good, but he doesn't change who he is; he's still that really cool dude."

One of the traits the Grace uses to his advantage is his fo-

cus. Whether he is preparing for an upcoming meet or stepping up to launch a 16-pound shot 60 feet at the USA Championship, his concentration remains unbroken. Grace credits one man with helping him keep such a calm state of mind — James Smith.

"I got in contact with him through my coaches, Willy Danzer and Brian Skelnar. They linked me up with James, and he does a lot of mental preparation type stuff. We talked about eliminating outside factors and not worrying about things you can't control. Make sure a random practice in the summer feels the same as your last meet."

All Grace's preparation and focus has allowed him to be a model athlete, and now, his chance to be an Olympian sits within reach. Since he picked up the sport back in his days as a Midpark Meteor, he has steamrolled his competition. Even though it can be attributed to his hard work, Grace recognizes the people who've supported him most.

"Both of my parents have always been huge motivators. I specifically remember my freshman year of high school states was out of reach but my dad was like, don't worry lets go watch so we can see where you'll be in a few years. He was never one of those dads

that was to overbearing or anything."

Grace also gave more thanks to another close source of motivation.

"And I don't want to leave out my coach, Brent Shelby," he said.

Most recently, Grace was the lone Penguin to compete in the NCAA Division I Championship on Saturday. He finished third behind Ryan Crouser of Texas, the nation's leader, in the shot put and Stephen Mozia of Cornell. Heading into the NCAA Championship, Grace ranked 11th in the nation.

'Fore'shadowing the Future YSU men's golf in full swing



Senior Mark Olbrych watches his shot down the fairway during an event earlier this season. The men's team continues its spring season at the Jackrabbit Invitational, which began on Monday and concludes on Tuesday.

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Even though golf is more of an individual sport, the Youngstown State University men's golf team has set the bar high for the whole group.

With the team being able to develop more of its young talent during the offseason, the Penguins feel they have enough complexity and experience to be a top team in the Horizon League.

"Coming into the spring, we have to be a top two or three team in the conference," head coach Tony Joy said.

The Penguins finished sixth in the Horizon

League last season. The team feels that the younger talent mixed with the depth of the roster this season can push them to the next level.

"We learned a lot last year being a young team, but now we know what to do to win," Mark Olbrych, senior golfer and business major, said. "We all showed signs we could play last semester."

With YSU having three of the top seven players in the conference — sophomore Brandon Pluchinsky (fourth), sophomore Bill Gaffney (sixth) and junior Bryan Yeo (seventh) — it is easy to talk about the talent of the team.

Gaffney finished 11th in the conference during the first half of the year. He says he also sees the potential in the team.

"We have the most depth of all the teams in the Horizon League, and if we all start playing like we should, there aren't very many teams that can beat us," Gaffney said. "I feel like we can really do some damage in the Horizon League this year."

Joy has taken notice to all the extra time and effort this team has put in to become one of the best teams in the conference.

"It seems to me they have put in a lot more effort to come in, hit balls and practice on their own," he said.

The team has been able to hone their skill a bit more during the offseason. The Penguins were able to take advantage of the Watson and Tressel Training Site, which was more available to them during the offseason and during the winter months.

Senior Trevor Jones has high expectations for his team. He stated that there is no reason the team can't win a Horizon League Championship.

"Honestly, I think we have the best team since I have been here," Jones said. "We will be very competitive all spring."

Jones added that he couldn't guarantee the championship, but that is the goal. Not only does he have high hopes for the team, but he said he also feels he can be an Academic All-American. Jones was on the Horizon League Honor Roll last year.

"I just want to go out and give everything I got, and try and just play as well as I can," Jones said.

Joy said he would be disappointed if his team didn't play well.

"Expectations are to win the conference championship," Joy said.

With Olbrych and Jones wrapping up their careers at YSU, they look to have the perfect ending: a Horizon League Championship.

"Winning Conference and going to Regional would cap off my career here very well," Olbrych said.

The Penguins opened play in Augusta, Ga. at the Forest Hills Invitational against a variety of schools. YSU finished sixth out of the seven teams in the competition.

Yeo led the way for the Penguins in a tie for tenth place. Yeo began with an 82 in the first round. He then improved by 13 strokes in the second round, finishing with a total of 151.

The Penguins will look to move forward this season as they compete in Utah at the Jackrabbit Invitational on Tuesday.