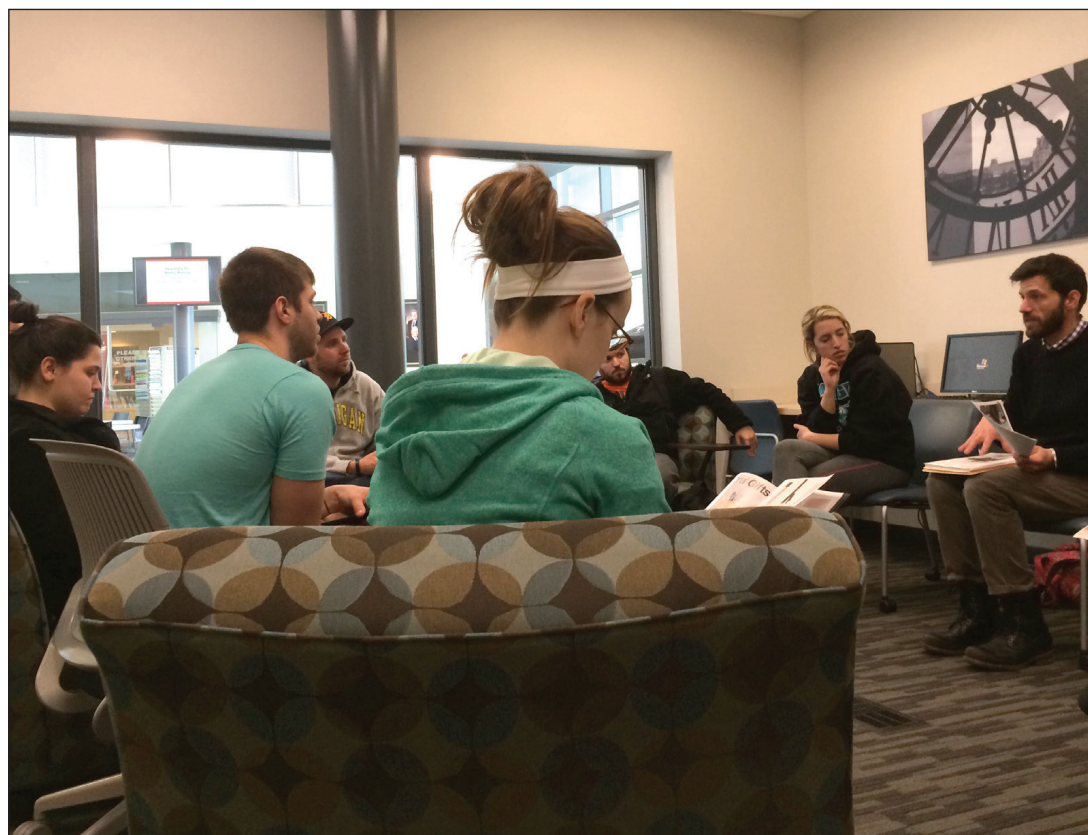




ADS CLUB IN NATIONAL COMPETITION



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Youngstown State University's Advertising Club will travel to Louisville, Kentucky to compete in the 41st annual National Student Advertising Competition on Saturday.

In an attempt to encourage healthy, interdisciplinary collaboration, both graphic design students and advertising majors will represent YSU in this year's competition.

"You can't separate the two — advertising and the design side of things. It's alleviated some of the pressure on the advertisers because they don't have to worry too much about the design, and it has been a great ad competition team," said Michael Pontikos, a marketing and advertising professor and co-adviser to ADS Club.

Richard Helfrich, an assistant professor of graphic design and co-adviser to ADS Club, also positively commented on the interdisciplinary project, pointing to the success the team experienced last year.

"This is the second year the two academic areas have worked on the project, and last year, we were acknowledged for having the best book design and visuals," Helfrich said.

ADS Club has developed a 26-page plan book that contains a hypothetical advertising campaign to endorse the competition's sponsor — Mary Kay. On Saturday, the team will present its book in front of a panel of judges.

Cori Pavlico, senior advertising and public relations major and president of ADS Club, expressed confidence in her team's ability to pitch this advertising campaign to the judges.

"I'm very confident. We have a great presentation team," Pavlico said. "I feel like we all really know the pitch and the campaign well. And, we are

confident that our strategies and materials are the best. ... We're really proud to be representing YSU."

Though Pontikos said he is "fired up" for Saturday's competition, he said that winning is not the most important part of the event.

"Whatever happens happens, but I know that the kids have a great plan book when they go on in their careers that will help them," Pontikos said. "This process, whether we place first or last, the kids are getting something out of it. ... Yeah, you want to win all the time, but ... it's also a learning experience."

Helfrich indicated that the ad competition provides participating students with hands on work experience, allowing them to work in an environment that is similar to that of an authentic advertising agency.

"The [ad competition] is both a curricular and real-world experience that provides students in both academic programs the opportunity to develop a deeper understanding of their role in a creative team, insight into each others discipline and abilities to develop leadership/time management skills prior to graduation that prepares them for the professional world," Helfrich said.

ADS Club members agreed with Pontikos.

"We even said out loud, 'Wow. This is what it's going to be like in the future, working on [advertising] campaigns,'" Pavlico said.

Christy Hartman, a graphic design major who helped design advertisements and contributed to the plan book's layout, added that the graphic design and business students have learned from one another.

"We worked really well together," Hartman said. "We taught them a little bit about design and they taught us a little bit about the advertising part, so I think we worked well together."



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Top: Youngstown State University's Advertising Club discusses plans for their advertising campaign for Mary Kay. Bottom: Christy Hartman works on the layout of the team's plan book.

Dean of STEM Finalist for NIU Provost

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Martin Abraham, dean of the Youngstown State University College of Science, Technology, Engineering and Mathematics, has been named a finalist for Northern Illinois University's executive vice president and provost position.

Abraham will travel to Illinois this week for additional interviews with NIU's search committee on April 2 and 3.

"They selected four candidates to interview on campus for the position. This is a regular part of the process that a university goes through when hiring a candidate," he said.

Though Abraham submitted his application for the provost position several months ago and participated in an interview with NIU's search committee, he stressed that neither party has made a final decision.

"I have not been offered any job at this point. I am just interviewing for a job. So there is no guarantee that this is going to work out either for them or for me," Abraham said. "They have to decide who is the best fit for them, and I have to decide if this is a good opportunity for me. So you can think of it kind of like dating."

Even if offered the position, Abraham said he has to consider several factors — as he plans to apply for YSU's presidency.

"I need to weigh the possibilities of making this move versus the benefits or the potential to stay at YSU and continue to do what, I consider to be, good things on behalf of Youngstown State. I need to consider what could be other possibilities for me at Youngstown State. I plan to apply for the president's job," he said.

Abraham said that his time serving as dean has granted him expertise that qualifies him for both a provost and president position.

"As a provost, I would have similar responsibilities on a broader scale of things. I would have responsibilities across the entire university from program development to curriculum matters," Abraham said. "From the president's perspective, it is more of the nature of the public interaction that becomes the experience that I have to be successful on a presidential level. I spend a lot of time interacting with business leaders, community folks throughout the university."

In the event that Abraham is offered NIU's provost position and accepts, he will be the fourth administrator to depart from the university this year.

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YSU Brings Creationism and Evolution Debate to Youngstown

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Amidst the contentious creationism versus evolution debate discovering a second wind in America mass media, Youngstown State University has brought Michael Ruse, an expert in the philosophy of biology, to present the "Evolution vs. Creationism" lecture.

Ruse, who received his Ph.D. from the University of Bristol in England, began the peer-reviewed academic journal *Biology and Philosophy* and has received honorary degrees from three universities in Canada and Norway.

Bruce Waller, chair of the philosophy and religious studies department, said the university invited Ruse — in part due to his impressive credentials — and allowed him to pick the topic of discussion.

"We really invited him, and he selected a topic that he thought would be appropriate

for the audience," Waller said. "He has been editor of one of the major journals on the philosophy of biology; he has written a number of books on evolution and philosophy of biology; he holds a chair at Florida State [University]."

Ruse, in the past, has attempted to look at the root causes of the debate over creationism and evolution as much as the debate itself.

"In my book, I trace the present conflict between evolutionists and creationists back to the Enlightenment. I argue that at the beginning of the 18th century, there was something of a crisis of faith — could it be that God does not exist?" Ruse said in an email interview with *American Scientist*, the bi-monthly science and technology magazine. "Both sides were obsessed about the future — the faith types about what God expects of us and what he promises (heaven or hell), the reason types with how much better we humans can make society and knowledge and so forth."

Waller said the lecture is part

of the enduring Dr. Thomas and Albert Shipka Speakers Series, a philosophy department fund that is expanded to bring experts to the university.

"The Shipka's speakers fund is funded through contributions through the philosophy circle," Waller said "There is a committee in the department that selects speakers."

Tom Shipka, the former chair of the philosophy and religious studies department and current member of the committee that chooses speakers, said the series was created in his and his father's name.

"I worked on the faculty at YSU from 1969 to 2006 full-time, and the last twenty years I was chair of philosophy and religious studies. The Shipka Speaker Series was created in honor of my father, who was a member of the YSU Board of Trustees in the '70s, and myself," Shipka said.

The lecture will take place at 12:30 p.m. on Thursday in Kilcawley Center's Chestnut Room. It will be free and open to the public.

LEARN TO SWIM WITH THE PENGUINS



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Members of the YSU swimming and diving team help children learn aquatic safety and swimming techniques as a fundraiser to offset traveling and equipment expenses.

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The Youngstown State University swimming and diving team filled Beeghly Center's natatorium on Sunday — but a swim meet was not on the schedule. Instead of swimming against elite Division I athletes, the team was joined by children eager to learn the basics of aquatics.

Assistant swimming coach Katie Steff said she feels that having this program gives the team the chance to pass on their experience to the next generation.

"I think the program we put on is a great way for young kids to learn from really experienced swimmers," Steff said. "They get a chance to come out and try out the YSU facilities and become comfortable in the water at an early age, which is really important."

Sunday's class was the second of five bi-weekly lessons that serve as a fundraiser to help offset the traveling and equipment costs the team faces throughout the season. The lessons are set up for children at different learning levels between the ages of 3 and 10.

YSU junior Chelsea Malone started swimming competitively at eight-years-old and said she feels it is important to start swimming at an early age.

"It's important because it's a skill that you'll have for the rest of your life," Malone said. "When you have kids and they want to go to the pool, you won't be afraid to get in the water with them."

Although the children have fun in the pool, the lessons aren't just set up for recreation. According to the Consumer Product Safety Commission, an annual average of 390 children under the age of 14 die in swimming pools. It is because of this solemn fact that the team teaches and stresses the importance of safety in addition to having fun.

"Drowning is such a high cause of death among small children, and it gives our girls a chance to pass on swimming and instill a love for swimming onto young children," Steff said. "So it's preventative, and it's safety. It's a life skill that everyone needs to learn."

Roger Di Frangia works in delivery services at YSU and felt the lessons would help his daughter Grace get over her anxiety of the water as well as give him the opportunity to support YSU athletics.

"I think it's great," Roger Di Frangia explained. "I signed Grace up because she needs to learn how to swim, and I think it's great that she's going to get lessons in a small group with experienced swimmers."

The children are broken up into different groups based on their ability. Their progression is something that Malone really enjoys seeing as the lessons pass.

"There's some of them where we are just getting them used to the water and others — we're giving them more techniques and actually teaching them how to swim," Malone said. "I like seeing them start to enjoy the water because, initially, they don't like it, so as you progress, you get to see the joy on their faces as they get more into it and stuff, so that's the part I like the most."

The lessons are given in the fall and spring every year. This is Steff's second time running the fundraiser.

"The kids really like it [and] the parents, I think, wish it would happen more often," she said. "They [the swim team] like interacting with the little kids. At this stage, it's really just fun and playing in the water and making them comfortable so it's fun all around."

Roger Di Frangia has noticed a drastic improvement in his daughter Grace's confidence while in the water, even after just one lesson.

"Before her first lesson, she was nervous about coming," Roger Di Frangia said. "She really enjoyed her experience the first time, which made her want to come back the second time, and I've noticed her wanting to jump in the water with the instructor and the other students and before coming here she didn't want to do that."

"I learned to doggie paddle and played basketball in the water," Grace Di Frangia said. "I like swimming."

The QUEST for Success



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A student presents his research project at last year's QUEST. The 25th annual student research competition will be held this Thursday.

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QUEST: "A Forum for Student Scholarship" will hold its 25th annual student research competition on Tuesday.

Students will present their research projects in 10-15 minutes in Kilcawley Center from 8 to 5 p.m., and the projects that score the best on Tuesday from each college will compete for graduate and undergraduate awards on Thursday — at the Best of QUEST event — from 6 to 9 p.m. in the Williamson Hall auditorium.

Jeffrey Coldren, director of undergraduate research, indicated that 389 students have registered to participate in this year's forum.

"I'm very proud of having that many students participate. In the university, we don't just pass knowledge along; we have to create it. Students learn by doing," Coldren said. "The reason why I like doing this is because I get to see what's happening all over campus. We have projects from every college on campus. I give the students the stage and they're not limited to what they can do."

He explained that this year's event will be different from prior QUEST forums.

"Before, we would look at the scores of the students, and we would take the highest score for the best undergraduate, and then we would look at the other scores at the top of each college," he said. "Here,

we're going to do a second presentation. The top students in each college will do a presentation and then they'll be judged. They'll be competing directly with each other for the overall undergraduate and graduate student award. It's going to be a really cool event like a conference but with more of an American Idol theme."

Emily Clark, Allison Armeni and Sabring Long, all senior nursing students, have spent one year researching and giving presentations on health education topics including HIV and AIDS, prenatal care and contraception to women in Mahoning, Trumbull and Columbiana counties.

Clark said that she is proud of the awareness they have

brought to the women in the Youngstown and surrounding areas.

"This year is our first time participating in the QUEST program, so although we are a little nervous, we are very excited to display all the hard work that we have accomplished throughout the year. We are proud and extremely humbled to have impacted so many women's lives through our research and various presentations," Clark said. "Without the help from Dr. Amy Weaver of the nursing department and grant money from the Dean of [Bitone College of] Health and Human Services, Dr. [Joseph] Mosca, none of this would have shaped out to be as big as it did."

Clark, Armeni and Long distributed pamphlets at their presentations, and plan to donate them back to the nursing department after QUEST. Clark said that the women have been impacted by the group's research.

"We believe that we truly have made an impact on women's lives in our community through this project," Clark said. "After our presentation at QUEST, we plan to donate the diagrams and models back to YSU's nursing department to continue to aid in the education of nursing students like ourselves," Clark said.

Christina Yovick, anthropology and sociology major, is going to be presenting an analysis of how people make judgments of a person's sexual orientation based on physical appearance. She used a sam-

ple of 173 men and women on campus to conduct her research and surveys.

Yovick said she feels inspired to give her presentation and wants to inspire other students to dive into research.

"I feel so fortunate that I am able to present at QUEST this year. I am feeling very inspired this semester to take advantage of every opportunity I can before my undergraduate time here at Youngstown State University is over as I am graduating in May," Yovick said. "I am very happy that my project was accepted and I am ready to make my department proud. As a double major in anthropology and sociology, I have quite a few professors to impress and it is my goal to show them all how hard I have worked on my project. I can only hope that I make my professors proud and perhaps inspire other students to become more interested in research."

Audience members will be able to vote on which presentations rank the best on Thursday using clickers donated by Turning Technologies.

Coldren said that he is excited for this year's forum and it is an important opportunity for all students.

"I want to really show off what our students can do. Typically, people usually don't talk about YSU in terms of research and other factors. I think this is a good opportunity for the community to see what we do and how good our students are," Coldren said.

DISCOVERING THE UNDISCOVERED

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The McDonough Museum of Art is housing Undiscovered: The 78th Annual Juried Student Art and Design Exhibition that will last until April 11. The exhibition takes place 11-4 p.m. Tuesdays through Saturdays. The annual show, hosted by the Student Art Association, brings in a new juror every year.

Jurying the exhibition this year is Dan Byers, the Richard Armstrong Curator of Modern and Contemporary Art at the Carnegie Museum of Art in Pittsburgh and co-curator of the 2013 Carnegie International.

Claudia Berlinski, a new assistant professor of the Youngstown State University

Department of Art and adviser of the Student Art Association, expressed her excitement in leading this year's exhibition.

"It's always an interesting and exciting experience to see who was selected for inclusion in an art exhibition — particularly when it is juried," Berlinski said. "There may have been a hundred or more entries and the juror's job is to select what he/she considers to be the best and brightest work."

Dana Mooney, the president of the Student Art Association and an employee of the McDonough Museum, said this year they were carrying on last year's tradition of not telling those who actually got into the exhibition until opening night — as a surprise.

"We were actually really nervous about how it would work out [last year], but it turned out really well. It's a good way to get everybody there," Mooney said. "And even if your work doesn't get in, it's amazing if your friends get in."

The artwork in the exhibition is broken down into categories so everyone is fairly displayed.

Heather Seno, the vice president of the Student Art Association and also an employee of the McDonough Museum, with the help of group officers, other members and McDonough Staff, organized the entire show. The show posters and awards were designed by a group of students in an advanced typography class.

"This year, we had 170 works entered representing Youngstown State's current fine art & graphic design students," Seno said.

Of those submitted, Byers chose 73 works from 42 artists and gave 19 awards.

"It really shows all of our programs and how stunning our programs are," Mooney said. "Sometimes there are a lot of design competitions that people submit their art to, but fine arts — it's hard to find places to display our work because our art community is smaller."

Mooney said McDonough hosts a number of shows, international and regional, which makes it a great opportunity to be able to display their work in a museum environment — it's very "real world."



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Students showcase artwork at the 78th Annual Juried Student Art and Design Exhibition at the McDonough Museum of Art.

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NEWS BRIEFS

YSU Hosts College English Association of Ohio Conference

On Saturday, Youngstown State University will host the College English Association of Ohio's 2014 conference. Sessions will take place at the Butler Institute of American Art, the McDonough Museum of Art and the Williamson College of Administration.

Steven Reese, a YSU English professor, will be the keynote speaker. The conference's theme is "English and the Arts," and it will be open to the public. Those who would like to attend the event have an option of paying \$40 for the full day or \$20 to only attend the luncheon and keynote address.

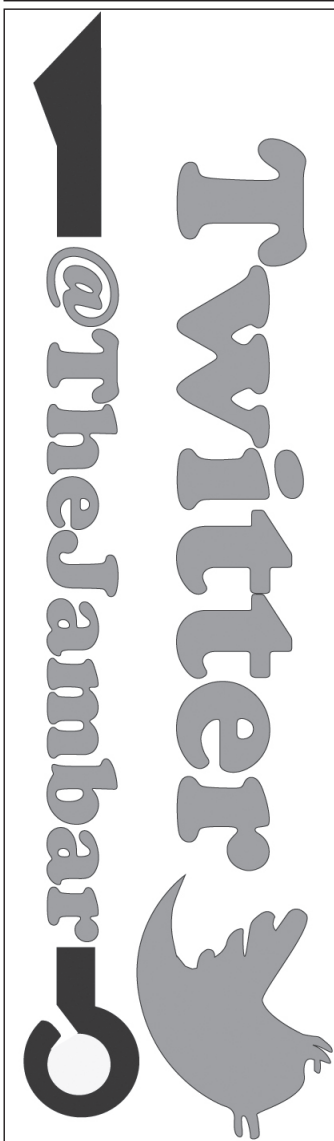
For more information, contact English professors and conference co-chairs Steven Brown, srbrown02@ysu.edu, or Karen Schubert — also a CEO Executive Committee member — kmschubert@ysu.edu. Registration for the conference can be found at the CEO website www.english-ceao.org.

YSU Trombone Day

Trombone Day, sponsored by Youngstown State University's Dana School of Music, is from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. on Saturday in Bliss Hall.

The event is designed for both high school and college students and includes recitals and master classes, featuring Dana students and ensembles and guest clinician Shachar Israel — who is assistant principal trombone of the Cleveland Orchestra. Trombone Day is free and open to the public. Musicians should bring their instruments.

Email Michael Crist at mrcrist@ysu.edu if planning to attend. Call 330-941-3636 for more information.



Mathematics Students Presenting at MAA Conference

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A group of Youngstown State University students and faculty will take part in the Mathematical Association of America Meeting being held at the University of Toledo on Friday and Saturday.

The sectional meeting is for MAA and the Society of Industrial and Applied Mathematics. It will also feature a competition on Friday, in which YSU students will compete against one another. With 12 YSU students attending, they will make up three to four teams at this year's conference.

Ashley Orr, a sophomore double majoring in economics and mathematics at YSU, will be competing this year for the second time.

"I attended the meeting last year, and it was really educational and inspiring," Orr said.

If YSU makes it to the top three teams during the Leo Schindler Student Team Competition, they will partake in the awards ceremony at the conference.

Several challenge problems from various mathematics and undergraduate curriculums will make up the competition. Topics include linear algebra, calculus and discrete mathematics.

The rest of the conference will give students an opportunity to mingle with other attendants with various fellowship activities, presentations by undergraduates and a keynote address.

The 12 YSU students will be presenting, along with the other undergraduates attending the conference.

"We would not be able to at-

tend the conference without the gracious support from the Dean of the STEM College, the department, and Student Government Association, Orr said.

Thomas Wakefield, associate professor in the Mathematics Department, will also be attending the conference.

"I attended as a student at YSU and now I am going as faculty. It kept me motivated to keep on researching," Wakefield said.

Wakefield noted that this is a great experience for the students, and is a friendly setting to present their work with their peers.

Along with Orr, students representing YSU at this year's conference are Alissa Geisse, Shawn Doyle, Josiah Banks, Sarah Ritchey, Eric Stone, Blain Patterson, Megan Chambers, Jenna Wise, Emily Hoopes, Dan Catello and Cassandra Shaffer.

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Eric Shehadi, student trustee, said the university can survive these administrative changes.

"I really like Dean Abraham. He's done a really great job," Shehadi said. "I think the university is still functioning even though we don't have our top administrator — our president, and our provost is acting as our current president. ... I think our university is a strong institution and can survive anything even many administrative changes at once."

Abraham assured that his potential departure is simply a career move, and that it does not negatively reflect on his time at YSU.

"Youngstown State is a good university with a lot of good things happening," he said. "This is, for me, an opportunity for a career potential move. It is really not anything that should be construed as negative about YSU. I have been very happy with Youngstown State."

Many Newly Insured Still Face Health Coverage Upheaval

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WASHINGTON — As procrastinators rushed to buy health insurance Monday by the Affordable Care Act's official enrollment deadline, new research estimates that about half of those with subsidized coverage obtained from federal or state marketplaces will lose it within a year because of changes in their incomes or other family circumstances, such as divorce, relocation or the births of children.

The same is true for about half of new Medicaid recipients, who are likely to lose program eligibility at some point over the next year for a variety of reasons, said Benjamin Sommers, an assistant professor of health policy and economics at the Harvard School of Public Health.

When people lose, drop or change health coverage for unforeseen reasons, it's known as "churning." It's a common occurrence for consumers with individual coverage bought outside the workplace, as well as for those with Medicaid, the state-federal health program for poor people and those with disabilities.

Along with being a book-keeping headache for insurers and Medicaid administrators, churning undermines the continuity of care between doctors

and patients by causing patients to miss treatments and sometimes seek new caregivers.

It also has a financial impact, as coverage lapses may lead to costly emergency room visits when primary physicians could have provided treatment for far less.

In the 25 states that expanded eligibility for Medicaid under the Affordable Care Act, churning probably won't leave people without coverage because there's no gap between the income thresholds for Medicaid and subsidized marketplace coverage. Instead, millions will move between eligibility for both as their incomes are periodically updated and verified.

"It's not exactly that they'll lose coverage," Sommers said in an interview. "It's that they may have to change the coverage they have."

But for people in states that so far have declined to expand Medicaid, "then they're worse off," he said. If they lose their eligibility for subsidized coverage when their incomes fall too low to qualify, "they will probably have no option for coverage," Sommers said.

That's because the income limits to qualify for Medicaid in non-expansion states are far below the levels at which subsidized marketplace insurance is available. That creates a "coverage gap" in which millions of people earn too much to qualify for Medicaid but not enough for federal subsidies to help them

buy marketplace insurance.

"In other words, most adults who lose marketplace subsidies in non-expanding states will become uninsured," Sommers and three other researchers wrote in their report on churning in the April edition of Health Affairs magazine.

Expansion states with lower poverty rates and higher per-capita incomes will see more churning because they have more adults with incomes near the eligibility line for Medicaid and subsidized coverage, Sommers said in the interview.

Half of Americans with individual health insurance churned in and out of coverage in 2010, according to recent congressional testimony by Medicaid Administrator Marilyn Tavenner. The reasons were myriad: Some couldn't afford it, some switched to different plans and others may have dropped their coverage after obtaining job-based insurance.

The average Medicaid recipient loses coverage for 20 percent of the year — nearly 10.5 weeks — because of administrative violations, clerical errors, income changes or other factors that make him or her ineligible, according to researchers at George Washington University.

"The implication is that eligibility changes are likely to be a major challenge for every state as implementation of the ACA continues," according to the Health Affairs article.

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Political Promises

At Wednesday's Student Government Association presidential debate, both tickets said that transparency and communication were important to the success of SGA.

Afterward, questions were raised about the credentials and claimed participation in SGA — both during meetings and in SGA events — of one of the tickets.

When The Jambar looked into these claims, we found that there was no way to verify them.

When a Jambar reporter asked where to find committee-meeting minutes that would verify these claims, they were told that these minutes were in the agendas for each body meeting.

However, the minutes for the committee meetings provided in the

agendas listed only that members were present at the meeting, not who produced ideas or who contributed what. In some agendas, the minutes are not posted at all.

With a new administration coming in next fall, this is the time to carry through on campaign promises. Minutes, not just for full body meetings, but also for all functioning parts of SGA, need to be available to the public. Minutes should also be clear and as thorough as possible.

Both tickets mention that the majority of students do not have involvement with SGA. It's difficult to be involved when you don't know what's going on.

When students can't find out what SGA is doing, it creates distrust and

the feeling that SGA does not have the student body's best interest in mind.

SGA exists to advance student success and enhance the student experience at Youngstown State University.

Just like "real world" politics, the students at YSU have every right to know what their representatives are doing for them. Transparency — from the posting of meeting minutes to having open meetings — is crucial to that knowledge.

It's hard to say whether transparency this year is better than years past. While the lines of communication between SGA and the students has been expanded, that doesn't mean the same can be said for transparency. Even with better communication, there

were still times when public record requests went unfilled and people were denied access to meetings. Since then, the issue of transparency has gotten better, but it can go further.

There is still work to be done by next year's administration, whomever it may be.

More transparency is never bad. More thorough minutes need to be posted. Committee and full body meetings need to be advertised more. Students can't interact and be involved if they don't know where to look or where to go.

To whoever wins the upcoming election, this is the chance to change things and advance SGA. This is the chance to keep your promises.

Labor Turmoil in College Athletics

Dan K. Thomasson (MCT)

WASHINGTON — Bob was a dirt poor kid from Pensacola, Fla., when he won a scholarship for football at a Division One school in Mississippi. He had grown up in the kind of poverty most of us can hardly imagine and the scholarship was a Godsend — the only way he could imagine going to college.

There was only one hitch. He had absolutely no money, beyond the room and board provided by the university and he had no legal way of getting it. He couldn't buy a hamburger nor afford to go to a movie or to get his bad teeth fixed.

His family had nothing and the time he spent on the football field and keeping up his grades and the restrictions imposed by the NCAA precluded him from working.

While others around him were enjoying at least some semblance of college social life, the small amount of free time afforded him was spent in his dorm room. He increasingly believed he was in prison. He saw only one way out. He quit the team and dropped out of school. He found a job and enrolled in a much cheaper community college program. He was frugal, living in a tiny room and washing dishes at an all-night restaurant for his food.

It took Bob three years and working two jobs to complete a two-year course at the community college. But he saved

enough money to enroll at a large university in his home state and complete his education in journalism with honors. He had a substantial career and ultimately made it here as a correspondent for a major newspaper.

This story, as sad or inspirational as it may seem depending on one's point of view, goes to the heart of the increasing turmoil over whether college athletes should be compensated beyond the cost of their education for their contribution to the millions of dollars in revenues their hard work produces for their universities. It is one of the thorniest issues college administrators and the NCAA face. A ruling from a regional National Labor Relations Board member that football players at prestigious Northwestern University are actually employees of the institution and can legally unionize has opened the door to a full-blown debate and more.

As the father of three boys who received "full ride" football scholarships at Division One schools, I sometimes wonder who is exploiting whom — the universities or the athletes, especially when

basketball players frequently parlay a semester and a half into a fortune in the NBA.

But those who manage to make it to the professional ranks in football, basketball, baseball and hockey and now soccer are still a small percentage compared to the number competing at the top tier schools where the money flows often in torrents from sold-out stadiums and arenas, concessions, and television mainly from football and basketball. That doesn't count what a winning athletic team stimulates from alums for other programs. The so-called "welfare sports" including most women's and men's programs, even baseball, don't pay their own ways. Some schools are dropping them.

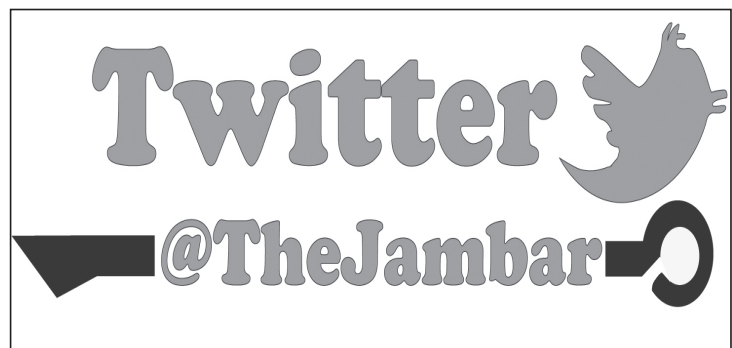
The NCAA's attitude about all this is that "student athletes" are substantially rewarded for their efforts by the payment of tuition and room and board, particularly now when college costs rise every year. That's a legitimate argument, but is it a moral one?

Would a small stipend to Bob — even \$5 a week at that time — have kept him in school and made a huge dif-

ference in his life? And what about the delayed expenses later in life because of injuries sustained on the playing field? Should a fund be established to compensate for these injuries? Should all participants in the revenue sports be paid the same? Or should they be paid on a sliding scale of their importance?

On the other hand, athletes who stay the education course and graduate do so without the huge loans that saddle so many of today's college graduates. Also, paying college athletes beyond their classroom benefits changes the system radically, officially professionalizing them. The spillover into other areas of the university, particularly in the collective bargaining process, could be economically disastrous.

These questions and a thousand more are looming in the highly charged atmosphere of big time college athletics. I would like to ask Bob about this but sadly he passed away at a far too early age a number of years ago.



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Keep Internet Access Wide Open

The Seattle Times (MCT)

How much warning does the Federal Communications Commission need about the imminent demise of net neutrality?

The idea of a free and open Internet for all users and technologies is heading toward a toll booth. Last month Netflix cut a deal with Comcast to spritz up delivery of videos, a deal the Netflix chief executive belatedly regrets.

Now it is media giant Apple that is flirting with Comcast about priority access to its customers. Net neutrality is about preventing Internet service providers from discrimi-

nating between different kinds of content and applications online.

The erosion of net neutrality is intended to rig the game, so broadband customers pay more to their ISPs for special service, or companies pay more directly to the ISPs and then raise prices for their own customers.

As Free Press, an advocacy group on media and technology issues, notes: "The biggest cable and telephone companies would like to charge money for smooth access to websites, speed to run applications, and permission to plug in devices."

So much for access and innovation in a system that thrived because of uninhibited access and the competition

from new ideas.

FCC Chairman Tom Wheeler said his agency will try again to craft regulations to ensure open access to the Internet. He pledged this effort after a federal U.S. Court of Appeals ruling once again knocked down tepid FCC regulations for ISPs.

Indeed, the court pointed the FCC toward the legal status of common carriers for broadband providers, the same as a telecommunications service.

The broadband industry wants to pick and choose providers, fiddle with service quality and keep inching up subscriber costs. The FCC must craft rules that can withstand legal scrutiny, and scrap the dreams of Internet toll booths.

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YSU BATS STILL TRYING TO HEAT UP

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Centerfielder Mike Accardi slides into second during Friday's 4-2 loss to Wright State University. Accardi is batting .197 with 4 RBIs in 16 games this season.

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Standing in the Eastwood Field dugout after Youngstown State University's 5-1 loss to Wright State University on Saturday, manager Steve Gillispie watched as his team attempted to tarp the field under a steady rain.

"We're scuffling with that out there now as much as we're scuffling at the plate," he said.

In its first Horizon League series of the season, YSU dropped two games to the Raiders as they mustered only three runs in 18 innings. Falling to 3-16 on the campaign (0-2 Horizon League), the Penguins' bats were as cold as the 30- and 40-degree temperatures they played in over the weekend.

"I think we're battling a lack of confidence right now," Gillispie said. "Things tend to pile up on you when you're not winning and things aren't going good, but it's something we have to turn around."

The Penguins stranded seven runners on base in each contest and have scored two or less runs in four of their last five games. The exception was an 11-4 victory at Ohio University on Wednesday.

Gillispie acknowledged his concern for the lack of production with runners in scoring position.

"We need to trust some of the things we're working on in practice and try to apply those to the game a little bit better," he said. "When we're able to do that, I think things will turn a

little. But we have some guys that are having a hard time making adjustments."

Of the 14 players with at least 20 at-bats, only three have a batting average above .300. David Saluga paces the Penguins at .367, Alex Larivee is at .362 and Jason Shirley is hitting .324.

As a team, YSU is batting .247. Gillispie credited some of the struggles to a lack of repetitions, as Brent Gillespie leads the Penguins with 69 at-bats.

"You look at [Wright State's] statistic versus ours and they have multiple guys, all the way through their lineup pretty much, with 100 at-bats," Gillispie said. "And we're approaching 65. So they're in a pretty good groove right now and we're still struggling to find some things."

"We're trying to get some consistent at-bats, but we haven't had a ton of success yet."

Meanwhile, the YSU pitching staff has experienced some success recently.

Six Penguins combined to allow only three earned runs against the Bobcats. Patrick O'Brien, Alex Frey and Josh North surrendered just four runs on Friday. Other than a bad first inning in which Brendon Shoemake allowed three runs on Saturday, he and Robert Switka gave up just one run over the final eight innings.

"I think we've been having a good game plan," Switka said, who pitched five scoreless innings out of the bullpen against Wright State. "We're matching up against the hitters pretty well, and we're executing and throwing our game. We're competing."

However, as a staff, YSU holds a 7.38 ERA on the season. Switka leads the Penguins with a 2.19 ERA in 12 1/3 innings pitched, while fellow bullpen mate Frey is second with a 2.51 ERA in 14 1/3 innings pitched.

"It's been solid lately," Gillispie said. "Maybe not good enough in every area with the pitching staff, but it's been pretty good."

YSU travels to Penn State on Tuesday for a 6:30 p.m. matchup, hosts the University of Pittsburgh on Wednesday at 5:30 p.m. and then travels to the University of Illinois at Chicago on Friday for a weekend series.



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(Above) Pitcher Patrick O'Brien pitches against Wright State on Friday. O'Brien is 1-3 this season with 9 strikeouts.

(Right) In the same game, third baseman Matt Sullivan fields a grounder. The Penguins are 3-16 and play Pennsylvania State University on Tuesday.



SPORTS BRIEFS

Baseball Snowed Out

The series finale at Eastwood Field between Wright State University and Youngstown State University was cancelled Sunday due to snow. YSU will play at Pennsylvania State University Tuesday at 6:30 p.m. As of yet, no makeup date has been announced for the game against Wright State.

YSU Softball Faces Cleveland State

After snow difficulties postponed the Youngstown State University's softball doubleheader against Cleveland State University, the Penguins got to play Monday in the makeup series at the YSU Softball Complex. The Penguins entering the series with an overall record of 14-10 and 1-1 in the Horizon League.

YSU Tennis Against Detroit

On Sunday, the Youngstown State University's men's and women's tennis teams faced teams from Detroit State University on Sunday at the Franklin Athletic Club.

The men's tennis team won, 4-3, over Detroit. Winning the doubles point and splitting the six singles matches to win the dual. The men's team improves to 4-11 overall and 1-2 in the Horizon League. The Penguins will play Sunday when they visit St. Bonaventure.

The women's team dropped its first Horizon League match of the year to Detroit (4-3). The loss drops the Penguins to 7-10 overall and 2-1 in the Horizon League. The women's team will play on Saturday at Cleveland State University.

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Kyle Sirl



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At the Watson and Tressel Training Site during spring practice on Saturday, a familiar face to the Youngstown State University football squad graced the turf, helping a player run through drills. It was Kyle Sirl.

The former YSU defensive end stopped by after practice and indulged The Jambar with what he's been doing as of late. As a senior last year, Sirl recorded 47 tackles and four sacks as well as participating in all 12 games.



Since that horrific South Dakota State University game ended, what have you been doing?

I've been working at Lyden Oil [Company]. I do a lot of paperwork and numbers, ship out oil and deliver. [I'm] trying to keep somewhat of a work-out routine in my life and staying as close to the program as possible.



You mentioned earlier that you may want to get into the coaching game a little bit, whether it's strength and conditioning or anything like that. What have you been doing to see if coaching might be in your future?

That's something that I just recently put together. I talked about it with Paul Lyden and Coach [Eric] Wolford, and they're on board to help me figure out what I want to do. Right now, I'm not in a position to just drop everything and pursue a career in coaching. I'm able to go to work. With spring ball being so close to where I work, I can come here, help with the linebackers, stay close, go to the early 6 a.m. conditioning and just kind of keep both parts in my life right now.



I don't know if you had the time to reflect yet, but looking back on it, what was your favorite part of playing? What do you miss the most?

I definitely miss the camaraderie and being with my teammates, having them count on me and me counting on them, making a big play, having everyone jump up and down and cheer you on, them patting you on your back and getting ready to do it again. That's what I miss the most.



Do you have a favorite game that you played in, whether it'd be Pittsburgh or another one?

I've definitely been in a lot of games here. It's hard to say which one is my favorite to be a part of. I would like to say when we beat NDSU [North Dakota State University] when NDSU was No. 1, but I didn't really play in that game. I had a few good games this season. It's kind of hard to say which game is my favorite. Maybe when we played Albany last season because that was kind of when I set my mark and said 'I'm a player here. I'm ready to step up for my team.'



If you don't mind saying it on the record, how much bigger of a celebrity are you since the 'Bison Trash' commercial?

The 'Bison Trash' commercial, I kind of got the repercussions. When we made it, I didn't think it was going to go that way. When you look back on it, it was just something fun, young and dumb. I mean, it's just all having fun with what you do. I don't disrespect those guys one bit. Those guys, obviously, hold the down for our conference. They are truly respectable people, and I've heard nothing but good things from kids from NDSU, so I don't have any ill will against them.





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