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## SGA funds running low

Codie Talley  
REPORTER

The Youngstown State University Student Government Association has a budget of \$32,383 that it can give to student organizations each academic year. As of Monday night, SGA had distributed all of it to 70 different causes, including conferences, competitions, fundraisers and the like.

Student Government President Cory Okular said SGA usually runs low on appropriation funds, which come from the Office of Student Life, by the spring semester.

SGA has requested a \$25,000 annual increase for the next five years to dole out funds to more organizations. The proposal will be introduced at the next YSU Board of Trustees meeting.

Though SGA does many fundraisers, the proceeds all go to charity. Okular said that none of the money raised from such endeavors goes into the SGA budget.

"It illustrates the need for the budget to be augmented to fulfill needs of student groups," he said. "The amount of groups asking for appropriations



Catie Carney, the SGA's vice president for financial affairs, works at her desk after a meeting in Kilcawley Center. Photo by Dustin Livesay/The Jambar.

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## Holocaust survivors reveal experiences for exhibit



A room in the United States Holocaust Memorial Museum in Washington, D.C., is lined with photographs of those who died in concentration camps during the Holocaust. Photo by Dustin Livesay/The Jambar.

Tyler Williams  
REPORTER

The Youngstown Area Jewish Community Relations Council is gathering interviews, records and other information about Holocaust survivors in the Mahoning Valley for a multimedia exhibit that will travel to local schools.

Helene Sinnreich, director of Youngstown State University's Center for Judaic and Holocaust Studies, said the council was able to find and identify 162 Holocaust survivors in the Valley, but that only 10 are still alive.

"Our progress has been really great," she said. "We were able to create a list of Holocaust survivors who lived in this area, and it's much higher than the number of people previously believed to have lived here after surviving the Holocaust."

The majority of Holocaust survivors found by the committee reside in Youngstown,

Liberty and Boardman.

So far, the council has completed the life story of the Bill Vegh, a survivor of the Holocaust who has since passed away. Originally from Czechoslovakia, Vegh was one of many young Jews who had suffered in Auschwitz and other concentration camps.

But unlike his mother and five siblings who perished during the Holocaust, Vegh survived. He was liberated by Allied forces and came to the U.S. in 1948. Vegh then got married in 1952 and had three children, and he worked at Samar Aluminum in Warren for 38 years.

Following his retirement, Vegh began to speak about his experiences as a survivor of the Holocaust. He spent 15 years of his life sharing his story, and continued to do so until his death in June 2009, Sinnreich said.

Rochelle Miller, Vegh's daughter, said her father simply wanted everyone to know what had happened during the Holocaust.

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## Proposal may regulate tech use in classrooms

Justin Carissimo  
ASSISTANT NEWS EDITOR

Justen Vrabel, vice president of the Student Government Association, has written a proposal that will provide clear guidelines on what technology Youngstown State University students can (and can't) use during their classes.

Vrabel will present his proposal to the YSU Academic Senate during the next SGA meeting on March 6.

YSU has not enforced a policy regarding the use of technology in the classroom. Students have relied on the discretion of each instructor for what is and isn't appropriate.

The policy will help clear up any confusion that students have regarding the use of tablets, laptops and smartphones during class, Vrabel said.

"It was brought to our attention that a lot of students use tablets in class. We want to make clear guidelines for what technology students are allowed to use," he said.

If the proposal moves forward, YSU students will be allowed to use their tablets and laptops for educational purposes.

"There weren't specific

instances that lead to the proposal, but a concerned student wanted to use his laptop and wasn't sure what the rules were," Vrabel said. "This eliminates any hassles from teachers."

Vrabel wrote a resolution within the policy that excludes the use of smartphones. If a student wants to use his phone for schoolwork, it depends on the instructor's discretion.

Craig Marks, a senior at YSU, said he hasn't had any problems with his instructors but believes that campus-wide rules would be useful.

"Most people on their laptops, iPads or iPhones are not doing school-related things," Marks said. "I sat behind a kid once who brought a [PlayStation 2] controller and was playing PlayStation games on an emulator program."

Marks said he's not "holier-than-thou about it," but that the misuse of technology is distracting to the rest of the students in a class.

"If a professor thinks the technology is being misused, they will be allowed to prohibit distractions from their classroom," Vrabel said.

The next step will be a review by the YSU Information Technology Advisory Committee. The policy has a chance to be enacted as early as April.

## Women engineers to network at regional conference

Taylor Phillips  
ARTS & ENTERTAINMENT  
REPORTER

The Youngstown State University chapter of the Society of Women Engineers will have the opportunity to meet other SWE members from Friday through Sunday at the 2013 SWE Region G Conference, which will be held at Carnegie Mellon University in Pittsburgh.

Therese Stevens, treasurer of the YSU chapter, said the conference is all about professional development.

"Some of the activities include seminars on how to dress and how to be respected in the workplace," she said, adding that conference attendees will also have the chance to bounce ideas off one another about how to promote women in the field of engineering.

Carol Lamb, the adviser of YSU's chapter of SWE, said the society's mission is to promote women in engineering, but that all are welcome.

"Even though we are the society of women engineers, men are also invited to join our organization," she said.

Lamb said the group wants to combat falling interest in math and science among young women.

"There have been studies shown that young women lose interest and confidence in math and science around seventh and eighth grade," she said. "It's sad because I would really like to see women pursue the career."

Jessie Tuscano, president of the YSU chapter of SWE, said the number of female engineers has dropped over the past 30 years.

"It's sad to see that number go down," Tuscano said. "We

want to try to do anything we can to make that number grow more each year."

Tuscano said the group hopes to travel to area middle schools to help promote engineering and boost interest in math and science among young women.

SWE members will host a dinner on April 9 that will bring together different industries for the purpose of networking with YSU College of Science, Technology, Engineering and Mathematics students. The dinner will cost \$15, and it is open to all STEM students.

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right now is startling."

He said most departments on campus can't afford to fund student organizations, so these groups come to SGA for help.

One group that received a large amount of money from SGA was the YSU chapter of the National Electrical Contractors Association, which was appropriated \$1,700.

Theodore Bosela, NECA adviser and a professor of engineering technology at YSU, said the group used the money to fund a trip to the Green Energy Challenge, held in Las Vegas in September. There, the group won first place in the Green Energy Challenge.

The amount of money given to each or-

ganization depends on the amount asked for and the reason for doing so. Some organizations return leftover funds or reimburse SGA. Others don't pay anything back.

"We will still give everyone a fair amount of money that needs it, however. We don't want to turn anyone down," Okular said.

Last year, YSU's student organizations asked for more than \$180,000 in appropriations. This year, SGA predicts that the number will rise to more than \$200,000. Kent State University's student government gets roughly \$300,000 a year in appropriations.

"We can only give out what we have, despite them asking for these amounts of money," Okular said.

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"I'm honored and inspired. ... Everything that he has accomplished through the years, he never ... wanted accolades from anybody," Miller said. "He just did it because he wanted to tell the story of what went on."

Bonnie Burdman, director of community relations and government affairs for the Youngstown Area Jewish Federation, said some have spoken about the Holocaust "as if it didn't exist."

"[Vegh] said, 'But, wait a minute. It did exist,'" she said. "I was there, and he started

speaking about his experience to schoolchildren, community groups, teachers, whoever would listen."

The Vegh exhibit will likely be presented in April at the Jewish Community Center. Sinnreich said that although the council may not turn every story into an exhibit, members would like to make more after Vegh's.

"We hope to basically replicate this for other survivors from the Mahoning Valley and eventually have a larger exhibit of the stories of the survivors," she said.

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*Spring commencement speakers announced*

Ed O'Neill, a Youngstown native who now stars in "Modern Family," will receive an honorary Doctor of Arts degree at YSU's spring commencement in Beeghy Center on May 18. Around 1,000 undergraduate students will receive diplomas at the 10 a.m. ceremony, and tickets will be required for entry. YSU President Cynthia Anderson, who will retire on June 30, will speak at the graduate commencement, scheduled for 2:30 p.m. on May 18; tickets are not required for the afternoon ceremony.

*YSU marks Women's History Month with screenings, discussions and more*

YSU will celebrate Women's History Month throughout March with several free events that are open to the public:

**March 8:** The Office of Student Diversity Programs and the Center for International Studies and Programs will co-host a coffee hour (2 p.m.) and screen selections from the film "Women Hold Up Half the Sky" (3 p.m.) at the YWCA, located at 25 W. Rayen Ave.

**March 19:** "Miss Representation," an award-winning documentary that explores the media's misrepresentations of women in positions of power and influence, will be shown at 7 p.m. in Kilcawley Center's Jones Room.

**March 21:** Marge Piercy, an activist and the author of 17 novels, will read her poetry and fiction at 7 p.m. in Beeghy Hall's McKay Auditorium.

**March 22:** A panel discussion featuring representatives from Sojourner House Domestic Violence Services, the Rape Crisis and Counseling Center, and the YSU Department of Social Work will be held at noon in Kilcawley Center's Jones Room.

**March 26:** "Too Fast to Be a Woman?" — a film that explores gender issues surrounding the winner of the 800-meter world championship race in 2009 — will be shown at 7 p.m. in the Jones Room of Kilcawley Center. A panel discussion will follow.

**March 27:** Eva Rus, a Fulbright scholar whose research focuses on contemporary feminist autobiographical practice and body representation in both written text and the visual arts, will present "Thank God There's Silvio" at 11 a.m. in Kilcawley Center's Gallery Room.

**March 29:** A midwife, an ob-gyn and the author of a collection of poems about nurse-midwives from the 20th century will discuss issues related to maternity, early motherhood and more during a panel discussion titled "Are You Mom Enough?" at 5 p.m. in Kilcawley Center's Gallery Room.

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# Tech-savvy students flock to online dating

Courtney Blackann  
REPORTER

Online dating is not a new concept to the social media generation.

In fact, DateMySchool, an online dating platform, was launched in 2010 solely for college students and alumni. Now, the site has more than 20,000 registered users.

According to "Dating Stats You Should Know: Numbers About Love That Make a Difference," written by dating guru Meredith Broussard, approximately 40 million Americans use online dating services. About a dozen Youngstown State University students currently use DateMySchool.

YSU student Taylor Hill said she would try online dating sites just to meet new people.

"I don't spend a lot of time on campus," she said. "Computers are just really accessible."

DateMySchool is free and, unlike Facebook, users don't have to submit friend re-

quests and can browse anyone from any school. To register for the site, students or alumni must use their registered school email address.

"Since you have to be a college student to join, you know the people are reliable and interested in other educated people," said YSU student Joseph Intorre. "[DateMySchool] takes away the nervousness that goes along with approaching someone — without the awkwardness of being in a school setting."

During an interview with CNN, Balazs Alexa and Jean Meyer, creators of the site, said DateMySchool is considerably different from Facebook.

"[Facebook] opened it up for everybody in the world, [and] we will never do that," Alexa said.

The creators want the site to be more exclusive so students will feel safe while using it.

"You know you're not going to be spammed or tagged by a friend in some weird shoe ad," Hill said.

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# Get up and go



Youngstown State University students partake in the sports challenge obstacle course during the second Rec Day day at the Andrews Student Recreation and Wellness Center. The obstacle course combined basketball, football and volleyball. Photo by Marissa McIntyre/The Jambar.

Marissa McIntyre  
ARTS & ENTERTAINMENT EDITOR

The Andrews Student Recreation and Wellness Center at Youngstown State University hosted its second National Recreational Sports and Fitness Day on Friday. The celebration of collegiate recreation featured several different athletic events in which students could participate, like a two-hour spinning course and a Putt-Putt challenge.

The events were held in honor of Rec Day, a holiday started by the National Intramural Recreational Sports Association to bring awareness to the

benefits of an active college lifestyle.

Katie Palagano, a graduate student at YSU and an intern at the Rec, taught the first half of the spinning class. She said 15 bikers attended.

Spinning is an intense form of stationary biking where the resistance adjusts as if participants were biking on a trail, on flat land or up a hill.

"It basically simulates an outdoor bike ride. Today, if we really went on a bike ride, it would be as if we went to the Eastwood Mall," Palagano said.

Ryan McNicholas, coordinator of fitness and wellness programs at YSU, encouraged participants to bring a non-perishable food item in place of a registration fee. The items will be donated

to a local food bank.

"This is a relatively new event," he said. "Next year, there are going to be different events. We'll try to shake it up every year."

McNicholas said Rec Day is a good way to expose students to different campus activities.

"We try to show how the Rec Center is all encompassing. We have so many different things going on here," he said.

Palagano said the Rec offers personal training, free access to a dietitian and table talks — the most recent being about how stress can affect physical well-being.

"Having these days is nice to get the students active, but we also use it

to promote what the Rec Center offers every day," Palagano said, adding that Rec Day featured an informational table about the Rec Center. "The Rec Center is more than just a gym. ... It's a holistic thing for your mind, body and soul."

Palagano said the Rec Center's latest offering is the Passport to Health and Wellness, in which students receive a stamp on their passports after they complete an exercise challenge. After filling their passports, students will be entered into a drawing to win a basket of travel items.

"We just want students to know that we have people to help achieve your health and wellness goals," she said.

## SGA needs you

Support at YSU for the Student Government Association is pathetic.

In spring 2012, only 440 students voted in the election for SGA president. That was .03 percent of the student body at the time, a decrease from the .04 percent who voted in the three-way race in spring 2011.

We hear students complain about shuttle routes, graduation rates and myriad other topics every day.

And when SGA has an idea that could actually improve the YSU experience, the student body remains silent.

With a little more than two months remaining in the semester, SGA is broke.

On Monday night, it appropriated its last \$900 of the academic year. It started with \$32,383.

Since the fall, 70 groups have received financial assistance from SGA, but thriving student life and scarce resources have depleted the fund.

On behalf of future generations, SGA has requested a larger starting amount from the university. It's time the administration reassesses its budgetary allotment for SGA.

Other schools in the area receive upwards of \$300,000 to begin the year.

SGA wants to propose a first-year experience program along with a four-year guarantee that could help students graduate in four years.

SGA President Cory Okular feels the implementation of a four-year degree guarantee would boost graduation rates, an invaluable statistic for YSU given the recently proposed changes to the state's higher education funding formula.

It's a no-cost, risk-free potential solution to a problem that will financially plague the university. Everybody wins.

The administration needs to start taking SGA's proposals seriously and giving them the respect and attention they deserve, but that won't happen without an army of students behind our representatives.

There are more than 13,000 students enrolled at YSU. If we banded together, university officials would be afraid to ignore us.

Let the administration know (politely and legally) that SGA's goals are your own.



## Facial hair discrimination



David Roberts  
COLUMNIST

I once walked into class and was greeted with, "Hey, look who just came right off the boat!" At the time, I was sporting a rather bushy beard that probably warranted the comedic comment likening me to an immigrant, and as such, I find it pretty hilarious.

My beard is a very important part of my identity — well, ever since I have been able to grow one — so I like to keep it around. I will admit that it's a seasonal thing, and there is a possibility that I will shave it off for the summer (as I have yet to experience what it is like to have a full-grown beard in the heat), but that is up to my discretion.

However, my facial hair seems to bring with it a mostly bad connotation. Every time a human resources person has talked to me in preparation for an interview, he or she always says to make sure that I'm clean-shaven. It supposedly makes you seem more prim, more proper, more organized and just all around a better hire.

What's wrong if I show up to an interview with a beard, albeit a neatly trimmed one? I don't see how facial hair marks somebody as a lousy worker. For that matter, isn't the whole point of an interview to see how the job candidates handle themselves and to get a better look at them? Therefore, it seems counterintuitive to the whole process to prejudice just based on whether the candidate has some scruff on his face.

The one benefit I can find is that facial hair often makes the bearer appear older, which can certainly be useful in some situations. I'm told that with my beard, I look to be pushing my late 20s, even though I'm actually only 23.

I have even come to find out that some girls are fans of facial hair, so that's an added bonus of which I previously was not aware. Rumor has it, though, that some girls will hold their boyfriend's beards for ransom by threatening not to shave their legs; that right there just goes into a completely different hairy situation.

Enough of the perks, though. Back to the topic at hand: this typifying of gentlemen with facial hair. What exactly is so wrong with facial hair? Now, I can understand if it's

starting to grow wild and unkempt. In that case, poorly groomed facial hair reflects badly on guys, but those of us who rep it right shouldn't be discriminated against.

Luckily, I think the trend is starting to shift, and facial hair is starting to become more reputable, so to say. Brianna Howard, a YSU graduate student, put it quite eloquently: "Faces aren't property. No one should have say on its real estate except you. Beard power!"

As part of this argument, I would be remiss if I didn't tell all those guys out there who want to grow facial hair or already sport a burly look that a beard trimmer is the best investment you can make. I just recently purchased one this winter, and now I have finally been able to maintain a good-looking beard for longer. It's better than growing it out until it goes too far, then going clean-shaven again as the only alternative to a trim.

I have not been clean-shaven since Dec. 29, and I am hoping to keep the beard as my "offseason" beard until Cleveland Indians Opening Day in April.

Nevertheless, I promise that my beard will be kept looking good the whole while.

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## Countering cyber threats

Los Angeles Times  
(MCT)

In what has become a depressingly familiar ritual, computer security experts revealed this week that hackers with apparent ties to a foreign government — in this case, the Chinese military — had "systematically stolen hundreds of terabytes of data from at least 141 organizations" since 2006.

But while such high-level international cyber intruders grab headlines, most successful online attacks are not all that sophisticated. Despite their Hollywood-enhanced image as inventive uber-geeks, most hackers don't actually have to work very hard to steal data or disrupt websites. According to a new paper by James A. Lewis of the Center for Strategic and International Studies, the vast majority of successful hacks could have been stopped by relatively simple precautions, such as regularly updating software. Yet many companies don't bother to take even the most obvious steps to guard against data theft and service disruptions, let alone equip themselves to stop high-level attacks.

The challenge for policymakers is how to solve that problem while beefing up the public's defenses against

increasingly sophisticated cyber attacks. A promising Senate bill was stymied last year by business groups afraid that it would lead to burdensome federal regulations, leading President Obama to issue an executive order this month that addresses some aspects of the threat. Obama went further Wednesday, announcing new diplomatic and trade initiatives aimed at deterring cyber thieves. But Congress needs to do more.

The House has taken the path of least resistance, passing a business-friendly bill last year that would remove the legal barriers that stop companies and the government from sharing data about hacks. An alternative sponsored by Sens. Joe Lieberman, I-Conn., and Susan Collins, R-Maine, also sought to establish voluntary, industry-defined performance standards for cyber security, but it died in the face of specious industry warnings about the standards becoming mandatory and government-dictated.

Obama's executive order requires federal agencies to reveal more information to companies about the cyber threats they detect. It also calls for the National Institute of Standards and Technology to develop a voluntary "framework of cyber-security practices" within a year, built around the

performance standards chosen by private industry. Notably, the framework wouldn't specify which technologies companies should use to meet the standards, allowing the market and private innovation to meet new challenges posed by hackers.

The order is sensible and welcome, but it wouldn't enable companies to send more of the information they gleaned from their networks about hackers to other companies or the government. As helpful as that might be, Congress would first have to lift federal limits on data sharing and provide new privacy protections. Nor would the order prod companies to embrace the new cyber-security framework by giving them more protection against liability in the case of a hack. Only Congress can do that.

The most powerful feature of the executive order is a requirement that federal regulators of banks, power plants and other providers of critical infrastructure use the new framework to evaluate and, potentially, improve any existing cyber-security rules. Still, those companies operate only a fraction of the computers being targeted by hackers. More companies need to step up their security efforts, and it's up to Congress to provide the motivation that the market clearly has not

## Campus Connection

What did you think of the Oscars?



"I didn't watch the Oscars. I watched 'Burlesque'; it was the better decision."

Tina Hamett,  
Sophomore



"A lot of good candidates. The winners deserved their awards."

Joe Bodak,  
Junior



## Invaluable experiences

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Don't expect Nate Cox to use the old cliches. He knows better.

You won't hear Cox — a 2013 Youngstown State University football recruit — refer to the gridiron as a “battlefield.” When he steps on the turf in the fall, Cox won't describe playing 60 minutes of football as “soldiers going to war,” like many players often do.

Having served five months in Afghanistan as a sergeant for the U.S. Marine Corps, Cox has literally been to war.

In turn, his age, 26, along with his outlook on life, is different than most of his teammates.

“You see stuff and see how people have to live over there and the lifestyles they have to live with,” Cox said. “When you come back over here to the United States, you're just a lot more thankful for the things you do have.”

A transfer from Santa Ana College, the 6-foot-3-inch, 255-pound Cox has a chance to make an impact on the YSU defensive line.

And with everything he's been through, you can bet he's grateful, considering that coming out of high school in 2005, football was not in Cox's plans.

“I have so many feelings about the whole thing,” Cox said. “I don't know if it's really set in yet that I'm here and have this opportunity.”

A native of Plainfield, Ind., Cox was a three-year letter winner for the Plainfield High School football team. After graduating, he enrolled in classes at Indiana State University.

Then, one day early in his time at ISU, Cox made what he called a “spur of the moment decision.”

“I wasn't sure if school was the right thing for me at the time,” he said. “I went and talked to a Marine Corps recruiter, and I really liked what he had to say.”



In 2010, YSU football recruit Nate Cox served five months in Afghanistan as a sergeant in the United States Marine Corps. Photo courtesy of Nate Cox.

It was just that simple, and Cox joined the military.

“No heroic story about why I wanted to be Marine or anything like that,” he said. “I went and did it.”

He immediately left ISU and started basic training in San Diego. Following that, Cox was deployed two times over the next five years, spending time in the Philippines, Malaysia, Singapore and Thailand.

“I learned a lot of things and I matured a lot faster than most guys, 18- and 19-year-olds, do. I really had no other choice,” Cox said. “Lives are on the line at all times, whether it's in training or if it's overseas in combat. So, I matured really fast and learned a lot of good leadership traits.”

After his service contract ended in 2010, Cox could have become a civilian again.

With volunteers needed for Afghanistan, Cox extended

his contract and was deployed for the third time.

“That's why you join: to go overseas and fight for this country,” he said.

Cox called those five months a “blessing.” During that time, he was responsible for casualty evacuation: flying into battlefields, recovering the injured and loading them into helicopters.

“There's a lot of bad and a lot of good that came from it,” Cox said. “But, overall, it was an experience that sets a whole new outlook on life in regards to things that are important and things that you should let go.”

When he thinks of those five months in Afghanistan, Cox said he focuses on the good instead of the bad. One of his main goals was to have a positive effect on the Afghan youths. When among the public, Cox gave candy, pens, pencils and paper to

the children.

“They're the future of that country, and I tried to have an impact,” he said. “I didn't want it to be that the first American they saw was shooting at them or shooting somebody from their country. There, you're able to mold the younger generation a lot more than maybe a 30-year-old man — someone who's been fighting all his life and has lived a very rough life.”

It was during the end of his deployment that he had a change of heart. After almost six years in the military, the now mature Cox was ready for the classroom. And football.

“I had never really lived what you can say is a standard or normal post 18-year-old life,” he said.

Still, Cox will never undervalue his experiences.

“I had a great run in the Marine Corps,” he said. “I really enjoyed what I did.”

### SPORTS BRIEFS

#### Penguins win titles, earn honors at HL championships

The men's and women's track and field teams had seven event winners and three specialty award recipients at the Horizon League Indoor Track and Field Championships, held over the weekend at the Watson and Tressel Training Site. Event winners were Katrina Rettburg (high jump), Ciara Jarrett (200-meter dash), Jennifer Neider (shot put), John Seaver (shot put), Michael Davis (60-meter dash), Tarelle Irwin (200-meter dash) and Jay Jakovina (high jump). Those who earned awards for their all-around performances were Jarrett (most outstanding female runner), Neider (top field women's newcomer) and Jakovina (top field men's newcomer).

#### Softball falls to Jacksonville State

The YSU softball team lost its third consecutive game of the season to Jacksonville State University, 8-3, on Sunday at the Phyllis Rafter Memorial Tournament. The Penguins will next play at the USF Under Armour Showcase on March 8, 9 and 10 in Tampa, Fla.

#### Women's tennis team decimates Ball State, 5-2

At the Boardman Tennis Center on Saturday night, the women's tennis team won its sixth straight dual, beating Ball State University. YSU won the doubles points and four singles matches against the Cardinals. Subsequently, YSU is now 6-2, while Ball State fell to 7-4. The Penguins will next compete at 6 p.m. Sunday at Ohio State University.

## Dosch Named Horizon League Preseason Player of the Year

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REPORTER

As the Youngstown State University baseball team began its rebuilding season last week, Drew Dosch helped take the team one step closer to its goal by being named the Horizon League Preseason Player of the Year by Baseball America.

Dosch, a junior third baseman, batted .353 last season with eight home runs and 13 runs batted in.

“It's a great honor,” Dosch said. “If you look around the league, there are a lot of great players.”

Dosch was named to the Cape Cod All-Star Game as a designated hitter, which caught the attention of Jim Callis, an executive editor at Baseball America.

“If you go back to the Cape Cod game, that's where he caught my eye,” Callis said. “He wasn't on a lot of scouts' radars, but he was definitely coming off of a good sophomore year.”

Callis explained the significance of Dosch's appearance in the All-Star game and the importance of Dosch's patience at the plate, noting that he struck out only 21 times in 2012 but was walked 23 times.

“Dosch has a good left-handed swing with a lot of power. He's a potent left-hander,” Callis said. “Alongside his power, he controls the strike zone really well.”

Dosch pitched in high school and admitted that though his transition to third base in college hasn't been the easiest, he's doing his best to improve. He added that aside from all-around consistency on defense, his offense is key for him as a player.

“Defense has always been a focus of mine. It's been a learning process for sure,” he said.

Callis said that Dosch's ranking was based more on his offense than defense.

“He's not the quickest player at third base, kind of erratic, but his arm strength is a big improvement for him going forward,” Callis said.

Head baseball coach Steve Gillispie, who is in his first season at YSU, said he is impressed with Dosch.

“He's an extremely hard worker, he's here early and he's one of the last guys to leave,” Gillispie said.

Gillispie said that Dosch is a team-first player, adding that baseball doesn't affect his personality outside of the field.

“He's the first guy to volunteer for community service activities, things we're doing outside of baseball, and he's nearly a 4.0 student,” Gillispie said.

Dosch said that after college, he wants to play for as long as he possibly can, whether that's in Major League Baseball or not.

“It's always been my dream to play professionally since I was a little kid,” Dosch said. “You know, that's every little kid's dream, being in the World Series.”

Growing up south of Columbus, Dosch and his father would watch Cincinnati Reds games, but the Reds weren't Dosch's favorite team.

“My favorite team growing up was always the St. Louis Cardinals,” Dosch said. “Jim Edmonds had this left-handed swing that my dad loved and wanted me to model after.”

Dosch said after watching the team and Edmonds over and over, the Cardinals have stuck



Junior infielder Drew Dosch runs through third base and heads home during a game last season against the University of Wisconsin-Milwaukee Panthers. Photo by Dustin Livesay/The Jambar.

with him, though he would love the opportunity to play for any major league team.

Callis said Dosch has a real possibility of getting drafted.

“If I had to guess, I could see him going in the third or fifth round of the MLB draft,” he said.

Gillispie said he doesn't want Dosch to shoulder all of the responsibility for the team.

“We will only be as good as

our 35-man roster will allow us to be. One guy will not make or break our season,” Gillispie said.

However, Gillispie also said his goals for Dosch are important not only for the YSU team, but for Dosch himself.

“I want him to be as good as he can possibly be,” Gillispie said. “The better he performs, the better it'll be for YSU baseball.”

### PENGUIN SPOTLIGHT



#### BLAKE ALLEN

Height 6'1"  
Weight: 180 pounds  
Year: Senior  
Hometown: Tampa, Fla.  
High School: Brandon High School  
Position: Guard

Senior guard Blake Allen is one leader of the men's basketball team's resurgence. This season, Allen has averaged 11.5 PPG, shooting 36.3 percent from the field, 35.6 percent from downtown and 62.8 percent from the line. Allen is also averaging 3.1 assists per night and less than a steal per game.

Last year, Allen started in all 31 contests for YSU, scoring 397 total points and 94 assists. He averaged 12.8 PPG, 3.3 RPG and 3.0 APG. Allen made a conference-best 91 3-pointers, second on YSU's single-season list. Last season, he finished as the HL's ninth best scorer and assister.