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## Kasich camp rallies in Boardman

Lawrence Haley  
REPORTER

Ohio gubernatorial candidate John Kasich stopped in Boardman at the Mahoning County Republican Party headquarters on Monday to garner support for the upcoming election.

Kasich spoke about making the state more effective and efficient, creating jobs by strengthening the private sector and keeping college graduates in the area. He stressed the need for the Mahoning Valley to get behind his campaign due to its unemployment rate.

Additional local Republicans who appeared at the event included Ohio congressional candidates Jim Graham, Mike Pestician, Matt Lewis and Tracey Winbush, a candidate for Mahoning County auditor.

Kasich is ahead of incumbent candidate Gov. Ted Strickland by nearly five points according to the latest polling data found on RealClearPolitics, a website dedicated to featuring the most up-to-date commentary and polling analysis in national and state politics.

"This is our legacy. We don't want to leave the Valley. We don't want our

kids to graduate from school, and we have to take two plane rides to get to see the grandkids," Kasich said.

Kasich had a simple strategy for keeping students in the Valley and restoring the local economy.

"Give them a job," Kasich said. "When they graduate from college, if there aren't any jobs, what do you think they are going to do? They are going to leave."

"In Ohio we've lost our best and brightest. Our young students and knowledge workers go somewhere else to find their future. Our best entrepreneurs, the job creators, we've driven them out of the state too. We've lost our seed corn, and we lost the people who know how to create a job, and we're going to bring them back to Ohio," Kasich said.

Speaking in reference to youth and college student participation through-



John Kasich, Ohio gubernatorial candidate, speaks to a crowd at the Mahoning County Republican Party headquarters on Monday.

out Ohio, Rob Nichols, media spokesperson for John Kasich, said, "Regardless of subset, age or affiliation, we are seeing [an] enthusiasm shift towards the Republican Party."

Also present at the rally was Josh Prest, vice chairman of the Youngstown State University College Republicans.

"Our local candidates are making a good run," Prest said. "Matt Lewis against Joe Schiavoni, and then Mike Pestician against Ron Gerberry. We're getting a big presence out in the community and especially with Kasich."

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(Bottom right) George Peya speaks to officials from the Youngstown Fire and Police departments after lightning struck his home at 270 Willard St., on the east side of the Youngstown State University campus. "Closest to lightning I've ever been," said Peya who was relaxing on the front porch when he heard a loud blast followed by glass shattering. "It's like the sound and the flash was instantaneous." Firefighters from Youngstown Fire Department were on scene to put out a blaze that was sparked by the lightning on the second floor of the two-story house. Peya said he owned the house and lived there with his three cats. Photos by Nick Young/The Jambar

## Former YSU students create role-playing game

Andrea DeMart  
ASSISTANT NEWS EDITOR

One Youngstown State University alumnus has taken the dreams and talents he imagined on campus to the next level.

Jonathan Duran, game director for Artix Entertainment, LLC received a Bachelor of Science in Applied Science in computer information systems in 2007 and a Master of Business Administration in management in 2008 from YSU.

Duran and his business partner, Bernard Schmalzried, also a former YSU student, created a role-playing game titled "EpicDuel."

"It's an online, massively multi-player Web-based game, and players create free characters," Duran said. "The whole premise is that you are matched against other players who are online at the same time, and you have these really quick one vs. one or two vs. two battles, and it quickly de-

termines who the winner is."

Duran studied at YSU and planned to create a digital resume for a final project. However, his professor seemed bored with the idea and suggested he create a game.

He obliged.

Duran's project became a single-player, browser-based game called "Quest." The game was never completed due to design flaws among other issues, but the unfinished version was released on the Newgrounds, a user-produced Flash games and animation website.

This failed attempt drove Duran to form his own company, Epic Inventions LLC. Schmalzried came on board as the graphic artist.

"I liked video games but that wasn't actually the direction I was necessarily planning to go," Duran said. "I actually was thinking I was going to be into Web design."

Duran sacrificed his job in Web design and Schmalzried

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## Students and faculty remember Manning

Dan Pompili &  
Marissa McIntyre

Martin "Marty" Manning, former associate director of student life at Youngstown State

University, lost his three-year battle with cancer and passed away on Oct. 6.

Jack Fahey, interim vice president for student affairs and ombudsperson, recruited Manning in 1989.

Fahey said Manning's time at YSU was spent working closely with students.

"He was a cherished colleague of mine and dear friend. I felt like he was a member of my family," Fahey said. "As much of a loss as it was for me, I've seen so many students in the last week that it's more of a loss for them. That's not very eloquent, but I'm



Martin Manning, former associate director of student life at YSU, watches as participants geared up for a 30-mile cancer benefit bike ride from YSU to Thiel College. Photo by Doug Livingston/The Jambar

not feeling very eloquent."

Roy Johnson, a sophomore social work major, worked with Manning over the past year.

Johnson met Manning through participation in the Emerging Leader Program.

"Dr. Manning had a way of bringing out a [professional] in me, and he brought out this value in me that I didn't know was there," Johnson said.

Johnson said he is a non-traditional student who has had to overcome roadblocks in his life, including being homeless, a father and dealing with new technologies as a 45-year-old student.

"So many students fall through the cracks because they feel as if they have no value. Manning

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**Student Social Work Association collects blankets for hospital**

The YSU Student Social Work Association is collecting blankets to donate to Akron Children's Hospital. Blankets should be new, and, if they are homemade, come from a smoke-free environment. Drop blankets off in the social work department, room 3030A in Cushman Hall. Blankets will be collected until Oct. 29.

**WYSU fall fund drive begins Friday**

Beginning Friday, WYSU 88.5 FM will hold its annual fall fund drive. The drive will continue until Oct. 22, and the overall fundraising goal is \$110,000. Every pledge results in the Second Harvest Food Bank donating \$30 worth of food to local families, thanks to a Community Foundation of the Mahoning Valley grant. Those who pledge funds will be entered into a drawing to win a pair of tickets for a 15-day "Grand Tour of Italy" excursion. The station will also offer other prizes throughout the drive.

**POLICE BRIEFS**

**Alarm sounds in Flats at Wick**

On Friday, university police inspected a room in the Flats at Wick after a fire alarm went off. The Youngstown Fire Department did not discover any fire and determined the building safe to re-enter.

**Student passes out in Maag Library**

On Thursday, a female student passed out on the fourth floor of Maag Library. The last thing she remembered was leaving the computer lab after feeling ill. The student refused to be transported and her mother brought her to her residence.

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## Abandoned coal mines stir interest of YSU professor

Keith Stinson  
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In the 1800s, the Mahoning Valley was in the midst of a coal-mining boom. The region contained large deposits of coal and iron, making it an ideal location for the steel industry to flourish. As the turn of the 20th century approached, however, coal quickly ran out and the mines were left abandoned.

A website created by Youngstown State University students and faculty is dedicated to the more than 2,000 abandoned coal mines located throughout Eastern Ohio and Western Pennsylvania.

The site, <http://www.ysu.edu/mines>, provides detailed and updated information on abandoned coal mines dating back to the 1800s. Mines are separated by county and township, providing a pinpoint location through map indicators and naming the type of mine

listed. Many of the listings include a brief history, including the date the mine opened and the names of mine operators.

Ann Harris, professor emeritus in the department of geological and environmental sciences, has been researching and collecting information on abandoned coal mines for more than 30 years. Harris led the coalition to create a website on coal mines after three abandoned mines collapsed in the Youngstown area during the summer of 1977.

"In order to help the public, you need information available and the website does that," Harris said. "I wanted to give all the information I had on each individual mine and update as we get new information."

YSU students established the original website in 1999, listing dozens of abandoned coal mines located in Trumbull, Mahoning and Columbiana counties. Over time, the site became outdated and filled with errors.

"We realized that we had to include other areas, and the old site was on UNIX, which [YSU is] eliminating," Harris said.

In spring 2009, YSU computer science alumnus Ron Canacci, along with a number of former YSU students, began to create a new and improved site. Upgrades included a user-friendly interface to access mine information. Mine coverage was also expanded from three counties to 20, spanning Ohio and Pennsylvania.

"I even get requests for information from people all over the United States and Canada because their relatives came from there or their grandfather worked in the mine in a certain area, or more frequently a relative was killed in a mine and a genealogist wants information on that," Harris said.

Since 1977, 242 abandoned coal mines have been discovered throughout Mahoning County. Of these 242 mines, 74 have been located and mapped. One particular mine

can be found 60 feet below Kilcawley House.

Local steel tycoons Henry and George Wick first opened the "Kilcawley House" mine shaft between 1850 and 1860. The mine is filled in with water after years of runoff.

Students may be surprised to hear that mine tunnels run beneath YSU's property.

Junior Chris Cargill is a four-year resident of Kilcawley House. He was shocked to hear about the mine's location.

"I had no idea there was a mine underneath here," Cargill said. "That's awesome."

Harris is thankful for all the support she has received over the years in making the website a reality.

"As I look back over the years, all of the students and colleagues, all of the rich experiences that have contributed to this website, I am truly grateful," Harris said.

## Students no longer receive discount at Winslow's Cafe

Caitlin Fitch  
REPORTER

Winslow's Cafe by Antone's, located in the Butler Institute of American Art on Wick Avenue, has long been a fixture on the Youngstown State University campus. However, the 10 percent student discount has recently been removed from the cafe's offerings.

Winslow's manager Kris White said the discount was removed to "keep prices for customers low." The cafe's product suppliers raised prices because of the deflated economy.

Employee Jackie Daniels said, "It's a better deal without the discount."

Although some customers might be upset about the discount loss, Winslow's now accepts Pete's Points and will add Wi-Fi for those dining in the cafe. Fridays will feature drawings for \$10 gift cards.

YSU senior Brandy Bates eats at Winslow's, and said she probably would have to see the price difference before she ate there again. She also added that for a college student, discounts like the one at Winslow's matter because they help with money budgeting.

"It's not like the discount is that much, but any money off matters," Bates said.

## YSU to participate in online college fair

Joe Giesy  
ASSISTANT NEWS EDITOR

Millions of high school students will be able to visit Youngstown State University to meet with students, staff and faculty, and take a virtual tour of campus Wednesday.

The tour will be presented to prospective students via the Internet on <http://www.collegeweeklive.com>.

The website will host a virtual college fair, CollegeWeekLive Ohio Day, on Wednesday from 11 a.m. to 9 p.m. Eastern Standard Time.

The college fair will allow participants to view booths, talk to college representatives and listen to presentations 20 colleges and universities in Ohio including institutions like YSU, Kent State University, University of Akron, University of Toledo and Ohio University.

"Ohio's public and private colleges and universities are the envy of the nation, and this is a great opportunity for Ohioans and prospective students from around the globe to see what we have to offer," Gov. Ted Strickland said in a press release.

CollegeWeekLive is an online resource for high school students, parents and college hopefuls to receive tips and advice on college applications, SATs and ACTs, financial aid, and scholarships.

Services are free to those who register, and users can also talk to college admissions advisers live and get a view of college campuses around the nation without leaving their computer chairs.

According to the website, CollegeWeekLive has contact with representatives from more than 300 colleges and universities worldwide.



## How do you feel about head football coach Eric Wolford so far this season?



"There are still some improvements to be made, but better than last year."

Joel Heaver, freshman



"He's doing his job."

Keilyn Davis, junior



"He's a hell of a lot better than the last coach."

Tom Pugh, senior



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In regards to student participation on campus, Prest said the YSU College Republicans are in a rebuilding stage, and he welcomes interested students.

"We're trying to get the club back up and running. We had a bigger membership when McCain was running, but since then it seems people have lost interest. We're trying to get new members. It's

pretty hard right now with the elections because we're all tied up with that. Hopefully in the spring we'll get a bigger member base and start meetings up again," Prest said.

Although there are no plans for Kasich to visit campus, Prest said he's hopeful the campaign will stop at YSU during the final weeks leading up to the election.

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had a way of talking to them so that they could bring out the potential and value that was always inside of them," Johnson said.

Graduate student Emily Wollet said Manning often spoke of integrity.

"He said, 'When your actions and your values align, that is integrity,'" she said.

"It is so humbling that he spent those last months teaching us," she said. "That he believed so much in what he was teaching, that he gave us that time."

"My heart goes out to his family, and I hope his children know that he has touched so many lives," Wollet said.

Ashley Walker is another student who appreciated Manning's lessons in her life. She recited one quote from him that particularly stuck with her.

"He told us, 'If you can take anything away from you college years, it should be that it's a humbling experience because you are able to reflect on everything you've learned but look forward to learning so much you haven't learned yet,'" she said.

Walker said Manning taught him that there is a leader in everyone, "but he said you just have to figure out what kind of leader that is," she said.

She said that many of his former students affectionately refer to statements he's made as "Manning-isms."

Brian Wells shared his memory of Manning-isms too.

"In true Marty fashion, he never answered a question with an answer. He was all about challenge and support. He wanted to challenge you to do better and support you in that. He'd never give you the answer but he'd help you find the answer. So that concept is my 'Manning-ism,'" Wells said.

Wells, an academic adviser in the department of health and human services, worked as a peer assistant as an undergraduate when Manning ran orientations.

As a colleague, Wells worked on the student conduct board with Manning, and Manning was Wells' professor when he worked toward his master's degree in education and a Master of Science

in counseling with a focus on student affairs.

When Manning grew increasingly ill, Wells co-organized the "Benefit Ride for the M & M's," a 30-mile bicycle ride from YSU to Thiel College, where Manning obtained his bachelor's degree.

Wells also co-created the "We [heart] Marty Manning" Facebook page.

"When we knew he wasn't coming back to work, we created it so people would share memories of how he impacted us as students, professionals and people," Wells said.

"He was an amazing individual, in any way you look at it," Wells said. "He embodied what a student affairs professional, a father, a husband and a friend should be."

Manning started as a housing coordinator at YSU. Since then he has worn many hats. Manning planned Welcome Week, as well as developed the Emerging Leaders Program and established a curriculum for it. He has also been the chief disciplinary officer on campus and taught part time in the counseling department.

Manning earned a bachelor's degree in political science from Thiel College in 1988, a master's in college student personnel from Bowling Green State University in 1990 and a doctorate in organization development from Kent State University in 2005.

According to his obituary in the East Liverpool Review, Manning was a third-degree member of the Knights of Columbus, as well as a member of the church, the parish council, the Men's Renewal Team and the Parish Life Committee.

He officiated high school football and coached his daughter's soccer team this past year.

Manning leaves two daughters, Melina and Maya, and a son, Marc. He married his wife, Migdalia, on June 15, 2000.

Migdalia Manning said Monday, "He always, always wanted to work ... That was his second home. It's where we met. He loved his job, he loved what he did ... His heart was there"

"On behalf of myself and the children, we want to thank everyone at YSU for their support," she said.

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quit his job so both could focus more attention on creating "EpicDuel."

"We actually moved into a cheap Austintown apartment and did everything we could to save cash," Duran said. "[We] lived really, really cheap; a lot of pasta."

The pair also ran into money issues with advertising for the game.

"You need a lot of players online," Duran said. "You can't play 'EpicDuel' with one player. You need at least two and preferably four, and that's just to play one battle."

The two relied on free advertising by hanging signs up around campus, in video game stores and various local businesses. They hoped people would take interest.

The first launch of "EpicDuel" lasted for only a two-hour period and totaled 22 players. The servers became permanently available in February 2009.

Looking to reach a larger audience and a tight financial situation posed a dilemma for

the pair.

"Basically, last October, because of the money situation, the game had been lost online for a few months," Duran said. "We had some following. We had about 10,000 registered players in the game. We were just barely paying for our server cost."

Though money was tight, the game continued to do well, and because of this the team did not want to stop developing the game.

Artix Entertainment, once considered a rival to Epic Inventions, bought the game from the pair after Duran had approached the company seeking interest in the purchase.

"We are now employees of Artix Entertainment which is a company based in Tampa, Fla.," Duran said. "Part of the deal was within a year of the purchase we had to move to Florida, but we are still in charge of 'EpicDuel.'"

Duran and Schmalzried launched an update this weekend, which added new features to the game, including

the option for players to buy houses.

"Once you have your house, as you win more battles, you can earn currency, and you spend the currency to buy all kinds of custom decorations and knick-knacks and things to decorate this online house," Duran said. "It creates an additional incentive for you to keep battling. It's like an addictive thing."

The "EpicDuel" following has grown to 1.5 million registered players, with 1,500 to 5,000 players on at any one time.

The pair plans to keep working on "EpicDuel" and to be involved with other games released in the future with Artix Entertainment.

Other options being considered are mobile games for the iPhone or Android platforms.

Although Duran and Schmalzried are no longer living together, they are direct neighbors.

"[Schmalzried] is a door bell ring away," Duran said.



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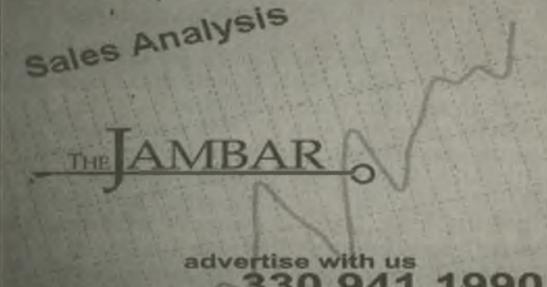
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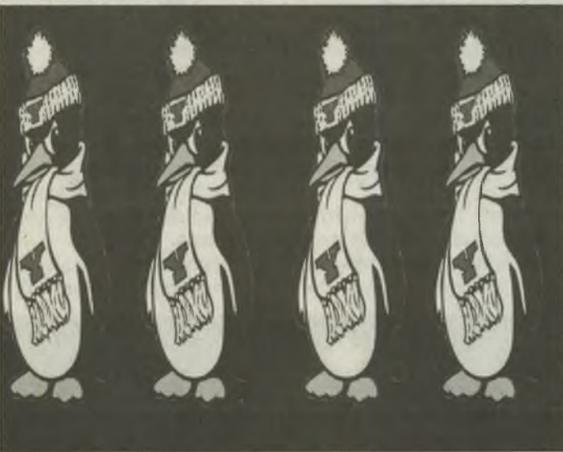
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During every election year we cover the rallies that flood the Mahoning Valley — the majority of which are Democratic.

Gov. Ted Strickland made his way through the Valley twice in the past two weeks. In each story we reported and received comments from Democratic officials who showed their support. Republicans were nowhere to be found.

When we covered the Kasich rally in Boardman on Monday, where were the Democrats?

The media are only one aspect of a litigious society.

We have a paper to run, and that is what we intend to do. The letters to the editor are taken seriously, as we are now addressing them.

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## Letter to the Editor

### A World With Equality

This is more of an opinion piece than a letter to the editor. My name is David Hartman. I am a third-year history major at YSU. This letter is about the injustices that plague not only this country but this campus as well. What is this plague you may ask? The plague is the inequality of those who are homosexual.

Gay rights, in my opinion, is a new civil rights movement that more people should be fighting for. This isn't anything to do with religion, this has nothing to do with politics; this is about equality for me, you and everyone we come into contact with. This is us being human and acting and treating others with the same human respect.

This has been on my mind for a while but it was the death of Tyler Clementi, the Rutgers student who tragically took his own life by jumping off the George Washington Bridge because his roommate taped him having a sexual encounter with another man. This has caused outrage from all news stations and blogs. However, why does this even happen at all?

I understand that humans have the capability to make mistakes and as such, are capable of doing these disgusting things. But why is being gay so wrong? It isn't. Homosexuality is as natural as me having brown hair. It just is. No one can help it. No one can choose this (as some religions will have you believe). Why persecute and harass someone for being the way they are?

You are taught in school to treat others the way you want to be treated. If the way some people treat homosexuals was the case for the golden rule, that rule would be shattered into a million pieces.

Don't get me wrong. Not everyone is against homosexuality. In fact, many of the people I know are not like this at all. YSU has YSunity, which is a gay-straight alliance in which all sexual orientations are treated the same. There is also a National Coming Out Week to celebrate being gay and being who you are. However, this isn't the case everywhere. The tragic death of Mr. Clementi proves that as a country and as a human race, we have a long ways to go to get equality in this area.

One day, I hope to sit down with my wife and our children and explain to them that many years before, homosexuality was frowned upon and those who were homosexual were persecuted for being who they were. I also hope my children will live in a country where they can be free to be who they are and are loved for it. This should be a bigger deal than it is.

I could get into the religious debates with homosexuality but that only leads to more argument. All I am saying is you are who you are and you should be loved for who you are. Thank you for reading this. In the words of John Lennon and Paul McCartney, "all you need is love."

David Hartman  
Girard

## Tear down your altars and lifeless idols



### Holy hypocrisy

Chris Cotelesse  
COLUMNIST

On Sunday, I invited Elders Winston Wilkinson and Kyle Strong into my modest apartment to discuss faith and receive my free copy of the Book of Mormon.

When a member of the Mormon Church turns 19, he or she is given the opportunity to serve for two years in various parts of the world, bringing lost sheep into the fold. These two poor unfortunate souls were assigned to Youngstown.

They were clean-cut and professionally dressed, wearing the wide-eyed enthusiasm of young men sincere in their convictions. Though maybe they smiled too much.

"Is there something you're looking for?" Wilkinson asked.

What is anyone looking for? The big questions that everyone has considered — the meaning of life — usually go unanswered. I didn't expect these young missionaries to hand deliver any solutions, but I gave them the opportunity.

Their religious history was a lot like my own. They spent the first portion of their lives in a loose affiliation with faith. When they reached the cusp of manhood, they felt incomplete. It's a fairly common disposition in the teen years to find yourself feeling somewhat empty and out of place.

"I wanted something more. I could feel a piece of me missing in life," Wilkinson said.

I was fifteen, sitting in a middle row of New Life Baptist Church in New Wilmington, Pa. Pastor John Bailey invited everyone to bow our heads and close our eyes.

"Is there something missing in your life?" Bailey asked.

"It's kind of a personal feeling that comes to you," said Strong, the quieter one. "It's kind of like you just know. You just know that you need to do it."

From the ages of 15 to 18, I was a Jesus freak. I read the Bible three times in as many years. I prayed every morning before school and every night before bed. I frequently felt what I would have described as the Spirit of God. And had anyone asked me how I knew that it was a divine experience, I would have replied, "I just know." Facts were insufficient and irrelevant as far as I was concerned.

"What caused you to drift away?" Wilkinson asked.

"Now go and attack Amalek," I said, paraphrasing 1 Samuel 15:3 from the Holy Bible. "And destroy them. Kill everything that they have, both man and woman, infant and nursing child."

They never talk about that in Sunday school. I thought it was universally accepted that killing little kids is bad. Such malice contradicted the free-loving, peaceful picture of the hippie-Jesus I had been taught. Still, I leaned on my faith. I knew that God was holy and righteous. He must have had a good reason.

I asked, sought and knocked, but did not receive any relief. After three and a half years, I could no longer justify the injustice. Not to mention the potential millions killed by Noah's Flood, the destruction of Sodom and Gomorrah, the conquest of Canaan. Many of those casualties were likely children.

The young Elders remained silent for a few seconds, taken aback by the swiftness of my answer. Eventually, Wilkinson remembered he was there to proselytize. "The Lord knows far more than I will here on this earth ... he has a purpose and a plan for whatever may happen ... Whatever he asks even though how difficult it may be, it's right," he said.

Does that work for you? Does that settle your soul, knowing the God you obey committed atrocities to rival the Nazis, the Soviets and Al-Qaeda?

In 2004, Deanna Laney killed her children. In 2009, Joseph Hagerman cut off the head of his 5-year-old son. In 2010, James Wallace Fall was arrested for raping his niece for almost a decade. All claimed it was God's will. Those people were either insane or just plain twisted, but it begs an important question. Would you obey God if he told you to kill your child? Would you have the faith of Abraham?

If I have to spend an eternity in hell because I refuse to worship a murderous madman, so be it.



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## YSUnity Celebrates National Coming Out Week



Corinne Bocci, Heather Decoskey and Sarah Peters sit at the YSUnity table in Kilcauley Center on Monday afternoon to inform students of National Coming Out Week. YSUnity will be holding a variety of events throughout the week in support of Coming Out Week. Photo by Chelsea Miller/The Jambar.

*"It's sad how many people don't feel comfortable with their sexuality. I think everyone should accept individuality."  
- Pat Williams, senior*

**Alicia Pattillo**  
REPORTER

In honor of National Coming Out Day on Monday, YSUnity at Youngstown State University has planned a week of events raising awareness about issues relevant to the lesbian, gay, bisexual, transgender, the questioning/queer, intersex and asexual/ally (LGBTQIA) community.

YSUnity President Nick Iacobucci said the organization added the QIA "to be more inclusive."

The week will begin with informational tables. On Tuesday, bake sales will be held in Cushwa and DeBartolo halls,

while Wednesday will be dedicated to educating others about the history of LGBTQIA.

Thursday will feature a showing of the film "For the Bible Tells Me So," and Friday will be Pride Day.

"We're hoping people will dress up in rainbow belts or pride bracelets or something like that just to show that they're in support," Iacobucci said.

Iacobucci encourages the YSU community to wear colorful clothing throughout the week as well.

YSUnity will also have a second informational table set up on Friday following a photo contest of students wearing pride gear. The contest winner wins two movie tickets to Regal Cinemas.

All students are welcome to attend the YSUnity after party at Utopia on East Midlothian Boulevard.

"Everyone can come to that and party with us," Iacobucci said.

Joy Polkaba-Byers, assistant director of programs and special events at YSU, said students and staff are encouraged to attend "the great week of activities YSUnity have planned for this program."

Jack Rigney, director of campus recreation and intramural sports, said National Coming Out Day "has been embraced and recognized by the campus recreation department as well as the entire YSU community over the years."

"Recognizing, embrac-

ing, respecting and gaining an understanding of differences of individuals fosters a more accepting and civil community that can hopefully work towards improving our ability to communicate and work together," Rigney said. "The elimination of fear, ignorance and phobias that are so often attached to differences need to be reinforced through positive exposure, education, openness and respect."

YSU senior Pat Williams said she thinks "it's great people decided to dedicate a day to this."

"It's sad how many people don't feel comfortable with their sexuality. I think everyone should accept individuality," Williams said.

Freshman Gina Thompson is a lesbian and she can't wait to participate in the events.

"I am proud to be who I am and I will be celebrating," Thompson said.

Junior Alisha Whittenberg said she is not gay but she accepts all who are.

"I've always been a supporter of the gay community. I accept them and look at them no different," she said.

Senior Megan Bosch said she will not be attending any events but will continue to support the LGBTQIA community.

"My sister is a lesbian, and I love her all the same. They are the ignorant people that oppose gays. I will pray for those people," Bosch said.

having or showing a merry, lively mood: gay spirits: gay music  
**'That's gay'**  
of, indicating, or supporting homosexual interests or issues: a gay organization  
homosexual.

### Students discuss misuse of a common phrase

**Christine Darin**  
REPORTER

The phrase "that's gay" is commonly used to describe something uncool. However, this familiar saying, which has gained popularity in recent years, can offend others.

Brian Wells, YSUnity adviser and the unofficial Safe Zone coordinator at Youngstown State University, said when people say "that's so gay," but truly mean "that's stupid," they are equating being homosexual with being stupid.

According to linguistics professor Steven Brown, "gay" traditionally meant happy. In the 1950s and 1960s, though, the word started to take on a new meaning: homosexual. The word "gay" in reference to homosexuals started to be used more commonly in the 1980s. Brown said the phrase "that's gay" in reference to being stupid has been around for about 10 years.

It is similar to the phrase "Indian giver" or "Dutch Courage," Brown said. People are using a group that they don't like or value to use as a negative adjective to describe something else they don't like or value.

Some YSU students have mixed feelings on use of the word "gay" used in this context.

"I use it all the time," said senior James Jarvis. "More or less, if I don't like something, it's 'gay' to me."

Jarvis said he wasn't exposed to lesbian,

gay, bisexual or transgender people until he came to YSU. He added that he believes "gay" isn't the appropriate term to use for homosexuals and that "they shouldn't use it anyway."

Gay has four definitions according to Merriam-Webster Online. The first three involve being merry, excited, bright and given to social pleasures, but the fourth and final definition states, "Homosexual; of, relating to or used by homosexuals."

Sophomore Missy Haug stopped using the phrase but admits she used to say it before. Haug said she has heard the phrase "that's gay" since elementary school.

"I didn't take it as being mean towards homosexuals," Haug said. "I don't think [students] think it's derogatory. My generation does it out of habit."

YSUnity President Nick Iacobucci said he's used to hearing other students on campus use the phrase "that's gay." He said he feels as though people laugh or make comments under their breath when YSUnity members paint The Rock or hold a protest, such as the Day of Silence last year when group members taped their mouths closed. He mentioned that he'd even received an "ignorant" response via e-mail after a YSUnity event announcement.

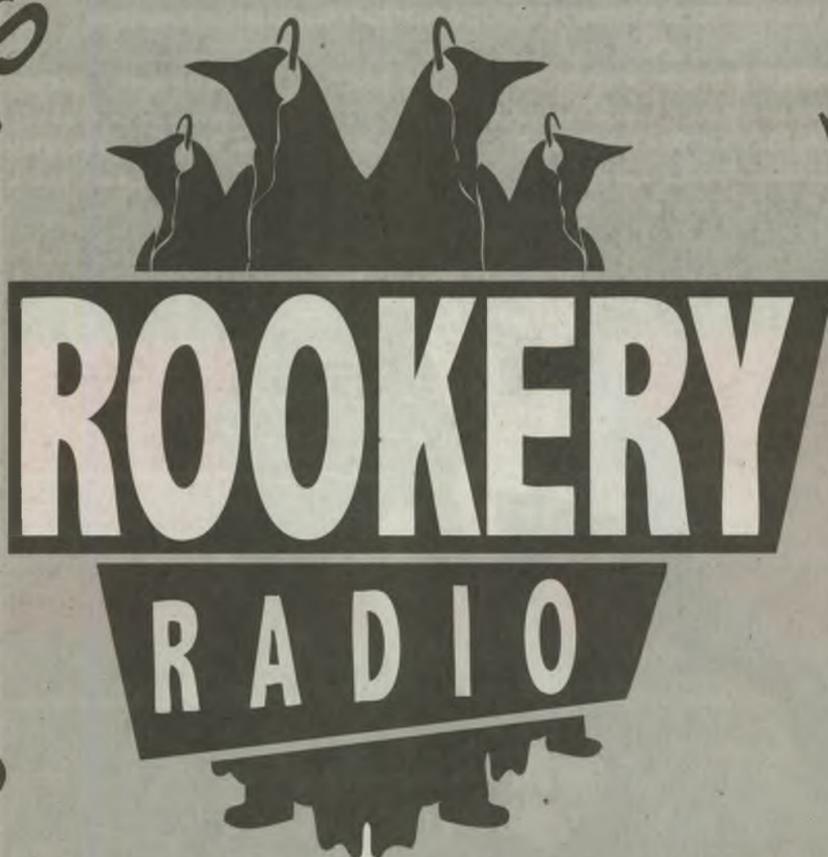
"I feel annoyed that this campus, and area in general, is stuck in the old ways," Iacobucci said.

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## Soccer seeks to end season strong

Keith Langford Jr.  
SPORTS EDITOR

The second season of Will Lemke's tenure as Youngstown State University's head coach of the women's soccer team has not gone as planned.

A very young team, combined with countless injuries to key players, has caused the 2010 soccer campaign to be a disappointing one. A 3-12 record this season has not shown any improvement from a 2009 final record of 4-10-3.

Injuries to players who have started this season like freshman forward Allison Ludwig (hand), sophomore midfielder Cori Stark (strained knee), sophomore midfielder Brittany Hayes (stress fracture of foot), freshman defenders Brittany Dowd and Amanda Johnson (ACL), and freshman midfielder Rachel Morrison (broken radius and ulna) has caused headaches for Lemke.

"When you have seven starters out, it's going to affect your team. Regardless of whether your starters are out there, you still have to play hard and smart," Lemke said.

The season was uphill from the start with an odd scheduling glitch.

The schedule yielded an unbalanced number of home games to road games. The Penguins played six home games compared to nearly double the amount of road games.

Lemke said the scheduling problem was something he inherited when he took over in 2009, and he said he would try to find some type of balance in the future. Lemke added that he would try to get more balance in the non-conference portion of the schedule as well.

In six home games, the Penguins are 2-4 but have been competitive in all six games played at Stambaugh



Sophomore midfielder Katie Peterlin battles a Detroit defender for possession of the ball in the Penguins' last home game. The Penguins fell in the game, 4-1, to Detroit.

Stadium, except for the last home game against the University of Detroit-Mercy.

Detroit won the game 4-1 but all the other games played at home have been decided by two goals or fewer goals.

The road has been a different animal for the women's soccer team. The Penguins started impressive on the road, winning their first game of the season against Robert Morris University, 3-1.

Since the Robert Morris game, the Penguins have dropped eight consecutive

games on the road. Credit is due for the Penguins for scheduling tough non-conference opponents from bigger schools like the University of Toledo and the University of Michigan.

YSU is 1-8 on the road with only two road games left in the season.

"We need to play a complete game and remain hungry. I would like to play with some cohesiveness. We need to play strong and poised," Lemke said.

A bright spot for the Pen-

guins has been the play of Ludwig. Ludwig missed five games due to a hand injury that occurred in the Michigan game earlier this season.

Ludwig, in 10 games this season, has scored eight goals to break a freshman record set by teammate senior Lauren Brennan. Brennan scored seven goals as a freshman in 2007.

"I think that we will have a bright future. The experience we gained this year will serve us well in the future," Lemke said.

### FCS TOP 25

1. APPALACHIAN STATE
2. DELAWARE
3. JACKSONVILLE STATE
4. WILLIAM & MARY
5. STEPHEN F. AUSTIN
6. VILLANOVA
7. JAMES MADISON
8. MASSACHUSETTS
9. SOUTH CAROLINA ST.
10. MONTANA ST.
11. MONTANA
12. EASTERN WASHINGTON
13. CAL POLY
14. NORTH DAKOTA STATE
15. LIBERTY
16. NEW HAMPSHIRE
17. NORTH DAKOTA ST
18. NORTHERN ARIZONA
19. PENNSYLVANIA
20. CHATTANOOGA
21. WESTERN ILLINOIS
22. SOUTHERN ILLINOIS
23. GEORGIA SOUTHERN
24. GRAMBLING STATE
25. TEXAS STATE

### MISSOURI VALLEY FOOTBALL

1. SOUTHERN ILLINOIS (3-3)
2. WESTERN ILLINOIS (4-2)
3. NORTHERN IOWA (2-3)
4. ILLINOIS STATE (3-3)
5. INDIANA STATE (3-2)
6. MISSOURI STATE (2-3)
7. NORTH DAKOTA ST. (4-2)
8. SOUTH DAKOTA ST. (1-4)
9. YOUNGSTOWN ST. (3-3)

### PENGUIN SPOTLIGHT



LAUREN BRENNAN

**POSITION:** Forward/Def.  
**YEAR:** Senior  
**HOMETOWN:** Springfield, Ill.

**HIGH SCHOOL:** Sacred Heart Griffin

#### 2010 Season Stats

**Goals:** 2  
**Assists:** 2  
**Shots on Goal:** 8

### SCHEDULES

#### FOOTBALL

- Oct. 16- @ Western Ill.
- Oct. 23- @ South Dakota St.
- Oct. 30- UNI (Homecoming)
- Nov. 6- @ Illinois St.
- Nov. 13- Indiana St.

#### SOCCER

- Oct. 22- @ Butler
- Oct. 24- @ Valparaiso

#### VOLLEYBALL

- Oct. 16- UIC
- Oct. 22- @ Milwaukee
- Oct. 23- @ Green Bay
- Oct. 29- CLEVELAND
- STATE
- Nov. 5- VALPARAISO
- Nov. 6- Loyola

## Penguin hockey winless in ACHA showcase

Jason Horkey  
REPORTER

Youngstown State University hosted the American Collegiate Hockey Association Men's Division I showcase this weekend.

Although the Penguins left the ice on Sunday evening with no wins to account for, assistant coach and former player Kevin Pawlos said the showcase was a success.

"We're hosting teams from all over the country, and [we] are very fortunate to have the facilities to accommodate everything," Pawlos said. "We played well and stuck to the system ... if we keep playing the way we have been, we have a good chance of winning the league."

League games for the Penguins start in two weeks.

Matt Jacob, a senior and starting guard, said despite the rough start, he never doubted the integrity the Penguins showed on and off the ice.

"All the teams we played



Youngstown State University hosted this year's ACHA showcase at the Ice Zone in Boardman over the weekend.

this weekend are top-ranked teams, so it was a challenge, but we have players who pour their hearts out into these games," Jacob said.

YSU started Friday night against Minot State University, losing 11-0. The Penguins struggled throughout the game, trying to adapt to one another.

Assistant coach and former player Mike Poljak said the showcase "was a challenge for our players" because every team the Penguins played were of the top 16 ranked in the country.

A young Penguins team looked to find their groove Saturday against the Bulldogs of Adrian College. Unfortu-

nately, the Bulldogs got the best of the Penguins, beating them 9-0.

The Penguins racked up nine penalties throughout the game, which led to a string of team frustration. They would not be deterred, though, and played Sunday afternoon's game against the Western Michigan University Stallions with a sense of confidence.

YSU was tied 6-6 with the Stallions in the third period when WMU scored a goal with 7:31 to go in the period. The Penguins had trouble gaining control of the puck, which resulted in another goal from the Stallions with 55 seconds left in the game.

The Penguins lost, with a final score of 8-6, but Poljak said it's more about the experience the team gained over the weekend rather than the end results.

"There was a lot of talent out there over the weekend, [and] it should be an exciting season. We have a lot of new players, and we didn't adapt until late in the weekend," he said.

## Flag football reason to be at YSU on Sundays

Joe Catullo Jr.  
REPORTER

Six divisions, 36 teams and five weeks make up the intra-mural flag football season at Youngstown State University.

Games take place at Harrison Field, which is located across from the MVR and the M-1 parking deck. Unlike traditional football, the fields are only 80 yards and teams play two 18-minute long halves of

football.

Richie Tisone, a team captain, is in his fourth year at YSU, and he's played flag football each year.

"It's a lot of fun to play," Tisone said. "It is a very competitive league, but it's also a good time to get around with your friends."

Two undefeated teams, the B n Bs and Football 1, went head-to-head on Sunday in an important divisional matchup. Football 1 defeated the B

n Bs, 21-13. An interception, late in the game, was the difference maker.

Since teams play within their own division each week, they are all considered rivals to one another.

Tisone's teammate and fourth-year student Joe Polis agreed.

"Flag football is a lot of fun, and it helps to be on Sundays," Polis said. "I regret not playing a game this year because I do miss it."

Polis signed up to play early in the season, but he has yet to play due to his work schedule.

Football 1 clinched a play-off spot for the tournament with the win over the B n Bs.

Two more undefeated teams, the Wildcats and the Spartans, played in a Division I match-up looking for their chance to be in this year's tournament. In the end, the Wildcats came out with the 14-0 victory and clinched a tournament spot.