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# SPRING CLASSES AT YSU METRO COLLEGE CANCELLED

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Due to decreased class sizes, the Youngstown State University Metro College at Southwoods in Boardman will no longer offer for-credit classes in spring 2015.

Ron Cole, the university's public information officer, said the Metro College's operations are under review due to the decreasing number of students choosing to attend classes there.

"There has been a reduction of the number of students being served out there," he said. "I can say, as part of general ongoing review of all operations on campus, the Metro College is being looked at in that light."

Jack Fahey, the vice president of Student Affairs, said — based on his own research — the Metro College at Southwoods was not serving its primary function, as an alternative option for students who could not make it to campus for classes.

"I remember about a year ago, I was doing some research and came across a piece of data that indicated that there were only a handful of students that were only



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The YSU Metro College at Southwoods will not offer for-credit classes this spring, but will continue to offer non-credit professional development courses.

taking classes at Metro — like five or six was all. Most of the students that were taking classes at Metro were also taking two or three classes at the university," Fahey said. "The purpose of Metro was to be an alternate campus for people that couldn't make it to our campus. Clearly, based on the data that I saw, that certainly wasn't the case. People were

taking a class mainly because it was in a different time and those kinds of things. It was probably inconveniencing them having them go back and forth from the campus to Boardman."

Karla Krodel, director of the Metro Credit program, confirmed that all for-credit classes at the Metro College were cancelled for spring

2015, but the classes offered at Metro would be absorbed back into the main campus. Capacity for these classes would remain unaffected.

"Basically, the current enrollment out of Metro College for the last couple of semesters just doesn't warrant having sessions out there. In other words, for the vast majority of the departments, there is ample

capacity on campus to absorb those students," she said. "No capacity is going to be lost. If we need 150 seats for a given department that used to be out of Metro, the funding for those sections will be transferred to campus. So they are not going to be lost."

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## POWER OF YOUNG VOICES NOBEL PEACE PRIZE AWARDED TO CHILDREN'S RIGHTS ACTIVISTS

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Last Friday, the Nobel Peace Prize was awarded to Kailash Satyarthi and Malala Yousafzai "for their struggle against the oppression of young people and for the right of all children to education." Yousafzai, at 17, is the youngest person ever to be awarded the prize.

"Despite her youth, Malala Yousafzai has already fought for several years for the right of girls to education and has shown by example that children and young people too can contribute to improving their own situations," the Nobel committee said in a statement. "This she has done under the most dangerous circumstances. Through her heroic struggle, she has become a leading spokesperson for girls' rights to education."

Yousafzai is from the Swat

District of Pakistan, the site of several battles between the Taliban and the Pakistani Army. As the Taliban exercised control in the region, they sought to limit the rights of women — specifically their right to an education.

Yousafzai gained notoriety in 2009 as a 12-year-old writing an anonymous blog for the BBC chronicling her life amidst the conflict.

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Malala Yousafzai, who was awarded the Nobel Peace Prize, stands with family members after being presented with the 25th Sakharov Prize for Freedom of Thought by the European Parliament in 2013.

## SHOULD STUDENTS HAVE A HAND IN SETTING ACADEMIC POLICY?

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A pair of students are currently acting as co-chairs to the Academic Standards Committee, but question has been raised by a small number of faculty as to the appropriateness of their positions.

Student Government Association president Michael Slavens and vice president Jacob Schriener-Briggs opted to co-chair the Academic Standards Committee, a standing committee reporting to the Academic Senate which primarily serves as the birthplace of new academic policy proposals.

Slavens, on his second year of service on the committee, enjoyed serving on the committee and upon seeing a lack of faculty interest in chairing the committee, took on the role of co-chair along with colleague Schriener-Briggs.

"[Former SGA President Catherine Carney] and I were on the committee last year and I really liked it, so this year Jake and I joined. ... As is typical, at the first meeting we met to elect a new chair. None of the present faculty seemed like they wanted to do it, and we didn't think it would be best for a member of the administration to chair. Jake and I were willing to do it, so we opted to co-chair, and we were completely fine with the extra work," Slavens said.

Schriener-Briggs and Slavens primarily serve as facilitators for the committee's meetings, where they keep minutes, set meeting dates and report the group's findings to the Academic Senate. The chairs have no actual power within the group, a fact the head of the Academic Senate Chester Cooper emphasized when discussing the student's position.

"[Slavens and Briggs] are voting members of the committee, and there's nothing in the by-laws suggesting they can't serve as co-chairs," Cooper said. "There's no power in the positions. They can't make policy on their own."

Despite the committee by-laws offering no opposition to students

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## WCBA Fosters Young Entrepreneurs

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The Williamson College of Business Administration at Youngstown State University is highly accredited for producing competent and competitive graduates, with the college's emphasis on preparing students for positions within the world of business — with majors such as finance, marketing and management.

One program gaining popularity emphasizes a different side of the business world — students opening their own business. The entrepreneurship program allows students of all majors to transform their ideas into businesses.

The entrepreneurship program consists of five classes — it was previously offered as a certification.

Donna Walsh, entrepreneurship program director, explained the growth of the program.

"Since the introduction of the program two years ago, enrollment in entrepreneurship courses has increased nearly 60 percent during 2011-2013 and 135 students enrolled in entrepreneurship courses for the 2013-2014 academic year," she said.

Walsh said that entrepreneurship combines well with a variety of majors, inside and outside of the WBCA.

"Many students are interested in web-based programs. Others are planning for financial firms, accounting, graphic design and market research. A number of students are interested in food/hospitality start-ups. Others are also majoring in creative arts," she said. "These students are minoring in entrepreneurship because they plan to earn a living as entrepreneurs in their chosen field upon graduation."

Cecelia Haren, a recent YSU graduate who started her own business, opened an upscale, special-occasion dress store in Boardman called Cece Couture.

Haren said she was able to open her business after persuading Farmers National Bank to grant her a loan. They recognized Cecelia's business as one of the best plans for a business they have seen.

During the spring semester of 2014, several YSU students traveled to Grove City College in Pennsylvania to compete in the Oh-Penn for Business College Business Plan

Competition.

Nine plans were selected out of the many competing students. Richard Wetzell, YSU student, was one of the winners. He won the \$2,000 first-place award for his concept ProCover, which uses selective laser sintering and 3-D scanning technology to produce custom prosthetic limb covers for amputees.

Hayley Platt, a senior dance management major and entrepreneurship minor, is creating — along with her partner — the first professional concert dance company in Youngstown. They are planning the company's first performance, a celebration of the history of Youngstown, to be held at the McDonough Museum on the YSU campus.

Ben Smith, an international business student with an entrepreneurship minor, explained one of his business plans after graduation.

"I would like to start an import/export business with Greek sandals," he said. "People come up to me and ask me where I got my shoes. I would like to bring them around here."

Smith also said the entrepreneurship program allows you to be flexible with your career choices, and that the professors will always give you guidance and support with knowledge.

The program provides students with resources from the Ohio Small Business Center and the Youngstown Business Incubator to prepare them for after graduation.

Jackie Baker, another young entrepreneur, just opened her own boutique located in Warren. The name of her business is Jackie's Jewels, and she sells all American-made clothing, shoes and jewelry.

"I started my business out of need. I was making jewelry from home as a hobby. Between demand and followers on Facebook, I felt it could work. Turning 30 this year made me decide you either sink or swim in your life, so I decided to try," she said. "It is better to say you tried then never at all."

Baker also gave some advice for anyone who wants to start their own business.

"You have to make sure you have drive, love, time and want for it. It can take up a lot of your time, but can be very rewarding when people thank you for your service," she said. "You have to love what you do and want to share it with others."

## Amazon Smiles on Youngstown Business Incubator

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In 2013, Amazon.com created a program dubbed AmazonSmile, which works to help nonprofit organizations and charities. The program donates 0.5 percent of a user's purchase to a charity or organization of the user's choice that is listed on the website.

Each quarter of the year, the AmazonSmile Foundation uses this revenue to make donations to registered charitable organizations electronically.

Brittany Housel, client development coordinator for the Youngstown Business Incubator, signed her company up for the program on Sept. 25.

Housel represents the YBI in regards to AmazonSmile. She said that she decided to register the YBI because Amazon is widely used by the public, and it would get

their name out in the open, as well as bring in more funding.

"I myself use Amazon quite a bit, and I've been using it for another nonprofit organization that I work closely with," Housel said. "I just thought 'Well hey, if Amazon is really that big and everyone seems to use it, we might as well try our hand at it.'"

Housel created the account with AmazonSmile for the YBI on her own. Any nonprofit organization that wants to sign up with the site can do so on Amazon using the org.amazon.com page along with a tax code that identifies the organization as nonprofit.

The list of charitable organizations in the program reaches almost one million. Charities must be in good standing with the Internal Revenue Service and located in the United States to be entered onto the list.

The only way to support

the charitable organization through the AmazonSmile Foundation is to shop specifically on AmazonSmile. The website, which is a subset of the main Amazon site, can be found simply by typing in AmazonSmile into a search engine of choice. The site will then prompt users to choose a charity to support.

Housel said that the program offers an opportunity for nonprofit organizations like the YBI and the community of Youngstown is given a chance to support those organizations.

"I have high hopes for it. I think that if we do a really good job of getting the word out and educating people on how to connect your Amazon to AmazonSmile, instead of just using the regular site, I think that it could really benefit us. It's the giving back version of purchasing," Housel said. "I think it will increase support if we can get the word out and educate people in Youngstown."

In 2012, she was the target of an attack by the Taliban that left her in critical condition after suffering a gunshot wound. She continued to protest and helped garner support for what became the first right to education bill passed in Pakistan. She also founded the Malala Fund, which strives to help girls around the world to obtain an education and escape poverty.

In a press conference Yousafzai held after being named as co-recipient of the Nobel Peace Prize, she explained the choice she faced under Taliban rule.

"I had two options: one was not to speak and wait to be killed, and the second was to speak up and then be killed. And I chose the second one," Yousafzai said.

Yousafzai saw the denial of her right to an education as a denial of her right to a future.

"When I heard that I could not go to school, for a second I thought that I would never be able to become a doctor, or I would never be able to be who I wanted to be in the future," she said. "And my life would be just getting married at the age of 13 or 14, not going to school, not becoming who I really can be, so I decided to speak up."

She encouraged other children in difficult situations to follow her example.

"[Children's] voices are so powerful," Yousafzai said. "It would seem that they're weak, but at a time when no one is speaking your voice gets so loud that everyone has to listen to it, everyone has to hear it."

Keith Lepak, coordinator of peace and conflict studies at

Youngstown State University, said Yousafzai's resilience is what has set her apart.

"She is an extraordinary young woman simply because she has a very strong will to stand down these efforts that have been made to shut her up, including the attempt to kill her," Lepak said.

He also said the prestige along with the monetary award — about \$1.5 million — will be instrumental in helping her further her cause and cultivate an international support system.

"There's not only a status aspect about the award, but there's an economic and financial expansion of the resources that she can bring to bear on this problem," Lepak said.

Satyarthi has fought for over 30 years to secure the rights of children in India, with a particular focus on the exploitation of child labor. Many impoverished families in India resort to selling their children into a form of involuntary servitude.

"[Satyarthi] has been an advocate for revealing this problem and trying to bring the conditions to the attention of different social groups and political authorities both inside and outside the country," Lepak said.

He said both Yousafzai and Satyarthi are doing their part to bring larger problems concerning the treatment of children in underdeveloped countries to light.

"Both of them have, in their own way, been engaged with the politics and the rights of young people and children both educationally and economically," Lepak said.

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campus. So they are not going to be lost."

Though Krodel could not confirm whether the administration made the decision purely to reduce spending, she said the cancellation of these classes would save the university money.

"If we got an instructor that is teaching 10 students on campus and an instructor teaching 10 students down at Metro, and we eliminate the Metro section, and then the instructor on campus is teaching 20 students, we have saved money," she said.

Though Krodel said that, in this scenario, faculty could lose positions, she was not involved in hiring Metro College instructors and she could not speak with certainty on how their jobs would be impacted.

"The departments hire all their instructors. They are not hired by Metro College, and so the departments determine which instructors will teach out there. Some instructors request it. And sometimes it is part timers, sometimes it is full time," she said. "I can't speak to that for certain because I don't really hire instructors, but, in the scenario that I just mentioned ... Then yes there would be one less part timer, you know, in that scenario."

Julia Gergits, the chair of the English department — which commonly holds classes such as Writing 1 and 2 at the Metro — said positions will be impacted by this change.

"Fewer classes are offered overall; Metro is a small number of the reductions. Yes, instructors are affected by those reductions," she said.

Angela Spalsbury, the chair of the mathematics and statistics department, said they could possibly retain all those instructors depending on the retention of Metro College students.

"We have seen a significant decline in enrollment in mathematics courses at the Metro College. We only offered three courses there this semester and none of them were near to capacity," she said. "I've been told by the Metro College people that surveys given to Metro College students indicate that most, if not all, would come to the main campus if we didn't offer courses there. If those students come to the main campus then we may still be able to hire those instructors."

Kordel said the Metro College department and the Metro College itself are not closing down, and non-credit courses will continue to be taught there.

"This department operates a number of programs outside of the off-site location, and those programs have been experiencing a great deal of growth, so we are staying real busy over here," she said. "The workforce development people are still out there, and they teach non-credit classes. Those can be for personal enrichment or professional development. So, it can be anything from teaching people how to use Excel or PowerPoint to ballroom dancing; it can be real-estate licensure; it can be accounting ... Those types of courses will continue to be held at Metro."

Though no source could speak on what this change means for the future of the Metro College, Fahey assured students that the university would give heed to students' response.

"I am sure that the folks at academic affairs are going to listen and pay attention to the students," Fahey said.

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Students in the allied health majors gathered to give public information on health-related issues in the Andrews Student Recreation and Wellness Center on Tuesday.

"This is the Health and Human Services Information Fair. We have students from the health and human services department set up different stations and provide information on things like safe sex, diabetes, dental hygiene, drinking and the effects it has on driving, nutrition tables, contraception and things of that nature," Amanda Bachtel, a student in the allied health department, said.

## Hong Kong Police Saw Through Protesters' Barricades Amid New Clashes



PHOTO COURTESY OF DAVID PIERSON/LOS ANGELES TIMES/MCT

Kelvin Chan, 23, stands in front of a wall of pro-democracy messages called the "Lennon Wall" at the Admiralty protest site.

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Hundreds of police used chain saws and other power tools Tuesday to remove barricades set up by Hong Kong protesters, continuing the government's slow squeeze on the pro-democracy demonstrations that have blocked some streets for more than two weeks.

Several long-occupied roadways were reopened Tuesday in the Admiralty and Causeway Bay districts, but protesters were still massed around government headquarters in Admiralty and holding out in the dense commercial district of Mong Kok.

On Tuesday evening, police and protesters faced off near the offices of Hong Kong's embattled chief executive. Police in helmets and equipped with batons encountered protesters wearing goggles and face masks and holding umbrellas. Police eventually retreated and demonstrators erected a barricade on Lung Wo Road, a key east-west artery.

Meanwhile, counter-protesters were massing for a third evening at the Apple Daily newspaper, which

openly supports the democracy movement.

The crowds had succeeded in delaying delivery of Monday's and Tuesday's editions by obstructing vans and staff buses until dawn. The group of more than 100 people, mostly women wearing face masks, mainly spoke Cantonese with a mainland accent, according to the South China Morning Post, another local newspaper. That suggested the crowd was not actually from Hong Kong.

In response to the blockades, Hong Kong's High Court issued a temporary injunction early Tuesday against anyone blocking the gates of the newspaper building. Apple Daily said that in addition to the physical blockade, its website had been targeted by hackers, making it inaccessible to some readers.

Tuesday's moves by police to dismantle some barricades came a day after counter-protesters opposed to the democracy sit-ins attempted to tear down some barriers surrounding the protest camps and scuffled with demonstrators.

Demonstrators in the semi-autonomous Chinese territory are demanding open nominations for the next election for chief executive in 2017; Beijing insists that

a pro-Beijing committee vet candidates. Tens of thousands of students, activists and others have taken to the streets to protest that decision since late September.

Leung Chun-ying, the city's current chief executive, said in an interview with local channel TVB on Sunday that the chance of the government changing its mind on elections is "almost zero," and that the protests have "spun out of control." He did not rule out the use of force to end the protests.

Pro-democracy protesters are also demanding Leung's resignation. In addition to complaints about the election rules and police use of tear gas against protesters last month, the beleaguered leader is currently facing criticism amid recent revelations that he secretly accepted \$6.45 million from an Australian engineering company to support its interests.

Hong Kong's Legislative Council is to resume its sessions on Wednesday after a hiatus.

Lawmakers — some supportive of the demonstrations and others opposed — are expected to raise questions about the sit-ins and the response by police and government officials.

Silbert is a special correspondent.

## Tone of Family Document Energizes Catholics

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When a summit of bishops issued a document Monday that sounded like a choral echo of Pope Francis — affirming that gay and other couples outside of church-sanctioned marriages can show sacrificial love and commitment — the Rev. Kris Stubna said he was excited and unsurprised.

He said the document reflected what Roman Catholic leaders have had to face for years: that it "would be a terrible thing to simply reject someone because their state of life may not be consistent with the fullness of Catholic teaching."

Father Stubna, pastor of St. Paul Cathedral in Pittsburgh, said many couples seeking to be married at the cathedral are already living together.

"If you had no conversation with them and simply rejected them out of hand, there wouldn't be anybody getting married," he said.

Affirming their desire to get married gives him a chance to present church teaching that a wedding "is something new. This is a sacramental bond."

Halfway through a two-week synod on the family, bishops issued a working document Monday on their discussions that affirmed the yearning for family in many couples who aren't married.

"Imitating Jesus' merciful gaze, the Church must accompany her most fragile sons and daughters, marked by wounded and lost love, with attention and care," said the committee-drafted document.

The conciliatory tone energized many Catholics, some wanting the synod to affirm traditional doctrine and others wanting it to ease its opposition to homosexuality.

It's not the final document from the synod, and a group of bishops, including Cardinal Donald Wuerl of Washington, D.C., former bishop of Pittsburgh, is on the committee to put together the final one amid complaints from some that it lacked emphasis on sin and repentance.

A Vatican summary of Tuesday's deliberations found plenty of bishops criticizing language they feared could be confusing, for example opening the way for exceptions on the ban on sacraments for the divorced and remarried to become the rule and conveying a "positive evaluation" of homosexuality and cohabitation with its emphasis on acceptance.

American Cardinal Raymond Burke, the head of the Vatican's supreme court, told the Catholic World Report website the document "advances positions which many Synod Fathers do not accept and ... cannot accept."

Any final draft from this year's synod would only be preliminary to another synod on the family next year, with any concrete changes in church practice requiring papal approval.

Wuerl, in brief comments outside the synod gathering, called the document a "big step forward" and an effort to show "that we understand ... what the issues are," according to Religion News Service.

The document laid bare the church's challenges in an era when many Catholics in the United States and other industrialized lands have defied church teachings on marriage and sexuality.

Rather than respond with condemnation, the synod document calls for approaches of "gradualism," affirming what's positive in their relationships and "accompanying their steps (toward church teaching) with patience and mercy."

It's a "conversation unlike any we've had before," said Pittsburgh Bishop David Zubik.

He sees the synod's bishops as taking their cue from Pope Francis' own conciliatory gestures and statements.

"So many people who have not felt that they've been welcomed into the church or people who have said, 'I don't want anything to do with the church,' ... are looking at things a little differently" in response to Francis, he said.

After noon Mass at St. Paul in Pittsburgh, several worshipers said they hadn't read enough about the document to comment on it.

One attendee, Bob Kesicki, said it calls for compassion, but it affirms church teachings.

"So long as you don't violate the teachings of the Catholic Church it's fine, but if you do you're in sin," he said.

Some groups calling for the church to affirm gays and lesbians issued statements applauding the positive tone.

"This report has more of a sense of humility and an emphasis on meeting people where they are at," said a statement from Marianne Duddy-Burke, executive director of the Boston-based DignityUSA, a nationwide group advocating for gay, lesbian, bisexual and transgender Catholics.



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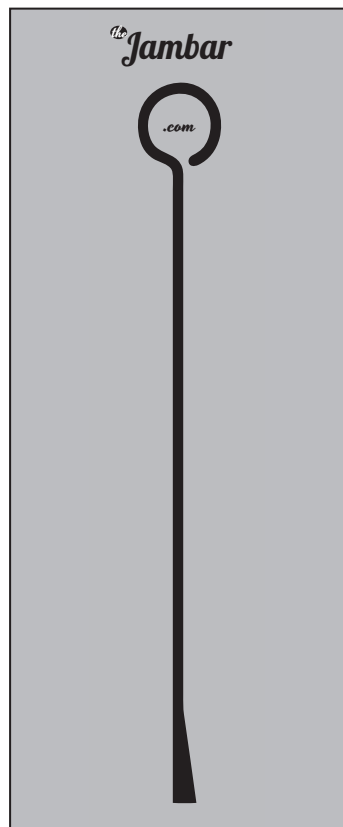
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The American Cancer Society Relay For Life events of Columbiana, East Liverpool and Salem are just around the corner. This year Relay will recognize 30 years of raising funds around the world so that researchers can find treatments, preventative measures and cures for cancer. They are looking for survivors, event leadership, teams, sponsors, volunteers and entertainers to help spread the word about local programs and services, as well as party with a purpose at the Columbiana County events. For more information on how you can get involved in the Relay For Life, contact Renee Walker at 888-227-6446 x2204 or email renee.walker@cancer.org.

Artist to Lecture at McDonough Museum

Visual artist Lorri Ott will lecture in the McDonough Museum of Art on Thursday, Oct. 16 at 3:30 p.m. Ott got her master's degree in painting from Kent State University and her bachelor's from the University of North Carolina. Her studio is in Brooklyn, New York, where she also lives. The lecture is sponsored through Youngstown State University's Department of Art and is free and open to the public.

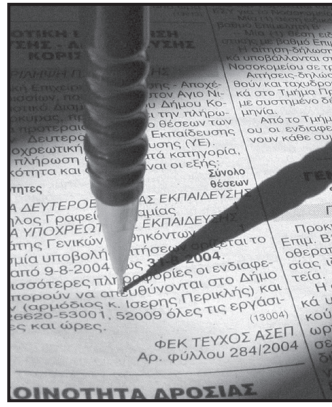
SLAA Holds Costume and Reading Contest

The Student Literary Arts Association at Youngstown State University is holding a Halloween Costume Party and Reading Contest on Friday, Oct. 24 starting at 5:30 p.m. Attendees will come dressed as their favorite author or literary character and give a reading in their style. The top three readers will win prizes. The party will be held at The Boxcar Lounge, located on 543 Mahoning Ave.



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in chair positions, a small portion of the faculty at the most recent Academic Senate meeting voiced concerns over the ethics surrounding students chairing a committee that proposes academic policy.

While not calling into question the students' capacity to lead or personal qualifications, Michael Jerryson — assistant professor in the department of philosophy and religious studies — and William Buckler — associate professor in the geography department — raised concerns over whether or not students should chair committees that can introduce academic policy proposals.

Schriner-Briggs, co-chair of the committee with Slavens, understands where the criticism may come from, but doesn't believe there is any need for concern.

"Since the committee deals with policies affecting students, [critics of students as committee chairs] may think it isn't prudent for students to be in leadership positions. I don't think Mike or I will be conflicted in running the com-

mittee," he said.

During the Academic Senate meeting, Adam Earnhardt — chair of the department of communications — opposed the concern over student leadership, citing a lack of faculty interest in the position, which left Slavens and Schriner-Briggs with the leadership opportunity.

Cooper echoed the sentiments, praising the students for their willingness to take part in the processes that shape the university.

"They had the courage and the gumption to step up. They can do that job as well as anyone else, and there's nothing in the by-laws saying they can't," Cooper said.

Jack Fahey, vice president for Student Affairs, also praised Slavens and Schriner-Briggs, suggesting critics look at their track record as committee members for validation of their qualification.

"Anyone who has served on a committee with Mike [Slavens] knows he's always on time, probably has zero absences, he's thankful, he's

well prepared ... he's as good as anyone else on the committee," Fahey said.

Despite the concerns, Slavens believes that the conflicting viewpoints are fueled primarily by a misunderstanding of the title and position in question.

"I really believe it's just the title that bothers [the concerned faculty] ... to be honest, I got the impression that those opposed to our position in the committee had no idea we were active members on the committee, and that as students we were equal to all other members on the committee," Slavens said.

While there may be more discussion of student leadership in major academic committees, Slavens is confident he and Briggs will remain in their current seat.

"I talked to Dr. Cooper and he said we have his full support ... unless the committee moves to remove us, which I don't see happening, we will stay," Slavens said.

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## IRAQIS DESPERATE FOR AIR COVER AS US MOVES WARPLANES TO KOBANI

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With the U.S. seemingly focused on helping Kurdish militias fight off an Islamic State advance at Kobani on the Turkey-Syria border, Islamist militants this week have seized one key military base in Iraq's Anbar province and have laid siege to another, with no major increase in U.S. air support for the beleaguered Iraqi security forces.

Reports from Kobani indicate that intense U.S. airstrikes there have driven back Islamic State fighters, while in Anbar the militants' advance has been unrelenting. On Tuesday, the Islamic State captured heavy artillery and an unknown number of weapons including machine guns and ammunition when it overran an Iraqi base outside the city of Hit. Now the group has surrounded the Ain Asad air base, northwest of Hit, the country's third largest military facility.

Yet the number of U.S. strikes in Anbar over the past week has plummeted compared with the previous week and have been far fewer than those launched near Kobani, a Kurdish city whose strategic importance is in dispute but where the fighting can be viewed easily from hillsides inside Turkey.

The U.S. Central Command has announced just five airstrikes in Anbar in the past week, compared with 16 last week, while the number of air assaults near Kobani in the same period totals 70 — 39 of them in the last two days.

Iraqi troops at the Ain Asad base in Anbar say they are desperate for U.S. air support.

"It's not possible to get in any supplies by land," explained a member of Iraq's security forces inside the base reached by phone. Speaking on condition of anonymity because he was not authorized to

talk to a reporter, he said the base is surrounded, and while the Iraqi military has delivered some supplies by air, the forces holed up there are not hopeful.

"Forces in the base are almost collapsed psychologically and scared," he said. "I cannot say for how long we can hold the base."

What his men need now, he said, is air cover. "If air cover is provided," he said, "we will attack the militants in the nearby villages and stop their advance."

Analysts suggest the uneven use of U.S.-led air power over the past week is due in part to limited capacity and in part to a failure in the overall strategy in the fight against Islamic State, which is also known as ISIL and ISIS.

"U.S. assets are partially overstretched," said Christopher Harmer, a retired U.S. naval aviator and currently a senior naval analyst at the Institute for the Study of War, a Washington research center. "The core problem is that the U.S. does not have the strategic initiative. We are reacting to where ISIS is advancing, rather than proactively implementing a strategy to defeat them."

Had the U.S. been implementing a proactive strategy, Harmer said, the U.S. would have attacked the Islamic State when the group first advanced on Kobani.

"We didn't, so now we have to allocate a disproportionately large number of strikes against (the Islamic State) in Kobani," he said.

During that same period, Anbar has witnessed a swift deterioration in security. On Sunday, the province's chief of police was assassinated when a roadside bomb targeted his convoy outside the provincial capital, Ramadi. The United Nations has reported that more than 180,000 Iraqis have fled their homes in Anbar in the past week, the largest single displacement of civilians in the province this year.

For now, most of Ramadi remains in government control, but residents report the Islamic State appears to be massing troops on the city's northern and eastern edges.

"The city of Ramadi is in its last breath if there is no quick military action to stop the militants," one resident, Majeed al Marawi, said in a telephone interview.

Officials in Anbar agreed, demanding the central government in Baghdad send in reinforcements or officially request U.S. ground troops.

"The terrorist forces will fully dominate just because the government has done nothing to fight the insurgents," said Faleh al Issawi, a local Anbar council member. He said the military and security forces in Anbar are outgunned and undersupported.

Reached by phone, he called the situation "very dangerous."

"I previously warned and I warn now that Anbar will follow Mosul," he said, referring to the northern Iraqi city whose capture by Islamic State militants June 10 signaled the insurgents' rapid advance across northern and central Iraq.

While the Islamic State has maintained a presence on the outskirts of the Iraqi capital for months, using the pockets of territory to launch isolated attacks inside Baghdad like Tuesday's car bombing that killed Shiite parliamentarian Ahmed al Khafaji, the fall of Anbar province out of government hands would allow the group to pose a direct, sustained threat to Baghdad.

U.S. officials already have expressed concern regarding the group's presence in western Baghdad, just outside the city's strategically important international airport.

"Bottom line," said Harmer, the formal naval aviator, "ISIS has the strategic initiative. The U.S. is simply reacting to wherever ISIS is threatening the most."

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# J Mascis at The Grog Shop

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Alternative rock legend J Mascis performed a solo show at The Grog Shop in

Cleveland Heights Tuesday night. Mascis fronts the — also legendary — loud-quiet rock band, Dinosaur Jr.

Fans packed around the stage in anticipation, waiting for Mascis to appear. A door swung out of the red velvet curtain draping the back cor-

ner of the stage. Out came Mascis. He sat at his stool, took a swig of coconut water, picked up his guitar and spoke into the microphone.

“Alright,” Mascis said, and his set began.

Mascis brings his trademark voice and self-taught

guitar style into his solo project. Mascis’ definitive whirring vocals and overlapping, distorted guitar graced the ears of all in attendance.

“Tied to a Star,” Mascis’ latest solo album, dropped Aug. 26 in the States and on Aug. 25 in the United Kingdom. “Tied to a Star” and his previous critically acclaimed album “Several Shades of Why” were released through the label Sub Pop.

Indie-folk duo Luluc accompanies Mascis on this nationwide tour. Luluc is comprised of Zoe Randell and Steve Hasset. The two hail originally from Melbourne, Australia, but have also found a home in Brooklyn, New York.

Randell joked about her first impression of Ohio, saying earlier that day they ate amazing sushi. Jokes aside, she stated that she was astonished by the color of autumn leaves.

“It’s absolutely breathtaking,” Randell said. “We don’t experience anything like that in Australia.”

Luluc is touring across the United States for the first time, seeing and playing in many parts of the country. The majority of their time spent in the States has been in New York. The two will tag along with Mascis until Nov. 22, and then play a string of shows in Australia.

“We are big fans of J,” Randell said. “The crowds

have been great so far.”

Luluc’s last released album, “Passerby,” came out on Sub Pop in July.

The Grog Shop is located in the Coventry neighborhood of Cleveland Heights, at 2785 Euclid Heights Blvd. The Grog Shop prides itself on creating an intimate experience between musicians and audience members. The dive bar aesthetic coupled with standing audience and a low-rise stage establishes a sense of togetherness not found in large-scale venues.

John Douglas is a well-known figure among Grog Shop patrons. Douglas often works shows at The Grog Shop, making sure that people do not get out of hand.

“I’m working crowd control tonight,” Douglas said. “I’m just glad there’s no stage-divers.”

Instead, Douglas ambled around the bar, taking empty glasses and returning them to the bar.

Mascis played his set encompassed by a wall of fans. Upon leaving the stage, audience members hollered, demanding more music and back out he came. After playing an encore, Mascis laid down his guitar.

“Alright, thanks,” Mascis said.

Thus ended another evening of passion for music in The Grog Shop.



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# Modern Board Game Club: Making the Right Move

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In an age of game apps, video games and online gaming, there stand alone the ones who deny the technological advances of the modern world and pledge allegiance to the cardboard box. These are the members of Youngstown State University’s Modern Board Game Club.

The group meets every Friday from 3-9 p.m. in the James Gallery in Kilcawley Center to discuss and play different board games, old and new. The club is a relatively new one to YSU, with the official establishment of the club being the beginning of this semester.

Jamie Cretella, the president of the Modern Board Game Club, said that the group was established to celebrate the tradition of sitting with a group of pals and bonding over a face-to-face activity.

“When most people think of board games, they think of Sorry and Monopoly, those really competitive types of board games. The different kinds of board games have exploded over the years that are much different than the classic ones,” Cretella said.

“Some of the big popular ones now are Ticket to Ride, Settlers of Catan ... There’s also a game called Werewolf that we have been into now. What gets played just depends on who is at the meeting each Friday.”

Jake Mauch, one of the members of the club, said that he believes that with the development of different styles of

board games, there has been a drastic increase in the people who habitually play them.

“Modern board gaming has been growing for the last couple of years, starting in the mid-nineties. When most people think of board games, they think of the old ones that you had to be mean and competitive in,” Mauch said. “Now there are a lot of cooperative games where there isn’t elimination and everyone can play the entire time. It’s fostering a community where we can get together and do something that we enjoy. We can develop social skills and interact each other with a couple of rules. We have a reason to talk to each other and meet new people this way.”

Between board game classics, modern hits and games that are only being beta tested, the Modern Board Game Club offers a variety of enjoyable

games for everyone. Mauch said he urges anyone who would like to give the club a try to come out to a meeting with an open mind.

“We have all kinds of games. Sometimes the very first thing you see, you might not like,” Mauch said. “But with my experience with this, I’d say that we have a huge variety of things and there is bound to be something for everybody.”

From the classics to the current, the members of the Modern Board Game Club take a vow to curate fun via face-to-face contact over board games. With today’s technology, gamers are taking competition to a whole new, serious level. The club can’t promise strict rivalries or a 100 percent approval rating on their games, but they can promise a Friday night of a new kind of fun, batteries not included.



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## EDITORIAL

# Let's Not Talk About ISIS or Ebola for Today

At the risk of sounding a bit like a Vitamin C song about graduating high school seniors, the editorial board would like to address Homecoming Week. Though we are only here on campus for a few precious years, Youngstown State University will surely leave a lasting impact on our lives. So, will we want to come back to visit during Homecoming Week when we are alumni? Will we go back to U-Pie and have a few drinks with some old buddies? Will we exchange hugs and smiles with a favorite professor?

Nah. But, wait — it's not because we're insensitive jerks. We won't go back to YSU for homecoming because we won't have any need to go back.

Think about it. There's already an incredibly realistic interactive campus map on the school website. We encourage you to check it out — without ever stepping foot on campus, the map's dazzling graphics will whisk you away to Lincoln Avenue when you're actually sitting on your family room couch, stuffing your face with potato chips. Who knows, maybe in the future you won't even have to be at YSU to read The Jambar. Imagine a world where this very editorial can be read on the display of some kind of futuristic device a thousand miles away from Youngstown.

And who needs face-to-face interactions at a homecoming parade when we already have Facebook and Twitter? Hell, social media is already far superior to real-life interactions. Where else other than on the Internet can you so freely speak your mind? What homecoming parade has ever been as enlightening as our

virtual friends' comments on a BuzzFeed article about the best methods to cook grilled cheese sandwiches?

What's more, even if we were to run into some old friends from college 20 years from now, odds are we won't recognize them. They will have not only put on considerable weight, but also have turned into cyborgs, having long ago purchased Google Glass version 19.0.2 — an exoskeleton that will act as a computer, a phone and a NSA monitoring/tracking device — that will allow them to shed the fleshy confines of their pointless human skin.

Better yet, we may have all ascended to a higher state of consciousness — becoming gods in our own right. At that point, "homecoming" and "friendship" will become idyllic concepts we pass on, with celestial authority, to our primitive followers. Wouldn't that just be the bees' knees?

We know, our humor is positively extraordinary, but we do have a point, buried beneath layers of thinly veiled sarcasm. The truth is that this university is special to us, regardless of how much we may be prone to mock. It is comfortable; it is safe; it is home. We, as people, sometimes have a problem confronting the future. So, with all this in mind, we say to you: Homecoming sure is cool. Go Penguins! Oh who the hell are we kidding? We really just wanted to talk about cyborgs and becoming omnipotent. Did you really think we were going anywhere with this utter nonsense?

Not that any of this matters because by the time homecoming rolls around next year, we will all have already been killed by ISIS extremists and their bullets dipped in Ebola.

# The Knot in My Stomach is My Only Real Friend

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Two weeks ago, I nervously paced the office, seeking out advice from my coworkers, for I had done the unthinkable: accepted an offer to go on a date.

I've been playing the "I don't date" card for months, so even accepting such a grand gesture of dinner and a movie was way out of character for me.

What is important in this story is not the date itself, but the nagging feeling I had all along, telling me to shut it down. My general attitude towards the dating scene is a scrunch of my nose and "eh" responses — I just don't date. I chalked up my uneasiness and break in my usual I-don't-care-nothing-affects-me attitude up to nerves — mistake number one.

I am a constant second-guesser, so when my nerves were on the rise and I was about to call the whole thing off, I relied on my colleagues to talk me down and continue to go along with this new adventure.

The discomfort I felt wasn't nerves, though. It was my instinctual inner red flags going off.

In "How to Leverage Intuition in Decision-making," written by Lisa Earle McLeod in September in the Huffington Post, McLeod talks about those little alarms dingling in the back of your mind — the nagging feelings that attempt to lead you in the right direction — that you often ignore.

"Your intuition, or gut instinct, is the sum of all your senses; it's your subconscious brain working in the background, taking in glances, smells, visual cues and tone of voice," McLeod said.

It is impossible to process every piece of information that we receive in any given moment, so our subconscious mind kicks in, evaluates a given situation and separates what is important from the unimportant in said situation.

Intuition is a funny thing. It's that feeling you get when you changed that multiple-choice answer that you knew you should've left alone. It's that one time you thought you should tell your mother you were leaving the house; saying eh, forget it; and coming home to an hour lecture about irresponsibility and disappointment. It's that feeling that you cannot explain, but you know that you should listen to.

"Your money is gone, the deal has soured, your heart has been broken or your hopes have been dashed," McLeod said. "The moment that you get concrete proof that your gut was right, you wonder why you doubted yourself in the first place."

And that's the worst part — ignoring yourself and kicking yourself after.

So on this date — yes, I actually ended up going — when little alarms were ringing I ignored them, like everyone else does when they want something to go well, despite the itching feeling that this is going to end in a small catastrophe. Little pieces of conversation and gestures slowly chipped away at my good feelings towards this character, leaving me with all the more fuel to get the hell out of there and never look back.

Quite a few unanswered text messages later, my bad gut feelings were confirmed, and I gladly avoided any incident.

The moral of the story is to trust your gut. Intuition is a real thing, despite its intangibility. If you don't trust yourself, you could end up in an unfortunate and uncomfortable situation — almost as bad as my disaster date.

# United Negro College Fund Should not have Allied with Koch Brothers

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The United Negro College Fund has compromised itself shamefully in allying with the Koch brothers.

The United Negro College Fund (UNCF) was founded in 1944 to aid black men and women in attending historically black universities and colleges. It was once a creator of African-American intellectual and economic growth. Now it has happily received \$25 million from one of the most right-wing outfits in the country.

"We are enormously grateful to Koch Industries and the Charles Koch Foundation for their longstanding support of UNCF and for helping create new opportunities for earned success and a better future for our students," Dr. Michael Lomax, president and CEO of UNCF, is quoted in the July newsletter for Koch Industries.

Wow! Where to begin? Well, for starters, Charles Koch, who is now 78 years old, was a member of the John Birch Society in the 1960s,

and his father was on its national council. The John Birch Society was one of the most rabid opponents of the civil rights movement in America.

When UNCF took \$25 million from the Kochs, it didn't ask for an apology.

Dr. Lomax, a literature professor and former university president, whose compensation is now an eye-popping \$1.5 million, does not seem to have brought up the awkward business of the Kochs' support for ending the desegregation of a North Carolina school district in 2009.

What are Koch Industries and the Charles Koch Foundation buying with their donation to a noted civil rights organization?

Two things: Cover and cadre.

In supporting a far-reaching right-wing agenda, the Kochs are involved with some repugnant characters and repulsive ballot initiatives. When their candidates say outrageous things about racial minorities or women, the taint of it wends its way back to Wichita, the home of Koch Industries.

So the Kochs cover the bad smell by buying some good public relations.

The grant also serves as

a recruiting device for the Kochs' ideology.

According to the UNCF, \$18.5 million of the grant will go to fund "scholarships at the undergraduate and graduate levels and is focused on how entrepreneurship, economics, and innovation contribute to well-being for individuals, communities, and society."

In other words, the grant will help nurture more Libertarian, free-market, anti-government, Ayn Rand acolytes.

These scholarship winners will find the doors open to them in the right-wing think tanks and lobbying groups the Kochs also fund.

The Kochs are creating an internship factory for their brand of political and economic ideology.

It's an ideology that seeks to privatize schools, destroy trade unions, trash the social safety net and do away with government regulation of industry.

It's an ideology that denies climate science.

It's an ideology that coddles the most repellent social conservatives and perpetuates culture wars.

That's not an ideology the United Negro College Fund should be supporting.

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# THE PRESSURE'S ON

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The pressure on the Youngstown State University football team (4-2, 1-1) has intensified after last weekend's 30-24 loss against Western Illinois University. The loss dropped the Penguins from 10th to 19th in the Coaches Poll and another loss would significantly hurt the Penguins' chances of making the playoffs, if not eliminating them completely.

"Every game right now in our conference, you just treat it like it's a must-win situation," head coach Eric Wolford said. "I've never went into a game not treating it like a must win."

Wolford says lack of communication on all sides of the ball was a key factor in last weekend's loss.

"It cost us a game. When it costs you a game, there's nothing more important than a football game right now at this point. When you lose a game like that it's a wake-up call," Wolford said. "Don't beat yourself. If you don't beat yourself, you win."

YSU hopes to rebound quickly, but it will not be easy, as it takes on 17th-ranked Southern Illinois University (5-2, 2-1) this Saturday in their annual homecoming game. SIU is coming off a 38-10 loss against defending National Champion North Dakota State University.

Freshman quarterback Hunter Wells will make his

second start of the season this Saturday against SIU, but will split time with junior Dante Nania. Wells relieved Nania after the first two possessions of last weekend's game. According to Wolford, the plan last weekend was to split reps between the quarterbacks every two series, but Wells led the Penguins on two consecutive scoring drives so he made the call to stick with Wells. Wells finished last weekend completing 14-25 passes for 187 yards and a touchdown.

"You have to do what is best for the team, and that's

what this is about," Wolford said. "You just got to find the right chemistry for your team on the field because it comes down to one thing. It's about winning."

Both Penguin quarterbacks will have to get rid of the ball quickly, as SIU is one of the nation's best teams at pressuring quarterbacks. The Salukis rank 8th in sacks per game — averaging 3.43 — and have at least two sacks in every game this year.

"With that odd defense, they have a lot of pressure coming up on the quarter-

back and that's just an extra challenge to our offensive line this week is just to get the job done and keep your man in front of you for as long as you can," senior tight end Nate Adams said.

Defensively YSU will have its hands full trying to stop the nation's best tight end — possibly the best tight end prospect in all of college football at any level. SIU senior MyCole Pruitt is the active NCAA career leader among all divisions, Football Bowl Subdivision included, in receptions and receiving yards for a tight

end. This season, Pruitt has 49 catches for 604 yards, seven touchdowns and has a streak of six straight games with at least five catches and 50 yards receiving. Coach Wolford thinks Pruitt is the best tight end in the conference and even thinks he could play at the next level.

"Oh yeah, by far he's the best tight end," Wolford said. "The thing is, you just can't always narrow down on him because they'll make you pay somewhere else on the other side of the field."

Kickoff against SIU is set for Saturday at 4 p.m.



Freshman quarterback Hunter Wells (6) reads the defense prior to running a play against Butler during his first career start.

## WHEARY DISMISSED FROM FOOTBALL PROGRAM



### WHEARY

Youngstown State University football player Michael Wheary was arrested early Sunday morning for vandalizing his apartment.

According to YSU police reports, residents of University Courtyard Apartments overheard Wheary and his girlfriend involved in a verbal altercation.

During the argument, Wheary punched two holes in the wall in his bedroom. Both holes were located below the fire sprinkler.

"The orange pipe for the sprinkler system appeared to be cracked, which caused serious damage to exceed \$7,000 to light fixtures, walls, carpet and personal property to other renters of the complex," according to the YSU Police Department's report on the incident.

Wheary has been dismissed from the YSU football team. He hadn't played during the current season. Last season, Wheary played in ten games and caught seven passes for 94 yards.

The athletic program had no comment.

## Hockey Returns to YSU

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Youngstown State University hasn't had a hockey team since the 2012-13 season.

At the time, hockey was recognized as a club sport because the Horizon League did not sponsor or sanction hockey. Instead, the American Collegiate Hockey Association and College Hockey Mid-America sanctioned the hockey club.

Eight years ago, the hockey team was led by head coach

Brad Patterson and anchored by players such as defenseman Alex Arnold and forwards Dan Jech, Jay Young and Brandon Bishop.

Jech, now graduated, runs the team and recruits potential players for the 2015-16 season — along with Enzo Recchia and Justin Serro.

Jech recalls when the team was dropped due to a lack of funding last year.

"We lost our financial backing from the school and from our main supporter, Phantom Fireworks," Jech said. "It was just too expensive to keep going with the number of guys that we had."

Serro and Recchia each first thought of bringing hockey back last year when they were freshmen.

"We were looking forward to playing hockey, but unfortunately it didn't happen," Serro said. "Dan was still around as a senior last year. He and his dad were in charge of the program then. We contacted them and got everything together. We're in the process of getting everything organized right now."

When the team takes shape, Recchia hopes that they'll be playing in Division II of the American Collegiate Hockey Association.

"It's really competitive club hockey," he said. "We'll play teams like Pitt, Ohio University, Akron, Kentucky and Columbus."

When asked why the Horizon League still doesn't back hockey, Jech pointed to the lack of economics associated with funding a hockey program.

"I think that the schools involved in the Horizon League don't have the money to support such a program," Jech said.

Serro echoed Jech's comment when asked.

"Hockey is one of the most expensive sports to fund," Serro said.

According to Recchia, the hockey team requested \$60,000 from the Student Government Association last year to fund their individual program.

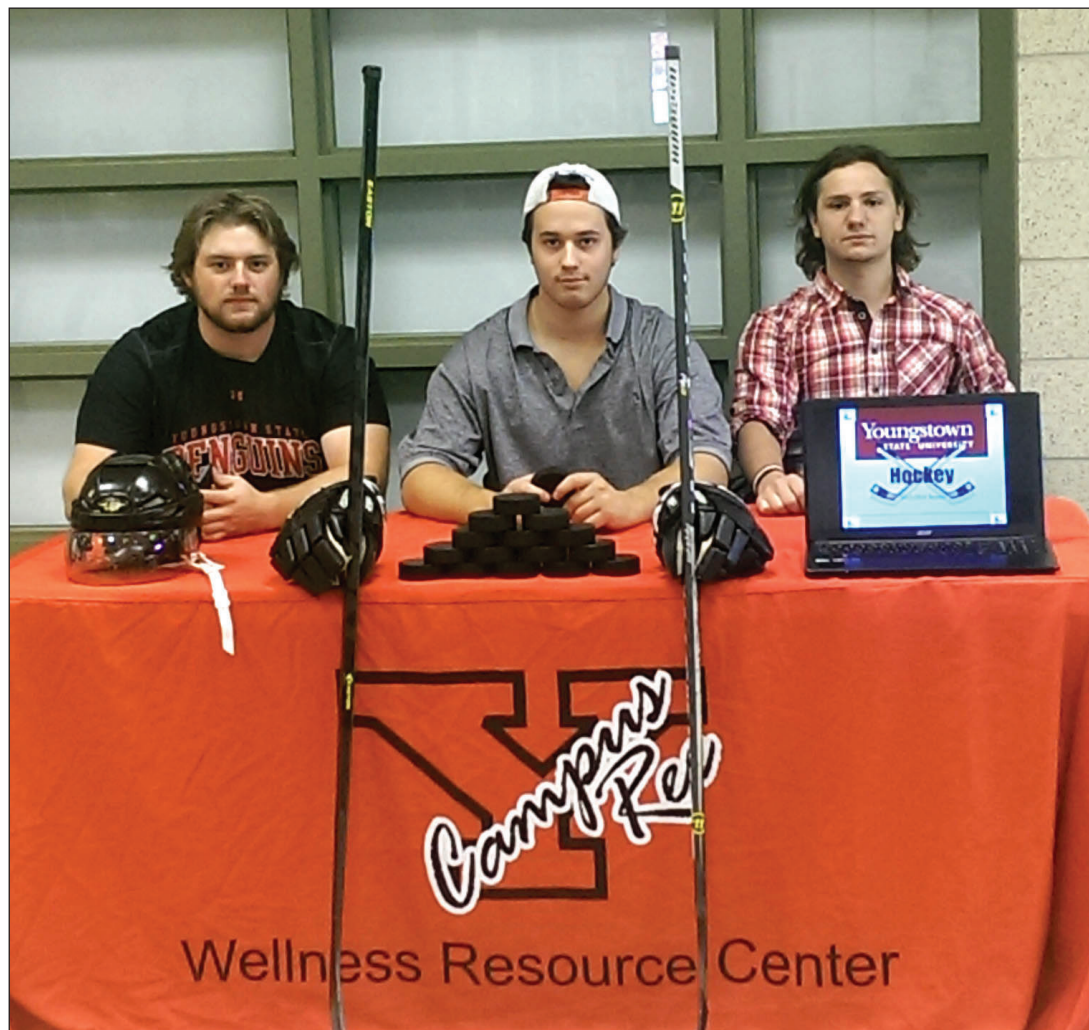
"This year, to go to Division II, it's significantly less," he said. "Most schools don't have the funds to run a varsity sport like hockey. When you look at Penn State, they just got a \$22 million donation to set up a Division I hockey program."

Due to the lack of competition to any other team, the players are unsure if the Horizon League will ever sponsor hockey.

"You have to make sure the schools are competitive with each other and with other leagues like the Big Ten," Serro said.

Recchia and the other members of the team are currently recruiting potential players.

"If anyone's interested in playing at a competitive level, it's a challenge to yourself to be able to play competitively collegiately," he said. "You're making the right plays on the ice and the right plays off the ice."



Pictured from left to right: Dan Jech, Justin Serro and Enzo Recchia. Hockey signings were held in the Andrews Student Recreation and Wellness Center on Oct. 8.