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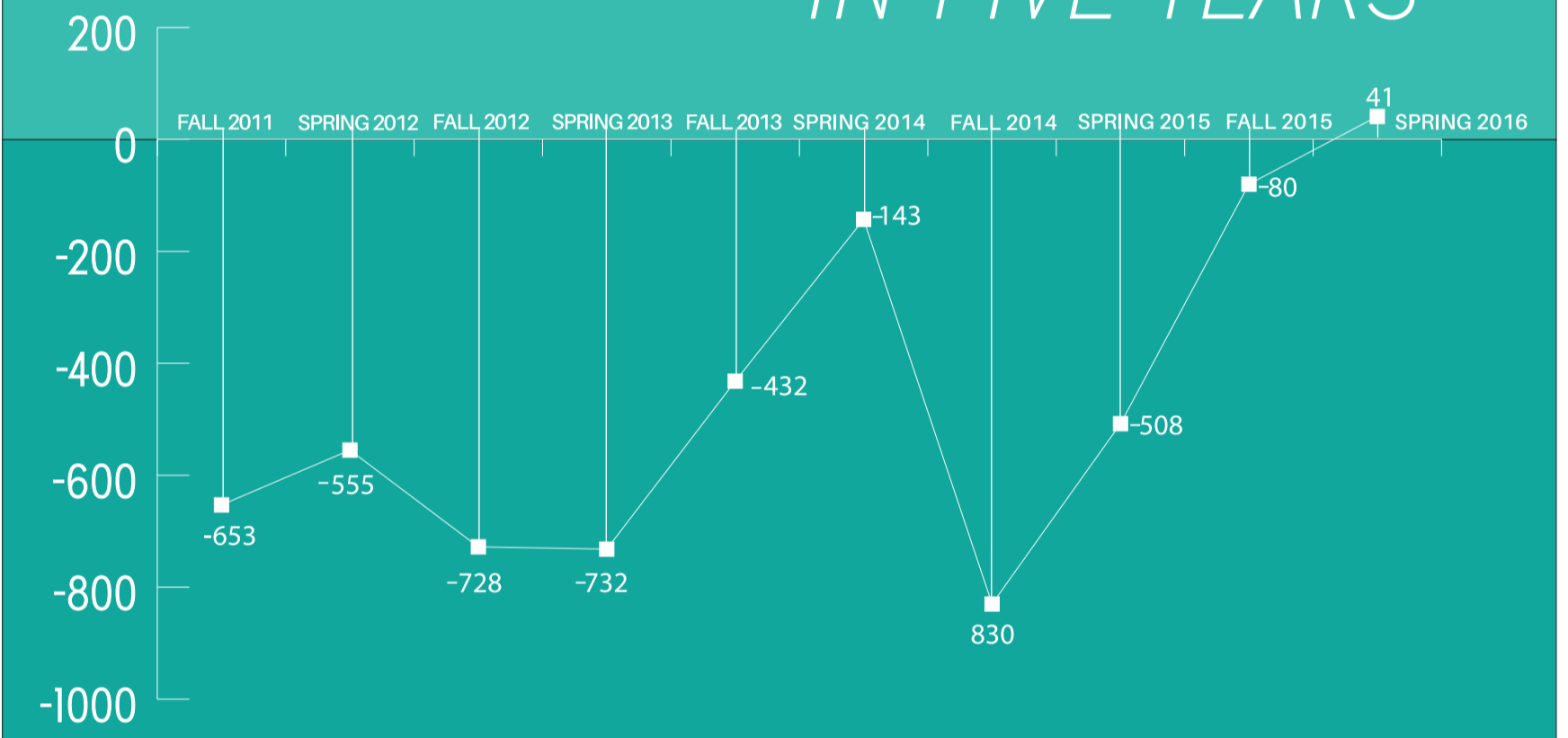


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ENROLLMENT UP FOR THE FIRST TIME IN FIVE YEARS



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For the first time since 2011, Youngstown State University registered an increase in enrollment.

There are 12,361 students enrolled this semester compared to 12,320 in spring 2015. The 41-student difference represents a .33 percent increase in enrollment. The previous spring, YSU experienced a 4 percent decrease.

Gary Swegan, associate vice president for enrollment planning and management, said the gains are modest but things are moving in the right direction. He said this is the continuation of a trend that began with stabilized enrollment and a substantial freshman class enrolling in the fall.

"None of this is a surprise. We're

pleased — no question about it — but we expected it," Swegan said.

He said the performance this fall will serve as a bellwether.

"We feel like this is really just the beginning," Swegan said. "If we can repeat something close to or exceed what we did last year, and you continue to see those retention gains, then you're going to see a nice healthy increase."

Swegan attributed the gain to the larger freshman class and increased retention rates.

In 2015, 2,125 freshmen enrolled, up 17 percent from the previous year. The university also experienced a 6.2 percent increase in freshman-to-sophomore retention.

"That continues to flow through the system in the spring," Swegan said.

The university also registered an increase in graduate and international students with increases of 6 and 18 percent respectively.

Swegan also said a disproportionate number of College Credit Plus registrations don't hit the system until Spring, but that is the case every year.

The university uses spring-to-spring and fall-to-fall comparisons when measuring changes in enrollment to account for differences between the numbers, similar to seasonally-adjusted unemployment rates.

"Spring is never larger than the

fall just because you've got a mid-year graduation, you've got a percentage unfortunately no matter what we do that don't come back for spring and you don't replace those with nearly as many students that are coming in the front door midyear," Swegan said.

Swegan said he expected an increase of about 50 students this spring, so 41 is in the ballpark. He expects the number to be much larger in the fall.

"I'm not ready to make a prediction at this point, but it will be more than just 40 students," Swegan said. "It will be a more substantial increase in the fall for sure."

YSU STUDENT RECEIVES SCHOLARSHIP TO STUDY ABROAD IN JAPAN

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Craig Higham, a senior biology student at Youngstown State University, received the Benjamin A. Gilman International Scholarship to study in Japan this summer.

The Gilman Scholarship helps students study abroad in order to prepare them for participation in the global economy. Higham is one of 800 recipients from 355 colleges and universities to receive the honor this year. There have been 16 YSU students that have received the scholarship since 2012.

Higham will study at Kwansai Gakuin University in Osaka, Japan. He said he has an interest in Japan's culture.

"Japan was the obvious choice for me," Higham said.

The University Studies Abroad Consortium gave him the option of three different universities in Japan. Higham said the university in Osaka best fit his academic needs.

"By studying at Kwansai Gakuin University I expect to — among other

things — further my global understanding of various cultures, foster my independence as an individual and also further my academics," Higham said.

The Gilman Scholarship is coordinated by the Center for International Studies and Programs.

Ann Gardner, assistant director of the Center for International Studies and Programs, said there is a perception that STEM students can't easily study abroad, but with the right planning it's possible.

"Craig had a strong application with an excellent essay," Gardner said. "He is a biology major with a chemistry minor, which are underrepresented fields of study."

Although there has been a perception that STEM students can't easily study abroad, it is possible to make it happen with the right planning in advance.

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White Coat Ceremony

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Over 100 nursing students attended Youngstown State University's inaugural White Coat Ceremony on Monday.

A white coat ceremony honors nursing students as they transition from their practical education to their clinicals — where they apply what they learn in the classroom in a hospital setting.

YSU President Jim Tressel introduced the event, focusing on the importance of nurses in our communities.

“My son, the pharmacist, always said that the people who ran the hospital are the nurses,” Tressel said. “The hospital runs and functions because of the nurses.”

Joseph Mosca, dean of the Bitonte College of Health and

Human Services, said the ceremony brings well-deserved recognition to the nursing program and its students.

“It is a ceremony that promotes the concepts of excellence in clinical practice and a deep regard for human dignity that are two central components of YSU's nursing program,” Mosca said.

Nancy Wagner, chair of the nursing department, said the ceremony represents a turning point for the students.

“This ceremony is meant to open their eyes to talk about caring, humanism and excellence in education,” Wagner said. “We thought it would be a good segue way to their clinical experiences.”

Lisa Aurilio, vice president

of patient care services and chief nursing officer at Akron Children's Hospital, delivered the keynote address.

“Receiving your white coat is a symbol of being one step closer to completing your journey of being a nurse,” Aurilio said.

She said the students will begin to see the impact they have on patients' lives, which will in turn have an impact on them.

“We selected Lisa because, as a member of the staff at Akron Children's Hospital and because of her work with children, she would be able to represent that humanistic caring and excellence we want to instill in our students,” Wagner said.

Brandon Reyes, a sophomore in the nursing program, said participating in the ceremony was an honor.

“Being the first class to do so really made the moment a lot more memorable,” Reyes said. “Hopefully, this tradition continues throughout the years, and more students lean towards the prestigious career of nursing.”

The nursing department received funding from the American Association of Colleges of Nursing in collaboration with the Arnold P. Gold Foundation to conduct the ceremony. YSU was one of 60 nursing programs nationally to receive funding initiating white coat ceremonies.

The Arnold P. Gold Foun-

dation promotes a culture of respect, dignity and compassion for patients in the medical field.

Wagner said this is separate from the regular medallion ceremony performed when the students are seniors.

“This is a beginning rather than an ending,” Wagner said.

Wagner hopes the White Coat Ceremony will become an annual event. The funding they received was a onetime grant to fund the inaugural event, but the program will seek donations and other funding to support future ceremonies.

Free Money for College can Come Down to Simply Being Left-handed, Red-haired or Tall

STORY: KATY MURPHY | SAN JOSE MERCURY NEWS (TNS)

SAN JOSE, Calif. — Are you white and living in Hawaii? A Jewish orphan studying aeronautical engineering? Or maybe your mom, dad or grandma teaches school in Antioch, Calif.?

The University of California may have a scholarship — or two — just for you.

Alongside essay questions and SAT scores, UC's application for aspiring students has become a virtual matchmaker for scholarship endowments, asking applicants everything from whether they are small-town mechanics, have ancestors from Pon Yup, China, or are interested in dairying, dry-land farming or dance.

UC campuses handed out nearly 10,000 of these undergraduate scholarships totaling \$36.5 million in 2014-15 — an average award of more than \$3,500, according to its financial aid report.

The “Scholarship Opportunities” section of the application provides a window into the quirky, often clannish world of donors looking to help a very specific type of person, including descendants of Civil War veterans — with separate funds for each side.

Students sift through these and other obscure opportunities as they enter the thick of scholarship season, appealing to donors to finance their high-priced educations based on their leadership skills or academic record — or maybe their height or hair color.

“One of my friends really did get one for having red hair and freckles,” said Grace O'Toole, a UC Berkeley freshman who has neither.

At UC, there's even a scholarship for USA Freestyle Martial Arts “red belts.”

While the majority of student aid comes from government sources, students piecing together upward of \$34,000 a year for a UC education — and that is with in-state tuition — say that every bit helps.

O'Toole applied for more than 20 private scholarships, writing an essay about a zombie apocalypse for one fund and reading an essay about fire safety to enter a scholarship lottery by the American Fire Sprinkler Association — long odds she compared to winning the Powerball jackpot. (According to the association, up to 60,000 high school seniors enter each year in the hope of snagging one of 20 \$2,000 awards.)

She said she was “a little bit thrown” by the oddness of the UC scholarship list but filled it out anyway, not wanting to close off any possibilities.

Berkeley High School counselor Teri Goodman advises her students to check all of the boxes that apply to them in the UC application, including one for disadvantaged minority students attending Berkeley High.

She finds some of the items funny, she said, but she doesn't think her students are all that amused.

“I think they're just sort of wrapped up in the overwhelmingness of it all,” she said. “I don't think they see the irony that's sometimes there or the oddness of the question.”

But UC doesn't have a monopoly on quirky cash for college. While scanning a UC Berkeley site for

outside scholarships, Kristyn Fudge spotted another unusual opportunity last spring — brought to her by Budweiser, whose product she will legally be able to drink in less than three years.

Bud's maker Anheuser-Busch is underwriting the bulk of Fudge's undergraduate education at UC Berkeley, covering four years of hefty out-of-state tuition — more than \$150,000 — as part of a recruitment and training program that includes summer internships.

The scholarship application was more intensive than most job interviews, involving a “video cover letter” and a panel interview in the company's St. Louis headquarters.

When she got the award, her parents said they would start drinking a lot more Budweiser.

“It was out of the blue, something I hadn't expected to happen,” said Fudge, a freshman chemical engineering major.

Fudge also happens to have red hair, but she did not apply to scholarships based on physical characteristics or luck. “I actively avoided those,” she said. “I couldn't tell if they were real. You have a better chance if you apply to the scholarships that are more merit-based, that you can really shine your personality through.”

But her chief advice is simple: Put your name out there.

“If you don't apply,” she said, “you're not going to get it.”

SCHOLARSHIP FRONT

Amy Cossentino, creator of a National Scholarship Committee to help YSU students pursue prestigious scholarships, said Higham is another YSU success story.

"YSU has had a steady stream of Gilman Scholarship recipients," Cossentino said. "YSU students receiving these prestigious scholarships speaks to the high-quality education available to our students."

David Asch, associate professor in the department of biological sciences, said Higham is a dedicated student.

"He has really taken ownership of his education and seeks every opportunity to make his time at YSU the best experience possible,"

Asch said. "It makes him stand out as a student."

Higham assisted Asch in research using fungi as a model to study how genes are controlled.

Higham said he wants to pursue neuroscience. He is particularly fascinated by neural uploading, or whole brain emulation.

"This research should increase our understanding of the brain, allowing us to further understand certain mental illnesses perhaps curing them," Higham said.

He said he is also intrigued by the idea of uploading a consciousness into neural network, effectively making the consciousness immortal.

"Imagine a world where we no longer have to lose our Einsteins, our da Vincis, our loved ones and so on. This sci-fi like possibili-

ty fascinates and interests me," Higham said. "[It's] something I'd like to pursue."

Higham grew up in Boardman, and said he has been interested in science for most of his life.

"In my childhood, my default go-to was to become an astronaut because of the awe I feel with regards to the Universe we live in," Higham said. "Becoming an astronaut is still my dream job."

He credited his interest to his high school teachers and the work of Sam Harris, Richard Dawkins and Neil DeGrasse Tyson.

"They are all highly intelligent people who try inspiring and educating the public," Higham said. "I have enormous respect for them."

Higham will begin his studies in Osaka in late March and remain there through the end of July.

NEWS BRIEFS

YSU Introduces New Emergency Alert System for Students and Employees

Youngstown State University is getting a new alert system. The system, PenguinAlert, will be replacing the old system, YSUAlert. Rave Mobile Safety System, the manufacturer of the new system, is used by more than 1,000 colleges and universities across the country. The switch should improve communication and make it one of the best. However, with the switch, people must re-register their phone numbers.

YSU Playwriting Student Workshop on Thursday

There is a playwriting workshop every Thursday at 2 p.m. in Bresnahan 3 in the Kilcawley Center. This workshop is sponsored by two student organizations, the Student Literary Arts Association and Alpha Psi Omega. By attending the workshop, you can learn writing exercises, playwriting techniques, critique writing and connect to the local playwriting community. You can learn more by contacting ysuplaywritingworkshop@gmail.com or their Facebook group YSU Playwriting Workshop.

New Dean of CLASS Selected

The College of Liberal Arts and Social Sciences has a permanent dean. Kristine L. Blair, a professor and former chair of the English department at Bowling Green State University, was selected as the new dean of CLASS. She will be replacing Jane Kestner, the current interim dean. The Board of Trustees must formally approve her in March, and she will start on May 16.

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New Lacrosse Club Looks to Expand at YSU

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The Youngstown State University Lacrosse Club is beginning its first season at Youngstown State University. The team's season will begin March 5, as they take on the Akron Men's Lacrosse Club.

Ashton Paul, a freshman and new player for YSU's lacrosse team, said that although the sport seems rough, it's designed to be played with respect.

"While the game is considered to be a little brother to war, they didn't intentionally hurt each other. They played to honor the creator because it was his game," Paul said.

Lacrosse is a relatively new sport to northeastern Ohio and is a complex mix of games according to Paul.

"Lacrosse is unlike any other sport," he

said. "It's a mix of rugby, wrestling, soccer and basketball."

Shelbie Arnholt, secretary of the lacrosse club, explained that while the sport seems hard to understand, it actually has a simple set of rules.

"When the game begins, the two players basically wrestle to get the ball. From there, the goal is to move the ball down the field and get past the defensemen to take shots on the goal," Arnholt said. "It's very similar to basketball, except we have sticks with nets and shoot on a smaller scaled soccer net."

The YSU team is still in its early stages of development but has attracted a number of experienced lacrosse players.

Tyler Pawlak has been

active in lacrosse since he was a 10th grader in high school.

"By my senior year, we had a winning record against varsity teams. Currently, I have the same dream," Pawlak said. "We are a very diverse group of athletes."

Arnholt said the club is expanding with time.

"I like being able to be involved with this club at its forming," Arnholt said. "I like getting to watch it grow. It's our first year and I'm really excited to get the season going."

Gordon Ngo, president of YSU's lacrosse club, said that he would like this sport to grow not only on campus, but throughout the Youngstown community as well.

"Little kids that come to the games look up to us and want to be like

us, so we take pride in showing those kids we care," Ngo said. "In the summer, we will host a camp for young kids to young adults in high school because my overall goal is to make the sport of lacrosse big in this community."

The club is open to anyone who knows the sport or is willing to learn.

The club's website states: "If you do not know how to play, we will take the time to teach you ... we look forward to seeing any new players with or without experience."

Pawlak says he hopes the team will expand and improve.

"We may look odd at first," Pawlak said, "but I think we'll impress many this year."

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Bowling Team Strikes Highest Ranking in Club's History

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This season the Youngstown State University women's bowling club team has achieved its highest ranking to date currently holding 19th place in the nation.

The Youngstown State University women's bowling team typically ranks between 60th and 75th place in the nation. This jump from the team's past rankings has brought immense excitement to the bowlers.

Kara Trella, a junior, is YSU's women's bowling club secretary.

"I don't think anyone expected us to be in the top 20 in the nation like we are," Trella said. "I think it's really cool with only having four returning bowlers from last year."

The bowling club as a whole is a self-funded organization that competes in approximately 12 tournaments per year. As a self-supported sport, the team must fundraise to supply themselves with necessary equipment and transportation to tournaments.

The club competes against National Collegiate Athletic Association and National Athletic of Intercollegiate Athletics teams at these tournaments most of which are in Michigan, Pennsylvania, and Virginia.

Coach Jim Hall states that the dramatic improvement in the team's ranking is the result of continuity.

"With a club, it's very difficult to get returning

bowlers," Hall said. "This year, we have a lot of experience. We have a couple of bowlers that bowled for other schools and came back."

Six of the eight bowlers on the women's team grew up in the Youngstown area, so most of the team bowled together before starting at YSU.

Alex Cifra, a junior, is the bowling club's president.

"They've been in the bowling community for a long time, so they know each other," Cifra said. "They have strong [bowling] backgrounds and strong coaching backgrounds like everyone else in this area."

The team's goal for the season is to reach the national championship. Sixty-four teams are invited to one of four sectionals throughout the country that will be held in March. The top four teams from each sectional advance to the national finals. Marissa Simon, the team's top bowler, says the team needs to work on spares the most to prepare for sectionals.

"To win tournaments, spares are a big thing," Simon said. "Strikes will come, but whatever we leave we should pick up."

The team practices twice a week at Camelot Lanes. Aside from practicing strikes and spares, the team competes against each other in Baker matches, which are five-person competitions where each team member bowls two frames of the game, making it a group effort to beat their opponents.

The team said that Coach Hall's assistance has been a great help as well. Trella said that Hall's spotting drills have helped her release and accuracy.

"He is the best coach that I have had," Trella said. "He improved my average by 20 pins in just one year."

Hall has been a certified coach since the early '90s, and he has coached the women's bowling club for eight years. Hall holds a silver ranking by the United States Bowling Congress and owned a bowling center for ten years. Club president Cifra said that Hall has a vast knowledge of the bowling world.

"When he's there, you know we are in good shape," Cifra said.

The bowling club holds tryouts for new members every fall semester. Typically no students are cut from the team in order to give everyone an equal opportunity. For those interested in bowling for the first time, Hall said that this is not a problem.

"We just start them, give them the basics: give them a ball that fits and lead them down the path of how to succeed," Hall said. "In my eight years, we have had a couple bowlers that have come very far doing that."

Team members said that one of the perks of club sports is the closeness amongst the bowlers.

"We have such a fun environment between us," Simon said. "There's never a dull moment on this team."

Anti-Culture for Youngstown Culture

Local Artists Creating Underground Zine

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Craig Latchaw, a local artist, and Louis "Skip" Slavik, a writer and YSU graduate, are in the process of creating an underground alternative anti-culture public magazine.

The magazine will take cues from the underground, independent zine scene, popularized in the 1960s and '70s.

"I've had the idea to put together an underground alternative magazine ever since I started getting into Robert Crumb and other crazy comic artists from the '70s," Latchaw said.

The idea of the zine in the Youngstown area is to get artists and writers to submit their works to be published in the magazine. Latchaw and Slavik are looking for anybody who has an opinion, whether it is about politics, the economy, religion or stories about

life.

"We'll pretty much allow anything to be in the zine, as long as it's not racist or sexist or otherwise distasteful. That being said, if you find humor in vulgarity, that's cool," Latchaw said. "I do too sometimes. I don't want the public to think that their writing or art cannot make it in the zine. I want everyone to feel like they can contribute. I'm just putting it together and giving it back to the contributors."

"Readers may not agree with everything that's put into it, it may even offend a few, but that's the point. Sometimes people need to hear what they're not used to hearing. It allows us to grow as a functioning society."

Latchaw wants to contribute to society in a unique and creative way. He thinks a zine would be the best

way to do so.

"I feel like if you're living in a growing city, we should make a zine that will publish stories and opinions because, unless you have an Internet blog, there's no venue for you to be heard, and I want to change that," he said.

Slavik agrees that it is important for the people of Youngstown to have a place where they can express themselves through fine art.

"We would like to see a community develop in which creative people can come together across real or imagined boundaries and work together," Slavik said. "Craig and I share this vision and that's what brought us together, despite our being from different generations."

The first issue of the zine will be nameless. Latchaw and Slavik will be asking the public for name ideas,

allowing them to name the zine.

They said the goal is for it to feel like it belongs to the public.

The zine will be handmade in order to achieve an original look. They hope to release a monthly issue depending on the demand for the zine and how many submissions it receives.

The release date is unknown, but it will be distributed at local bars and comic shops. A mailing list will also be set up for home distribution.

"We do have a lot of work to do but it's a labor of love," Slavik said. "This is something we both have thought about for a while. We are determined to make this work."

Work can be submitted to the zine by e-mail at zombieturtlecomics@gmail.com.

EDITORIAL: Lead-itorial

You've probably heard about Flint, Michigan by now. The city decided to obtain their water from the Flint River because it was cheaper than purchasing water from Detroit. The acidic river water caused old pipes to corrode, and the water delivered to citizens' homes contained alarmingly high levels of lead.

The situation was compounded by government officials, dismissing complaints about discolored water as primarily aesthetic, as if — other concerns aside — it is acceptable to provide people with water that resembles urine.

Meanwhile, the number of children with elevated levels of lead in their bloodstream doubled.

Exposure to lead can be devastating, especially to children. Children absorb the metal at a faster rate than adults, and small amounts can result in permanent learning and behavioral disorders. Studies have even attributed the decline in crime since the early '90s to the phasing out of leaded gasoline two decades prior.

While Flint is deservedly receiving media attention, more insidious forms of lead exposure plague communities across the country.

We no longer breathe in lead emanated by automobiles, but what we didn't inhale fell to the earth and remains in the soil. According to an article by

Vox, much of the country lacks extensive data on soil contamination (states are not even required to report data on lead poisoning to the CDC), but the data that exist suggest that the highest concentrations are in urban centers.

This disproportionately affects poor communities, and there is a racial component as well — a black child is twice as likely as their white counterpart to have elevated levels of lead in their bloodstream.

It's worth thinking about how exposure to lead can trap generations in poverty.

Many Americans see the country as a meritocracy — those who perform well advance in society. Proponents of this view blame young adults who fail to perform in school and fall into a life of crime for their own lack of success.

But if children grow up in an environment that exposes them to lead, it becomes more difficult for them to succeed and move beyond their parent's social class.

Tellingly, underperforming schools and violent neighborhoods exist in impoverished urban centers where lead permeates the soil, compounding other challenges faced by these children.

Freddie Gray, whose criminal record was used as a justification for his brutal death at the hands of

Baltimore police, received a settlement because as a child he had been poisoned by lead paint.

How many victims of the school-to-prison pipeline are incarcerated because they were exposed to lead in their yards, local parks or the paint on the walls of aging houses?

The costs of neglect tend to fall on the very communities that are least equipped to bear them.

It's hard to imagine officials in a wealthier city than Flint shrugging off concerns about discolored drinking water with organic matter floating in it. Nor is it likely that a higher incidence of lead poisoning among white children than black children would fail to command the country's attention.

The situation has greatly improved since we stopped adding lead to gasoline, but the effects of leaded gasoline are still present and damaging children's lives, especially those who grow up in our cities.

Flint should serve as a wake-up call. We need to collect better data measuring soil contamination, especially in urban areas. The CDC should require reporting rates of lead poisoning. We should conduct target lead abatement programs in areas where children are most at risk.

Climate Change Refugees

STORY: VICTORIA HERRMANN | LOS ANGELES TIMES (TNS)

In the small town of Newtok, Alaska, a Yupik village of about 350 people, children once played on endless fields of frozen permafrost. Now, they splash in salt water pools and teeter on boardwalks as the permafrost below thaws and the Ningslick River chips away at the community. Soon even the boards will be swallowed by the rising tides.

In 2017, it is projected that the highest point in Newtok — the school building — will be underwater. For these Alaskans, climate change is not just a global temperature trend; it is happening under their feet. Shoreline erosion is forcing residents to abandon their community as rising water inundates the lives they once lived. Twenty years ago, the signs were already in place and Newtok made the difficult decision to relocate. Since then, it has been slowly rebuilding its school, homes and lives inland to escape the ever-encroaching waters.

Newtok residents will be among our country's first climate refugees — but not our last.

In the decades to come, thousands more from along America's most fragile shorelines will embark on a great migration inland as their homes disappear beneath the water's surface. Over the last 10 years,

the Isle de Jean Charles community in Louisiana has lost two-thirds of its residents to dislocation. In the Chesapeake Bay, Tangier Island's shoreline recedes by about 14 feet a year. On Washington's Olympic Peninsula, the Quinault Indian Nation relies on a 2,000-foot-long sea wall for protection until it can complete its move uphill.

For them and the residents of dozens of other American towns and ultimately cities, the question is no longer what will be lost to climate change, but what will be saved.

Over the last seven years, President Barack Obama has built a legacy of action on climate change. He negotiated a bilateral agreement with China to reduce greenhouse emissions, lowered tariffs on clean technologies to encourage their spread and set new rules to cut carbon at home with the Clean Power Plan. With the climate change agreement in Paris successfully negotiated in December, he is set to use his final year in office to continue his commitment to reduce America's greenhouse gas emissions, to try to "accelerate the transition away from old, dirtier energy sources," as he said in his State of the Union speech.

While it is essential to mitigate the sources of carbon in the United States,

it will not help citizens on the front lines of climate change right now. In order to alleviate the most extreme consequences of a shifting climate, the president must give equal attention to helping communities adapt to a rapidly changing homeland.

As they stand today, federal programs for disaster assistance are limited and mostly unavailable to towns that require climate-induced relocation. Relief programs focus on sudden natural disasters like Hurricane Sandy, and on rebuilding in place, not on financially supporting the relocation of towns facing gradual inundation. Because of this, coastal communities across the country must rely on ad hoc federal and state grants, and attempt to rebuild and relocate in bits and pieces, in the hope that the work will be done before an emergency evacuation is needed.

Some steps have been taken to provide support adaptation specific support, but they fall short of any real impact. In September 2015 during the first presidential visit to the Arctic, Obama pledged \$2 million to help with voluntary climate-induced relocation efforts in Alaska. This covers less than 2 percent of the cost to relocate one town, estimated at \$100 to \$200 million.

In Alaska alone, climate change flooding and shoreline erosion already affects more than 180 villages, 31 of which are in "imminent" danger of becoming uninhabitable.

To truly make a lasting climate change legacy, Obama must take seriously the issue of climate relocation. This means creating a legal and financial structure that can adequately respond to communities in need.

The first step is simple: Convene local, state and federal stakeholders to draft a framework for relocating all climate refugees within the United States. The difficulty will be in the details, especially determining the source of the financial resources that will be required. The debate over who will fund relocation and which agencies will lend technical assistance will be intense. But those negotiations must begin in order to protect the lives of our most vulnerable citizens.

In September during his visit to Alaska, Obama told the country, "Climate change is no longer some far-off problem. It is happening here. It is happening now." He must recognize American climate refugees today and use his last year in office to inaugurate the process of saving them from America's eroding edges.

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Cinnamon Rant

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So the last few weeks of this semester, I've had very organized and well thought out ideas to bring to the table. But that will not be happening this time around. Just as a fair warning, this could easily turn into a rant, and I am not apologizing for it.

It all started Saturday evening in my kitchen. I was making cinnamon rolls by myself late at night; no, I did not make them from scratch. I barely had enough energy and drive to make the store-bought kind, let alone start baking from scratch! To my understanding, being alone can evoke a lot of down time and with that, a lot of thinking. The thought of my future was being thrown through my mind at light speed.

Here I am, a 21-year-old man, a junior in college, attempting to achieve a degree in a field that I have no intention of going into. Fortunately, having multiple other jobs that are my true passion, that allow me to travel, meet new people and share information openly and freely is a nice secondary thought that I try to keep in the back of my brain. However, seeing friends and peers on a daily basis that are so involved and engulfed in their soon-to-be work field communities gets me thinking that I am not good enough and that my future is so unsure.

Thankfully, before I got to the point of a mental breakdown, which only took about 12 minutes — a new personal record for me — the timer on the oven went off. My thoughts were temporarily halted by the delicious smell of my freshly baked, store bought (by the way, I would whole-heartedly deny this if asked), cinnamon rolls. And after pulling them out of the blazingly hot oven, my mind began relaxing.

I came to the conclusion that I need to set a new personal goal. A 'cinnamon goal' if you will ... Please laugh at that. I need the support at the moment. I am going to make a point in staying focused on myself this semester. Even though my friends and peers may be extremely fixated on their academic goals and attempting to get jobs into the fields they are studying, I know in my heart that the jobs I am doing outside of school are going to give me three things that my major want.

Item number fun (get it?): It will give me the ability to be who I am and show who I am to other people in my industry.

Item number two: It will give me the ability to be happy with my life choices and my occupation, in two years and hopefully in 30 years.

Item number three: Last but not least, it definitely pays better than the field I am studying!

So here is what I am trying to get at. Even though everyone around you may seem to have their life planned out, and they seem to be on top of things, don't feel as if you aren't good enough just because you don't exactly fit society's mold for what young adults should be like. Your personal journey to your career or even the outcome of your future is never going to exactly mirror some other person's journey. Just roll with the punches. Get it? Roll. Cinnamon roll. That's the last pun, I swear.

Everyone is different, and his or her journeys are all going to be unique. Just like the cinnamon rolls I was making on Saturday, they're all different and that's OK. They were equally delicious, and that is all that matters.



Young YSU Players Begin to Mature

Horizon League Conference Standings Men's Basketball					
	School	Conference		Overall	
		W	L	W	L
1	Wright State	7	1	13	8
2	Valparaiso	7	1	17	4
3	Oakland	5	3	13	8
4	Milwaukee	5	3	14	7
5	Green Bay	5	3	13	8
6	Detroit	3	5	9	10
7	Northern Kentucky	3	5	7	12
8	Youngstown State	3	5	8	13
9	Cleveland State	2	6	7	14
10	UIC	0	8	2	17

Jordan Kaufman (32), Youngstown State University men's basketball center boxes out a University of Wisconsin-Green Bay defender during YSU's 103-93 win over the Phoenix on Jan. 6.

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Coming into this season, the Youngstown State University men's basketball team knew the young players on the roster needed to mature quickly in order for the team to compete in the Horizon League.

After Sunday's 70-55 win over Cleveland State University, YSU head coach Jerry Slocum said the team, possibly, is starting to turn the corner its maturity.

"We just threw the challenge out there today that ... we definitely made some great strides — we had a great week of practice," Slocum said. "Added a couple of wrinkles, did a couple things and obviously with a three-game road trip, now we have two more tough places to play. Obviously it's great to win ... especially on their floor. It's a team that beat Belmont [University] there, and they've had some really good home wins. So to play as well as we did is a positive, and now we got to carry it over. That hasn't been our strength all year, and we'll see how it goes."

Slocum said the team played well on the defensive side of the ball when the younger players were

on the court. He went on to say the players managed the game effectively. The YSU players were "passing up a good shot for a great shot" and understood what they were supposed to do in the second half to close out the game.

"When we did that, we had three freshmen on the floor and two sophomores. That group can guard," Slocum said. "It's not our most talented group offensively, but we really, really guarded them well. To the point, in the last five minutes, I said to our guys 'we're better being on defense than on the offensive end,' because it was taking them 27 seconds, even when they were down 12 or 13 points, to find a shot or find an attempt. I thought we did a tremendous job defensively. I thought we did a great job holding our composure."

"There's been some games this year, when we've been up by eight or nine where we had a couple turnovers and teams have gotten back in it. We did a great job at time management. Our kids did a great job with understanding time and score and getting the clock down and making some foul shots. A win that we had earlier in the year that would

have been a three to four point win went to be a 15-point win, because we did a better job managing the clock."

Frontcourt players like Bryce Nickels and Devin Haygood were forced to develop quickly following starting forward Bobby Hain and starting center Sidney Umude suffered injuries.

"There's no doubt with Sid's injury, other guys have had more playing time, and quite frankly, have stepped up and have shown positive things for us," Slocum said.

Slocum has stressed the importance of becoming consistent in the second half of the season. The team will have to travel to the University of Illinois at Chicago on Thursday. Slocum said the Flames are an athletic team, but UIC is also inexperienced.

"This is a team that's really young, athletic, drive the basketball, has really good size," Slocum said. "I mean they start 6-9, 6-10, 6-7, 6-4, 6-4. They got really good size, but it's young talent. I'm expecting nothing more than just an absolute war up there."

PRESS BOX PERSPECTIVE

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This Sunday, get out your chips, make the guacamole dip and order a pizza because it's the Pro Bowl! Who's ready to watch the action between two All-Pro teams led by honorary captains Michael Irvin and Jerry Rice? You don't want to miss it!

The fact of the matter is that fans haven't been tuning in for the Pro Bowl over the past few years. Even though football is America's favorite sport, fewer people watch the Pro Bowl on television.

Case in point: although last year's Pro Bowl telecast was the highest-rated program on cable that week, an estimated 8.8 million viewers tuned in to watch, giving the Pro Bowl the fewest amount of viewers it's had since 2007.

Ratings aside, people aren't watching the Pro Bowl because it doesn't play like a normal NFL game would. There are some different rules for the game, such as no kickoff and the spotting of the ball at the 25-yard line when the game begins and after a scoring possession.

Another such rule change added last season is the fact that there's a two-minute warning in each quarter and not just in the second and fourth quarters of the game. Also instituted last year for the Pro Bowl is an automatic turnover of possession at the quarter breaks.

There was a time several years ago where NFL Commissioner Roger Goodell wanted to end the Pro Bowl. Back in 2012, Goodell revealed on his Sirius XM Satellite Radio program that he considered ending the Pro Bowl because of the quality of play until players objected.

In the years since, with the change from the American Football Conference/National Football Conference matchup to a fantasy football-style pairing, maybe the Pro Bowl is here to stay.

In the past two seasons, the margin of victory in the Pro Bowl has been a combined five points. Both of those Pro Bowls were a far cry from the 62-35 blowout by the NFC in the last AFC/NFC contest in 2013.

Still though, the big question regarding the Pro Bowl is "is it necessary?" For a game that was almost wiped away a few years ago and only has its marquee players in the lineup briefly, the answer is yes.

At the core, the Pro Bowl is a means of showcasing the NFL's most popular athletes, even if not many people are watching. You have to remember that some of the guys who will be playing in Sunday night's game are from teams who didn't get into the playoffs. As such, this is their lone chance to show everyone their talents in the postseason.

However, there's also the argument that because the Pro Bowl is now staged the week prior to the Super Bowl, those selected to the game who will be in the Super Bowl don't get to be in the Pro Bowl. Some have the attitude of "OK, since my favorite player's in the Super Bowl this year, I don't need to watch the Pro Bowl."

There are some viewers who watch the game just long enough to see the guy from their favorite team get in and shut it off once that player is done.

These are very poor attitudes to have. Personally,

UPCOMING YSU SPORTS EVENTS

Women's Basketball vs. Wright State Jan. 28

Men's Basketball @ UIC Jan. 28

Track and Field @ Penn State Jan. 29 & 30

Track & Field @ The SPIRE Institute Jan. 29 & 30

Women's Tennis vs. Duquesne Jan. 29

Men's Tennis vs. Duquesne Jan. 29

Swimming & Diving @ St. Francis Jan. 30

Women's Basketball vs. Northern Kentucky Jan. 30

Men's Tennis @ Toledo Jan. 30

Women's Tennis @ Akron Jan. 30

Men's Basketball @ Valpo Jan. 30

I enjoy the Pro Bowl every year. I set aside the time on that day to park myself in front of the TV, have a hot dog and enjoy the game. I like seeing the athletes play in the Pro Bowl because they're showing their talents off while having a good time doing it.

People should watch the Pro Bowl because it's the only football game where the entertainment aspect of football takes center stage over the competition aspect of football.

Forget that the Pro Bowl's an exhibition and forget about the ratings. Just enjoy the game on Sunday night. It may be another close game.