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Ohio Third Frontier gives YSU, Polyflow \$1.6 million grant *Students will work to solve waste and energy issues*

Doug Livingston
EDITOR-IN-CHIEF

The College of Science, Technology, Engineering and Mathematics is partnering with Polyflow, an Akron-based startup company, to develop a fuel analysis and testing laboratory at Youngstown State University, paid for through a \$1.6 million Ohio Third Frontier grant.

Along with ecological and energy benefits, officials and professors tout that the program will provide YSU students with hands-on experience that could potentially lead to job placement for STEM majors.

"The opportunity to build an enhanced fuels analysis laboratory will further expand our capabilities on behalf of our students," Martin Abraham, dean of STEM, said in a press conference Tuesday. "We are pleased to be able to partner with Polyflow in the development of its waste-to-energy process."



Jay Schabel, executive director of Polyflow, holds up a plastic container full of waste. Polyflow and YSU have received a \$1.6 million Ohio Third Frontier grant to create waste-to-energy solutions that would rid Ohio landfills of plastics. Photo by Doug Livingston/The Jambar.

Utilizing an existing patented process, Polyflow and YSU will work together to convert plastic and polymer waste into raw materials that can then

be used as transportation fuels, such as gasoline and diesel, and recycled plastic.

Polyflow CEO Jay Schabel said

optimizing the value of waste, lowering dependence on foreign energy sources and developing green jobs are driving this project.

Schabel said plastic products, which account for 9 percent of oil consumption, would consume 30 percent of American landfills this year. About \$46 billion in plastics will be discarded.

The idea is to reuse some of this waste.

YSU's part will be lead by Josef Simeonsson, associate professor of chemistry.

Students in the growing field of waste-energy technology will gain a competitive edge through program experience, Simeonsson said.

The project concept and funding came from a discussion at the 2010 YSU Sustainable Energy Forum. The discussion developed into a funding proposal from YSU and Polyflow.

Of the \$1.6 million Ohio Third Frontier grant, YSU will receive \$600,000 to develop a labora-

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Tressel resigns amid allegations *Players and friends refute media backlash*

Doug Livingston &
Nick Mancini
THE JAMBAR

Joe Malmisur sits in his living room chair next to a stapled print-out of a Sports Illustrated story. The story paints a picture of 20 years of questionable decision-making by former Youngstown State University and Ohio State University head coach Jim Tressel. On an ottoman in front of him, a copy of The Vindicator cries the same allegations.

The 82-year-old retired former YSU athletic director is wearing a black T-shirt with an embroidered "Y" for YSU. Under the crimson "Y" reads "Football Staff."

"Bad news is good news," Malmisur says.

Malmisur hired Tressel in 1985 and still isn't sure what his "good friend" has done wrong.

Malmisur knows that the NCAA has rules, and he would never condone breaking them. But the one rule that discourages him most is that a coach is held culpable for anything his players have done. And if the coach is unaware, Malmisur sadly interprets the NCAA laws as, "Well, you probably should have known."

Tressel resigned Monday amid

allegations of NCAA violations stemming from a scandal in which OSU players traded memorabilia for tattoos.

"After meeting with university officials, we agreed that it is in the best interest of Ohio State that I resign as head football coach," Tressel said in a statement released by OSU. "The appreciation that [wife] Ellen and I have for the Buckeye Nation is immeasurable."

His appreciation is mirrored by those who know him and who have played for him.

"[Tressel was a] tremendous coach, great leader. It was invaluable, my time under him," said Youngstown attorney Chris Sammarone. "I can't thank him enough."

Sammarone transferred to YSU in 1991, sitting out his first season as an offensive lineman.

Tressel ran into some trouble that year when allegations surfaced that quarterback Ray Isaac was given cash and cars from Mickey Monus, then chairman of the YSU Board of Trustees. The allegations surfaced during a jury tampering trial against Monus, in which he was exonerated. Tressel claimed he had no knowledge of



the exchange. An investigation later backed up Tressel's claim.

Sammarone never saw the car that Isaac allegedly received from boosters.

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Revised general education model gives students flexibility

Hilary Carr
REPORTER

A revised general education model, designed to be more student friendly, will go into effect beginning fall 2012.

Among the current GER domains, the Selected Topics section will be removed from the model. The courses within that and other sections will be rearranged. The required writing, communications and math courses will remain unchanged.

Two courses will be required from each of the four new domains: Natural Science, Arts and Humanities, Social Sciences, and Social and Personal Awareness.

"In the fourth category, it's possible for courses to be cross-listed with other categories. The course can't count twice, but you have the option of using it to your advantage," said Tod Porter, chairman of the General Education Committee and the Youngstown State University Department of Economics. "The new model will increase flexibility for students."

The new categories will be made up of courses from the old general education model, though "some new courses may not be moved over to new model from old model," Porter said. "That is what the committee is working on now."

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Postponing the end of the world ... for now

Nick Mancini
REPORTER

End-of-the-world predictions pop up constantly. They leave the American public wondering if there is any truth to these assumptions.

And if they should be worried.

The most popular end-of-

the-world predictions today include the Mayan calendar, which is said to predict the 2012 apocalypse, and Christian radio broadcaster Harold Camping's failed rapture of May 21. Public fervor surrounding these predictions is coupled with severe weather and, in an extreme case, a Centers for Disease Control and Prevention post describing how to survive a zombie

attack.

Since 2000, there have been more than 110 end-of-the-world predictions, according to ReligiousTolerance.org, a website promoting religious tolerance and scrutinizing erroneous information. Camping joins this illustrious list.

Camping, head of Christian radio station Family Radio, unsuccessfully predicted that the world would end on May

21 around 6 p.m.

Despite Camping's masses of followers, many more were unaware of his predictions.

"I have no idea what rapture means," said Ryan Machingo, a senior marketing major at Youngstown State University. "I know people talk about the world ending, but I have no clue what it is all about."

Camping says that the rapture still happened — albeit

in a spiritual way. There were many signs of severe weather across the country, including hailstorms in the Midwest and a devastating tornado in Joplin, Mo.

The supposed rapture didn't stop people from enjoying their weekend, however.

"There is no way I would let some crazy radio host con-

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NEWS BRIEFS

YSU 'app' available for mobile devices

YSU's free "app" — which features a virtual walking tour of the YSU campus, access to campus photos and university news releases, and other information — is now available for Android mobile devices. It can be downloaded by visiting <https://market.android.com> and searching for "YSU." The app is also available for the iPhone, iPad and iPod Touch via iTunes.

Smoky Hollow run, walk planned for July 9

The eighth annual Smoky Hollow 5K Run and One-Mile Family Fun Walk, which celebrates the history of the Smoky Hollow neighborhood just east of the YSU campus, will be held July 9. The event will start and finish at Harrison Field on Walnut Street. The 5K run begins at 9 a.m., and the one-mile family fun walk will follow at 9:10 a.m. A post-race party will begin at 9:45 a.m. To register, fill out a form online at www.gopherarun.com. A T-shirt is guaranteed to the first 300 registered entrants. Race day registration will begin at 7:45 a.m. The entry fee is \$15 for early registrants, and \$20 after July 4 and on race day. Children ages 12 and under can register for \$7. Awards will be given to qualifying racers in each age division and also to all one-mile walkers and children.

POLICE BRIEFS

Man yells obscenities causes disturbance at eatery

On Friday, a YSU police officer on campus patrol heard a man yelling obscenities — including "F--- those motherf---ers!" and "I don't give a f---!" — from the patio area of Inner Circle Pizza on Lincoln Avenue. The university police officer told the man, who appeared to be angry and agitated, that he was creating a disturbance. The man also smelled like alcohol and appeared to be intoxicated. When asked what had happened, the man started yelling, "All of those motherf---ers in there are suppose to be my friends, but they just keep s---ing on me!" He also added, "Yeah, I've been f---ing drinking!" University police officers repeatedly asked the man to explain the problem and even offered him a ride back to his residence. The man continued to yell, and YSU police officers placed the man under arrest for disorderly conduct by intoxication. After the man was handcuffed and began to be escorted to the police cruiser, he broke free of the officer's grasp. An officer attempted to gain control of the man by pushing him forward into the side of the restaurant. The man was then placed in the cruiser and transported to the YSU Police Station. A YSU police officer then noticed a small laceration on the man's chin. It did not require stitches, but because it was actively bleeding, the Mahoning County Jail could not accept the man. Police issued the man misdemeanor citations for disorderly conduct by intoxication and resisting arrest. The man, who had calmed down, apologized profusely for his behavior and shook an officer's hand. He was then transported by police to his residence.

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tory in the STEM College.

The project is fueled by waste products collected by residents of Stow, located northeast of Akron. The city of Stow has contributed \$25,000 for the collection program set to launch later this year.

This is the third project for YSU in the past nine months that Ohio Third Frontier has funded, including partnerships with M-7 Technologies and Delphi Automotive. This project is also part of \$7.5 million in funding for eight Ohio companies that qualified for the Ohio Third Frontier's Fuel Cell, Advanced Energy and Targeted Industry Attraction programs.

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trol what I did," said Andrew Stanislav, a sophomore communications major. "I went along with my weekend. Camping is pretty out there though."

Camping now claims that the rapture will occur Oct. 21. But he won't be spending millions of dollars on advertising this time.

"We're not going to pass out any more tracts," Camping told the followers of his Family Radio Worldwide. "We're not going to put up any more billboards. In fact, they're coming down right now. The world has been warned. The world is under judgment. We're just learning we have to look at all of this more spiritual. But it won't be spiritual on Oct. 21."

Camping feels he is a prophet from God, but as a local minister notes, nobody in the modern world has direct communication with God.

"In the Bible, Jesus said that time is not for anyone to know, so why would somebody know this?" said Bob Mintus, deacon of St. Pius X Church in Warren. "There have been so many of these predictions. All of them failed. How he has this ability, nobody knows."

Camping's October prediction coincides with what some experts consider an alarming occurrence: a global population peak of 7 billion.

Experts base this number on worldwide trends, but Hania Zlotnik, director of the population division of the UN Department of Economic and Social Affairs, said it should be taken with a grain of salt.

One professor agrees with Zlotnik that this shouldn't be taken seriously.

"The 7 billion people on the earth will put great strain on the natural resources, and the 9 billion that will be here by 2050, give or take a few years, will put even greater strain on the remaining resources," said Carl Chuey, professor of biological sciences at YSU. "The big problems will be food, quality of life, safe drinking water, and the pressure to get or keep these will lead to more conflicts or wars rather than peace."

Even if the rapture doesn't occur in October, the CDC think there could be something else to take down civilization: a zombie apocalypse.

In a recent post on their Public Health Matters Blog, which is used to "[share] our stories on preparing for and responding to public health events," Dr. Ali S. Khan said that while it may be laughable for a zombie take-over to happen, the hope is that the information can provide assistance in the case of a real emergency.

According to the post, some items to stock up on are water, food, medications, important documents and first aid supplies.

YSU employs software to retain students

Jordan D. Uhl
 NEWS EDITOR

In an effort to increase student success, Youngstown State University plans to implement Starfish Retention Solutions software before the start of fall semester.

Jeanne Herman, university registrar and head of the committee responsible for the decision, said Starfish was a "good fit for YSU."

Via the Ohio Learning Network, the group participated in a series of webinars, which previewed four different brands of retention software. After hands-on experimentation, they reached their decision.

Upon its application, Starfish will allow instructors and administrative staff to identify students struggling in the classroom and facilitate their improvement by providing

them with tutoring, counseling or any other appropriate remedy.

"It's a tracking system," Herman said. "It'll help identify students who may be in need."

Herman said that students, when asked by an instructor how they're doing, too often respond with, "Fine," when in reality that answer is far from the truth. She said this software would allow those who can help to identify problems.

Richard Marsico, director of computer services, doesn't expect technical difficulties upon Starfish's integration with the Banner system.

Although it has Blackboard-friendly features, Marsico doesn't plan on using them "out of the gate."

The software's accessibility shouldn't be a problem, as it is a remote hosted system. It won't reside on YSU's servers but rather Starfish's.

"That's their business,

that's everything to them. It shouldn't be an issue," Marsico said on the possibility of crashed servers.

Jack Fahey, ombudsperson and interim vice president of student affairs, said the software would solve many of YSU's problems by increasing student retention rates and consequently graduation rates.

Concerns over the security and privacy of student's personal information could be raised. However, Herman said that wouldn't be an issue.

"Only those with a legitimate need to access the information to do their job will be able to have it," she said. "For example, people who work in the Rec Center won't have access to it."

The group — comprised of instructors, academic advisers, technology personnel, deans, admissions and registration staff — is in the contract negotiation phase with Starfish.



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On Monday, hometown hero and Ohio State University football coach Jim Tressel resigned after months of controversy.

Left in the scandalous wake are upset fans, friends and players. The latter are, sadly, partly to blame for the ordeal.

But should they be?

They bartered their rightfully earned property, equipment and awards for money and tattoos.

What is inherently wrong with that?

The NCAA acts above the law when it regulates what athletes do with their property, a right reserved by no other.

The argument can be made that due to their status in the limelight of collegiate sports, they are subject to rules and regulations prohibiting such behavior. An argument can be made that this is the price paid when the university sponsors an athlete's education.

However, if an academic scholar chose to do the same thing, no repercussions would ensue.

The NCAA makes exorbitant amounts of money at the expense of athletes who literally put their necks on the line in the hopes of being one of the few selected to play professionally.

So save the dispute that their time will come when they make millions because even the NCAA admits in their commercials that "just about all of [them] will be 'going pro' in something other than sports."

Others feel that broke college athletes capitalizing on their status is wrong, yet professional athletes and celebrities do it every day, even though they are in a better position financially.

Doesn't this seem backward?

"I believe some of the rules are in need of tempering," said former YSU athletic director Joe Malmisur. "Rules that say a student cannot work. Rules that say a coach must be held culpable for what he does not know."

"The problem with the NCAA rules is you're held accountable for what you should know. Wouldn't that be nice if you were held accountable for what you *should* know? It's pretty hard to do, he said."

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SB5: the election factor

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YSU SPEAK

As a battleground state, Ohioans are used to being the focus of national attention during presidential elections. The general election of 2011, though, may again bring Ohio to center stage.

As the fight over Senate Bill 5 burns like wildfire through Ohio, the issue is beginning to have more far-reaching effects as the White House becomes involved.

In a White House interview with Romona Robinson of Cleveland's WKYC-TV on April 26, President Barack Obama spoke out against the bill.

"Let's certainly not blame public employees for a financial crisis that they had nothing to do with," Obama told Robinson. "And let's not use this as an excuse to erode their bargaining rights."

Obama said public workers might have to provide wage concessions to help governments handle diminishing revenue, but he disagreed with limiting their collective bargaining rights.

Ohio Gov. John Kasich responded with a slew of verbal shots against the president.

"The president of the United States has, I think, a \$13 trillion debt. Why doesn't he do his job?" Kasich said. "When he gets our budget balanced and starts to prepare a future for our children, maybe he can have an opinion on what's going on in Ohio."

The rhetoric between Obama and Kasich sums up the last two volatile months in Ohio.

Kasich signed the controversial bill into law March 31. The bill, written by state Sen. Shannon Jones, dramatically reduces the power of unionized state workers, including teachers and firefighters. It now permits union negotiations for wages, hours and working conditions but still bans collective bargaining for benefits. It also prohibits public employees from going on strike and eliminates binding arbitration.

The bill could save the state as much as \$1.3 billion, according to the Office of Collective Bargaining, because it cuts pay increases for public workers and would require them to pay more for health insurance, while limiting sick leave and vacation time.

Opponents of the SB 5, however, argue that the bill is an attack on union rights.

Several unions and political organizations are working to get a referendum on the ballot to repeal the bill. We Are Ohio, a coalition of labor unions and liberal groups, is one organization petitioning the bill.

To place a referendum of the law on the ballot, 231,149 signatures are needed, while 1,000 are needed for petition language to be approved by the attorney general and secretary of state before additional petitions can be circulated.

Gary Carlile, member of We Are Ohio of the Mahoning Valley, said he is unaware of the amount of signatures collected, but said he believes

at least 1,000 were obtained since the group's start on April 24.

The final date that signatures can be collected is July 20. If enough signatures are collected from a minimum of 44 different counties, the referendum will be placed on the ballot in 2011.

If this happens, SB 5 could have an effect on the presidential election of 2012, in addition to the general election of 2011.

Originally, Republicans rushed to get SB 5 passed to law in order to avoid motivation from the Democrats that may have carried over to the presidential election of 2012. Republicans knew that backlash from the law would likely create a referendum on the ballot that would bring Democrats to the polls. But according to Paul Sracic, chairman of the political science department at Youngstown State University, some effects are likely to carry over to the 2012 election.

"Some of [the effects] are going to depend on whether the referendum makes it on the ballot," Sracic said.

The referendum would excite national interest, particularly from the Democrats. Obama could use this issue to get voters to the polls in his support, support he greatly needs to win Ohio's electoral votes in 2012.

If SB 5 remains law, though, Sracic said it could have a negative effect on the Democrats and Obama's campaign.

"We might see a real demoralized union," Sracic said. "Unions are some of the biggest donors to political parties, and cash-starved unions could have a real negative effect on Obama getting re-elected."

Sracic added that the bill might also effect who runs against Obama. He said before the bill passed, there was talk of Kasich running as the Republican candidate for president, but recent backlash has ruined his chances. Sracic is unsure of who a contender may be, though.

Although future results remain unknown, a SB 5 referendum is likely to be on the 2011 ballot. SB 5 will remain a hot-button issue as the general election approaches.

A Wall Street Journal/NBC News poll shows that 62 percent oppose efforts to strip government workers of their rights to collectively bargain. The same poll also shows that 77 percent of Americans believe public employees should have the same rights as workers in the private sector to negotiate over health care, pensions and other benefits.

Many teachers like DeBorah Graham, assistant professor of teacher education at YSU, are part of the move to get the referendum on the ballot. Graham is a member of the Senate Executive Committee of the Academic Senate at YSU and said she hopes the bill is reversed.

"I'm not real sure of the ultimate fall out. My hope is that it will be overturned," she said. "It's really frightening to me to see that teachers have less and less control over their employment."

The rules: You don't make them so don't break them

Sam Marhulik
DESIGN EDITOR

Do we agree with every rule placed in front of us? Probably not.

Does that mean we can break them because we disagree?

No.

In the fallout after the OSU players scandal, the argument has been made that the possessions belonged to the players who should have the right to do what they want with them.

I have to disagree with that argument on the grounds that whether the possessions belonged to the players, they broke the rules ... rules that have been around since before they stepped onto any college campus.

These players knew what being a college athlete entailed when they signed their letters of intent.

Is it fair to say that maybe the NCAA needs to make changes to the rules? Yes. Right now, however stupid or not, the rules were broken.

Maybe players should be allowed to work a job, that's not silly to say. But there is a problem when Terrelle Pryor, the quarterback for OSU, is under investigation for rumors that in his three years at OSU he has driven eight different cars. Most recently, Pryor was seen driving a Nissan 350Z with 30-day tags to a players-only meeting on Monday night, the same day Jim Tressel stepped down.

If players can't work, where did these cars come from? It can be argued that coaches and athletic directors may have a hard time keeping tabs on all their athletes, but shouldn't someone know what their star players are doing?

If you break the rules, you have to suffer the consequences. The players' actions led to Tressel lying about his knowledge on the subject.

Tressel may have been trying to protect his players by claiming he had no knowledge, but when it came out that he was contacted in April 2010, he got himself and the university in more trouble.

The NCAA has yet to impose sanctions on the team as they are awaiting trial, but if the punishment that was given to the University of Southern California was any indication, OSU could face some serious penalties.

Maybe it is hard to maintain presence over all of your athletes, but if Tressel, a man who is revered by many as a great leader, would have done something when he found out about it, he may still be employed.

Some say rules were meant to be broken, but if you get caught, it may be an opinion you wish you didn't have.

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But Issac, who did not admit to accepting gifts under Tressel's tenure, has said that investigations into documents and public records have shown his questionable transactions.

According to the Sports Illustrated article, nine current players, including quarterback Terrelle Pryor, were involved in the tattoo-for-memorabilia exchange at Dudley's and Fine Line Ink tattoo parlors. One tattoo artist reportedly said the exchange had been going on for nearly 10 years.

Tressel took over at YSU prior to the 1986 football season and had previously worked as an assistant at OSU. In his fourth season, he led YSU to an undefeated regular season, only to lose in the first round of the playoffs.

In 1991, he won his first of four national titles, defeat-

ing Marshall University. In the next three years, he would go on to win two more championships, beating Marshall again in 1993 and Boise State University in 1994.

Tressel would win his final title at YSU in 1997, beating McNeese State University 10-9. He won several Coach of the Year awards also.

In his 10 years at Ohio State, Tressel compiled a 106-22 record, leading OSU to a 2002 national championship, its first in 34 years. At YSU he amassed a 135-57-2 record with four Division I-AA national championships in 15 years. He holds a career mark of 241-79-2.

His reputation and legacy are affected by his resignation as well as the new and decades-old allegations. But the impact of these incidents

differs greatly among fans, friends and the media.

"To people that don't have a relationship with him, yeah. It will affect their image of him," Sammarone said.

"Jim is without reproach," Malmisur said, never questioning Tressel's character. "Some people are gonna be offended by what he did. Some people are gonna just say, 'I don't care what he did.' And some of us are gonna feel that what he did wasn't that important. I don't feel what he did is tantamount to losing your job."

Malmisur spoke with Tressel on the phone shortly after his Monday resignation announcement. He said Tressel was saddened by the events.

Malmisur told his friend that "he certainly wasn't diminished in his eyes."

Campus Connection

What do you think of Jim Tressel's resignation?



"You still can't take away what he's done on the field, coaching-wise."
Robert Harvishak, junior



"It's a tragedy if the players that put him in that position would be on the team next year."
Travis Watson, senior

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SB 5: democracy in action

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We live in a representative democracy. That means that officials are elected to act on our behalf. It needs to be this way so that laws can be passed in a timely manner so that society can function. When the people feel that government isn't acting in their favor, the people have a few options available through which to ensure that the government will realize their wishes in the future. One of these measures, for instance, is the election cycle. Every four years a presidential election is held, every two years representatives of the House are up for election and every six years senators are up for re-election. This ensures that fresh blood stays in

office and that elected officials will ultimately be held responsible for their actions. But for some matters, these terms are too long to do any good. And what happens to laws that have already been passed? Must the people sit by and watch as a law they feel is unjust passes?

That's where referendum comes in. Through referendum, a law that has been passed can be put on the ballot for a direct up or down vote from voters. This gives the people a more direct role in the legislative process. And right now, referendum is the only hope for opponents of Senate Bill 5 to get rid of the law. According to the Ohio Secretary of State's office, they'll need 231,149 registered Ohio voters from a minimum of 44 counties to sign a petition in order for the referendum vote to appear on the November

ballot.

Referendum has already had a big impact on how the bill was passed. Even though the referendum vote won't take place for another six months, if it does at all, Republicans were pressured into signing the bill into law by April 6, or else the opposition would have the choice of waiting until the 2012 election to hold the vote. This would mean that the law would be suspended in limbo for more than a year, but since it was passed, opponents have until July to obtain the required petition signatures. And since mid-April, opponents have been working around the clock to gather the petition signatures.

Here's how the process works. The group We Are Ohio was formed March 22 to act as a referendum committee. The referendum com-

mittee has already written a summary of the law that has been approved by the secretary of state and attorney general to be "fair and truthful." This summary and the "fair and truthful" certification must be printed on the referendum petitions. A copy of the full text of the law must also be attached to the petitions. Then, the required signatures must be collected and verified by the secretary of state's office, followed by a chance to collect additional signatures if any are deemed invalid. All in all, it could be Sept. 4 before the signatures are verified and it is clear whether referendum will appear on the ballot. And once the required number of signatures has been verified, referendum will be voted on in November.

Predicted by Larry Wicks, Ohio Education Association

executive director, to cost up to \$20 million, referendum is not a cheap process. As such, the Ohio Association of Professional Firefighters, the Ohio Education Association and the Ohio Fraternal Order of Police have all considered charging members additional fees to fund referendum efforts. Even former Gov. Ted Strickland is in on fundraising, asking via email for funding from supporters.

The referendum committee still has two months to achieve the necessary number of petition signatures. With six months remaining until the election, during which referendum is not even a certainty, it remains unclear whether SB 5 will continue on or ultimately fall into nonexistence. And until its fate is decided, the law will remain ineffective.

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The Arts and Humanities section will be made up of two subcategories: Literature and Fine Arts, and Ethics and Cultural Values. Arts and Humanities will contain courses from the current Artistic and Literary Perspectives section as well as the humanities courses from the current Personal and Social Responsibility section.

The Social Sciences section will also contain two subcategories: Historical and Behavioral. Social Sciences will be made up of courses from the current Societies and Institutions section as well as some courses from the current Personal and Social Responsibility section, like psychology.

The Social and Personal Awareness section will be split into four subcategories: Domestic Diversity, International Perspectives, Environmental Sustainability and Well-being. Social and Personal Awareness will contain courses from a variety of categories.

In total, the new model represents a reduction of two courses.

The committee has been actively working on the revisions for the past three years, but discussion of revisions has been going on for about four or five years.

"The new system will be more in line with other state universities in Ohio," Porter said. He added that the new requirements would create an easier transition for students transferring in or out of YSU.

General Education Knowledge Domain Requirements				
Old Model		New Model		
Section	Required Courses	Section	Sub-Categories	Required Courses
Natural Science	2-3*	Natural Science	Lab or Non-Lab	2
Artistic and Literary Perspectives	2-3*	Arts and Humanities	Literature and Fine Arts Ethics and Cultural Values	2
Societies and Institutions	2-3*	Social Sciences	Historical Behavioral	2
Personal and Social Responsibility	2	Social and Personal Awareness	Domestic Diversity International Perspectives Environmental Sustainability Wellbeing	2
Selected Topics and Electives	1 or 1 additional NS, AL or SI course	Any of the above		1
Total Courses	11	Total Courses		9

*Students must total 8 courses from NS, AL and SI while taking at least two courses in each.

The new model will also ease complications when YSU self-assesses the general education requirements, as is required by the Higher Learning Commission.

The new model will also benefit students via increased

flexibility and reduced required general education courses.

Though the required 124 credit hour requirement to graduate is not being reduced, the new general education model may decrease total hours spent in class.

"Because you have a little bit more flexibility, it might reduce the time needed to graduate," Porter said.

Students entering YSU in fall 2012 would be the first class that would have to meet the new requirements to graduate.

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June 16, 2011

WRTA, along with other Transit agencies nationwide, is encouraging all to park their vehicles on Thursday June 16, 2011 and take public transit.

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