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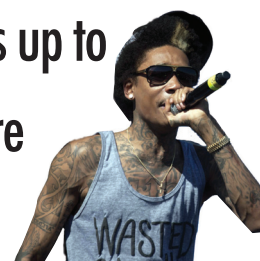
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YSU acquires University Courtyard Apartments in strategic effort

Jordan D. Uhl
NEWS EDITOR

The University Courtyard Apartments now belong to Youngstown State University after the board of trustees ratified a resolution on Tuesday to avoid a rising interest rate in old bonds.

The board unanimously adopted the proposition, which was originally recommended in the finance and facilities subcommittee meeting Sept. 13.

The university financed the acquisition by selling bonds. Gene Grilli, subcommittee chairman and vice president for finance and administration, said the bonds had potential for drastic spikes in interest rates.

"It's an extremely preventative measure," Grilli said about cashing in the speculative bonds.

Grilli also said it's a "win-win," as the apartments could serve as another revenue stream in the future.

Taking effect in fall 2012, the finance and facilities subcommittee proposed a \$10 increase per tenant, ultimately resulting in an additional \$48,960 annually.

The numbers are based on the assumption that more than 90 percent of the units will be rented out.

Of the 130 apartments available, 95 percent are occupied.

Since the University Courtyard Apartments' debt is part of YSU's debt, the change of hands will have no effect on the budget deficit for fiscal year 2011.

Sudershan Garg, chairman of the board of trustees, addressed the looming deficit at Tuesday's meeting, drawing daunting comparisons to the eurozone debt crisis.

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SMARTS Trap prepares to kick off in October. The program will help children with developmental disabilities improve their self-esteem, listening and behavior skills, and perceptual motor skills through percussion instruments. Photo by Patrick Donovan/The Jambar.

Arts education program makes beats with SMARTS Trap

Patrick Donovan
NEWS REPORTER

Youngstown State University's SMARTS — or Students Motivated by the Arts — is getting ready to kick off the SMARTS Rhythmic Arts Program in the first week of October.

The program, dubbed SMARTS Trap, is the first of its kind in Youngstown and is centered around the use of percussion instruments to teach life skills to children with cognitive and developmental disabilities.

Ed Davis, a YSU graduate teaching assistant and SMARTS drum circle facilitator, has been involved with the program from the start. He said the program has a multilayer approach with many benefits.

"The basic goals of the program are focused on kids with

autism. Through the program, they improve self-esteem, listening and behavior skills, and perceptual motor skills," Davis said.

The idea is that the students are learning on three levels: seeing something, saying what it is and acting it out on the drum.

"The drum is a tool to put all the information together. It allows the kids to process information through their whole body. It connects all the dots," Davis said.

SMARTS Director Becky Keck said SMARTS Trap is "a perfect fit."

"SMARTS is one of YSU's premier points for community engagement. We are a community art school, and this project serves as an amazing way to connect with an underserved population of students in the area," Keck said.

SMARTS Trap will launch at up to five partner locations

in the Youngstown area, including the Rich Center for Autism, the Leonard Kirtz School and the Potential Development Program for Autism.

"The faculty at Potential Development saw what we were doing and they were just amazed at how the kids responded. I think it's really going to impact these places, and I can see this really taking off," Davis said.

YSU graduate teaching assistant Christopher Lettera said he is involved with SMARTS because he wants to give back to the area and gain valuable classroom experience.

"This is an in-classroom opportunity I can't get anywhere else. Getting this experience and growing alongside these kids is just a great thing all around," Lettera said.

SMARTS Trap is the first collaboration between

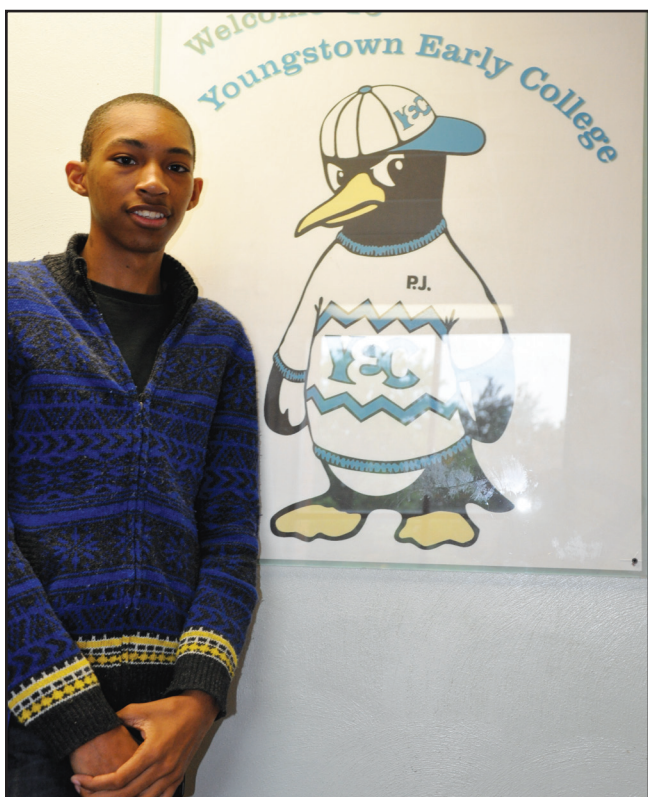
SMARTS and the Creative-Bridge Coalition.

CBC is an organization that, through well-managed projects, connects caregivers, philanthropic funders and music providers who seek meaningful music programs for children.

Bill Bodine, the co-founder of CBC and a YSU alumnus, has worked closely with Keck to bring SMARTS Trap to the area.

Funded by the Youngstown Foundation's Hine Memorial Fund, SMARTS Trap brings together the efforts of many different groups and recourses.

"The challenge is bringing all these organizations and people together who have separate missions but connect at certain points. This is an amazing nonprofit community, and I think this project is a win-win for everyone," Keck said.



Aaron Hughes-Ware, who attended the Youngstown Early College and is now a YEC student assistant, said the program's expansion would open up opportunities for more students in Mahoning and Trumbull counties. Photo by Marissa McIntyre/The Jambar.

YEC aims to expand service area

Marissa McIntyre
ASSISTANT NEWS EDITOR

Although the Youngstown Early College plans to extend its services to students in Mahoning and Trumbull counties, which schools will participate in the expanded program is unknown since partnerships remain tentative.

The program, offered by Youngstown State University, allows students from Youngstown City Schools to earn college credit while attending high school.

YCS students, however, are the only participants in the program.

Aaron Hughes-Ware, a junior pre-law major at YSU and YEC student assistant, said the YEC is still considered a city school, albeit a specialized program.

"I think that if they did

open it up [to other schools] it will increase enrollment at YSU ... [and] it would increase the graduation rate for high schoolers and college students, as well as decrease the dropout rate," Hughes-Ware said.

Although they're not involved with the YEC, some nearby high schools offer Advanced Placement classes. If students score high enough on AP exams, however, these scores can transfer to college credits.

Boardman High School offers seven AP classes. Frank Lazzeri, superintendent of Boardman Local Schools, said even without YEC involvement, Boardman still has "numerous opportunities for our students to take college courses."

For instance, Boardman students — and students enrolled in other area school dis-

tricts like Poland, Austintown, Canfield and Girard — can enter the Post-Secondary Enrollment Option Program, or Senate Bill 140. Through this program, students can earn both high school and college credit.

Hughes-Ware, who started attending the YEC in his freshman year of high school, said he hopes that more prospective college students will have the same opportunities that he had.

According to the YEC website, 65 percent of the program's high school graduates enter college as a sophomore.

However, in Hughes-Ware's case, he arrived at YSU as a first-year junior.

"That's what gets you on track to your [associate] degree," Hughes-Ware said. "Without the Early College program, I would have been at

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Law Day to be held on campus Friday

Darla Conti
REPORTER

Law school representatives will be on campus Friday to provide information to students interested in learning more about careers in law.

The annual event, sponsored by the Youngstown State University Department of Political Science and Rigelhaupt Pre-Law Center, will be held from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. in the Presidential Suite of Kilcawley Center.

Students who are considering law school will have the opportunity to ask questions, obtain catalogs and literature, and learn more about careers in the law field. Information about the LSAT will also be available.

"Law Day provides an opportunity to speak with law school admissions representatives," said Paul Sracic, chairman of the political science department.

"These representatives are the ideal source for information about how to get admitted to their law school programs."

Law schools represented are Albany Law School, Capital University Law School, Case Western Reserve University School of Law, Cleveland-Marshall College of Law, Notre Dame Law School, Ohio Northern University Pettit College of Law, Ohio State University Moritz College of Law, University of Akron School of Law, University of Toledo College of Law and the University of Dayton School of Law.

Sracic, who is also the pre-law adviser, encourages students interested in law school, regardless of their major, to schedule an appointment with him and find out the latest information about the law school admissions process.

He recommended that students schedule this appointment by the end of their sophomore year.

Microsoft 8 unveiled, criticized and commended

Dustin Livesay
REPORTER

Microsoft recently unveiled its newest operating system, Windows 8, at Microsoft's Build Conference.

"The interface puts a heavy emphasis on touch screen use," said Shelly Palmer, host of NBC Universal's "Live Digital with Shelly Palmer," in a radio report. "The other most notable feature is a universal search for documents, social networks and applications."

Since the early release to experts, there have been mixed reviews of the drastic departures that Microsoft has made from previous editions of Windows.

ExtremeTech, an online community of computer users, identified changes that avid Windows users might have some trouble getting used to.

For instance, desktops with attached keyboards will have no way of toggling between applications in use, which will make it impossible to simply

copy and paste from one document to another.

Another fault the site found was that there is no start menu. When starting the computer, the interface that will open is a start screen, which is filled with tiles instead of desktop icons.

ExtremeTech also reported difficulty in computer rebooting and shutting down.

"Basically, Microsoft doesn't want you to shut down Windows 8. ... Instead, Microsoft wants you to hit the physical power button, which simply hibernates the machine," said ExtremeTech's Sebastian Anthony.

However, Windows 8 offers several new features that may increase productivity.

"Windows 8 can boost Microsoft's market share in the smartphone business, which has been dominated by Apple's iOS and Google's Android operating systems," said Cem Ozkaynak, an analyst at Boston research firm Trefis.

He said Windows is taking a lead position in business, tying its desktop offering to its mobile offering via Windows 8.

Mickey Hanchenko, a software specialist at Youngstown State University's Tech Desk, said he feels that Windows 8 will make basic tasks much easier. However, he added that he doesn't think Windows 8 will be great software to use in a large classroom setting.

Hanchenko said Windows 8 would shine on tablets. He said tablets bought about a year from now would, most likely, already have Windows 8 installed on them.

"What Windows wants to do is make one user interface across the board. ... Your smartphones, tablets, desktop PCs, laptop PCs and tablet PCs will all be using the same interface," he said.

He said Microsoft would need to separate the business environment from the consumer environment.

"For the consumer it makes sense. They need to make things easy to use and quick access, but businesses don't need quick access to Facebook," Hanchenko said.

Microsoft is expected to release Windows 8 later this year or early next year.

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Local churches modernize to expand congregations

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Battling a national downturn in church attendance, local churches are using social networking and other technologies to curb waning turnout.

According to a 2010 survey conducted by the Hartford Institute for Religion Research, there were significant drops nationwide in the number of weekly churchgoers over the last decade.

David A. Roozen, author of the survey, found that reasons ranged from the recession to a lack of technological advancement.

"The recession affected nearly every kind of congregation equally: large and small; north, south, east and west; financially healthy or struggling before the recession," Roozen wrote.

The survey showed that modern and innovative congregations had the highest attendance rate and a higher spiritual vitality.

It also reported that only 14 percent of participating congregations are in excellent financial health.

Despite the nationwide numbers, average attendance has stayed relatively even at the Newman Center, home of the Catholic Campus Ministry at Youngstown State University.

Thomas Bagola, director of the Catholic Student Association, said that because of the high commuter population at YSU, attendance at Sunday Mass has steadily remained at a few dozen.

"The commuter atmosphere at YSU

brings in new faces every weekend," Bagola said.

The Newman Center is doing its best to stay up to date with social networking.

"We do have a Facebook and Twitter page to reach out to the students and keep students connected and let them know what's going on at the Newman Center," he said.

Newer congregations, such as Youngstown Metro Church, have seen a response from young people through use of technology, music and social networking.

Established seven years ago and located at the corner of Wick Avenue and McGuffey Road, Youngstown Metro Church takes a louder approach to worship on Sunday evenings. A band equipped with electric guitars and keyboards plays rock music projected on a large screen for a non-traditional audience of mostly young people.

"At our highest attendance point, there were about 100 people here for Sunday service," said Tiffany Sokol, administrative assistant for Youngstown Metro Church. "Currently, we average 40 to 50 people. During the school year, we see an influx of students, so the numbers are always changing."

Sokol said all communication and updates are done on Facebook and the church's Web page instead of handing out a printed weekly bulletin.

St. Casimir and St. Columba, both part of the Diocese of Youngstown, are balancing the effects of a national recession with the generosity of loyal

parishioners.

Last year, the two parishes merged and now share one congregation with two locations.

"The recession has hurt [our parishes] because people are moving out of the area," the Rev. John Keehner of the merged parish said. "There simply are not enough jobs in the area."

Keehner said he thought another issue for the parish is location.

"St. Casimir has the issue of being in a bad neighborhood," he said. "St. Columba has parking issues because of its proximity to YSU."

Keehner said the elderly make up the bulk of those in attendance on Sundays at the two churches. Not as many young people have the same connection and commitment to their parish that he has seen in the past.

"Young people are so used to having the world at their fingertips because of technology," he said. "I think that plays a part in them not feeling the need to go to a worship service, even if they consider themselves faithful."

While perceptions of young churchgoers vary from church to church, the Rev. Kathryn Adams of the Protestant Campus Ministry said student involvement at YSU is at a healthy level.

"Students are asking questions about their spirituality more and more," Adams said. "I see a lot of students weighing the importance of success and significance. Many are starting to see success as making a difference in people's lives instead of merely having prestige and driving a fancy car."

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NEWS BRIEFS

CLASS celebrates sesquicentennial of Italy's unification

The College of Liberal Arts and Social Sciences, through its Center for Applied History, will present a series of cultural events to mark the 150th anniversary of Italy's unification. All events are free and open to the public. At the first event, held Tuesday from 5:30 to 7:30 p.m., Italian Consul Marco Nobili will visit Youngstown to open the exhibit "Giuseppe Garibaldi and the Expedition of the Thousand" at the Youngstown Center of Industry and Labor, 151 W. Wood St. On Oct. 8, Italian folk group DisCanto will perform at St. Columba Cathedral, 154 W. Wood St, from 7:30 to 10 p.m. From 5:30 to 7 p.m. on Oct. 13, Frank Trecase will present a lecture on "Manzoni and the Unification of Italy" at the Youngstown Center of Industry and Labor. Pamela Schoenewaldt will host a book signing of her novel "When We Were Strangers" on Oct. 20 from 5:30 to 7:30 p.m. at the Youngstown Center of Industry and Labor. Finally, on Nov. 11, Giacomo Puccini's opera "Tosca" will be performed at Stambaugh Auditorium, 1000 Fifth Ave., at 7:30 p.m.

POLICE BRIEFS

Man found roaming Stambaugh Stadium

In the early hours of Sunday morning, YSU Police found a 52-year-old man in Stambaugh Stadium's janitorial office. The man said he was interested in how the stadium was cleaned. According to the police report, the man's appearance was unkempt, and he had difficulty answering simple questions about himself. Police issued the man a trespass warning, which he signed. The man then left campus.

Housing coordinator finds bottle of rum in student's room

Late Saturday night, a Cafaro House housing coordinator told YSU Police that he had found a bottle of alcohol in a student's room. The housing coordinator then identified the suspected student. According to the police report, the student's eyes were bloodshot. The student told YSU Police that the bottle was not his but that he was holding it for a friend. YSU Police issued the student a court date for underage possession.

Police arrive after student attempts to jump from M-2

On Friday afternoon, a student security aide called YSU Police after a female student had been helped away from a wall in the M-2 parking deck. According to the police report, it appeared as though the student was attempting to jump from the second level of the parking deck.

CORRECTIONS

In Tuesday's edition of The Jambar, we incorrectly reported that the Association of Classified Employees would meet on Thursday to discuss the tentative agreement and potentially ratify it on Friday. ACE President Paul Trimacco said the information we were given was inaccurate. The union is hoping to meet sometime next week. We deeply regret the error.

In Tuesday's edition of The Jambar, we incorrectly reported that the Frank Zappa Jazz Ensemble would make its debut on Nov. 22. However, the ensemble will actually premiere Nov. 28 in Kilcawley Center's Chestnut Room at 8 p.m. Additionally, the photo that ran with the "It's not big band; it's rock band" story was of Jazz Ensemble 2, not the Frank Zappa Jazz Ensemble. We deeply regret the error.

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YSU is using the acquisition of the University Courtyard Apartments as a first step in leveraging its revenue-making assets against expected deficits and fiscal uncertainty in years to come.

"Times are tough. We're trying to save some money, even if it's \$100," Garg said.

Garg promised to get YSU out of the red and said this acquisition wouldn't affect students.

"We don't want to raise tuition anymore," he said.

Garg expressed the need to remain frugal during tough economic times.

"If all of us use public money as if it were our own, we should be able to save some," Garg said. "I am confident we will come [out of this] stronger."

On Nov. 18, the board of trustees will embark on a retreat, equipped with ideas to overcome the deficit.

"We're going to look at all areas, even if we had to tell the employees to shut off the light in the bathroom when they leave," Garg said.

Ideas from non-board members, including students, are also encouraged.

"Students are smart; they can suggest ideas," he said. "Everyone needs to share the problem. We need to live within our means."

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the stage I was when I started right now: undecided."

He said that potential partnerships with the Eastern Gateway Community College in Warren and with Warren City Schools could open up opportunities to students outside of Youngstown. These collaborations could even expand the majors offered by the program.

Hughes-Ware also said the program is still in its infancy, which might inhibit expansion.

"The program has only been around about five or six years. It's not a very seasoned program," he said.

Latoria Eason, a student coach at the EGCC, graduated from YSU and worked with the YEC for two years.

"It will be a building bridge to make education more accessible to young adults who are at or below poverty level," Eason said.

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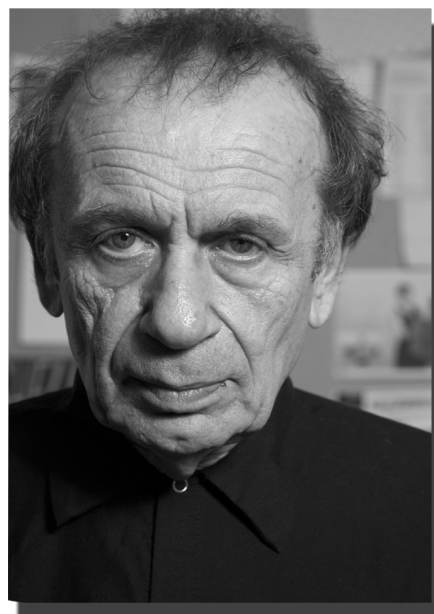
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Wiz Khalifa

'Black and Yellow' star visits Youngstown

Chelsea Telega
ARTS & ENTERTAINMENT
EDITOR

Reactions to Pittsburgh rapper Wiz Khalifa's appearance at the Covelli Centre on Wednesday night were mixed.

Charles Johnson, a sophomore at Youngstown State University, said he enjoys Khalifa's music but was unable to attend the show because of work.

"I've seen him a lot before," Johnson said. "He opened for Trey Songz, he was at The Wedge and Downtown 36. He's got a lot of new material, so I think it'll be a good show."

Senior Ali Lessick said she wasn't enthusiastic about the show.

"I'm going with my boyfriend, but I'm conflicted about being there because I'm not as big of a fan as he is," Lessick said. "There are going to be a ton of people, it's going to smell like smoke and it's going to be really loud."

Junior Venus Cataldo said she is a big fan and wished she could attend the concert, but the

cheaper ticket options ran out. "I wanted to go but they sold out really quick," Cataldo said. "I'm definitely a fan of his music, especially the first album he came out with."

Junior Dom Carano said he is not interested in Khalifa's music and so did not see any point in attending the show.

"I'm not going. I don't listen to that kind of music," Carano said. "I listen to folk mostly, so why would I go see Wiz Khalifa?"

Terrence McCaster said he is passionate about such a big name coming to Youngstown and thinks the concert is a step in the right direction for the venue.

"I'm going to see Wiz for sure. It's about time that we got someone who is really doing his thing right now," he said. "I've been listening to Wiz before he even blew up. It's about time that he is where he is."

Cataldo said that even for those who are not interested in Khalifa's music, it is still exciting for such a big artist to be making his way to Youngstown.

"I'm really glad he's supporting Youngstown. We need more rappers like him who

aren't worried about making a quick buck," he said.

McCaster said he agreed. "He's probably the top rapper right now. I feel like we don't get many big artists around here," McCaster said.

Penguin Productions, a YSU group that produces campus and community events, organized a great deal of the event.

Kelsey Rupert, director of marketing at the Covelli Centre, said she was elated that YSU has joined forces with the Covelli Centre for something so big.

"I think it's really great that YSU has a major presence with the show, especially Penguin Productions. It links the city with the university, so we're happy to be a part of that," Rupert said.

Rupert said she was hopeful that the show would attract a large crowd. She added that last year's Khalifa concert was successful.

Approximately 4,000 to 4,500 tickets were sold for Wednesday's show, Rupert said.

Khalifa's opening acts were Chevy Woods and Jon "Throwback" Tepper.

What about 'Mr. Bob'?

Mineral museum employee advocates to bolster attendance

Candace Mauzy
REPORTER

Robert "Mr. Bob" Collier, an employee at the Clarence R. Smith Mineral Museum in Moser Hall, knows about almost every rock, mineral and artifact on display. He may be the only person on campus who does.

As a Youngstown State University graduate, he's passionate about getting people from the university into the museum.

"There was a student who passed here every day and never knew the museum was here. I want more students from the university to visit the museum. I try to get the public involved," Collier said.

Collier came back to YSU to further his education after his wife died. He was one of the first graduates of the YSU Metro College and earned a degree in industrial marketing and earth science.

"I worked here as a student. When I graduated, they offered me the job, so I took it," he said.

Collier said that nothing happened "for a number of years."

"Over time, [the museum] has become a community thing because we have nice things here and it's free," he said. "You know, people don't have money, and it's a good thing for them to come here."

He uses his knowledge to educate children who come to the museum on school field trips.

"When the schools bring kids here, I let them do whatever they want," Collier said.

Most of the pieces in the Clarence R. Smith Mineral Museum came from Clarence Smith Jr., whose father began his collection as a young man.

"Most of the stuff was in a jewelry store. They brought it here and built the museum to hold the objects," Collier said.

Today the museum contains rocks, minerals, jewelry and even elephant tusks.

"Most objects were found

in Ohio like the trilobite, which was found in Mill Creek Park. A trilobite is a thousand-year-old bug worth \$400," Collier said.

This artifact was donated by YSU student Richard Youtchin and will be on display in the museum for one semester.

Trilobites are not indigenous to the area. Collier said he has no idea how the trilobite ended up in Mill Creek Park, but he is happy that the piece is making a stop at the museum.

"We have valuable stuff here. The most valuable object is the adamite limonite," he said. "This rock is brown and yellow, and its value is based on how rare it is."

As Collier pointed to the front display, the verdite showcase, he said, "This is a fantastic piece."

Verdite is a greenish carved stone located throughout the museum. The exhibit was put together two years ago for Black History Month and has remained ever since.

"Verdite is only found in Zimbabwe in Africa. It is illegal to ship this here now. The carvings were done by hand by the natives there," Collier said. "Someone took a great amount of effort to make that man's face. They took time to make his lips, eyes and hair. This is a terrific piece, and it is heavy. We are going to keep this piece forever, and it gets more valuable every day because the craftsmen are dying off."

Collier said he is not artistic but likes art made from the Earth.

"He is a very versatile person," said Ann Harris, a retired professor from the department of geological and environmental sciences. "He goes to the Bahamas [over spring break] and helps out [with the geology research trip]. He does a tremendous job when the school groups come in. He is always willing to answer questions. I don't know what we would do without him."

The Clarence R. Smith Mineral Museum is open Monday through Friday from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m.



Local talent featured in 'Black and Yellow'

Jessica Johnson
REPORTER

Wednesday's Wiz Khalifa concert at the Covelli Centre isn't the only connection between the Pittsburgh rapper and the area. Tess Meredith, a 21-year-old aspiring model, grew up in Columbiana and appeared in Khalifa's "Black and Yellow" music video. Meredith graduated from the Bradford School in Pittsburgh with a degree in merchandising management. She is the branch manager at Tuxedo Junction in South Hills. Meredith has been focusing on a modeling career since the summer of 2009, but it wasn't until her small part in Khalifa's video that her career began to take off.

Q: How did you come to know Wiz Khalifa?

A: Actually, the first time I met Wiz was at his last show in Youngstown. It was at Downtown 36, and we ended up in his VIP.

Q: What was your initial reaction to being a part of the video?

A: I was very honored but had honestly never heard the song prior to the video. A mutual friend of Wiz and I is actually who asked me to be a part of the video. Little did I know just how big it was going to be.

Q: How did you react to seeing yourself in the video on MTV/BET?

A: I remember I woke up to a text message saying, "I just saw your face on MTV!!!!" I was like, "There is no way." I never imagined that it would blow up like it did. Nor did I know if they would even use the footage of me. It's definitely a dream I've had since I was little, to see myself on MTV and BET.

Q: Have you done any other work with Khalifa?

A: That is unfortunately the only work I've done with Wiz at this point. Mark my words: You'll see me in another Wiz video.

Q: What has changed for you after the video?

A: Definitely a little "small city fame." My modeling career definitely took off at that point. It's crazy that my face is on the screen for maybe four seconds, but I get recognized as the girl from the "Black and Yellow" video. It's an ego builder.

Q: How do you feel about Khalifa's escalating career?

A: I think it's so awesome to watch Wiz continuously outdo himself. He has a lot of potential to keep his career going, if he plays his cards right. It's also awesome knowing that just an average kid from the 'Burgh made it out of here but still reps his hometown, just like I daily rep the 330.

Q: What do you think the future will hold for Khalifa?

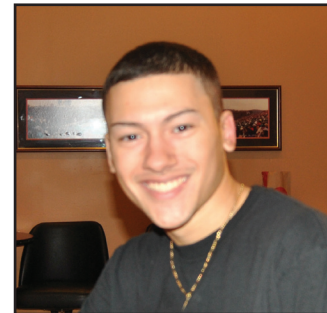
A: I think Wiz will definitely have a successful career if he keeps at it and stays levelheaded. He has to make sure to never forget where he came from and where it all started.

Q: What other projects are you involved with/working on?

A: I am currently working on a couple of video and photo shoots. I am also starting up my own website, which will hopefully be up and running by late fall. I am currently seeking to find new photographers and artists to work with. I have yet to do a video in Youngstown. I definitely think doing a hometown video would make me a lot more proud.

Campus Connection

Do you know where the mineral museum is located on campus?



"I have heard of it, but I don't know where it's at, no."

*-Dakota Mercado
freshman*

"Mineral would mostly point to geology, and geology would point to Moser. I think I took a tour there when I was 8 but don't remember."

*-Zachary Torocsik
freshman*



Where's the soap?

The Jambar
EDITORIAL BOARD

It's time to wash our hands of the promises officials have made.

Campus-wide budget cuts won't affect us. Early retirements and a hiring freeze won't affect us.

Well, we'd like to wash our hands of it all, but the soap dispenser in the restroom has been empty for a month. The stall next to it has a toilet that's been out of order for even longer.

Is there anyone coming to fix it? Does anyone even know?

In Cynthia Anderson's "President's Message," published in *YSU Magazine*, she writes:

"In these difficult economic times, ... we must ensure that resources are targeted in such a way that our students can flourish and find success, both inside and outside the classroom."

After the teachers' union called off the strike, a *YSU Personal Announcement* read: "We can all get back to the business of doing what we do best — serving students."

We believe that Anderson and other administrators are committed to our success. But it's a hard sell at times.

Every vacancy, every dollar, every decision affects students.

The campus has uneven sidewalks, cracked pavement, construction cones, caution tape, limitless project deadlines, broken water fountains, empty printers, mismatched chairs, missing chairs, missing baseboards, graffiti-covered parking decks, shiny new buildings and shrinking budgets.

The impact of the hiring freeze for us at The Jambar means we have no business manager.

She retired after the summer session. Her vacancy is frozen.

It also means that dysfunctional desks and broken chairs marked with signs that read "trash" line the hallway outside our office. Maintenance has told us they would pick them up, but they're a little short-handed.

What do the budget cuts, position vacancies and hiring freeze mean to you?

Tell us about it. We'll be sure to pass the message along to those who take such pride in our success.

TOP TEN...

THINGS WIZ KHALIFA LOVES..

10. SMOKING WEED
9. SMOKING WEED WITHOUT HIS SHIRT ON
8. SMOKING WEED WITH HIS SHIRT ON
7. GETTING TATTOOS (WHILE BEING HIGH)
6. SPENDING TIME WITH HIS FAMILY (AND SMOKING BLUNTS WITH THEM)
5. HOT AIR BALLOONS
4. CHILI DOGS
3. WEEDS...THE TV SHOW
2. WATCHING THE PIRATES LOSE FOR 19 STRAIGHT SEASONS
1. MAKING CRAPPY MUSIC



Cartoon by Paris Chrisopoulos/The Jambar.

LETTER TO THE EDITOR

Over the past few days I have been continually entertained by the varied reactions to *YSU's* misplaced missionary. People say what they will, and this type of discussion is good for a broad-minded campus like *YSU*; it makes us better people when we are exposed to all kinds of beliefs and viewpoints. But I do feel the need to respond to one viewpoint in particular, that of columnist Jared Buker. I would like to say firstly that I have nothing but respect for Mr. Buker and his work, and I admire his zeal. I do, though, firmly believe he has made mistakes on a few key points.

Mr. Buker says that Mr. Darrell judges people without knowing their hearts. Shockingly, does Mr. Buker not do the very thing of which he accused Mr. Darrell when he declares, "Like most people of his kind, he seemed really to enjoy the sound of his voice as he preached"? Is this not itself a type of "mass insult," to quote the good columnist? Perhaps one day we will, religious or not, refrain from judging all on the basis of one. But that was Mr. Darrell's point anyway — that we are all flawed —

and that he thinks his faith has the answer.

In the audio posted on The Jambar's website, Mr. Darrell can be heard saying that he is no less a hypocrite than anyone else in the world, and that he believes he needs his Jesus just as much. His beliefs seem perfectly straightforward: We are all essentially flawed in ways we would like never to admit. When asked what was wrong with the world, English writer G.K. Chesterton said, "I am." He was completely right.

And we do have so many problems, not just at *YSU* but also in the world at large. Financial meltdowns, wars and rumors of wars, famines and plagues cover our globe. What I think Mr. Buker (and all of us on most days) seems to misunderstand is that by preaching a Christian message, Mr. Darrell is not attempting to "assimilate an entire college campus into one integrated way of life." He is trying to present his solution to our problems. Many wise, intelligent people believe as he does. He may have presented his answer inappropriately in the view of some and of-

fensively in the view of others and brilliantly in the view of none. We may think him wrong. Whether heroic or nonsensical, however, he is very much well intentioned. Read his own letter to the editor and it is obvious.

Mr. Buker said, "It's amazing how dark and hurtful religion can be when it's in the wrong hands," but this was not religion in the wrong hands. The Crusades or the Inquisition or any number of examples were religion in the wrong hands. What Mr. Buker must understand (and this is crucial) is that this was religion in offensive hands, and no apology is needed. Free speech is offensive, like a loud drumbeat at midnight.

That is my position: That we be fair, and that we avoid jumping to conclusions about people we do not know. And we ought to be open to the answers from all walks of life, even those that at the very first moment we hear them fill us with anger or fear.

Joe A. Dantona
LISBON

America's pastime slowly fading away



Joe Catullo Jr.
SPORTS EDITOR

Lined-up fans, sold-out games, reasonably priced food and drinks. Ah, the smells and sights of a perfect baseball atmosphere. Wait. What? Did I just say baseball? Did I mean to say football?

Believe it or not, this used to be the atmosphere in every Major League Baseball stadium. Whether it was the Kansas City Royals of the '80s, the Cleveland Indians of the '90s or the Boston Red Sox and New York Yankees of today, fans would practically die to see their teams in action.

Not anymore. Football has been maintaining its attendance lately, even with today's economy. Football, lately, seems to be drawing a bigger audience and fan base than baseball.

Why? Many people think baseball is too slow. Many think there are too many games per season. Many think that baseball players are lazy. At least one person besides me doesn't think so.

"I like both, but if I had to choose I'd probably pick baseball just because when I was growing up, I was playing since I was 6," said John Vogel, assistant sports information director. "I was a little bit too small to play football."

I offered John two questions. One, would you rather attend a Browns-Lions Super Bowl or Phillies-Rays World Series?

Phillies-Rays. Two, being the Pittsburgh fan that he is, Pirates World Series or Steelers Super Bowl?

Steelers. As you can see, John prefers baseball but said there is nothing like a Super Bowl. Why did he pick a Rays World Series? He said he wouldn't mind a trip to Florida. What makes baseball special? There's no time limit, the fields

are unique and there are plenty of opportunities to take home a souvenir ball.

I will agree, however, that the 162-game schedule needs to be shortened. I love as much baseball as I can possibly take in, but I believe that the season should go back to 154 games at the most. Just take away a month.

The beginning of April is still very cold, and so is October. Let the season start in mid-April and end in September.

I still do not see how football is that much better. I love football; it's my second favorite sport in the world. But why is it so much better?

Maybe steroids need to be legalized in baseball.

In John Heilemann's "Let Juice Loose" article in 2006, he said steroids should be legalized.

"Professional athletes are vastly compensated grown-ups," he wrote. "If they're willing to suffer testicles the size of raisins, why should we object?"

That's the only way I can think of to get fans back. When Mark McGwire, Sammy Sosa and Barry Bonds were launching balls into the streets, fans loved it.

Even when their teams did not make playoffs, games were sold out at home and on the road just to see these guys crush baseball.

As the steroid era dwindles so have the homeruns. Look around the American League. What team has a legitimate power-hitting designated hitter? Nobody.

Travis Hafner quit the juice. Don't believe me? Look at pictures from 2006 until now.

Exactly. Jim Thome is strictly a DH, but he isn't the same as he used to be. He has more than 600 homeruns, but he's not capable of producing

another 30- or 50-homerun season. Put steroids back into the veins, and the fans will remain.

Another reason baseball's popularity is quickly decreasing is because there are no salary caps.

Boston, New York and Los Angeles, for example, have money, and it attracts the best available players each year.

The only reason that teams like the Tampa Bay Rays, Indians and San Diego Padres have a shot is if they produce good minor league teams.

They'll play big league ball for minor league wages until they get really good, and then they will hitch a train and go for the green: Adrian Gonzalez, Carl Crawford, Mark Teixeira, the list goes on.

There is more loyalty in football. Players of high talent generally tend to stay with the teams that drafted them.

Every game should be almost sold out during the regular season.

The San Francisco Giants' fan base was pretty good during the down years. After they won the World Series last year, every game was a sellout. They missed the playoffs this year. Will the attendance drop?

In the '90s, the Indians sold out a then-record 455 games. When they made the playoffs again in 2007, the fans were back.

Since then, the Indians have not made the playoffs. Actually, they have one of the worst attendances in baseball today. Games were selling out this year when the Tribe had a shot, but look at the stands when they fell off the bandwagon. The only game that sold out was Thome celebration night on Friday.

Being the die-hard Cleveland fan that I am, the Browns are not doing much better.



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49ers in town

YSU soccer intramurals played in the WATTS for the first time on Tuesday. The event was scheduled for Stambaugh Stadium before the San Francisco 49ers came to Youngstown in between games in Cincinnati and Philadelphia. Photo by Dustin Livesay/The Jambar.

Football, intramurals receive unique opportunities

Joe Catullo Jr.
SPORTS EDITOR

The San Francisco 49ers are spending the week at Youngstown State University in between two road games.

The 49ers defeated the Cincinnati Bengals, 13-8, over the weekend and are scheduled to play the Philadelphia Eagles on Sunday, which prompted a planned stay at YSU for the week's practices.

Although several YSU practices had to be canceled or moved, it's a worthwhile tradeoff, said head football coach Eric Wolford.

"[The 49ers] have been very complimentary of our stadium," he said. "We got a chance to watch their practices, talk to coaches and exchange ideas. It's always good to do those types of things to grow as a coach and

as players."

Wolford met 49ers head coach Jim Harbaugh on Tuesday. He also knew some of the team's other coaches like linebackers coach Jim Leavitt.

Wolford worked under Leavitt at the University of South Florida. In three years, the Bulls had two winning seasons as a Football Championship Subdivision independent.

Sophomore quarterback Kurt Hess met wide receiver Michael Crabtree on Tuesday. Hess said it was a neat experience.

"I texted a few of my friends from back home," Hess said.

Hess added that having the 49ers practice at Stambaugh Stadium is exciting.

"If anything, it's a compliment to us and our facilities around here," Hess said. "We know it's a big-time level of football around here."

Like the football team, soccer intramurals are feeding off the unique opportunity. Tuesday's event was relocated to the Watson and Tressel Training Site because Stambaugh Stadium was being painted to resemble an NFL field.

Joe Conroy, coordinator of programs and facilities, said he is excited to see the games being played there for the first time.

"They gave us an opportunity to move into this wonderful facility, and I think our students are enjoying it," he said. "This is really cool. ... To have the opportunity to see this building being built and to see it being used for student activity is a blessing."

Senior Dennis Pixley, an intramural sports intern, agreed with Conroy's statements, adding that he is also excited to have the games played at the WATTS.

"We kind of [excluded] our chances of getting in here this fall semester," Pixley said. "It was like a blessing in disguise with the 49ers coming to town. It's a brand new facility, and it's really nice."

Pixley added that it's "a great opportunity to let the students play in [the WATTS]."

"It's the same field that Ted Ginn [of the San Francisco 49ers] is running 40-yard dashes on," he said. "It seems a little quieter than what it usually is. It's a little awkward, [but] we're making it work."

Although it is, for now, a one-night agreement, Conroy did not rule out the possibility of future intramural games at the WATTS.

"In the off-time, there might be an opportunity, but that's down the road because the building has just been built, and we're still getting used to it," he said.

Women review, men prepare

Nick Mancini
SPORTS REPORTER

The Youngstown State University women's golf team wrapped up play on Tuesday, while the men's team prepares for another tournament.

The women's team competed at the Cleveland State Invitational at Pine Hills Golf Course in Hinckley. YSU finished seventh in the 11-team field.

"I thought we hit the ball well, but the weather didn't help us out very much and we had a tough time hanging in there," said women's head coach Roseann Schwartz.

Junior Sarah Heimlich placed 10th overall in the tournament with a two-round score of 157. Sophomore Sarah Colligan from Saint Francis University won the event with a two-round total of 148.

Freshman Allison Mitzel placed 17th with a score of 160 in two rounds. Aislynn Merling, also a freshman, finished 25th, while sophomore Angela Molaskey and freshman Sana Khan tied for 47th overall.

Schwartz said the freshmen encouraged her. "I think the three freshmen definitely held up their end of the tournament," she said. "They just need some more experience. When conference play rolls around, I think we will be where we need to be."

Schwartz said she knows there will be growing pains throughout the season.

"We had some problems in this tournament that were more mental than anything," she said. "We have one problem that just snowballs from there. We have to learn to have a mindset and be able to bounce back."

The women's team has more than a week off until play begins Oct. 10 in the Robert Morris Holiday Inn Golf Classic, held in Pennsylvania.

The men's team is preparing for the Telich/Sun Life Financial CSU Invitational at the Canterbury Golf Club. Cleveland State University will host the tournament, held Monday and Tuesday.

Men's head coach Tony Joy said he is looking forward to the tournament.

"Playing at Canterbury will be great," he said. "It is the same course as we played at last year. It is one of the top 50 courses in the country and has hosted major PGA tournaments. The kids are looking forward to it."

Four of the five spots for the tournament are set.

Seniors Michael Lower and Anthony Conn, along with sophomore Mark Olbrich, played the course last year. Senior Joe Santisi is also set for the tournament.

"With four of our spots set, we have been having a three-day qualifier for the fifth spot,"



Senior Michael Lower looks down the green after driving the ball. During the 2010-2011 season, Lower competed in 10 events and 24 rounds; he also earned his third letter. Photo courtesy of Sports Information.

Joy said. "There has been some good competition going on for it, and I am really encouraged with the play."

The tournament features Horizon League foes Loyola University Chicago and host school CSU. It will also feature schools such as Appalachian State University, Wolford College and Austin Peay State University.

Joy said he is hoping for a strong performance in the tournament.

"Hopefully we have some good weather. Our practice has been pretty wet this week," he said. "I am hoping our seniors play well and we get good performances all around."

Soccer team looks for first conference win

Nick Mancini
SPORTS REPORTER

The Youngstown State University soccer team (3-5-2) returns home to Stambaugh Stadium to take on Butler University on Saturday in Horizon League action.

The Penguins return after two winless games on the road (0-1-1). They tied Wright State University, 1-1, in double overtime on Sept. 18 and lost to the University of Pennsylvania on Sunday, 3-0.

"Penn showed us an intensity and physicality this season that we haven't seen," said YSU head coach Will Lemke. "They were one of the better teams I have seen since I have been here, and we have played teams like [the University of] Toledo and Ohio State [University]."

Leading in points, goals and assists is freshman forward Jade Flory. She has totaled 15 points, six goals and three assists. Flory is in a four-way tie for second in the Horizon League in goals scored.

"Jade is still learning to be a consistent player on both sides of the ball," Lemke said. "There are points in the season where she has been very dangerous and other times she had struggled. Consistency will come with experience."

The Penguins are led in the net by sophomore Ali Viola. In 14 games, she has compiled 54 saves for a .794 save percentage. She is third in the conference in saves.

Butler comes into the game with a record of 6-5 and 1-1 in Horizon League play. The

team has lost three of its last four games. The Penguins fell to the Bulldogs, 2-1, last season.

"Butler is a very strong team, having won the regular season title last year," Lemke said. "They are a very similar team to Wright State and have made some nice additions since last year."

As a team, the Bulldogs are fourth in the conference in points with 51 and are fifth in goals with 17.

Junior forward Katie Griswold leads the Bulldogs with eight points and four goals. She is tied for the lead in points with freshman forward Elise Kotsakis. Senior goalkeeper Natalie Galovska has compiled 27 saves in 10 games for a save percentage of .692.

Lemke said the Bulldogs like to play through Youngstown native Griswold.

"A lot of times they like to get her the ball in good positions to make plays," he said.

The Penguins are in the process of getting injured players back in the lineup. Lemke hopes the team will be able to step up against the Bulldogs.

"We have just gotten back some players," Lemke said. [Senior defender] Kelsey Kempton and [sophomore forward] Allison Ludwig are returning from injuries. We really need them to step up and get back to midseason form as quick as possible."

Lemke said the Penguins would need to begin strong, matching the Bulldogs' intensity and physicality from the opening minute.