

Murder trial for off-campus shooting begins Monday

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Hearings will begin Monday in Mahoning County Municipal Court for the murder trial of Jamail Johnson.

Cambridge Avenue residents Columbus Jones Jr., 22, and Mark Jones, 20, face felony murder charges, which carry life sentences.

Feb. 6 will mark the one-year anniversary of the death of Johnson, a Youngstown State University student and Omega Psi Phi fraternity member. He lost his life in the off-campus

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Less than 24 hours after Jamail Johnson's murder, a Facebook page was created in his memory. Since then, 505 posts have lamented his loss. The earliest posts attempt to recall the tragic night before, while the latest posts reflect reconciliation and longing.

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Online SOPA protest sparks student reaction

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The U.S. House of Representatives introduced the Stop Online Piracy Act in October, which, along with the Protect Intellectual Property Act, has garnered adverse reactions from commonly visited websites and students at Youngstown State University.

SOPA and PIPA aim to stop piracy and protect against copyright infringement. They're essentially targeted toward foreign sites that thrive on stolen digital goods. However, Internet companies argue that the legislation creates censorship that threatens freedom of speech.

"I think it's ridiculous. If you're just listening to music, it should be fine as long as you're not selling it," said Samantha Yannucci, a sophomore at Youngstown State University.

Google, Wikipedia, Reddit, TwitPic and other websites protested the bill on Wednesday by blacking out their title bars and, in some cases, their content.

Junior Noah Weiser said that, even though the website blackouts were inconvenient, he supports the ef-

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High school students bound for success at YSU

Kacy Standohar & Doug Livingston
THE JAMBAR

Kiasha Smith may be the only member of her family to earn a four-year degree.

In 2010, Smith entered the ranks of 145 Youngstown high school graduates who went on to college.

The instrument in their success was Upward Bound, a Youngstown State University program that cultivates first-generation college students from low-income families in the Youngstown City School District.

Like Smith, every student in Upward Bound attends either Chaney or East high schools, or P. Ross Berry Middle School, all in a district where 42 percent of students live in poverty.

More than 40 percent of Smith's classmates never graduated from high school.

But she did. She now works as an office assistant at Upward Bound in Jones Hall. An allied health major and soph-

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Doctor touts healthful eating habits

Dr. Caldwell B. Esselstyn lectured Wednesday on the health benefits of a plant-based diet in the Ohio Room of Kilcauley Center. Photo by Chris Cotelesse/The Jambar.

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World-renowned doctor and researcher Dr. Caldwell B. Esselstyn Jr. spoke to a packed Ohio Room on Wednesday evening, lecturing on heart disease prevention and healthy dieting habits that, as he has attempted to prove through research, reverse heart disease, atherosclerosis and other cardiovascular conditions.

"The truth be known that the leading killer of men and women in western society is nothing more than a toothless paper tiger. It doesn't need to exist," Esselstyn said.

A former general surgeon at the Cleveland Clinic, Esselstyn noticed, through extensive research, that vegan dieting and abstaining from oils, fruc-

tose, nuts and avocado can bring dramatic and noticeable health benefits.

"All [problems] we can dominate with plant-based nutrition," he said.

As of 2010, one in three American adults were overweight. Ohioans were slightly under the national average — but not by much at 30.9 percent. Adults in Mahoning County were at 28.1 percent.

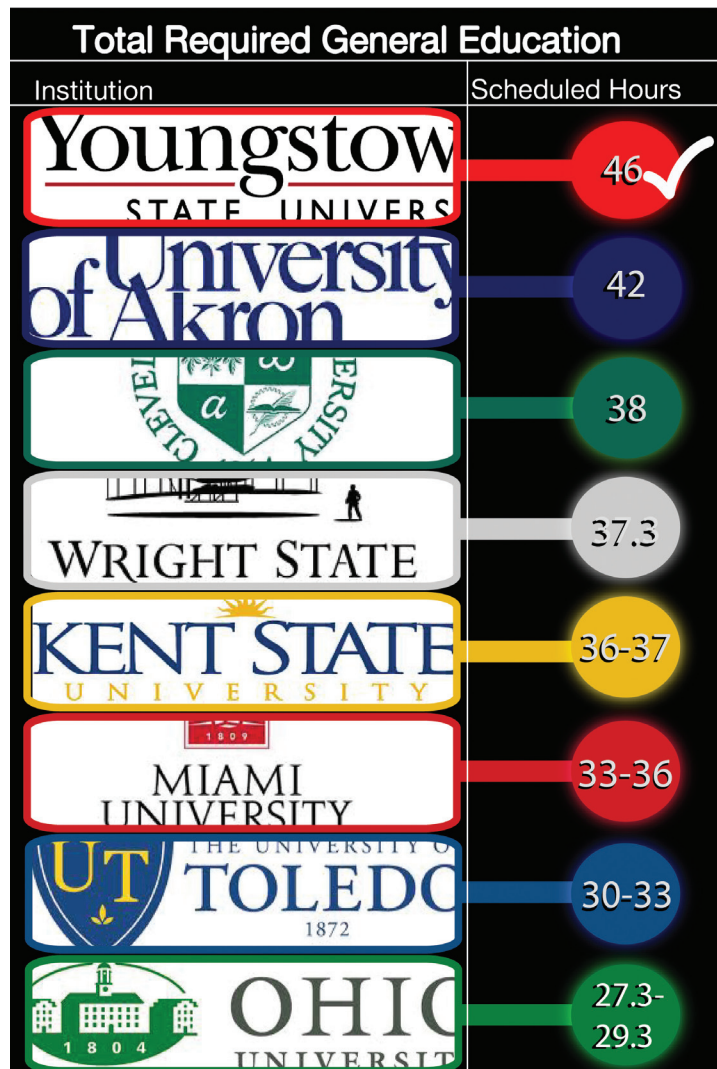
"Forty years ago, the leading killer was heart disease. The leading killer today is heart disease. We're doing something wrong," he said. "The exciting thing is it isn't cancer. We can stop this."

Esselstyn's message meets opposition and skepticism in a society that spends more than \$100 billion each year on fast food.

"Some argue that this diet is extreme and radical,

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University revamps general education requirements



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The Youngstown State University Academic Senate's vote in April to amend general education requirements will result in schedule changes for YSU students in the fall, including a possible reduction in hours needed to graduate.

The General Education Committee is also reassessing courses.

"There had been a long-term effort to review and reorganize general education for years now," said Tod Porter, chairman of the committee.

Under the new plan, students would need 40 credit hours of general education courses, as opposed to 46 credit hours under the current plan, which was implemented 12 years ago.

However, the number of credit hours needed to graduate will remain the same and depend on the student's major.

Chet Cooper, chairman of the YSU Academic Senate, said the motion was passed to reduce the number of credit hours to create "more of a broad-based system."

Cooper said criticisms from an accreditation visit in 2008 were also taken into consideration, including the number of students who were graduating without meeting the requirements and the assessment of general education courses.

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'Heartbeat bill' stalled 'The bill's postponement is not a victory'

Kevin Alquist
NEWS REPORTER

The Ohio Lady Advocates have a mission: to secure reproductive freedom.

"Our goal at YSU is to alert the students to these issues, tell them what is going on, interoperate legislation and spread the message that these things are happening," said OHLA Vice President Molly Toth, a student at Youngstown State University.

House Bill 125, which is also known as the "heartbeat bill," would impose strict abortion limits in Ohio.

In December, it was put on hold after supporters requested last-minute language changes.

If approved, the bill will ban abortions at the first sign of a heartbeat within a fetus. A heartbeat is typically detectable six to eight weeks into pregnancy.

The bill was passed in the Republican-controlled Ohio House of Representatives in June, but it was stalled in the Ohio Senate until hearings began in December.

OHLA strongly opposes the bill. "While I, and other members of OHLA, am supportive of the decision to postpone the bill, I would not be surprised to see it come up again in legislation in the future," Toth said. "Ideally, it will remain in limbo and not be granted another hearing."

For Toth and OHLA, postponement is not a permanent solution.

"House Bill 125 is just one of several similar bills aimed at restricting access to a full spectrum of health care for women that have gone through the House and Senate this session," Toth said. "The bill's postponement is not a victory."

According to the Ohio General Assembly, contemporary medical research says that a fetal heartbeat

means cardiac activity or the steady and repetitive rhythmic contraction of the fetal heart in the gestational sac.

Daniel Thimons, associate director of the Diocese of Youngstown's Office of Pro-Life, Marriage and Family Ministry, said the law should protect every citizen with a beating heart.

"At the first sign of a heartbeat, there is scientific and medical evidence that the fetus is a living person," Thimons said. "If the fetus has its own beating heart, the law should protect it."

Toth argued that most women don't learn of their pregnancies until well beyond the 21-day heartbeat precedent set by HB 125.

"It leaves too many women without the ability to know they are even pregnant before it becomes illegal to make any action on it," Toth said.

She also argued against the bill not including exemptions for fetal anomalies

and for women whose pregnancies result from rape or incest.

Thimons said plenty of resources are available for pregnant women.

"There are programs ... that women can turn to for housing and financial assistance as well as adoption," Thimons said. "Abortion is not the only choice."

Local resources include the Beatitude House and the Pregnancy Help Center.

"It's a misconception that pro-life advocates only care about the unborn baby and not the mother," Thimons said.

Sam Rossi, deputy press secretary for state Sen. Thomas Niehaus, said the bill has no real timeline.

"Our members are very thoughtful and deliberate in hearing everyone out and acting responsibly to exercise due diligence in our decision-making," Rossi said.



Mark Hardaway spent 2004-2011 with Bowling Green State University. He helped BGSU to a 206-122 record over 10 years. Photo courtesy of YSU Sports Information.

Burrows out, Hardaway in YSU hires ninth volleyball coach

Nick Mancini
SPORTS REPORTER

Mark Hardaway has been chosen as Youngstown State University's volleyball head coach, athletic director Ron Strollo announced on Jan. 11.

"I knew what I was looking for when I was looking for a job, and YSU had that," Hardaway said. "I knew coming here that I could sell the academics and the facilities. I knew I couldn't pass that up."

Hardaway comes to YSU after being on the bench as an assistant for Bowling Green State University from 1992 to 1993 and from 2004 to 2011. He was a head coach in between, with stops at Western Kentucky University and the University of Evansville.

Hardaway said it was the love for YSU and from the people he met that sold him.

"Athletics today has become such a business that some people forget they are dealing with student-athletes," he said. "I knew with the people here there was a definite love and concern for this university."

Hardaway takes over for Krista Burrows who compiled a 7-51 record in her two seasons at the helm.

Sophomore outside hitter Missy Hundelt was surprised to hear of Burrows' departure, but she is also excited.

"I thought she was going

to stay at least another year," Hundelt said. "The change is good. She left the team in a good position to win."

Hundelt led the Penguins with 356 kills, 1,017 attempts and 35 aces in 2011.

Hardaway said he is aware of the cards he's been dealt.

"Well, I know it has been 12 years since they have had a winning season, so I have to get in and evaluate the program," he said. "I am not really sure of the current roster other than what I have seen on paper and on YouTube clips."

Hardaway said he will use a quick style of offense with the Penguins.

"It comes down to the current players wanting to sacrifice to win," he said. "Hard work doesn't guarantee wins, and they have to buy into what we want to do."

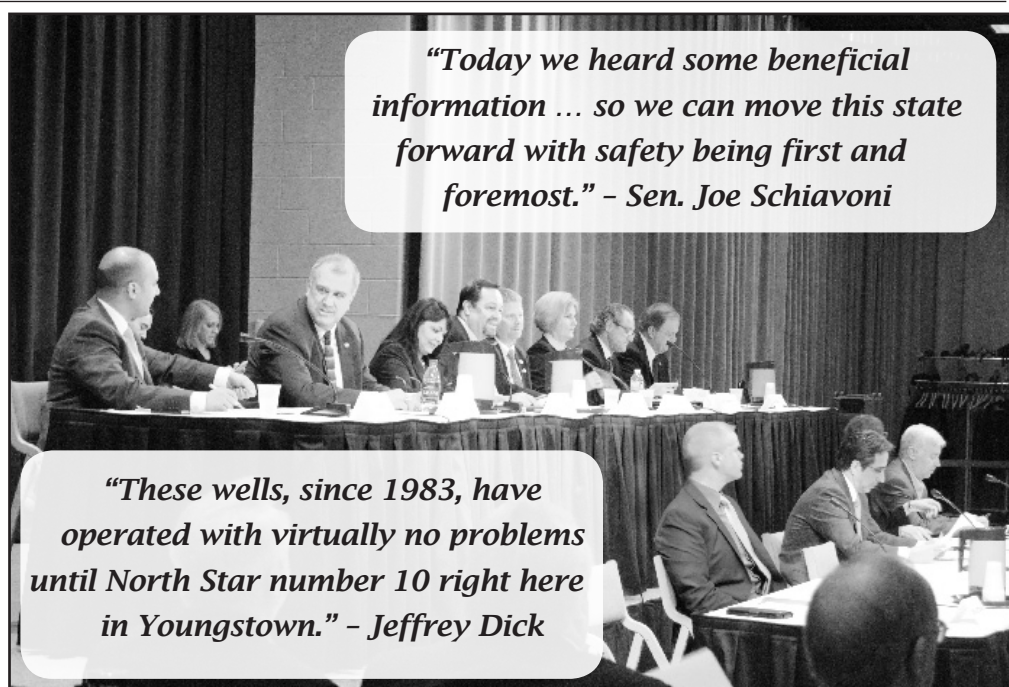
Hardaway added that he knows the Horizon League is tough, but that he would make sure the team is ready.

"We know we have to be able to compete in the league and ultimately to make the tournament. It's a matter of if we can catch them," Hardaway said.

Hardaway said he would waste no time in getting started, even though the season doesn't begin until September.

"Tuesday, I will be on campus to start evaluating

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"Today we heard some beneficial information ... so we can move this state forward with safety being first and foremost." - Sen. Joe Schiavoni

"These wells, since 1983, have operated with virtually no problems until North Star number 10 right here in Youngstown." - Jeffrey Dick

The Ohio House Agriculture and Natural Resources Subcommittee hearing was held Tuesday in Kilcawley Center's Chestnut Room, where citizens offered testimonies concerning Ohio's 180 injection wells and recent earthquake activity in Youngstown.

Among those in attendance were Jeffrey Dick, chairman of geological and environmental sciences at YSU; Sen. Joe Schiavoni

(D-33); Rep. Robert Hagan (D-60); Rep. Tom Letson (D-64); Tom Stewart, executive vice president of the Ohio Oil and Gas Association; and Robert Chase, chairman of petroleum engineering and geology at Marietta College.

Dick said he understands citizens' concerns, but cautions against shutting down all injection wells.



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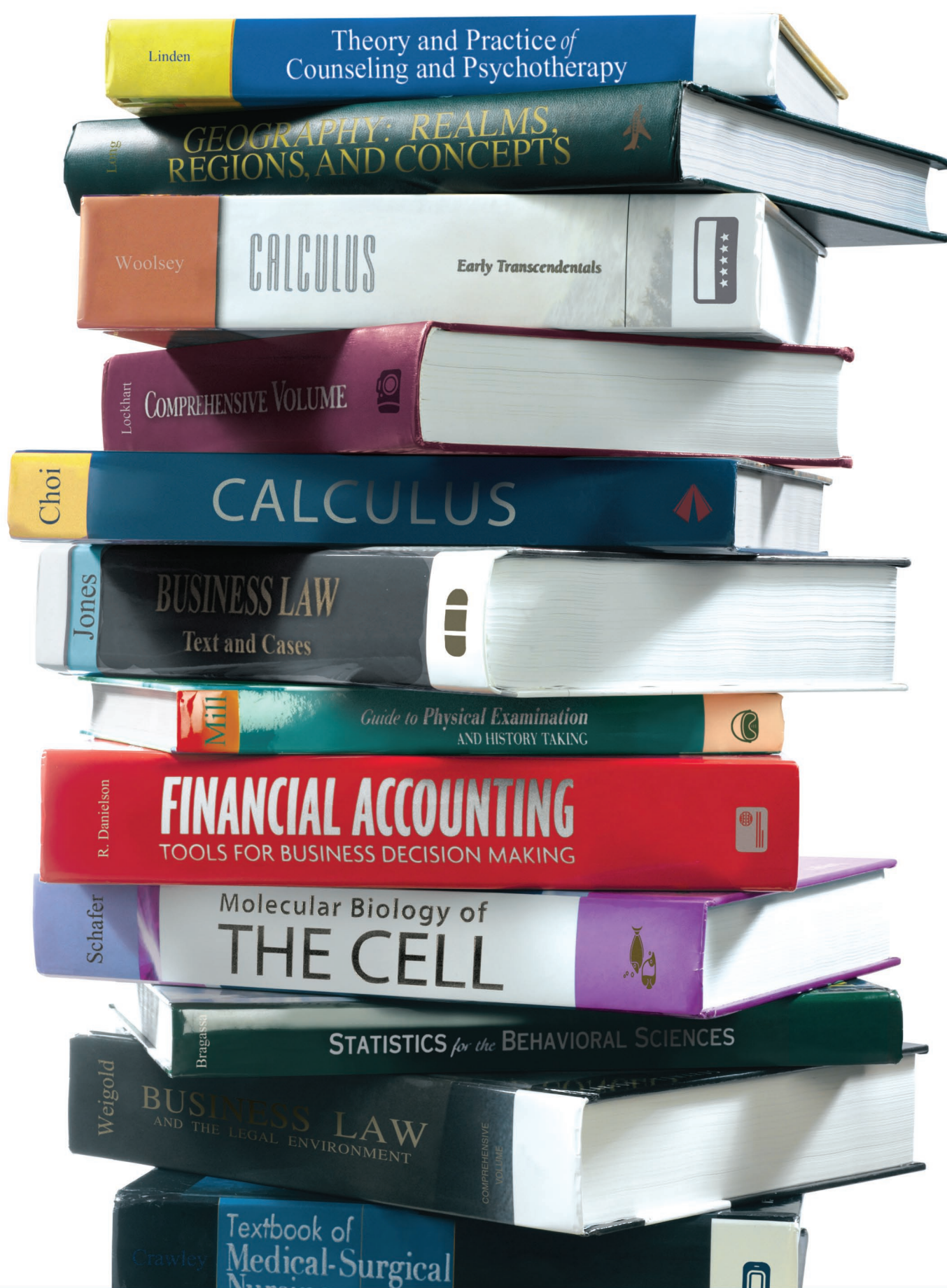
Stop by one of our tables for information on financial aid for the 2012-2013 academic year. The priority deadline to complete the Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA) on the Web and the YSU Institutional Aid Application is February 15, 2012.

The following is a list of places, dates and times when staff from the Office of Financial Aid and Scholarships will be available to distribute forms and answer questions:

Monday, January 23, 2012	10 a.m.-3 p.m.
Tuesday, January 24, 2012	10 a.m.-3 p.m.
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F&PA College launches scholarship

Bryan DePoy, dean of the YSU College of Fine and Performing Arts, has collaborated with two former deans to create the Reaching for Tomorrow's Stars scholarship. Undergraduate and graduate students within the college are eligible, and the scholarship can be renewed if the recipient makes satisfactory progress in the program. The three deans pledged contributions totaling \$10,000, and their initial goal for the campaign is \$100,000. To donate, call the YSU Office of University Development at 330-941-3119 or visit <http://www.yzu.edu/givetoysu>.

Paramount Project runs at McDonough

Through Feb. 3, the McDonough Museum of Art will show an exhibition focused on the Liberty-Paramount Theater's history. The exhibition is part of the Paramount Project, an effort geared toward restoring parts of the building. The museum is open 11 a.m. to 4 p.m. Tuesdays through Saturdays. Admission is free.

YSU offers financial aid information

The YSU Office of Financial Aid and Scholarships will host Financial Aid Awareness Week to answer questions about grants, scholarships and loans. Staff will be available from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. Monday through Thursday across from the Candy Counter in Kilcawley Center. For additional questions, students can contact the Office at 330-941-3505 or visit <http://www.yzu.edu/finaid>.

POLICE BRIEFS

Woman trips on Lincoln Avenue sidewalk

On Jan. 12, a woman told YSU Police that on Jan. 9, she had been attending a meeting in Williamson Hall and needed to retrieve something from her car that was parked on Lincoln Avenue. As she was walking to her car, she tripped over a slightly raised panel of the sidewalk and fell, breaking her left wrist. The woman told YSU Police that she did not have health insurance and added that witnesses observed her fall. A university police officer took photos of the scene.

Registration office reports missing jump drives

On Jan. 12, a university police officer reported to Meshel Hall in reference to six jump drives missing from the Office of the Registrar. The reportee said this theft has been going on for some time, but that those within the office have been replacing the jump drives under the assumption that they were lost.



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but, as Dr. Esselstyn says, so is open heart surgery where a chest is sawed in half and split open," said Dorian Monroe, a junior food and nutrition major pursuing registered dietitian certification. Monroe was part of a group — consisting of Youngstown State University students, leaders, local organizations and businesses — that was "passionate about vegetarianism and health" and worked to bring Esselstyn to campus.

As a member of the Food and Nutrition Students group and the Youngstown State Environmental and Animal Rights Coalition, Monroe sought funding from the Student Government Association to cover Esselstyn's \$500 speaking fee. After his request was granted, the planning was underway.

Shortly after his appearance was announced to the public, reservations ran out.

"I'm delighted for the invitation, that Dorian and others would want me to be here," Esselstyn said.

Esselstyn's visit coincides with a thriving time for healthy living on campus.

Carrie Clyde, YSU's wellness coordinator, has been work-

ing to fight the obesity epidemic by instituting the Living Well employee wellness program.

On Jan. 31, the Ohio Department of Health will award YSU, along with 33 others, a bronze-level Healthy Worksite Award.

The award "recognizes Ohio employers that demonstrate a commitment to employee health by incorporating comprehensive worksite health promotion and wellness programs," the ODH's website reads.

"Positive returns on investment are realized in employees who improve their health, resulting in decreased rates of absenteeism and increased productivity. Employers also realize reductions in health care costs and an overall increase in productivity and job satisfaction," Laura Ritzler, chairwoman of the Healthy Ohio Business Council, said in an issued statement.

While Clyde is proud of what YSU has accomplished since instituting the campus wellness program three years ago, she realizes there's still more work to be done.

"It's still in its infant stages," Clyde said. "We're trying to expand with more offerings."

The applicants for the awards are subject to judging in different criteria from leadership support to athletic equipment offerings. However, Clyde admitted one area in which she was sure YSU was docked points was the healthy food offerings.

"There's not a lot of opportunities for good meals," she said.

The lack of healthy vegetarian and vegan friendly dining options is one of the most significant problems that YSEARC is coping with.

"[We have] very limited options," Monroe said. "Everything is processed. Even the stuff that you think is food for you, [like] Fiber 1 bars, is loaded with sugar, oil and processed ingredients."

Monroe, and others who abstain from consuming meat and animal products, find it hard to abide by their dietary choices while on campus.

"Even when they do offer vegan and vegetarian options, they are very limited and it's definitely not sufficient for someone who is a vegan or vegetarian 24/7," Monroe said.

Clyde, while not a vegetarian or vegan, recognizes the difficulties they face.

As YSU's food services are subject to different vendors, patrons are "kind of a captive audience."

"We can't control and fine-tune [their menus]," Clyde said.

After Sodexo relocated vegan friendly dining options to Pete's Place last year, they were recently reinstated in Kilcawley Center.

Vegan pizza, burgers, sandwiches and stir-fry were added to menus throughout establishments in Kilcawley.

John Young, director of Kilcawley Center, said the switch was because of limited hours at Pete's Place.

"With the extended hours, there's more availability to better serve," Young said.

Aside from encouraging campus employees to seek healthy lifestyles, Clyde works to educate them on truly healthy food selections.

"We're misled by things thinking they're healthy," she said.

Barcodes have been added to posters in the food court to allow smartphone users to quickly access the caloric intake of each restaurant's menu offerings.

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Students currently enrolled at YSU have the choice to follow either system. Newly enrolled freshmen for the fall will be required to follow the new system.

As far as filling the required credit hours, Porter said it will depend on the student's major.

A student whose major requires more than the minimum 124 credit hours will be able to use the six credit hours removed from the general education requirement toward his or her major instead. Students whose majors don't require more now have the opportunity to take elective courses that aren't available under the general education list.

"Every student needs to be looked at differently," Porter said. "For example, if a student switches their major, the mix of general education courses they have taken may now match, as well as it could, with that new major."

Porter said he advises current freshmen and sophomores to consider following the new model but added that the old model may be more beneficial for juniors and seniors, as some courses in the revised model have either shifted or are now listed under more than one category.

General education courses are broken into two categories: "skill" and "knowledge."

"There was no change in what you typically would call the skill courses within general education," Porter said.

Skill courses include writing, oral communication and math.

Knowledge courses, however, have been reorganized into four main topics: arts and humanities, natural sciences, social sciences, and social and personal awareness.

Students under the new model will now take nine knowledge courses instead of 11. They will be required to take two courses from each category plus one general education elective.

"Reorganization of the knowledge domains will make YSU's general education requirements more consistent with the requirements of other universities in the state," Porter said.

YSU's 46-credit-hour requirement is the highest in the state. Kent State University requires 36 to 37, the University of Akron requires 42 and Cleveland State University requires 38.

Though the changes won't be mandated until the fall, the university is proactive in getting the word out.

"This semester, we're working to make the campus aware of the change," Porter said.

He said the university is training academic advisers to guide current students on which model they should follow, as well as making faculty advisers aware of the changes.

Porter said students should visit the general education website at <http://web.yzu.edu/> to view the courses under both models and determine which model would be best for them. Students can still use the Degree Audit Reporting System to determine whether or not their general education requirements have been fulfilled.

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Internet pioneers like Phillip Hallam-Baker tout that the Internet is not a tool for piracy but an inevitable product of freedom.

Freedom to share information. Freedom to join a cause. Freedom to vindicate the oppressed.

Freedom in jeopardy at the passage of the Stop Online Piracy Act.

In light of an Arab spring that has stalled in Syria, the Internet has given birth to democracy across North Africa. And what does Hallam-Baker say is the Internet's greatest tool against tyranny?

Freedom of the press.

The legislation is especially alarming to us at The Jambar, given its limits on research and transparency. We can only write what we know, and censorship or the impediment of free-flowing information is a slippery slope.

House Judiciary Committee Chairman Lamar Smith (R-Texas) said in a news release that the U.S. loses \$100 billion annually and thousands of jobs due to stolen intellectual property by foreign websites.

In the event that SOPA is approved and goes into effect, Facebook would be held culpable for the links, songs, photos and videos posted by its users. Google would be responsible for filtering and policing pirated content.

We can't damn the companies for the actions of its consumers.

Facebook and Google might be able to hire enough lawyers to remain afloat, but smaller websites like Reddit may not survive a legal battle, which would leave such companies settling legal fees by cutting jobs.

It seems ironic to pass a "job-saving" bill that could break an employer's back.

So, what's the answer?

Under the commerce clause, states will never have the jurisdiction to prosecute the pirates. But the federal government has proved incompetent in minimizing the damage. And SOPA's overreach threatens the flow of information and the very pillars of a free nation.

While the regulators align with either media moguls or American freedoms, they should be taking aim at the IP addresses that populate illegal activity instead.

LETTER TO THE EDITOR

Like most Americans, you probably have never heard of the Stop Online Piracy Act (SOPA) or the Protect IP Act (PIPA) currently being considered by Congress. Allow me to explain to you what these bills are about and how they affect us as average people.

I strongly oppose piracy in all its forms. Piracy enables the thievery of billions from hard-working musicians and software companies. Piracy is wrong. However, this bill is not the correct way to combat the problem.

These bills have direct impact on the average person because the wording of SOPA and PIPA would force websites such as YouTube and Facebook, or any other website with user-submitted content, to shut down forever. It would also end the streaming of online movies and music, making Web services such as online radio, Hulu and Netflix illegal. This decision would be carried out without due process.

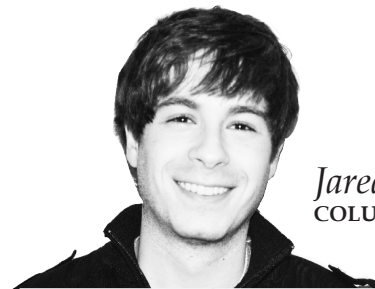
This bill also could have a huge impact on small business owners. If a rival company accused a small business of supporting piracy, the company's best source of marketing would be shut down immediately. The fight to regain their website would prove too costly for most small businesses. This could be used by big corporations to crush rivalry and destroy jobs — as opposed to creating them, as proponents of these bills might argue.

These bills should be opposed by everyone in Congress as well as anyone who believes in due process.

Anna Kolar



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"The Big Picture"

Tim Tebow

Professional sports have seriously lacked the presence of good role models.

All too often, it seems like professional athletes spend their time off the field housing dogfights, driving drunk or accidentally shooting themselves in the leg at nightclubs.

Take Chicago Bears wide receiver Samuel Hurd for instance; he tried to buy 1,000 pounds of marijuana and 10 kilograms of cocaine from an undercover cop.

That's a lot of drugs, especially for someone with a three-year, multimillion-dollar contract.

I could be wrong, but buying 1,000 pounds of anything is probably a bad idea.

But the phenomenon that is Timothy Richard Tebow has given hope to sports fans everywhere looking for a role model they can actually respect.

Tebow's allure comes from an impossibly colorful past.

His parents were Baptist missionaries. In fact, he was born in the Philippines during a mission.

His mother was so sick while pregnant with him that doctors in the Philippines encouraged an abortion to keep her alive, even though abortion in the Philippines is illegal.

Luck was certainly on his side, as legislation allowing home-schooled kids like him to participate in public school sporting events passed just when he was old enough to play.

Now, Tebow finds strength on and off the field through religion and prayer. You need look no further than YouTube to hear the unshakable faith and likable charm that he has on the gridiron.

Type in "Tebow mic'd up." You

will hear him chatting up Bears linebacker Brian Urlacher about fishing in between plays.

He literally took a simple celebration like taking a knee — something that he definitely wasn't the first to do — and made it so popular that "Tebowing," or taking a celebratory knee for prayer and reflection, is now recognized by the Global Language Monitor as a real English word.

But like all things, there is a very big problem: He is an average quarterback.

Don't take my word for it. John Elway, president of the Denver Broncos, told reporters after Tebow's first start that he probably would never be the long-term solution that Colorado natives are looking for.

He's been the underdog since the Broncos drafted him two years ago, and it's because most teams would be hesitant to base a franchise off a running quarterback who has no fear of taking a hit.

Now, Elway seems to have come around on Tebow, promising to help him with his mechanics over the offseason. But I don't think he means it. What was he going to do? Speak badly about the most popular athlete in the world?

Elway is one of the greatest quarterbacks of all time. If he can't put his faith in Tebow's quarterback prowess, then I can't either.

The bottom line is that unconventional quarterbacks in unconventional offenses, like the Broncos, never win Superbowls.

Joe Conroy, coordinator of programs and facilities, agrees that Tebow's "10 minutes of fame" is coming to an end.

"Everyone wants to see an underdog do well," he said. "But,

really, he's completing like nine passes per game while some quarterbacks are doing 30. If I'm a wide receiver on his team, am I happy? No."

Conroy knows Tebow is great for the NFL, but he also believes that he won't be able to match his collegiate greatness as a professional quarterback.

Senior Chris Dozier disagrees with Conroy, saying that, since college, Tebow has been able to adapt to new styles of offense and consistently win games.

"Tebow is a role model and a class act," he said. "He's only been in the league for two years. He knows how to win, and he will be a franchise quarterback with a ring one day."

The Miami Dolphins reached the playoffs two years ago with a wildcat offense, but a gimmicky team will never be able to beat the sound persistence of a New England or a Baltimore.

I think Tebow has one more season to prove that a professional team that runs the option can win a Superbowl. If he doesn't, I think the Broncos will be forced to make a pragmatic decision about his future with the team and bench him.

Of any athlete in history, Tebow might be the easiest one to love. He wears "John 3:16" on his eye, and against the Pittsburgh Steelers he threw for 316 yards with a pass average of 31.6 yards.

You can't write that stuff.

But when he ultimately does lose the starting job in Denver, I think it will tell us a lot about the fleeting nature of idolism. I don't think his story will be forgotten overnight, but he will never be the role model he could be from the bench.

America isn't #1, and we're all to blame



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NEWS EDITOR

We're number 19!

No, I'm not talking about any YSU athletic team. I'm referring to the Economist Intelligence Unit's 2011 democracy index for the United States.

The report, released by analysts independent from the weekly publication, "provides a snapshot of the state of democracy worldwide for 165 independent states and two territories."

Various factors came into play in their final rankings, with all of them codependent on others to make for a successful, true democracy.

The United States, once a premier democratic model for emerging states, dropped two more spots from last year.

YSU reflects this democratic decline.

It's hard to foster political involvement when even the college-educated need to personally seek political knowledge. For example, the YSU Academic Senate no longer requiring political science and government classes in general requirements fosters the political ignorance plaguing our

society.

Arrogant, self-absorbed faculty members feel it's their duty to propagate personal political knowledge, regardless of their primary field of study.

"Many social science faculty simply assume that they could teach a politics course just as well as a political scientist from our department. In my judgment, such persons are either bored, vain or of a particular ideological persuasion," said Keith Lepak, associate professor of political science at YSU.

In a struggle to retain or gain further resources, select faculty members put the students second to self-serving fundraising. And the students are just as apathetic.

Our partisan student groups are seemingly nonexistent anymore. Can you remember the last time either the College Democrats or the College Republicans organized and held an event on campus to encourage participation?

America's youth, aged 18 to 29, are notorious for poor turnouts at the polls. However, in 2008, 51 percent of them showed up. This is a decent increase from the 40 percent turnouts in 1996 and 2000.

As politically idealistic as college students are, they'll only receive recognition in Congress when their presence in the polls becomes substantial.

In 2008, 67 percent of Americans 30 and older voted. Now who do you think

will be spared when it's time to make cuts? And you thought college was expensive now.

College students benefit from a unique advantage when trying to forward a political movement. The ease of access to thousands of open-minded youth allows for quick and convenient momentum gains for a particular cause. Look how many students rallied around Senate Bill 5 and the faculty union contract negotiations, neither of which had a direct impact on most of them. Yet still, most college students allow apathy to deter them from meaningful engagement.

Voting is one thing; making an informed vote is another. YSU is not adequately equipping its students with basic political knowledge that will fend off mass media's partisan venom.

The solution rests in everyone's hands. YSU needs to re-evaluate its general education requirements. The government subsidizes students' tuition. Yet, in return, students aren't required to understand the mechanics that keep it artificially low.

"The action must come primarily from students, and those who want to be leaders, and those who have begun to understand the seriousness of the problems that we collectively face," Lepak said.

Students need to seek the answers for themselves. Don't simply rely on what a candidate tells you, or what commenta-

tors on networks regurgitate. When politicians tell you they'll cut taxes and increase spending to get our country out of this mess, you need to question the plausibility and evaluate it for yourself.

"Something like this is urgently needed given the conditions of the country and the political illiteracy of college students, again, many of whom know more about video games, their Facebook page or fantasy football," Lepak said.

Without question, more people will tune into the Super Bowl than the presidential debates. More college students will be able to name the cast of "Jersey Shore" or the titles of the entire "Call of Duty" franchise than the field of GOP candidates.

It appears as if a political awakening by our youth will be retroactive, as most American problems are "solved," but, at what cost? Will it be too late?

Ohio's primary is March 6, also known as Super Tuesday. We've been given a gift: We're in the extreme minority of countries that can legitimately have their voices heard in terms of electing leadership.

Don't abuse it. Don't simply play a candidate on party lines or because that's who your parents support. Educate yourself. What matters to you? Discuss these ideas with your friends and classmates. Challenge your set of beliefs with objecting opinions in hopes of strengthening your own. But, most of all, vote.



Red Wanting Blue (left to right: Dean Anshutz, Eric Hall Jr., Mark McCullough, Scott Terry, Greg Rahm) will be performing at The Hub at YSU on Jan. 26. Photo courtesy of Jason Tanaka Blaney.

Chelsea Telega
ARTS & ENTERTAINMENT EDITOR

Alternative rock band Red Wanting Blue will pass through Youngstown to play a student-only show at Youngstown State University's The Hub as part of its tour.

That is, if they make it here. "There have been a lot of vehicle breakdowns and other stuff. No matter how diabolical they may feel, usually afterwards, we end up looking back on them and laugh about it," said lead singer Scott Terry. "Usually hardships bring people together."

The band's tight-knit relationship started over a decade ago at Ohio University. Terry said the band's humble beginnings stretch back to 1996, during what he refers to as the "incubator stage."

"When you're young and starting, all you know is that you want to be in a band," Terry said. "We would wake up in the morning, look in the mirror — if there is a mirror — and start the day."

Red Wanting Blue has toured all over the country and released nine stu-

dio albums, including "From the Vanishing Point," their most recent work.

Band members said they do not have a specific influence, but that they would like to become an influence.

"Certainly we've all got artists that we look up to. Everyone has their own personal heroes," Terry said. "For us, it was most important to go out there and be as honest as we can be and sing about our lives."

Terry said the band ultimately wants to be the soundtrack to people's lives.

"We have someone fighting cancer come up to us and say, 'Your song 'Finger in the Air' is my fighting song,' or someone who is divorced and their life is in shambles tell us that our song 'Red Rider' is what gets them up in the morning and gets them moving," Terry said. "It gives us hope that someone out there needs our songs, and that's the stuff that really gets us going."

Terry said he hopes the band will be well known throughout the country, and even worldwide, one day. The fans, he said, are the motivation behind Red Wanting Blue's success.

"It's probably the most peaceful co-existence that I've ever known," Terry said about the band's fan base. "We

feed off of their energy, and they feed off of ours."

Red Wanting Blue's publicist, Mike Farley, has been working with the band for more than eight years. He said that working with such talented and driven artists makes a publicist's job easy.

"This band has a very passionate and devoted fan base, and they have done it the right way — building grassroots following in every market they play — for several years," Farley said. "I feel like they are finally achieving the success that goes along with that."

Farley said Red Wanting Blue is "one of the best live touring bands in the country, hands down."

Terry said the band is feeling a lot of love coming back to Ohio. Drummer Dean Anshutz is a YSU graduate, which is one of the many reasons why the band looks forward to the campus show.

"We play a lot of club debuts and music halls where anybody can walk in and buy a ticket, but I think what attracts us to play at YSU, or any college, is that we are notorious in that area," Terry said. "It's exciting to potentially reach out and meet new young fans."

Terry said shows at universities have

special kinds of audiences that can decide on their own if they like what they hear.

"Institutions for higher education always seem to be breeding grounds for creativity and open minds," Terry said. "It's a good place to get fans, and I think that's why a lot of the reason that a lot of bands start in college."

Red Wanting Blue's members said they are looking forward to visiting Ohio, the state in which they originated.

"We're feeling a lot of momentum right now, and we've been feeling a lot of love from Ohio," Terry said. "They've really helped push our band into a lot of new places. We're feeling more and more endless."

Terry, who said he could fill a novel with all of the stuff that the band has experienced, sees a bright future for the band, whose members collectively vowed to be "lifers" in the music industry.

"I hope that we've collected enough in karma over the years. I feel that we've earned whatever stripes there are to be earned," Terry said. "Youngstown was one of our earliest stomping grounds, and it's awesome to know that we're making people in Youngstown proud."

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omore, Smith said that she aspires to have a lucrative career in an administrative hospital.

Smith is one of 78 Upward Bound graduates who have attended YSU since 2002.

Smith said her decision to attend YSU followed a series of six-week summer residential programs in Cafaro Hall between 2007 and 2009.

"It was a big deal," Smith said. "It made me more confident to come to college because I got to experience it early."

The college preparatory program is federally funded through the U.S. Department of Education. High school students receive after-school tutoring, attend bimonthly enrichment programs and make college visits.

YSU receives about nine students from the program each year.

Upward Bound secretary Jill Mogg said that all student services are free, and the program offers an attendance-based monthly stipend of \$40, which offsets transportation costs.

Students who opt into the Upward Bound program are 50 percent more likely to graduate high school, accord-

ing to Youngstown graduation rates from the Ohio Department of Education and statistics provided by Mogg.

Of the 145 program graduates who have went on to college, 30 have earned a degree and 65 are still enrolled, leaving 50 who attained high school diplomas but never finished postsecondary education, according to statistics provided by Upward Bound officials.

"The goal of Upward Bound is to increase the rate at which students graduate from their high school and enroll in college," Mogg said.

The program operates on an annual \$250,000 federal grant, employing three full-time and two part-time faculty members. Upward Bound is seeking a renewal of the five-year grant.

An average of nine undergraduate and graduate students from the Beeghly College of Education earn \$8 an hour tutoring in the program. The tutors are required to hold a 2.5 GPA in the coursework they teach.

In addition, resident assistants earn a \$16,000 stipend during the six-week summer program.

Gabrielle Blake, interim coordinator, and other coordinators, provide instructional tutoring through lesson plans at the high schools.

Blake is a graduate of Kent State University and has Spanish tutoring experience with Warren City Schools. She also worked with children at a non-profit organization. She feels her prior work experience has helped her transition smoothly to Upward Bound.

"We do progress reports for the students and try to keep them motivated," Blake said.

Motivation is key. Attendance in the program is based on each student's needs. Students are required to attend two weekly tutoring sessions if their grades drop below a C. All others attend once a week. The program participants average 85 percent attendance.

If students miss sessions or bimonthly Saturday enrichment programs, which run from 8 a.m. to noon, they are docked money from their monthly stipend.

If students fail to provide progress reports signed by their high school teachers, they risk a penalty similar to that of attendance infractions.

Shannon Sharp, an East High School junior, attends the after-school tutoring once a week.

"I have all A's, so I only have to go one day a week," Sharp said.

Kaleb Graham, an East High School sophomore, said he enjoys Upward Bound because he is able to get help with his homework after school.

Although Graham said he feels the Saturday enrichment program begins too early, he appreciates feeling more prepared on Monday.

Miesha Starkey, an East High School junior, attends after-school mathematics tutoring two days a week.

Starkey attends Choffin Career & Technical Center. Her post-secondary credits will transfer to YSU, where she plans to continue her edu-

cation after spending the summer in Cafaro Hall while enrolled in Upward Bound.

"It was fun to be around college students, and it was different to be in a new environment for a change," Starkey said.

She aspires to be a chef or businesswoman and is grateful for the program.

"You build a family here, and it's a really good experience. Even with personal problems, these people are here to help you," Starkey said.

Smith said the encouragement she received in Upward Bound has followed her through college.

"Stay in and stick through it the whole time because even after you come to YSU, the staff can give you advice and help," Smith said.

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shooting that wounded 11 others.

Carl Davidson, a brother of Omega Psi Phi, said he and others from the chapter plan to attend the trial on Monday.

"Basically, I want to see them pay for the crime that they committed," Davidson said. "I don't want to see death [as punishment] because that's what this all came from."

Attempts to reach defense counsel for all five defendants were unsuccessful.

Still, Davidson struggles to find an explanation for the "senseless act of violence."

"There's still no reason, no justification for it," he said. "It's not OK to just start shooting up a house full of people who didn't even know who they were."

Johnson's mother, Shirlene Hill, has found solace in the outreach from Davidson and other Omega Psi Phi members.

"I really don't even have the words for what it's been to me," Hill said. "I can't thank them enough. My son is gone, and yet they've been there for me."

Davidson said the fraternity brothers now see Hill as a mother and treat her accordingly.

Hill, too, seeks closure and

justice.

"I'm glad it's starting Monday. For those that did the crime, I'm ready for them to pay for what they did to my son," Hill said.

Since Johnson's death, a Facebook group commemorating his life has been established; it generated 4,210 "likes" and 505 comments.

Three others will stand trial for charges related to the incident: Brandon Carter, 22, of East Ravenwood Avenue; Jamelle Jackson, 19, of West Boston Avenue; and Demetrius Wright, 21, of West Avondale Avenue.

Carter and Jackson face an obstructing justice charge, a third-degree felony. Wright was charged with carrying a concealed weapon, a fourth-degree felony, which carries a sentence of up to 18 months in prison.

The hearings will begin Monday at 8:30 a.m. Judge John M. Durkin will preside.

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fort.

"I understand that they need to do something because if they don't, then we're going to become like China, who only get to see what China wants them to see," Weiser said.

Weiser said he plans on signing one of the online petitions against SOPA, which Google and other websites have linked.

According to a news release from House Judiciary Committee Chairman Lamar Smith (R-Texas), one of those who proposed SOPA, intellectual property theft costs \$100 billion annually and thousands of jobs.

"Because the U.S. produces the most intellectual property, our nation has the most to lose if we fail to address the problem of rogue sites. The Stop Online Piracy Act stops foreign rogue websites from taking

jobs and profits away from America's innovators," Smith said in the news release.

The Internet uproar has influenced U.S. Sen. Marco Rubio (R-Fla.), who sponsored PIPA, to reconsider. He said on his Facebook page Wednesday morning that he recognizes legitimate concerns about how the bill could impact the Internet.

"Congress should listen and avoid rushing through a bill that could have many unintended consequences," Smith said on his Facebook page.

Sue Gardner, executive director of the Wikimedia Foundation, told the Los Angeles Times that the decision to black out Wikipedia on Wednesday didn't come lightly.

"It is the opinion of the English Wikipedia commu-

nity that both of these bills, if passed, would be devastating to the free and open Web," Gardner said.

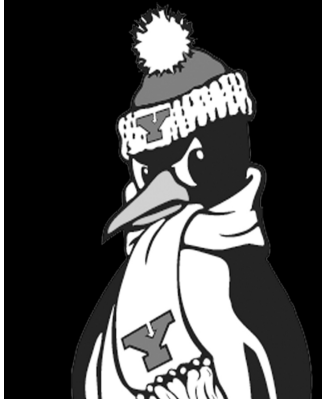
She said that more than 1,800 "Wikipedians" joined together within 72 hours to discuss proposed actions against the two bills.

At YSU, sophomore Jeremy Kollar said he would need more information before forming an opinion on the bills but was shocked by the number of websites that joined and the amount of people talking about it on Facebook.

"The respective artists deserve credit for their work, but some fees aren't nominal for students," Kollar said, referring to websites that would have to take down content.

The U.S. House of Representatives will continue discussion of SOPA in February.

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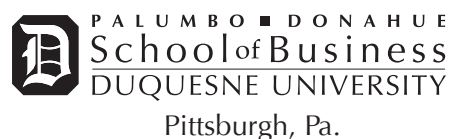
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San Francisco 49ers wide receiver Ted Ginn Jr. practices on Sept. 28 at Stambaugh Stadium. The 49ers used the WATTS while they were practicing on campus. Photo by Dustin Livesay/The Jambar.

Nick Mancini
SPORTS REPORTER

The Watson and Tressel Training Site has been giving Youngstown State University's teams a new place to improve their games since it opened.

"Having that on campus is no less than awesome," said head baseball coach

Rich Pasquale. "It is so nice to not have to travel during the offseason and be able to walk to our workouts."

Trevor Parks, YSU's director of sports information, said that almost every team has, at some point, worked out at the WATTS.

"Everyone who comes to visit ... has been impressed," Parks said. "We have had a couple people

from the Horizon League over there, and they were impressed. The Horizon League Network is doing a feature story on the facility."

Pasquale said the baseball team frequently uses the WATTS.

"I think we have used it more than any other teams since [it] opened," he said. "We can have guys go down

there to get work in the cages or get in some individual workouts. Sometimes we would get washed out, but we didn't miss a beat this winter."

Intramural sports have also benefited from the facility, especially when the San Francisco 49ers practiced at YSU from Sept. 26 to Oct. 1.

"The one night we were over there was when the 49ers were in town," said Joe Conroy, coordinator of intramural sports. "It was a great opportunity for us to showcase our facility. It was a great thing for our students."

Conroy said that although intramural teams haven't been able to access the WATTS more often, its existence has provided them with more opportunities elsewhere on campus.

"They have opened up space in Stambaugh [Stadium] by moving all the varsity teams to the WATTS," Conroy said. "Before, when all teams would be using Stambaugh for their indoor events, they are now using [the WATTS], which I think is great to be able to sell your athletic program so that you can recruit that

quality student-athlete."

Conroy added that he hopes to one day be able to use the WATTS for more sports.

"As they get their system down, I am sure there will be opportunities for us to run in there," he said. "I think the way they are running it now is the right way."

The public has been able to test out the track during its open sessions. Parks said those have been well received.

Pasquale said being able to bring recruits there is a great sell for the athletics program.

"It's just great for us and our guys," he said. "We signed four guys, and one was from Mississippi, and when he was down here he couldn't say enough about it. I really feel we have the best facilities in the conference with the WATTS and Eastwood Field."

The WATTS is booked on Fridays and Saturdays for the next six weeks or so.

High school track meets are already scheduled, and YSU also has two home track meets before hosting the Horizon League Track and Field Championships on Feb. 25 and 26.

Green Bay, Milwaukee on tap

Joe Catullo Jr.
SPORTS EDITOR

The men's and women's basketball programs compiled a 0-4 record between Jan. 12 and 15, and the challenge is only becoming more intense.

The men lost to Valparaiso University on Friday, 76-62, and to Butler University on Sunday, 71-55. The team will return home on Friday.

Men's basketball coach Jerry Slocum said during Monday's press conference that the games demonstrated the worst team effort thus far.

"Both games were at the 10-minute mark, very winnable for us, but we turned the ball over too much, which has not been one of our problems," he said. "In both games, we've had some very, very timely turnovers and had some lapses."

This season, the men are 9-8 overall and 4-3 in the Horizon League. Five of the seven conference games were on the road.

"The league doesn't get easy," Slocum said. "You can't get too high in this league, and you can't get too low. I mean you're going to get stretched every night in this league, and we're moving forward."

The men's team will host the University of Wisconsin-Milwaukee on Friday. The Panthers (13-6, 6-1) rank first in the conference, while the Penguins sit in fourth.

Slocum said the game will be aired nationally on ESPN3.com.

"The last two times we've been on it, we've had great crowd support," he said. "I think we've had some of the best shows in our league. I think we've represented our league extremely well to the point that I think it's a no-brainer for us to be on."

All fun aside, Slocum added that the Panthers are tough to face, especially because of senior guard Kaylon Williams. He is averaging a team-best 11.3 points per game and has also compiled a team-leading 109 assists and 27 steals in 17 games.

"We've played the fewest home games in our league, which is a tough way to start your year, but now you've got probably the best team in the league coming in on Friday night, a team that is having a tremendous year with a couple of tremendous players," Slocum said.

The men face the University of Wisconsin-Green Bay (7-10, 3-4) at home on Sunday. The women will also face the Phoenix, albeit in a different scenario.

They will play in Green Bay, Wis., on Thursday against the Phoenix (15-0, 5-0), who are riding a 35-game regular season winning streak.

"That's better than our current win streak," said women's basketball coach Bob Boldon during Monday's press conference. "We're going to go up there, and we're going to try our best. It's what we try to do every time we step on the floor."

The women's team (8-8, 2-3) has lost two straight games after falling to Loyola University Chicago on Jan. 12 and the University of Illinois at Chicago at home on Saturday.

The women's team fell to the Phoenix, 84-25, on Feb. 5 in Green Bay.

"We watched the whole tape, and we may have not done one thing right in that entire game," Boldon said. "I think from that you take that hopefully we're a better team this year. It's a benchmark game. You get to really see where you are."

The women do have an advantage heading in to their matchup against Green Bay: They're 6-3 on the road, compared to just 2-5 at home.

"We have been playing very good on the road, which is where we kind of lost two here when we've been playing very well in other gyms," said sophomore Monica Touvelle during the press conference. "It hasn't been like an enemy or hurting us at all, so I think that's a benefit to us."

Touvelle added that the team is looking past the moral victories.

"They're a great team, but we're not going to just play to be close," she said. "We want to play to win. We're going to keep working, and they're a great team, but we can make it a good game. We can make it interesting."

The team will likely be without freshman Heidi Schlegel, who is recovering from ankle tendonitis. She is listed as day-to-day and missed Saturday's contest against UIC.

Boldon said the best remedy for Schlegel is rest — but that now is not the ideal time for relaxation.

"We're obviously at the point where we'd like to get her back if that means sacrificing another game if that could be the last game she misses," he said. "It



Junior Damian Eargle slams the first basket against the University of Illinois on Jan. 7. Eargle looks to build off his team-leading 120 rebounds and 69 blocks. Photo by Dustin Livesay/The Jambar.

puts a lot more stress on Brandi [Brown] and Tieara [Jones] to really rebound the ball and do those types of things."

Schlegel ranks second on the team in points per game (10.8) and rebounds (70).

Touvelle said Schlegel's absence is a factor, but that the team must learn to play without her.

"She scores a lot, she gets a lot of re-

bounds, but we just don't want to be defined by one person, even Brandi," Touvelle said. "We're ready to have Heidi back whenever she wants to play. We'll need her, but until then we're just going to keep working, and other people need to step up."

The women will remain on the road after Thursday's contest to face the Panthers (0-5, 4-11) on Saturday.

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the team, and we are set for a workout," he said. "It's going to be a challenging task, but I think we will be up for it."

Hardaway helped BGSU to a 206-122 record as an assistant. He went 45-27 at WKU in two seasons before heading to Evansville for eight seasons.

In 1998, Hardaway coached Evansville to its first winning season in 10 years. His team set school records in 2000 for most Missouri Valley Conference wins with 10 and the highest conference finish (fifth) in school history.