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## Capital budget to revamp campus

Background: Melnick Hall could see \$2.5 million in much needed renovation funding from the state of Ohio. (Clockwise, inside): Punctured walls expose the infrastructure of Melnick. Ceiling tiles throughout the building are riddled with holes. Sinks in the basement are caked with rust. Photos by Jordan D. Uhl/The Jambar.

Jordan D. Uhl  
NEWS EDITOR

Built in 1959, Melnick Hall's second floor now sits dormant and decrepit. Dust gathers on a bottle of Yukon Jack, and Guinness cans litter the corner of a room where theater equipment sits idly under exposed insulation, cracked windows and punctured ceiling tiles.

"The entire second floor is going to need renovated top to bottom," said Rich White, associate director of planning and construction at Youngstown State University. "The entire interior space is going to be gutted and redone to fit whatever departments go in there."

White estimates that the total cost of the Melnick renovations will be \$4.5 million, but the cost could be

subsidized by the state.

The Higher Education Capital Funding Commission, chaired by E. Gordon Gee, president of Ohio State University, distributed \$400 million across the 37 higher education institutions in Ohio.

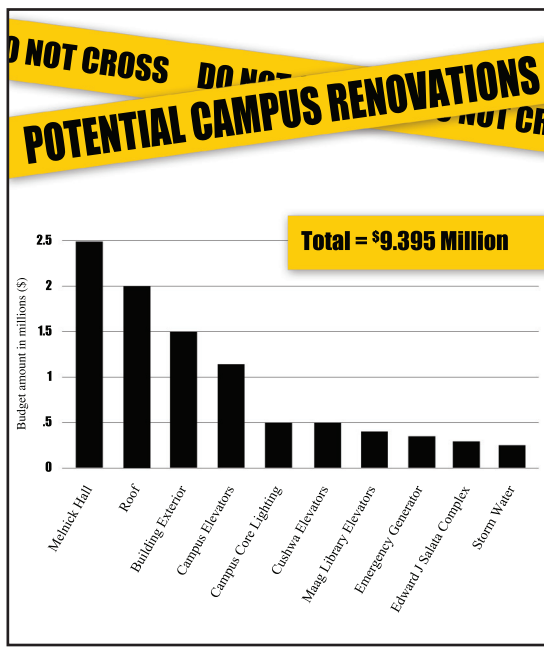
As a result, YSU could see a nearly \$10 million increase in the state's next budget cycle.

"The amount very clearly demonstrated the Kasich administration's enduring support of higher education in light of turbulent economic circumstances," the Ohio Higher Education Capital Funding Collaborative read.

An itemized breakdown shows which schools are receiving funds.

OSU leads all recipients with \$69.8 million, 17.4 percent of all

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## Model UN team heralded at Harvard

Marissa McIntyre  
ASSISTANT NEWS EDITOR

Youngstown State University students Justin McIntyre and Mark Sember each earned third-place honorable mention awards for their performance at the 2012 Harvard National Model United Nations conference last week.

Sixty awards were given out at the conference, which hosted more than 3,000 students from colleges and universities across the nation. The conference simulates actual United Nations activities.

Justin McIntyre and Sember both served in the European Union by repre-

sending Ireland.

"With Ireland's stance of neutrality, I had to advocate from a position that was not necessarily similar to the stance of other individuals in the room," Justin McIntyre said. "Overall, I learned a lot about the E.U., and it indefinitely complements my studies as a political science major."

Justin McIntyre said even though he feels bittersweet about it being the last conference he will attend, he wouldn't have ended it any other way.

"I truly had an outstanding time with my fellow YSU students, as well as meeting people from across the world," Justin McIntyre said.

The remaining YSU students who at-

tended were Johnny McIntyre, Sara Abusaleh, Drew Webster, Jessica Valsi, Kristin Hanna, Al Nieves, Sean Knaub, Katie Carpenter, Corinne Bocci, Justen Vrabel and Todd Pasquael.

David Porter, a professor in political science and pre-law, advises the YSU Model United Nations team.

He said he's pleased that YSU students were awarded with an honorable mention, primarily because of the number of students competing.

"Any recognition is amazing. Especially it being our first time there," Porter said.

Porter said the experience was

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## New police chief announced

Marissa McIntyre  
ASSISTANT NEWS EDITOR

John Beshara officially started his job as police chief for the Youngstown State University Police Department on Monday.

Beshara replaces John Gocala, who retired Jan. 31, after a three-month search.

Lt. Mike Cretella filled in as interim chief prior to Beshara's being selected.

"It's exciting to have a new chief who is young and energetic," Cretella said. "He's bringing new ideas to the department; he's very goal-oriented, and we'll strive to reach those goals."



BESHARA

Beshara carries more than 20 years of experience at the YSU and the Mahoning County Sheriff's department.

Beshara received his bachelor's and master's degrees in criminal justice and law enforcement administration from YSU. He has also worked as a part-time officer for the YSU.

Ron Cole, director of university communications, said Beshara's connection with surrounding law enforcement agencies would benefit the university.

"We have a very effective police department with a good reputation of keeping the campus safe," Cole said. "I expect

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## A grief-stricken debate

Nicole Novotny  
REPORTER

The death of Catherine Lape's grandmother was difficult for her to overcome.

Her grandmother died in March in the final stages of dementia after a staph infection spread throughout her body.

Lape said she was not depressed, but she was grieving.

Determining whether grief is a form of depression is a hot-button topic. Organizations such as the American Psychiatric Association are in talks to decide whether grief, among others, is a form of depression in their new edition of the Diagnostic and Statistical Manual of Mental Disorders, also known as the DSM.

The manual helps professionals recognize, diagnose and treat patients to make sure they are making the right insurance decisions.

According to the APA, the revisions will change people's

lives.

The definition of depression is only one of many that are being examined.

David Mrazek, M.D., chair of the psychiatry and psychology departments for the Mayo Clinic, said depression is more than just feeling sad. It can take over lives by distracting people from things they once enjoyed.

The current definition in the manual does not include bereavement, the grief felt after losing a loved one.

According to the New York Times, researchers from Columbia and New York Universities said bereavement should continue to be excluded. They argue that, if added, "there is the potential for considerable false-positive diagnosis and unnecessary treatment of grief-stricken persons."

The New York Times also said that the psychiatrists who

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Student organization tackles controversial topics

Alina Rios  
REPORTER

Speak Out Loud's first panel focused on one topic: sex.

The student-led, open-discussion organization covered a variety of material and raised many questions in Kilcawley Center on Wednesday. Participating students signed a confidentiality agreement to protect their opinions.

Devon Marbuary, the founder of Speak Out Loud, said she was happy with the discussion.

"One of the things we talked about was what was too freaky in a relationship," Marbuary said. "What would your significant other ask you that was pushing it too far?"

The Speak Out Loud group plans to have about five more panel discussions this semester, with topics including religion, fashion, politics and fitness. Ideally, the discussions would have a panel of approximately six diverse students to lead the conversation and offer insight.

"We only had a few people show up, but it was still fun, and we learned a lot from one another," Marbuary said.

One subplot during the sex panel was the difference

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funding. YSU will receive \$9.4 million.

Melnick Hall will see \$2.5 million for renovations, the largest single amount for YSU.

"We figure on using \$2.5 million from state capital and the rest from philanthropy and gifts," White said.

Roof repairs at Fedor Hall, Cushwa Hall and the Lincoln Building, and elevator repairs for Melnick Hall and Maag Library will receive \$4 million.

"There's always something to do roofwise on campus," White said.

DeBartolo, Cushwa and Tod halls will see \$1.5 million for building-exterior beautifications.

White said the exterior modifications are to repair cracks in masonry, windows and bricks.

The remaining \$1.4 million will go toward renovating emergency generators, lighting in the campus core, storm water systems and the Edward J. Salata complex, which is the facilities building.

The University of Cincinnati received the largest single amount for a long-term renovation project: \$28 million allocated for the Medical Sciences Building.

Greg Hand, director of public relations at UC, said he was pleased with the results of the

plan. "Ohio's campuses have done a great deal to ensure that projects on the capital list are high-priority," Hand said in an email. "In general, the projects are critical renovation projects to extend the effective life of academic buildings."

In his State of the State address, Kasich foreshadowed this plan, which he felt would force universities to work together, rather than competitively, when vying for state resources.

"The state asked us to list what we feel are our needs for basic renovations and projects and add it to the capital request list," White said. "They ended up picking the top four on the list, which wasn't put in any order."

There is a possibility YSU could see a reapropriations bill, with excess funding from the fiscal year 2012 budget being used for projects overlooked in the plan.

Regardless, White said he is happy with the potential funding and feels YSU got a fair share. Some weren't completely satisfied.

"Most universities, all can use more money than what's being allocated," said Gene Grilli, vice president for finance and admin-



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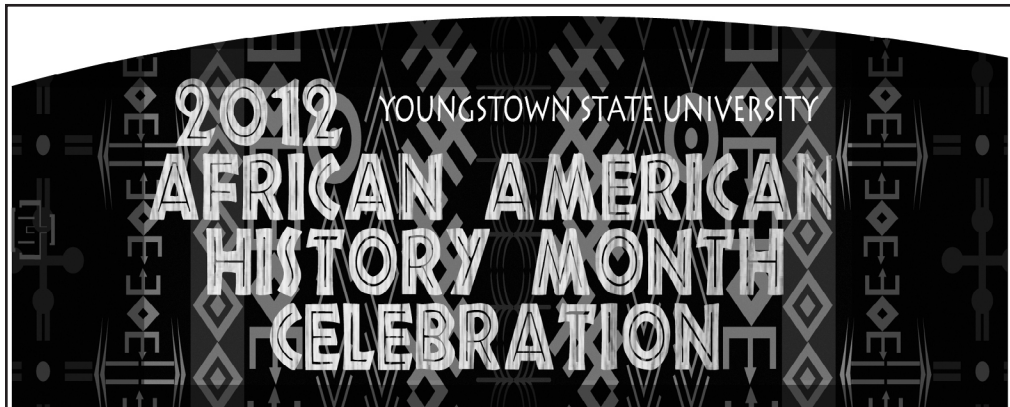
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beneficial to both the students and to him.

Although he was unable to attend, Cory Okular, who has gone to conferences in the past, said he is proud of his teammates.

"The amount of preparation is intense and you need so many skills to do well at any conference — skills like speaking ability, knowledge of your county's policies and the ability to work with other delegates to reach a substantive resolution on a topic," Okular said in an email. "Our presence at HMUN indicates that our organization is returning to the ability we had several years ago when we traveled internationally and competed at a very high level against schools from many countries."

Porter plans to take students to the conference next year and said he hopes to build momentum.



**Proverb of the Month: "Rising early makes the road short." Wolof proverb, Senegal**

**Saturday, February 4**

Noon-6:00 p.m., Chestnut Room, Kilcawley Center

**THE AFRICAN MARKETPLACE**

The Marketplace is one of the popular attractions of African American History Month at YSU. In the tradition of an African weekly market, vendors from the community and neighborhoods near and far beyond Ohio bring goods, artistic creations, clothing, books, jewelry and ancient artifacts from Africa and the African Diaspora. The festive and social atmosphere is enlivened by the music and dance performances of the versatile and dynamic Harambee Youth Group.



**Thursday, February 9**

5:00 p.m. Reception, Bliss Hall Art Gallery

6:00 p.m., Panel Discussion, The McDonough Museum of Art

**RECEPTION AND PANEL DISCUSSION ON AFRICAN AMERICAN ARTISTIC DISPLAY THE ART OF LOUIS BURROUGHS**

Louis Burroughs' art is motivated by current events and what he calls "the nation's obsession with religion, sports and global domination." Influenced by the paintings of Jean Michael Basquiat and Robert Colescott as well as the forms and shapes of African masks and sculptures, his art is rooted in the African American experience, dating from the sixteenth century to the present. The narrative represents the struggle of African Americans against oppression, servitude, subjugation and enslavement of any type.



**Saturday, February 11**

11:00 a.m. St. Andrews A.M.E. Church, 521 Earle Avenue, Youngstown

**AFRICAN FITNESS DANCE CLASS**

Dance for a Cure is the initiative of Educe Group Inc., under the leadership of Ebony Bogan. Its goal is to raise awareness in the fight against breast cancer. Donations are \$10 for adults and \$5 for youth.



**Monday, February 13**

7:30 p.m. Jones Room, Kilcawley Center

**KEYNOTE LECTURE BY HEIDI DURO: THE BIRACIAL/ MIXED EXPERIENCE**

Heidi W. Barrow is a New York Times best-selling author of The Girl Who Fell from the Sky, a coming of age story of a young, biracial girl growing up in the 1980s in Portland, Oregon. Based loosely upon elements of Duro's own life, the story has captivated readers across the nation, landing on the Indie Bestseller List and receiving an NAACP Image Award nomination. In 2008, The Girl Who Fell from the Sky received the Bellwether Prize for literature of social change. Ms. Duro is a graduate of Stanford University, Columbia's Graduate School of Journalism, and the Yale Law School. A book signing and reception will follow the lecture.



**Saturday, February 18**

7:30 p.m. The Chestnut Room, Kilcawley Center

**ENTERTAINMENT BY GROUP FROM NEW JERSEY THE FACES OF BLACK HISTORY**

The Prospect Theatrics of Newark, New Jersey is a drama group that has been performing all over the nation, bringing to life on stage the major contribution of African Americans to America from slavery to the first African American President of the United States. This live musical show salutes many well known celebrities, personalities and history makers in an entertaining and educational format for all ages. In an eclectic musical mix, this year's production includes a tribute to Michael Jackson and a salute to the Tuskegee Airmen.



**Tuesday, February 21**

7:30 p.m. The Gallery Room, Kilcawley Center

**LECTURE BY SHAWN WILLIAMS: "BLOGGING WHILE BLACK"**

With the rise in visibility and popularity of a black presidential candidate in Barack Obama in 2008, African Americans learned quickly to communicate their concerns through blogging. Bloggers who were not used to seeing African American bloggers often misunderstood black bloggers' message, while others downplayed the significance or urgency of their concerns, while others perceived them as generally antagonistic. "Blogging While Black" conveys the experiences of the speaker and other online bloggers and provides tips for journalists who want to make inroads in their use of the social media. Shawn Williams is an outstanding journalist who has contributed to major newspapers around the country and participated in numerous bloggers' roundtable discussions. Williams is a graduate of Texas A&M University and a recipient of a President's Achievement Award for 1992-1996.



**Sunday, February 26**

6:00 p.m. The Chestnut Room, Kilcawley Center

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**NEWS BRIEFS**

**STEM dinner honors university-affiliated individuals**

YSU will honor several individuals at the STEM Awards Dinner at 6 p.m. on Thursday: Harry Bircher, outstanding alumnus/service; Peyman Givi, outstanding alumnus; Mary Pat Salomone, outstanding alumna; Matt Ragan, outstanding young alumnus; Connie Hathorn, outstanding education leader; and Roger and Gloria Jones, outstanding community partners. Reservations are no longer being accepted.

**Diversity celebration honors local leaders**

YSU's Diversity Leadership Recognition Celebration will take place March 29 at Mr. Anthony's in Boardman to honor 10 individuals and one organization. Cocktails will begin at 6 p.m., followed by dinner at 6:30 p.m. Zahid Bukhari, president of the Islamic Circle of North America and executive director of the Center for Islam and Public Policy, will speak at the event. The cost is \$35 per person. For more information on reservations or sponsorships, contact Cheryl Levy at 330-941-3370 or clevy@ysu.edu.

**POLICE BRIEFS**

**Student injured in cooking class**

Police were called to the YSU Student Health Clinic in Kilcawley House on Thursday for an injured student. When the police arrived, the student informed the officer that she cut herself on the lid of an aluminum can during her cooking class. A nurse bandaged the student's thumb, but she was thought to need stitches. The student will follow up at an undisclosed emergency room.

**Prof loses keys**

On Wednesday, a nursing professor told YSU Police that she couldn't find her state keys, which open her office suite, her personal office, the nursing department office suite and another corner suite located on the third floor. She told YSU Police that she searched her office, the department office, the parking deck and her home — but still couldn't find the keys.

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between an open relationship agreement and a threesome. Participants also discussed the various types of condoms and how they differed.

Speak Out Loud members will be holding their discussion panels in the Pollock Room in Kilcawley Center from 7 to 9 p.m. every other Wednesday.

The panels are open for everyone to attend. The only requirements are respect and civility.

"We want everyone to be able to speak freely without being judged," Marbuary said.

Marbuary said she is looking for more people to participate in panels and group discussions, and encourages new students to participate.

"I'd sit in and listen and, if the topic interested me, then I would participate," freshman Tim Norris said.

"It's something different," freshman Mallory Kohut said. "You don't really hear about panel discussions. It would be a good experience to hear about what people's opinions are."

The next open discussion, planned for Feb. 29, will cover ethnic stereotypes.

"One of the questions we might ask is 'Why do \_\_\_ people do this?' and fill it in with different ethnic groups," Marbuary said. She is looking for a diverse crowd and multiple races to either defend certain traditions or break the common stereotypes.

When the group isn't stoking debate, it raises money for philanthropic groups. Last year, the group held a fashion show to raise awareness about the dangers of drunk driving. Funds were donated to Students Against Drunk Driving.

This year, the group is hosting a talent show on April 5 in Kilcawley Center's Chestnut Room. The proceeds will benefit those with autism.

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that Chief Beshara will continue that."

"Captain Beshara brings to the YSU Police Department a wealth of experience and knowledge and a stellar reputation in law enforcement circles throughout the region," YSU President Cynthia Anderson said in a press release.

"As a YSU graduate and

a lifelong resident of Mahoning County, Captain Beshara is committed to making the university and the surrounding community a safe place to learn and live," Anderson said.

Beshara said he is excited to bring his ideas and expertise to the community.

"To serve others is the noblest of endeavors," Beshara

said. "Our police department will always uphold that and serve the community."

Beshara said he believes the campus is a great place and is ecstatic to have the opportunity.

"The safety of kids, students, staff, faculty and visitors is our main priority and our concern," Beshara said.

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support the change said depression can happen after a loss of a loved one, and could sometimes become severe. The supporters argue, that as psychiatrists, they need a way to help people cope with the loss; adding it into the definition will be a start.

Dr. Allen Frances, chair of the task force on the fourth edition of the DSM, disagrees with the proposed changes.

Frances said he is concerned that many people might receive treatment they do not need.

"What I worry about most is that the revisions will medicalize normality and that millions of people will get psychiatric labels unnecessarily," Frances said.

Medication is not given for grief. Instead, psychiatrists follow five stages that a person must go through in order to overcome grief.

Nearly a year after her grandmother's death, Lape agrees.

"Grieving is a natural part of life," Lape said. "I think you should let it run its course. If someone thinks that their grief is leading into depression, then they should get help. It would

be an insult to your loved one if you got medicated just because you're sad."

According to the National Center for Biotechnology Information, severe depression is a combination of a stressful event and a chemical change in the brain. Since depression is more than just being sad, it can be categorically treated with therapy and medication.

Peter J. Weiden, professor of psychosis treatment at the University of Illinois, said that adding grief would cause only more issues, because society already has problems with drug overuse. Making the definitions of the different disorders more vague will increase the vulnerability and misuse of

drugs.

Lape didn't use drugs to overcome her grief. As for therapy, her family consoled her.

"Spending time with my family helped me through the grieving process," Lape said. "Talking about the things we used to do with her keeps her memory alive. She was my best friend, and she will always be with me."

While Lape supports a natural remedy, officials suggest otherwise.

The task force members of the APA, who are working to rewrite the manual, say that if people are seeking help, then they should get treatment that is covered by their insurance.

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## The wizarding world of philanthropy

Kacy Standohar  
FEATURES EDITOR

Before attending Youngstown State University, shy and soft-spoken Carissa Santangelo never thought about joining a student organization. She quietly read “Harry Potter” books and kept to herself.

“When kids read books, the book is their friend, so that’s why I am shy,” she said.

The inhibition sometimes remains, but the Room of Requirement club on campus allows Santangelo and her peers to come together with a mutual enjoyment of the “Harry Potter” books.

The Room of Requirement, a chapter of the Harry Potter Alliance charity organization, uses lessons learned in the “Harry Potter” books and applies them to charitable causes in the local area.

“Giving to others and being selfless are what we put toward the community to give back,” said Fiona Kelly, the club’s president. “We want to treat others well and do the right thing.”

Kelly and Santangelo organized a way to incorporate their favorite “Harry Potter” characters with community philanthropy.

Santangelo, a senior, planned an initiative called Dobby’s Sock Clothing Drive to collect and donate lightly used and new clothing for the Youngstown Area Goodwill Industries.

“Dobby is a character in ‘Harry



Room of Requirement President Fiona Kelly drops off clothing donations in the basement of Maag Library on Monday. Photo by Kacy Standohar/The Jambar.

Potter’ who has a terrible life,” Santangelo said. “But when Harry gives him a sock, he is freed from his slavery.”

Essentially, that’s the idea the members of the Room of Requirement have for their clothing drive — helping those who are less fortunate.

Donations will be accepted through March 6 at campus drop

boxes.

Kelly said the group was founded nearly five years ago and 20 members regularly attend.

During their Wednesday meetings at 7 p.m. in Kilcawley Center’s Jones Room, members read parts of the books, answer trivia for points and plan events. The Room of Requirement continues to plan fun-

draisers, events and even outdoor quidditch matches.

Kelly said she and most members follow a lot of the books’ teachings throughout their meetings and events.

“It should be used by the people who love it,” Kelly said. “One of my favorite quotes from a ‘Harry Potter’ book is, ‘Don’t judge a person by how they treat their equals. Judge them by how they treat their inferiors.’”

Both Kelly and Santangelo said the club gives them the opportunity to meet people they normally wouldn’t.

“It’s how I met all of my friends, because I am pretty shy,” Kelly said. “The best part about joining an extra curricular activity is the friendships that come out of it.”

Santangelo said leading a group and planning events hasn’t been difficult despite her shyness.

“We have some outgoing people, some shy and some in between. We’ve done many different service events ranging from helping a library run a children’s event to book drives,” she said. “Most people come into college a little scared, and I think joining a group and making friends helps people feel more comfortable in their own skin.”

Santangelo added that she thinks leading a group can be a challenge, regardless of personality.

“I think leading a group teaches people how to use their strengths and overcome their weaknesses,” she said. “But we’re a quirky group.”

## Learning technique could reduce social stressors

Chelsea Telega  
ARTS & ENTERTAINMENT EDITOR

Teachers are searching for a constructive way to emphasize the importance of self-worth within education, and a solution may have been found.

Faculty at several universities have studied how social and emotional learning techniques can improve students’ attitude and classroom behavior while reducing aggression and stress.

Youngstown State University will welcome Kimberly Schonert-Reichl to speak about social and emotional learning on Monday.

The main lecture will take place at 5:30 p.m. in McKay Auditorium, with mini informational sessions Monday at 2 p.m. and Tuesday at 9:30 a.m.

Schonert-Reichl is an applied developmental psychologist and an associate professor in educational and counseling psychology at the University of British Columbia.

For more than 20 years, she has worked to identify positive cognitive processes and traits, such as empathy and optimism, in children and adolescents. She is currently examining the effectiveness of social and emotional learning in classrooms.

Social and emotional learning is comprised of self-awareness, responsible

decision-making, relationship skills, self-management and social awareness.

Regina Rees, an assistant professor in teacher education, has worked with the Collaborative for Academic, Social and Emotional Learning Research; Schonert-Reichl serves on its board.

“We want everyone to know what social and emotional learning is and how it can benefit children and adults,” Rees said. “Research shows that if we can’t know our limitations and get along with others, you can’t get along in society.”

Along with Rees, Dora Bailey, Richard McEwing and Sylvia Imler comprise a team of YSU professors who study social and emotional learning.

CASEL consultant Patty Horsch works with YSU faculty to enforce this learning technique in the early stages of teaching.

“We are recognizing now that teachers need to know how to promote this before children enter school,” Horsch said. “It should be part of teacher curriculum and their training.”

McEwing said he is eager to have someone from off campus come in to validate the information he has given in class. He will be taking his class to see Schonert-



Reichl with the hope of emphasizing the importance of these lessons in day-to-day life.

“It all comes down to, ‘If I’m upset about something, do I scream and yell and hit, or do I think about a different way to deal with it?’” McEwing said. “It also connects to how you interact with people.”

Our first response as people, McEwing said, is to “attack, attack, attack,” instead of stressing what a person does right.

Rees said this seminar will not only highlight the positive aspects of children, but it will also provide prospective teachers and others working with children with the tools to manage anger.

“The people who would really be interested are psychology majors, social work majors, and human and ecology majors. Even busi-

ness majors would enjoy this,” Rees said.

That includes bullying. Rees said it is imperative that parents and teachers reach a level of understanding with the children they deal with.

She added that kids won’t be able to learn math and other subjects if they are dealing with these outside stressors.

“This is something that we all need, and if we start when they’re younger, then they’ll develop those habits, then maybe we won’t have things like road rage and dads shooting laptops,” Rees said in reference to an Internet video of a father shooting his daughter’s laptop after discovering that she insulted him on Facebook.

McEwing said bullying typically relates to self-image, and those who act as the

aggressor are unhappy with themselves and are looking to take it out on others.

“I think there is bullying in other venues. I think there are bosses that are bullies that bully their employees and those are always threatening behaviors,” McEwing said. “People want compliance just because they’re in a position of authority.”

Horsch, however, does not tie social and emotional learning specifically to bullying, but said it can help alleviate it. She said the learning style should be used to develop a sense of self-management to realize how goals can be met.

“Learning all of your emotions is very proactive. You do learn to have respect for others and a respect for diversity, develop a sense of empathy and be able to take someone else’s perspective,” Horsch said.



## Money well spent

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We're glad to see the projected \$10 million capital bump from the state's biennial budget being used wisely — or at least planned to be spent wisely.

The money is allocated for renovations for some of campus' less sightly buildings, like Melnick Hall.

When you think about it, basic renovations are the only practical way to spend it.

The proportion of money spent on infrastructure and basic renovations like roof repairs has increased about 8 percent since 2008. But until a 19 percent nosedive last year, major renovations were also on the rise.

If you discard the \$10 million for the shelved Kilcawley Center renovations, money for major renovation projects has actually been more than cut in half.

Those major renovations are a thing of the past. The money just isn't there.

Capital projects should include renovations for student facilities and not major upgrades.

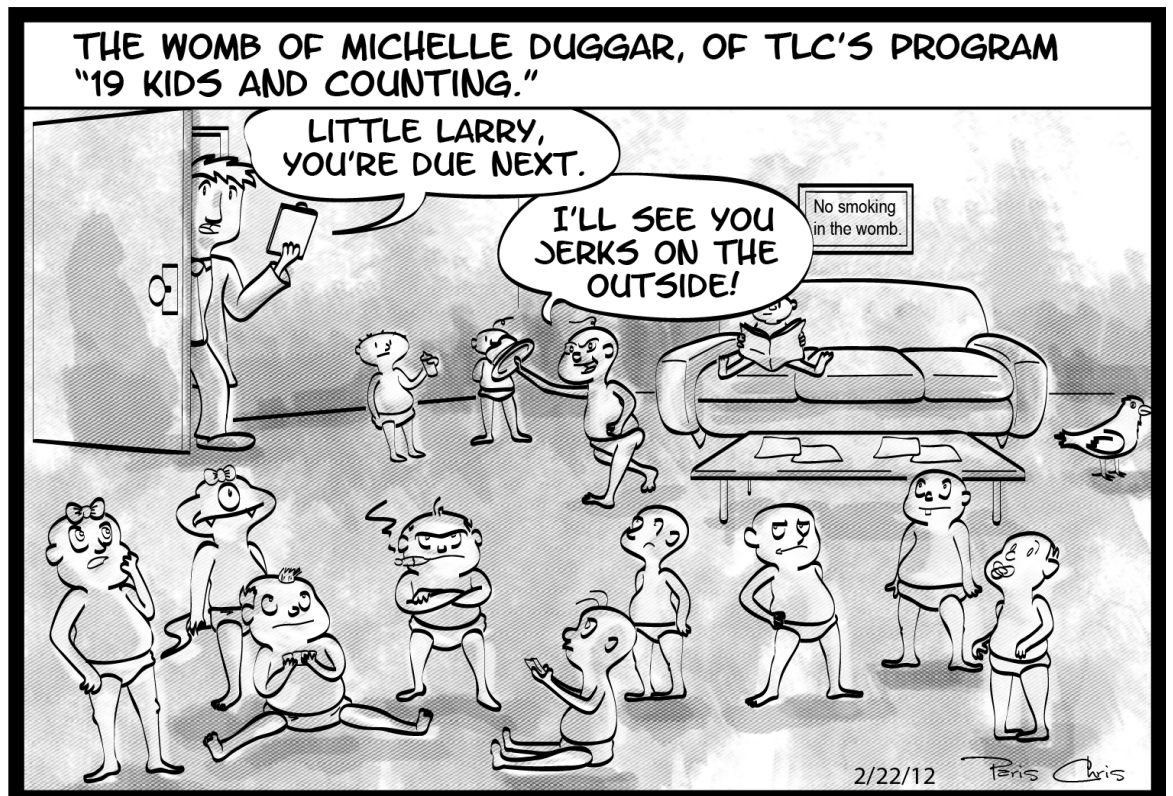
Students have spent too long in classrooms with faulty equipment, missing ceiling tiles, mismatched furniture, paint-chipped walls, spotted carpeting and bathrooms without sinks.

The Melnick Hall renovation, lighting for the campus core and exterior renovations to DeBartolo and Cushwa halls are a good start.

With this \$10 million bump from the state, our campus officials should find some way to get the ball rolling on the Kilcawley renovations.

The money has already been shifted for the renovation of academic buildings across campus, but the state funding increase should free up money in YSU's growing budget to fix the students' center.

## THE Jambar cartoon



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Jared Buker  
COLUMNIST

## What you don't know about Greek life

Two weeks ago, hazing was sort of an enigma; students outside the Greek system knew little about it, and campus officials were comfortable with their hazing policy and its effectiveness.

Out of sight, out of mind.

Suddenly, now it seems everyone fancies themselves experts on the topic, and people have grown panicked.

But as the Greek system remains staggered by the occurrence of an alleged hazing a fortnight ago, I think the best recipe for recovery requires a sound understanding of exactly what goes on behind closed fraternity doors.

Because the rituals of any Greek organization are considered sacred, however, that is not entirely possible.

There are things about the Greek system that most people don't fully understand, mostly because local media organizations, despite how often they have covered it, don't understand it either.

As former president of Alpha Phi Delta and co-chair for Greek Campus Life, I know a thing or two about the impact of hazing.

I would be lying to my readership and myself if I neglected to answer this: With the exception of Kappa Alpha Psi, which is currently under investigation due to a possible hazing, do the fraternities that remain a part of Youngstown State violently haze? No.

Does that mean entrance into a fraternity is typically a cakewalk that is always pleasant? Absolutely not.

Jack Fahey, vice president for student affairs, said he thinks Kappa Alpha Psi has outlier in terms of hazing at YSU, which I agree with wholeheartedly.

Nationally, Fahey said Kappa Alpha Psi has been notorious for violence.

"Frankly, I didn't know this kind of thing was still occurring in this day and age," he said. "It's an underground, secret kind of thing, and I was shocked that this sort of thing could happen at YSU."

Most people who have never experienced it directly have little to no idea what hazing even means. In contemporary fraternity life, it is much milder than what was reflected through the alleged actions of Kappa Alpha Psi and typically has nothing at all to do with physical violence.

O.J. Thomas was a member of Alpha Phi Delta from 1967 to 1971. Although we like to think

of those days as the "Thank you, sir. May I have another?" days, Thomas said the worst thing they ever did was make pledges smoke smelly Italian cigars.

"The things we used to do were bothersome things," he said. "It was kind of like harassment, but more or less it was supposed to be an inconvenience, and you build camaraderie while you're running around finishing tasks."

He added that, today, no one should ever be subject to something detrimental to his or her well-being.

"A few weeks after they start pledging, they're brothers," he said. "You certainly don't want to harm them or make them hate you."

Today, hazing is similar to the way high school senior athletes treat freshmen. Though violence has no place, the idea is to test one's mental strength and ability to work as a team, help them learn about the fraternity's history and its brothers, and make sure they balance it all with school as the most important thing.

This kind of hazing exists as a right of passage and an intense learning process.

As you struggle through the process, you not only form an unbreakable bond with your pledge brothers, but you simultaneously prove through and through your loyalty to the letters you wish to someday wear.

I don't believe this kind of hazing will ever go away, and not just because of the fraternalism it helps create, but because no campus will ever be able to target such a well-kept secret without discontinuing its entire Greek system.

That doesn't mean the perception of hazing and the practice of it won't change; it certainly has. If a fraternity member at Kent State University calls an interested student a "pledge," that is considered hazing and is punishable by suspension.

At a press conference two weeks ago, YSU President Cynthia Anderson spoke of YSU's "Animal House" days and said they were over. That may be true as far as hazing, but those were the days where membership in a fraternity often meant you were ambitious and destined for success.

That, unfortunately, isn't always true anymore. And the perception people now have of YSU fraternities as violent and wild certainly won't help attract the bright

minds we need.

The other thing the media, and even the campus itself, fails to recognize is that there are actually two separate Greek systems: one traditionally white and one traditionally black.

It is not a matter of race, but instead, a matter of structure; while all of the white fraternities and sororities meet each week through a committee called Greek Campus Life, the black fraternities and sororities meet through the National Pan-Hellenic Council, Inc.

But NPHC hasn't been meeting as consistently as it has in the past, and that has left the black fraternities and sororities lacking a bit of structure during a time when they need it the most.

This great divide in the Greek system has existed for some time, and there really hasn't been enough of an attempt to squash that disconnect and bring everyone together.

I believe Greek Campus Life meetings should be inclusive and should meet weekly, and I think white and black fraternities and sororities should work to incorporate each other into their philanthropic events, mixers and rush weeks.

But things like hazing tend to bring this racial disconnect to the forefront, and at the press conference, the Greek system expressed its support for an eclectic Greek life with no racial separation.

There is an all-Greek mixer on campus Tuesday at 5 p.m. — the first of its kind.

I think that's a good start, but if it doesn't unite the entire Greek system like it should, I hope the local media digs a bit deeper into YSU's Greek life and makes the necessary distinctions. Without it, an incident on one side of the system will end up branding the other half and stunting its growth.

If we all could meet as one and discuss things like hazing collectively, I wonder if the situation the Greek system is currently facing would have been different, or perhaps, would not have happened at all.

There now seems to be great potential for a totally united Greek system on our campus, but Carrie Anderson, Pan-Hellenic adviser, said she believes there is much work to be done by the students themselves.

"I want it to happen," she said. "But I can't want it more than the students."

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## 'The Bull' bucks to West Coast *Local boxing star returns to the ring*

Steve Wilaj  
REPORTER

Keith Burnside watched as his young fighter threw punches in flurries similar to the snow falling outside the Ironman Warehouse gym in Youngstown.

As Jake "The Bull" Giuriceo continuously tortured the home-made uppercut bag, a heavy punching bag hung sideways, Burnside said confidently to himself, "He's ready."

Burnside, Giuriceo's trainer, was referring to the March 10 bout that will match Giuriceo against Jaime Orrantia in Orange County, Calif., at the Doubletree Hotel.

"We've been training for four weeks — hard training," Burnside said. "He looks really good sparring. ... He's ready to go."

### Return of 'The Bull'

This will be Giuriceo's first fight since winning the UBO All-America Lightweight Championship belt in November.

Although he said he was happy with his success in 2011, Giuriceo (14-0-1) noticed a lack of aggressiveness while fine-tuning his boxing skills. As a result, he has made it his top priority to "bring back 'The Bull'" in 2012.

"I want to get back to being 'The Bull,' which is a crowd-pleasing style that I have," Giuriceo said. "It's just that aggressive, coming forward, staying in a guy's chest the whole time [style]."

Evidence suggests "The Bull" is, indeed, back. During a recent sparring session with Burnside, Giuriceo attacked with a high level of tenacity.

"That's how we always fought — then we went into boxing," Burnside said. "Now I want him to get in that pressure point. I want him to pressure every fighter. I don't want him backing up."

Giuriceo will not abandon his boxing skills, though.

"I feel like we're right back where we started, only with 100 times more boxing skills," Giuriceo said. "We've developed a lot, but we can also go right back to our roots. It's a beautiful thing."

### Challenging beginning

Boxing hasn't always been attractive to Giuriceo. As an amateur, he was rejected when Burnside sent him to other local



Jake "The Bull" Giuriceo trains on Feb. 11 in Youngstown at Ironman Warehouse. Giuriceo fights Jaime Orrantia on March 10 in Orange County, Calif., but it will not be for Giuriceo's Universal Boxing Organization All-American Lightweight title. Photo By Joe Catullo Jr./The Jambar.

boxing gyms.

"He just kept coming back," Burnside said. "It's sort of like these other gyms blew him off. All of a sudden, he started walking up my drive at 7 in the morning to work out every day."

Burnside was tough on him so he could see how serious Giuriceo was about boxing.

"He'd walk home. I wouldn't give him a ride," he added.

Determined to prove himself, the walks turned into jogs, and the workouts became intense.

"This kid would do one-minute [boxing] drills. It'd be 90 degrees out in the summertime, and he'd be throwing-up," Burnside said. "He'd tell me, 'Stop the watch,' go throw up, come back and hit the bag again."

Burnside said that is when he realized he was training someone special.

"The kid got heart. I said, 'This kid's gonna be something one day.'"

Giuriceo's heart can be traced back to his Campbell roots. Always in fights as a kid, he said the streets shaped his toughness.

"I got into a lot of trouble and a lot of fights, so streetwise, it turned me into a pretty tough kid," said Giuriceo, a Campbell Memorial High School graduate. "That's kind of how God used [the streets] to turn me into

a boxer."

### Life change

Though the Campbell streets turned Giuriceo into a boxer, they did not form him into the man he is today.

"I think I got shaped into being a man when I gave my life to the Lord," he said.

The Rev. Albert Yanno of the Youngstown Metro Assembly of God has assisted in Giuriceo's life change.

"Whether it's working or in the ring, working out, or working on his relationship with God, it's all or nothing," said Yanno, who met Giuriceo two years ago and said he considers him an inspiration.

"We kind of sharpen each other," he added.

As for Giuriceo's fight against Orrantia, Yanno is confident "The Bull" will take care of business.

"It's hard to defeat Jake because he never gives up. He's always on the attack in the ring," Yanno said. "I don't know much about the guy he's fighting other than he's very experienced."

Orrantia, 30, has a record of 26-24-5.

The Giuriceo team does not know much else about him.

"How do you say that guy's name we're fighting?" Burnside asked Giuriceo.

"Man, I don't know," Giuriceo replied.

Still, they do consider him a

dangerous opponent.

"I can just look at his record and tell that he has a lot of experience. He's a durable guy," Giuriceo said. "They are the most dangerous kind of fighters, I believe. ... I just got to be ready for anything."

### Time to 'step up'

Giuriceo, 27, is ready for a promoter and is expecting two to be at the fight. Fourteen of his first 15 professional fights were either in or near the Youngstown area; a promoter could market Giuriceo nationally.

"We want to get him out on the road, fighting somewhere where nobody knows us," Burnside said. "We got to start stepping it up."

"I want to be presentable to anyone, anywhere," Giuriceo said. "[The promoter] would say, 'Hey, we got a fight for this title, do you want to go for it?' because they know I'll sell tickets anywhere, not just in Youngstown."

Giuriceo said he would not overlook Orrantia, even with career-bolstering opportunities looming. Even so, Giuriceo said he's in excellent condition and expects to leave Orange County 15-0-1.

"I just got to come and be me 100 percent," Giuriceo said. "I feel that if I bring my 'A' game, I don't think this guy's gonna stand a chance."

### Horizon League Standings

#### Men's Basketball

- 1 Valparaiso
- 2 Cleveland State
- 3 Detroit  
Butler
- 5 Youngstown State
- 6 Milwaukee
- 7 Green Bay
- 8 Wright State
- 9 UIC
- 10 Loyola

#### Women's Basketball

- 1 Green Bay
- 2 Wright State
- 3 Detroit
- 4 UIC
- 5 Butler
- 6 Loyola
- 7 Cleveland State
- 8 Valparaiso
- 9 Youngstown State
- 10 Milwaukee

### Penguin Spotlight



**Casey Crozier**

Height: 5' 10"  
Year: Sophomore  
Hometown: Valpo., Ind.  
High School: Valparaiso  
Position: Pitcher

Sophomore Casey Crozier earned two wins between Friday and Saturday as the softball team went 2-1 in the opening weekend. She allowed three runs (one earned), struck out 10 batters and allowed five hits over the two games. She pitched a complete game against the University of North Carolina Wilmington on Friday in the season opener, allowing one run and two hits. Last year, Crozier went 12-11 with a 3.24 ERA, 153.1 innings pitched and 97 strikeouts.

### Upcoming Games

#### Men's Basketball

**Feb. 23**  
Wright State  
Beeghly Center  
7 p.m.

**Feb. 25**  
Detroit  
Beeghly Center  
2 p.m.

#### Women's Basketball

**Feb. 23**  
at Wright State  
7 p.m.

**Feb. 25**  
at Detroit  
2 p.m.

**March 3**  
at Cleveland State  
2 p.m.

## End of the road

*Penguins look to gain momentum heading into HL tourney*

Nick Mancini  
SPORTS REPORTER

It is crunch time for the Youngstown State University basketball teams.

The women hit the road for games against Wright State University on Thursday and the University of Detroit Mercy on Saturday.

The men finish their season at home with a pair of games against the same two opponents.

The men are coming off a 71-68 loss to Austin Peay University in the Bracket-Busters game. Sophomore guard Kendrick Perry said in Monday's press conference that the team didn't rebound well enough in that game to win.

"I am going to put the blame on us, the guards," Perry said. "Those 50-50 balls, we let get away. We grab two or three of those balls, it could be a different ball game."

Head men's basketball coach Jerry Slocum said during the press conference that he doesn't believe fatigue is a factor this late in the season.

"These guys have been going since Oct. 15," Slocum said. "All that said, I think our guys are fresh. I am not saying last week wasn't long or hard. I don't think we played poorly; I think we played pretty well."

The Penguins will look to rebound at home, something Perry is looking forward to, even though the Penguins have had a few rough games at Beeghly Center.

"It is always easier to play two homes games instead of two road games," Perry said. "Our crowd gives us energy. But sometimes we haven't showed up at home. We just have to go out there as a team and

do what we know we can do."

Perry added that the team has struggled sometimes after big wins. Slocum said he wishes he could fix that problem.

"If I knew that, or could have put my finger on that, we wouldn't have been in those positions," Slocum said. "I think after a big win, we have gotten a little full of ourselves, maybe forgot about the little things we have to do to win our games."

A number of scenarios could result from the team finishing high enough in the Horizon League to host a tournament game, but Perry said he doesn't let himself get caught up in that.

If everything falls into place for the Penguins, they could finish as high as second place in the conference.

"I just see it as we have Wright State on Thursday and Detroit on Saturday," Perry said. "If we take care of those two games, then everything will work out."

Slocum agreed with Perry's sentiments and said he is focused on Wright State and Detroit.

"Our emphasis has been to just get better," Slocum said. "We have a great test this week. Wright State is the hardest working team in our league. They work hard every possession."

A few weeks ago, Slocum said to look out for Butler University to make a run, but said that Detroit is more talented.

"Detroit arguably has the best talent in the league," Slocum said. "They are the most talented group in the league, hands down. Whether they play together is another thing."

Butler is the defending national runner up for the past two seasons.

Slocum said whatever happens this week, it will be fun to watch.

"This is an important basketball week-

end for us," Slocum said. "We are excited to be home. It is good to finish the season at home."

The women also have a chance to host a home tournament game. Head women's basketball coach Bob Boldon said in the press conference that he is excited at that prospect.

"I think it would be great for us — for the community — to play a home conference tournament [game]," Boldon said. "It would be a really exciting atmosphere. Our fans have been spectacular all year."

In the press conference, junior forward Brandi Brown said the results will show if the team works hard the entire game.

"I think if we come ready to work and ready to play, the chances of us winning and having a great game are that much higher," Brown said. "If we come in ready for 40 minutes, we can win games."

Boldon said this final stretch of the season is why they played the tough road games early in the season.

"That was 100 percent the point," Boldon said. "I guess we are going to find out very soon if that worked out and if it will pay off soon."

The Penguins are coming off a heart-breaking home loss to the University of Wisconsin-Green Bay, 77-72, in overtime. YSU led by nine with under a minute left before losing the lead.

However, Boldon said he was happy with his team's effort.

"It is just so unfortunate situations happened down the stretch that we let it get away," he said. "Offensively, we are showing more confidence game after game. Defensively, it has been kind of hit or miss. We know we have to clean up our defense if we want to make an impact down the stretch."