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Building business



Walsh helps grow entrepreneurship at YSU

Kevin Alquist News reporter

Since 2008, Donna Walsh has been helping students realize their potential as entrepreneurs.

Walsh, the program director of the Nathan H. and Frances T. Monus Entrepreneurship Center, which is housed within in the Williamson College of Business Administration, has worked with student entrepreneurs to make their visions become realities by helping them make advancements in business as a marketing instructor.

"We're here to lend business planning and entrepreneurial expertise to anyone on campus who needs it," Walsh said.

Sophomore Dan Warnick developed a mobile application that locates and rates public restrooms after taking an introductory business class taught by Walsh.

Walsh is also working with 52-year-old Jim Tricomi, who started his own DJ business with the help of the Small Business Development Center and the Ohio Microenterprise and Customized Employment Demonstration Project.

Most recently, Walsh worked to develop a new minor in entrepreneurship that will help students 'Hopefully, we can just get some wins'

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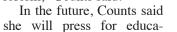
After 11 years of combined service, two members of the Youngstown State University Board of Trustees leave vacancies at the angular desk in Tod Hall.

Millicent S. Counts, whose tenure as a trustee spanned nine years, spent most of her time advocating for the Youngstown Early

College. She said this is one of her fondest memories of her rewarding time as a trustee.

"[YEC] has been a model in the nation's quest for education

reform," Counts said. In the future, Counts said



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tion equality for minorities and economically disadvantaged youth, and will always remain а YSU supporter and

a "proud Penguin." She has been a dedicated board member," Sudershan Garg, chairman of the

COUNTS

board, said before passing a resolution of appreciation in Counts' honor.

Student trustee Ryan Meditz also saw his tenure Ryan come to an end.

"The biggest thing I took out of this is seeing the backend operations of the university," Meditz said.

Garg highlighted Meditz's trustee attendance of while meetings juggling



Students react to shale mino

Jordan D. Uhl NEWS EDITOR

To capitalize on the shale industry, the Youngstown State University Board of Trustees formally passed a resolution creating the Natural Gas and Water Resources Institute during a Wednesday meeting.

Sudershan Garg, chairman of the board, said a need for the institute existed, and its implementation helps YSU stay ahead of the curve.

The institute, which will provide students with the opportunity to take on a shale industry minor, will be open to all students.

Taylor Monroe, a freshman mechanical engineering major, said it's possible that he could adopt the minor. He has paid attention to recent developments regarding potential for job creation, as well as injection wells causing earthquakes.

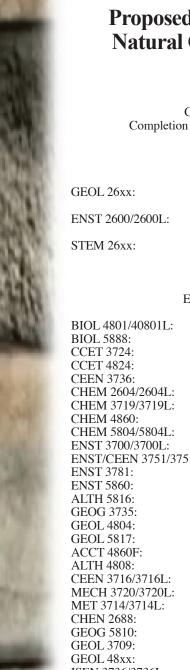
"I feel if it can be done safely, they should go ahead and do it," Monroe said of the industry.

Although electrical engineering major Tim Irland said his environmental concerns and busy school schedule prevent him from enrolling in the minor, he joined Monroe and others in applauding the university's initiative to provide students with an opportunity to make themselves more appealing to potential employers.

"This is pretty big," junior engineering major Eric Stout said. "It will help out a lot of people."

Monroe questioned the longevity of shale production in the area, but said that students who take the 20 credit hours required for the minor will benefit from it.

'This was definitely a good move on the university's part," Monroe said.



Proposed Curriculum for Minor in Natural Gas and Water Resources

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Completion of MATH 1513 (or equivalent) Completion of CHEM 1515/L and CHEM 1516/L (or equivalent)

CORE COURSES: (8 s.h.)

Introduction to Natural Gas and Water Resources, 3 s.h. Foundations of Environmental Studies and Lab. 4 s.h. Natural Gas and Water Resources Seminar 1 s.h.

ELECTIVE COURSES: (12 s.h. minimum)

Senior Thesis. 3 s.h.

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Music program to hire keyboard instructor



Cicilia Yudha answers students' questions at a Q-and-A session on March 6. Yudha is one of three candidates for the Dana School of Music's full-time keyboard instructor position. Photo by Josh Medore/The Jambar.

Josh Medore reporter

It's been a long time since the Dana School of Music had a full-time keyboard instructor.

"It has been at least 15 years," said Caroline Oltmanns, chairwoman of the committee responsible for finding a new keyboard instructor. "There hasn't been one since I've been here."

That will change soon.

The Dana School of Music is interviewing three candidates for the position: Mary Lynne Bennett, Cicilia Yudha and Jennifer Muniz.

Bennett teaches at Fairmont State University. She attended Oberlin College and earned bachelor's degrees in music education and biopsychology, and also received a master's degree in piano pedagogy from West Chester University. Additionally, Bennett has a doctorate in piano pedagogy from the University of South Carolina.

Since earning her degrees, Bennett has spent the past nine years teaching group piano, applied piano and music education methods. What sets her apart from other teachers, she it can be useful in instruction." Yudha came to the U.S. from Indonesia at the age of 15. She attended the Cleveland Institute of Music and the New England Conservatory of

Music.

She is a candidate to receive her doctorate in musical arts from the University of North Carolina at Greensboro. Yudha said her ability to "care for [students'] well-being, the learning process and outcomes" is what separates her from others in the field.

"I care in which ways they can contribute positively to their communities," she said.

Muniz was the final candidate to visit YSU. She teaches at Indiana University South Bend. Before IUSB, Muniz taught at the Manhattan School of Music, the University of Notre Dame and Goshen College.

The size and prominence of YSU's Dana School of Music attracted her, Muniz said.

She added that her versatility in the classroom is an asset.

"I also teach theory [and] aural skills, coach singers and instrumentalists, and perform solo and chamber concerts," Muniz said.

The final three candidates were selected from a field of nearly 60 applicants. The interview process includes teaching a class and holding a Q-and-A session with students.

"I think once [the students] have somebody who is as qualified as what we are thinking of hiring, they really will enjoy it," Oltmanns said.

Dean La Salandra, a music education major, said he expects "understanding, empathy and patience" from the new teacher.

Bennett, the first to visit YSU, said she is excited about the opportunity to join the Dana School of Music.

"When I visited campus for the first time, I enjoyed meeting the music faculty [and] administrators. And all of the students were very helpful and enthusiastic. Everyone made me feel very welcome," Bennett said.

But the friendly atmosphere isn't what caught her attention, she added.

"Youngstown State is a mid-size school with a thriving school of music in a small-town setting. It seemed ... right for me," Bennett said.

Muniz agreed, noting that the "energy in Bliss Hall was vibrant and lively," and that she would feel honored to be offered a position at YSU.

As of 2:30 p.m. Monday,

YSU to expand use of retention software

Marissa McIntyre Assistant news editor

The trial period of the Starfish Retention Software has proved successful, and with that, officials at Youngstown State University have decided to expand the use of the software to incoming freshmen come summer.

The software allows instructors, advisers and peer mentors to identify areas of improvement for students and share it with them and other teachers.

"Most all universities have a way of making students feel special — like they're not just a number," said Jonelle Beatrice, director of the YSU Center for Student Progress. "To me, that's the benefit of this system."

She said it will be applied as an early warning system to acknowledge the problem before it's too late.

Jack Fahey, ombudsperson and vice president for student affairs, used it in his Reading and Study Skills class, and said the students responded well.

"The magic of the software is you can either raise a flag or give kudos," Fahey said.

When a flag is raised, it notifies the student about a problem area. Kudos is given when a student has performed well in a specific area.

Fahey and Beatrice said students have thanked them because it helped keep them on track.

"It takes a village to raise

a student' kind of thing," Fahey said.

Beatrice said student privacy shouldn't be a concern because professors can only view information of the students on their roster.

"Our business is student success, and we have access to certain information because it's our job," Beatrice said.

Jeanne Herman, university registrar, said she is happy with YSU's decision to choose Starfish.

Herman said accessibility improvements to the software have been made since it was introduced in the summer.

"We chose this because it allows us to reach out to the students rather than the students reaching to us," Herman said.

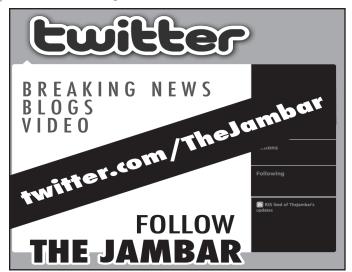
Incoming freshmen, however, will not be the only students affected by the software.

"At one point, we would like to expand to the entire university," Beatrice said. "We understand that it's not only freshmen that feel anonymous and could use the attention."

She said she hopes the end result will bring higher retention and graduation rates to the university.

According to csocollegecenter.org, 35 percent of YSU students graduate within six years. YSU Institutional Research reported that the fallto-fall retention rate has been steadily decreasing over the last six years and is currently at 62 percent.

Additional reporting by Sarah Perrine.



said, is that she embraces "the use of music technology where

Oltmanns said via email that a decision hadn't been made yet.

Uneasy feeling for those at Rutgers with links to India in wake of verdict in bullying case

The Record мст

NEW BRUNSWICK, N.J. The trial and subsequent conviction of Dharun Ravi drew national attention for its implications for privacy and anti-gay bias on college campuses. But many in the Indian community watched intently for another reason: The man on trial was one of their own.

In a community with a reputation for being highly educated, highly successful and low-key, the trial, some members said Friday, brought an unfamiliar and sometimes uncomfortable attention.

Rutgers University freshman Maunik Patel said he feared Indians will now be viewed differently in society.

"Before, they used to think we were the quiet ones," said Patel, who is majoring in mechanical and aerospace engineering. "We're the ones that are bullied."

Journalist Arthur Pais covered the Ravi trial extensively for India Abroad, a publication that focuses on Indians in the region, often featuring the stories of barrier-breakers like Kamala Harris, California's first Indian attorney general, the late astronaut Kalpana Chawla or New Jersey's own former Transportation Commissioner Kris Kolluri.

Ravi's story, Pais said, was intriguing for its human dimension. It was an immigrant story that took a tragic turn.

"Here is a guy who is an immigrant guy, coming as an immigrant student _ and what is the immigration dream? Why do people come to this country?" he said. "For better education, better jobs, and at the prime of your life, (this) happens."

Pais said some Indians struggled with the possible stain on a community that tries to serve as good role models.

"When something like this happens, they say, 'Oh it's a bad name to the community,' " Pais said, adding that it is not unlike the feeling in Arab or Middle Eastern communities after Sept. 11.

"Immigrant groups felt vulnerable," Pais said. "We are expected to be role models and these things happen and it could be one or two or three individuals and the entire community is suspected. They're typecast."

Pais said there has been a great sense of compassion for Ravi's family.

"The father, if you looked at him and made eye contact, he would give a little smile, and he doesn't know me at all. I just nodded my head, like saying hello," he said. "But the mother was always, from Day One, there was no expression on her face. It was a very sad and tense face."

Pais said the immigrant community is sensitive to the reputation in its adopted land, but also to the shame brought on family back home.

"This is a tragedy for both families. One family lost a son and the other family has to deal with a loss of their reputation, and no one knows what the future holds for this young man."

Hillsborough resident Kranthi Bayya agreed. She said many Indians were drawn to the trial by their common Indian heritage and the fact that many Indian families have a child at Rutgers. But Bayya, the mother of a 7-year-old boy, said it is her role as a parent that most drew her to the trial.

"My perspective is really as a mom," said Bayya, 40. "On a dayto-day basis, I'm teaching my son academics and basics in life. You think you've done a good job until something like this happens."

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Social Work *Day scheduled* for Friday

Victoria Marion, president of the Ohio chapter of the National Association of Social Workers, will speak at Social Work Day, which is scheduled for Friday from 8:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. in the Chestnut Room of Kilcawley Center. Marion will speak at 9:45 a.m., while Danielle Smith, executive director of the Ohio chapter of NASW, will talk about "The Legacy of Social Work" at 8:50 a.m. Dennis Morawski, chairman of YSU's department of social work, and Bradley Smith, director of Ohio NASW Region IV, will also speak. The event is held in recognition of March's designation as Social Work Month.

Documentaries to *be screened for* Women's History Month

As part of YSU's celebration of Women's History Month, both "The Educa-tion of Shelby Knox" – a documentary about a teenage girl who joins a campaign for comprehensive sex education in Lubbock, Texas, high schools - and "Sex + Money: A National Search for Human Worth" — a documentary about domestic minor sex trafficking and the modern-day abolitionist movement fighting to stop it - will be shown this week. "The Education of Shelby Knox" will be screened in Beeghly Hall's McKay Auditorium on Thursday at 4 p.m., while "Sex + Money' will be shown in Room 132 of DeBartolo Hall on Friday at 4 p.m.

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understand the entrepreneurial process, along with the problems and challenges in the business world

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Walsh anticipates that the 18-credit-hour minor will be available in the fall, but said that students who have taken classes like Exploring Business and Elementary Accounting have already completed some of the necessary coursework for the minor.

"Entrepreneurship is not officially a minor yet, but the initial courses are available now," Walsh said.

Tony Kos, assistant professor of management, said he doesn't anticipate any problems that would prevent the minor from being available in the fall.

"We're running it through curriculum review right now, and we hope to have it approved by the academic senate in the near future," Kos said.

The idea of the minor excites Walsh because she said it is not exclusive to business majors; students from all majors are showing interest.

"Any student in any major across campus, if any student has an interest in, or thinks that some day they may own their own business, this is an outstanding minor," Walsh said.

The proposed coursework, which includes a class in business plan development, will help bring students' ideas to the table and give them a platform.

"It's kind of like completing your coursework and making [your ideas] a reality as you take them," Walsh said.

Walsh added that by the time students complete the minor, they will be ready to launch their proposed business plan.

"Any idea for starting a business fits," Walsh said. "If they want to make it real, they will be ready for it."

Kos added that entrepreneurship is a popular topic in the business world.

"Business people are looking to start their own business, and companies are interested in hiring people with their own ideas," Kos said.

Walsh said the recent addition to the WCBA has increased the growth of the program.

"The new building has been tremendously helpful," Walsh said. "It's much easier with everyone and everything business being in one building.

Walsh also helped bring college radio to the Youngstown community with Rookery Radio

In 2009, she began working with communications professor Adam Earnheardt and his students to bring the project to life.

"Donna took our ideas and applied the necessary business strategies," Earnheardt said. "The content was, and still is, up to the students, but my initial ideas were brought to life because she knew what to do with them."

Earnheardt added that Rookery Radio wouldn't have been possible without Walsh's input.

EDITOR'S NOTE: Jim Tricomi could not be reached for comment.

BOARD PAGE 1

smoker with no pets.

extracurricular activities and maintaining a 4.0 GPA.

Throughout tense faculty union contract negotiations, Meditz said he felt caught in the middle of a dispute.

"There were a couple situations where I'd hear professors make comments, but [they] were very understanding that I am a student [first]," Meditz said.

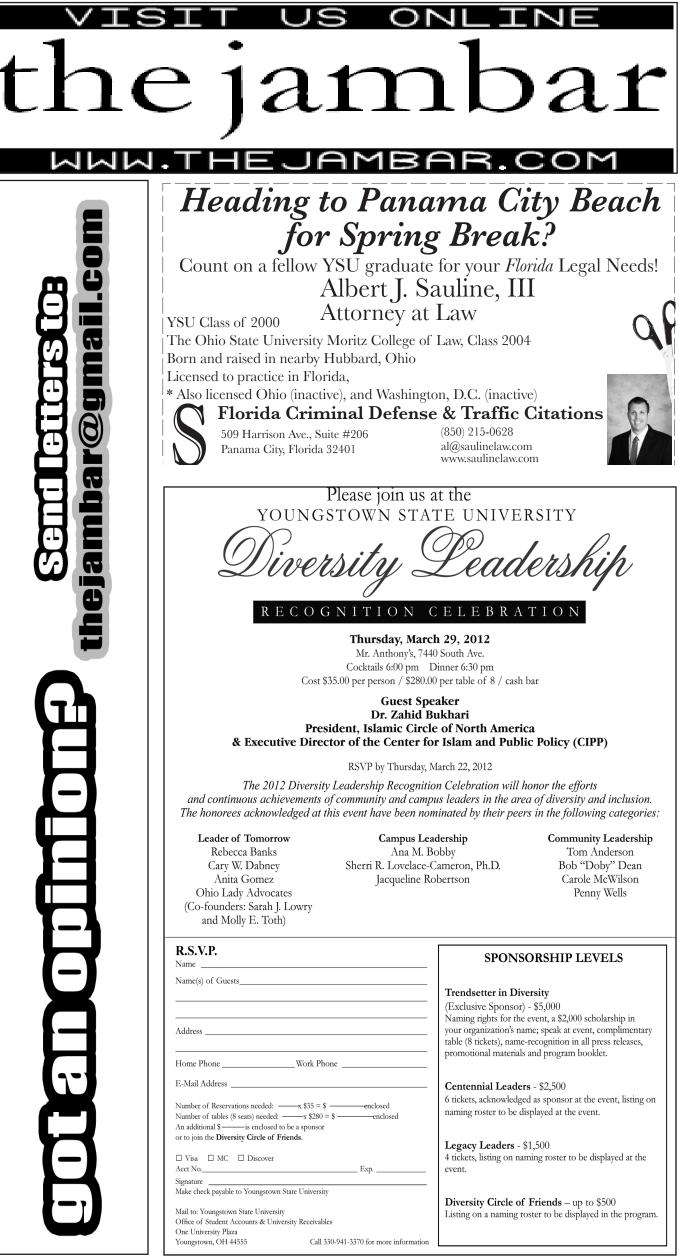
Finally, the board nominated its officers for the next fiscal year. Should the nominations be accepted in June, Garg will remain the chairman, John Jakubek will remain as vice chairman and Franklin Bennett will keep his position as secretary.

Regarding his vision for next year, Garg said, "The economy is improving, but the future is uncertain."

Garg added that the university must work on improving minor-

ity graduation rates, increase graduate enrollment and "enhance our image as an urban research university.'

The board will reconvene in June, when it will review the 2013 fiscal budget. Proposals of a 3.5 percent tuition increase and a mandatory transportation fee for students with more than five credit hours have already been discussed with clear intentions of their inclusion.



sity police officer on routine patrol in the M-1 parking deck noticed three juvenile males skateboarding in the basement level. The officer explained the city's skateboarding laws, as well as YSU's skateboarding regulations, and then issued all three juveniles written trespass warnings. The juveniles said they understood the warnings, signed them and apologized to YSU Police before being released without incident.

Police arrest man drinking beer on campus

On Wednesday afternoon, YSU Police received a call from the YSU Center for Student Progress concerning an intoxicated man who was sitting on a bench outside of the CSP and drinking a beer. The man was unable to stand without assistance and was unsteady on his feet. Additionally, his words were slurred, his eyes were bloodshot and his breath smelled like alcohol. YSU Police told the man he was under arrest for open container and for disorderly conduct/public intoxication. The man told YSU Police he was cutting through campus en route to the main branch of the public library, saw open seating on the inner campus core and thought he would drink some of his beer there. Subsequently, he was also given a criminal trespass warning for being on YSU property. The man's brother picked him up from the station.

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UC pepper-spray report stays partly sealed

Contra Costa Times МСТ

OAKLAND, Calif. The University of California can release most of an investigative report on a University of California, Davis police officer's pepper-spraying of Occupy protesters, an Alameda County judge ruled Friday.

But portions of the report must remain under seal until police officers' privacy arguments have been considered, Alameda County Superior Court Judge Evilio Grillo said following a hearing.

UC lawyers did not immediately say when - or if - they would make public the partial report, which was the result of an investigation by a panel led by former California Supreme Court Justice Cruz Reynoso.

"It may or may not make sense for us to release the report in a piecemeal fashion," University of California attorney Charles Robinson told reporters after the hearing. A UC spokesman later said the university would wait for Grillo to finalize his order Monday before making a decision.

Lawyers for Lt. John Pike, the officer who sprayed the seated protesters, and other UC Davis officers argued Friday that the examination led by Reynoso essentially amounted to an internal-affairs investigation. State law requires that certain informa-

tion in investigations of police actions be kept confidential, the lawyers said.

Grillo appeared skeptical about the officers' claims. He repeatedly asked their attorneys why parts of the report - including officers' names - should be kept private if the university was not going to use it to punish them. Robinson, UC's attorney, said the UC Davis police department was separately investigating six to 10 of its officers.

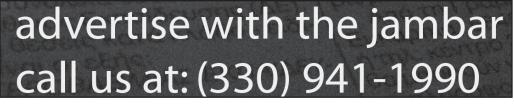
Officers were forced to answer questions from

investigators at Kroll, a private firm hired by UC, said Michael Morguess, an attorney for the police officers. Because the order came from the UC Davis police chief, he said, the investigation is equivalent to an internal-affairs inquiry.

"They did not talk to Kroll on their own," he said. "This was not information that was voluntarily given."

Although Pike's name, as well as widely viewed videos of the pepper-spraying, have been publicized, the names of other officers involved in the incident should be kept secret, the lawyers said. Pike had threats and nearly 10,000 text messages and emails a week following the Nov. 18 incident, they said.

Police and university attorneys will try to agree before a March 28 hearing on whether any of the sealed portions of the report can be released.



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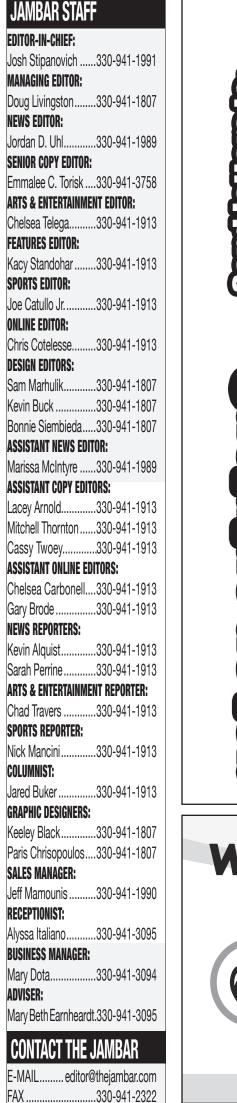
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Opinion



The Jambar Editorial board

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With Tennessee, Pennsylvania and Illinois state governments adopting or proposing programs that urge college institutions to increase graduation and retention rates, Ohio can't be far behind, especially when we consider our government's track record on proposing or implementing merit-based programs such as Jobs Ohio, Teach for America and, that dirty catchphrase, Senate Bill 5.

Funding colleges on a performancebased measurement could be the answer to budgetary constraints, but what lengths would an institution go to in order to ensure that students stick around for a cap and gown?

Starfish. That's the measure YSU employs.

It's a comprehensive program that catalogs each student's deficiencies and shares them with the appropriate personnel.

But students have rights — mainly a right to privacy.

According to the company's website, Starfish "addresses FERPA," and the company's software programs "automatically mine any existing data" and "encourage the campus community to report concerns — whether these concerns are seen in the classroom, residence halls, advising offices or elsewhere."

While a student's private information may not be shared with the public, a lover's quarrel in the hallway, depression from the loss of a family member, an ugly disagreement with a teacher or any issue that one might not consider sharing will be "automatically" distributed to faculty, advisers and counselors once witnessed and entered into the system.

Starfish flagged 162,000 "at-risk" students in 2011, according to a company press release. That's 162,000 students who were forced to discuss the issues that led to their poor academic performance. That could also include students who would have preferred not to talk about personal issues with a handful of strangers.

We ask that instructors using the system approach each case delicately. Perhaps employing the subtler and more tactful "heywhat's-the-matter?" approach could diffuse **TUESDAY, MARCH 20, 2012**

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Cartoon by Paris Chrisopoulos/The Jambar.

Santorum the theocrat

Rick Santorum says American law should never violate biblical commands and often it doesn't. For example, both prohibit murder and theft. Yet, the conflicts are enormous.

American law nourishes capitalism, while the Bible would destroy it by commanding us to sell all we own and give the proceeds to the poor. The Constitution protects freedom of religion, while the Bible requires death for non-believers. Pre-marital sex is not a crime in the United States, but the Bible says women who are not virgins at the time of marriage must be executed. It is not against the law to work on the Sabbath in the United States, but the Bible proclaims death to Sabbath-workers.

And the list goes on and on.

What Santorum advocates is theocracy, a form of government which claims to represent God's will as found in scripture. It was tried in the American colonies until the Constitution outlawed it, and it is in effect today in such countries as Afghanistan and Iran. A common result of theocracy is merciless suppression of even the most basic human rights, religious hatred and violence spanning centuries, and death and more death.

Do Americans really want the United States to go down that road under President Santorum? Probably not, but lest we grow complacent, he is winning primaries while the media virtually ignores his theocratic blueprint for the United States.

GEORGE KISER BLOOMINGTON, ILL. (Kiser is a recently retired professor from Illinois State University, where he taught politics and government for 35 years.)

How will it end in Afghanistan?

Los Angeles Times

This has been one of the worst fortnights in the increasingly unhappy 10{-year Afghan war for NATO and, above all, the United States and its ally, Britain. up in Kunduz, Mazar-i-Sharif or even Kabul.

The hemorrhaging IED and suicide-bomb attacks - like the assassination in September of Karzai's top peace negotiator former Afghan President Burhanuddin Rabbani, by a supposed peace envoy with a bomb hidden in his turban — has generated a climate of fear and pessimism. The assassin is said to have been dispatched by the Taliban, who, with its backers, the ISI, are probably the only optimists in Afghanistan. The ISI sees its long-term strategy of manipulating the Taliban insurgency to install a pro-Pakistan government in Kabul as finally paying off. For this observer, a foreign correspondent for Reuters and Independent Television News for nearly 40 years, the situation conjures up memories of the end of the Vietnam War. National security advisor (and later Secretary of State) Henry Kissinger had to negotiate with his North Vietnamese adversaries from a position of weakness that not even he could disguise. By then all American combat troops were long gone. I watched the North Vietnamese march into Saigon on April 30, 1975; they not only took over the old capital but the whole of the south as well. Is that what will happen in Afghanistan? Will the Taliban move to fill a vacuum, with Pakistani and ISI backing? One hopes not, and of course it would not happen in one fell swoop as it did in South Vietnam. Many Afghans and non-Afghans fear a Taliban takeover could well lead to civil war. Whatever happens in the Pashtun south and its capital, Kandahar, the Tajik and Uzbek north will almost certainly fight rather than submit to another Taliban dictatorship. Memories of the massacres that accompanied Taliban rule from 1996 until 2001 are still too vivid for any northerner, and many southerners, to want to see the militants back in power.

Ahmed Shah Massoud, the Northern Alliance leader who was assassinated by al Qaida suicide bombers two days before9/11, managed to defy the Taliban for five long years despite receiving precious little support from the United States. He left behind plenty of disciples, and many of his old mujahedin commanders are said to be stockpiling arms. One such commander, Masoud's successor, Marshal Mohammed Qassim Fahim, is Karzai's senior vice president. Whereas Fahim, reputedly a multimillionaire, could always take refuge abroad, many ordinary former mujahedin would see little option but to stay and fight, no doubt supported by Russia and Iran, which don't want to see another Taliban government in power in Kabul. Nor do the former Soviet republics to the north. But short of civil war, is an extremist Islamic state, jeopardizing Western-inspired achievements in education and women's rights, inevitable? Gen. David Richards, chief of the British defense staff who commanded coalition troops in Afghanistan in 2006-07, does not think so. "I don't think we are losing, by the way," he told me. "We are just not succeeding in the time frame that suits and is acceptable to Afghanistan or Afghans and is acceptable to our population and our politicians. So what can we do? Well, since we have only now got the resources to do this correctly, I think we have got to give ourselves more time. People talk about a bit more strategic patience." He added: "I believe where we have got the balance right, we are already turning the corner in practical terms.... Which is why, I think, give us a bit longer; 2015 is probably doable, for example. We have just started to get it right, and we might yet succeed." But will the politicians give the generals that long? In the light of recent developments, it is doubtful.

or remedy a situation without having to call in the troops.

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First there was the burning of the Korans at Bagram air base, which unleashed a wave of religious fury and revenge killings of U.S. troops. Then came the deaths of six British soldiers, incinerated by a giant Taliban bomb last week, which pushed the British death toll in the war over the symbolic 400 mark. Support in Britain for an increasingly unpopular war further deteriorated. Now comes the shooting in Kandahar of 16 Afghan villagers — many of them women and children — allegedly by a rogue American soldier. All this can only have increased the determination of Prime Minister David Cameron and President Obama, his host for talks in Washington this week, to speed up their exit strategies.

But for the majority of Afghans, distressing as these events are, there are perhaps more pressing concerns. What will happen when the Americans and the rest of NATO pull out?

Afghans already feel that electoral considerations are more important to the West than the key question of whether the raw, new Afghan National Army and the Afghan National Police will be up to the task of guaranteeing the country's security, especially if Pakistan's intelligence agency, the ISI, continues to back the Taliban.

Although the U.S.-led surge at the end of 2010 reversed the military balance in the Talibaninfested, drug-rich Kandahar and Helmand provinces, the Taliban has since retaliated by extending its grip in the previously secure north. Now, hardly a week goes by without some prominent government official, police or army chief being ambushed or blown



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'Hopefully, we can just get some wins'



Sophomore Phil Lipari looks to tag out a Milwaukee player attempting to steal second base in Saturday's game at Eastwood Field. The Penguins won the finale on Sunday, avoided the three-game sweep and will use the victory as motivation for Tuesday. Photo by Dustin Livesay/The Jambar.

Joe Catullo Jr. sports editor

The Youngstown State University baseball team won just one of the first 14 games before opening its season at home on Friday — and is hoping that Sunday's "emotional" victory will provide a spark as it moves forward.

The Penguins dropped the first two games to Horizon League rival University of Wisconsin-Milwaukee 5-4 on Friday and 7-2 on Saturday, falling to 1-15 on the season.

"We just got to come out swinging like we did [Friday]," said sophomore third baseman Drew Dosch after Saturday's loss. "Put a little bit of both games together. The biggest thing for us right now is getting the big hit. That's going to be the focus."

They got the big hit.

Senior first baseman Jeremy Banks drove in Dosch on a walk-off RBI double in Sunday's game for a 4-3 win in 11 innings against the Panthers.

"A big emotional win that we did need," said head baseball coach Rich Pasquale. "They wanted it, and they got it."

Sophomore outfielder Marcus Heath collected two clutch hits in four at-bats and three RBIs in the game. He said the main focus was getting a win.

"We've been playing some pretty tough games lately," Heath said. "We'll use this game as some momentum for Tuesday and lead into [the University of Illinois at Chicago] next weekend."

The Penguins face Notre Dame College of Ohio on Tuesday at Bob Cene Park in Struthers. It's their only home game this season.

Pasquale said he does not know about Notre Dame, but he will come game time.

"I don't have how many players they have. I don't even have what colors they are," he said. "Our focus was this team, this weekend."

Thus far, one of the main struggles this season has been pitching. The Penguins have a combined 8.20 ERA, which is the worst in the conference. Pasquale said pitching is easy to spot on the stat sheet, but it's not the only struggle.

"Yeah, there were times where pitching didn't help, but during a lot of those times, they were making their pitch and doing good things," Pasquale said. "We weren't playing good defense behind them either."

The Penguins also rank last in the HL with a .950 fielding percentage.

Offensively, the Penguins are fourth in the conference in batting average (.251), second in home runs (eight), fourth in RBIs (71), fourth in runs (76) and fourth in hits (147).

Banks has been one of the team's catalysts on offense. He ranks first on the roster with a .426 batting average, 29 hits, nine doubles, five home runs, 25 RBIs and a .779 slugging percentage.

Dosch is behind Banks, with a .412 batting average, 28 hits, four doubles and a .559 slugging percentage. He is also tied for first on the team with 13 runs.

Despite the early struggles, Pasquale said the team is improving every day.

"I don't let them get down," Pasquale said. "They all have good character, good guys that come hardworking every day. They're maturing, and they'll be fine. ... We don't think [our record] is a reflection of the talent that we have on this team.

... Hopefully, we can just get some wins. That's all I can really say."

Sports Briefs Volleyball hires

assistant coach

The YSU volleyball team recently named Jasmine Fullove, who played in the Final Four at the University of Tennessee and has coached the past three seasons at Indiana University-Purdue University Fort Wayne, an assistant volleyball coach. At IPFW, Fullove charted offensive efficiency, ordered team equipment, coordinated travel arrangements, evaluated prospects, organized camps and maintained the program's social media outlets, among other duties. Fullove also coached at the club level for four years in Fort Wayne, Ind., where she developed practice plans, assisted in recruiting and did on-the-floor coaching. She got her coaching start in 2006 as coach of the freshman team at Northrop High School in Fort Wayne, and began coaching at the college level one year later as an assistant at Marian College in Indianapolis. In 2008, she became the junior varsity coach at Northrop, then moved into the club circuit.

Heimlich leads Penguins, places fifth at NIU golf event

Junior Sarah Heimlich placed fifth at the Northern Illinois University Snowbird Intercollegiate at Pebble Creek Golf Club in Tampa, Fla., finishing with 155. The YSU women's golf team placed fifth out of 10 teams at the event, scoring 645 — just three strokes behind fourth place. The Penguins will compete Monday at the 54hole Richmond Invitational.

Penguin Spotlight



Local league provides opportunity

Steve Wilaj REPORTER

On a Saturday afternoon in Youngstown, Dave Stambul sits inside the Calvin Center gymnasium, nicknamed "the Steeples Center." He records statistics as the Local Competitive Athletic Association's spring basketball season unfolds in front of him.

Stambul, a Youngstown State University graduate, is the commissioner of LCAA Sports. His league promotes organized basketball to adults throughout northeast Ohio.

"If you asked me five years ago, I wouldn't have come up with this," Stambul said of his league, which offers spring, summer and fall basketball seasons.

Since its inception in 2000, LCAA Sports has progressed dramatically. Originally, the league consisted of eight New Castle, Pa., teams. After its expansion in 2001 with Beaver County and Mahoning County divisions, Stambul decided to center LCAA Sports in northeast Ohio.

"I realized there was a lot more basketball interest here," Stambul said.

John Wolfe, head referee of LCAA Sports, said Stambul gets more teams every season.

"It seems like everyone likes to come over here and play," Wolfe said.

With 37 teams in the league, Stambul said he is proud of the LCAA's progression. He said it is a result of many hours of hard work.



Players tip off at an LCAA basketball game inside the Steeples Center. Photo courtesy of http://lcaasports.info.

"It's a full-time job, putting in 90 hours or more a week," Stambul said. "You've got to have a passion to do something, and with basketball, I have a passion."

Stambul was a member of the YSU men's basketball team from 1996 to 1999, though he rarely played.

"I knew my role," he said. "I could have played at smaller schools, but I wanted to play Division I basketball and practice with better players."

After graduating in 1999 with a bachelor's degree in sports management, Stambul couldn't give up basketball. So he established LCAA Sports.

"It's a great league for sure," said Dwight Holmes, a YSU basketball player from 2004 to 2008 and an LCAA player. "It's very organized every year. We get referees here every game. Dave does a great job."

Dom Carano, a YSU junior

and LCAA player, added that LCAA Sports gives "people who like to play hoops a serious and organized league."

The LCAA league is simple to join — just organize a team of at least five players and call Stambul at 330-774-5845. The individual fee is \$5 per game, while the team splits the \$20 cost for referees.

"With a team of five, the most you're paying is \$9 a game. If you have more players, the fee goes down," Stambul said. "Moving [to the Steeples Center] allowed me to charge this way."

After playing LCAA Sports in various gyms throughout northeast Ohio, Stambul opened the Steeples Center in February 2011. The gym has undergone drastic renovations. A refurbished court, along with new rims and glass backboards, are just a few of the court's amenities.

"We were putting in 15

hours a day, but it has definitely paid off," Stambul said. "The gym gives me a lot more freedom. Instead of trying to rent a gym and go on their time, I just block off weekend times for leagues and leave the weekdays open for rental."

With the Steeples Center often booked until the early morning hours, Stambul said he thinks the league has a positive effect on the community.

"I'd like to believe I'm keeping people off the streets," he said. "I think about that when I rent the gym to somebody at 1 a.m. If I didn't, could that person have gotten shot doing something else?"

Along with a renovated gym, LCAA Sports boasts a website (http://lcaasports. info) that records numerous individual and team statistics. The league also maintains a Twitter account that provides game updates and addresses trade rumors.

"There's all kinds of little things that we do extra that the guys eat up," Stambul said.

Stambul wants to expand LCAA Sports to other counties and develop a college basketball-style tournament. He added that the league will continue to participate in annual charity games.

"This is some of the best players in northeast Ohio, playing against each other," Holmes said. "I would recommend the LCAA league to anybody." **Drew Dosch**

Year:	Sophomore
Weight:	190 pounds
Height:	6'2"
Hometown:	Canal Win.
High School:	Canal Win.
Position:	3B

Sophomore third baseman Drew Dosch was named leadoff hitter for the Penguins at the beginning of the season, replacing senior David Leon. Dosch is responding well, batting .412 (third in the Horizon League) with 13 runs, 28 hits and 38 total bases. In a three-game series against the University of Wisconsin-Milwaukee that concluded on Sunday, Dosch went 9-14 at the plate with two runs and one RBI. He went 5-6 and reached base on an error in Sunday's 4-3 victory. He scored the tying and winning run in the game.





In Tuesday's edition of "Jack Up The Rev," Sports Editor Joe Catullo Jr. will recap the baseball team's three-game series against the University of Wisconsin-Milwaukee at Eastwood Field. The Penguins dropped the first two games, but concluded the series with a dramatic walk-off hit.