



Anderson defines the 'new normal'

Chris Cotelesse
EDITOR-IN-CHIEF

Expecting a decline in enrollment this fall semester, Youngstown State University President Cynthia Anderson made it a point to discuss revenue during her State of the University address on Monday.

A 1 percent decline would equate to a \$1 million revenue loss. Complicating YSU's financial difficulties are a decrease in state funds and \$78 million in bonds sold to build and renovate campus property.

The Ohio Board of Regents downgraded YSU's fiscal rating last year in part because of the \$4 million missed by an enrollment decline in the fall of 2011. Another significant drop could further lower YSU's rating.

"We will have to be a leaner university," Anderson said after the speech.

She said 100 staff positions left vacant after an early retirement buyout in the summer of 2011 will save the university



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YSU President Cynthia Anderson delivers the State of the University address on Monday in the Chestnut Room of Kilcawley Center. Photo by Chris Cotelesse/The Jambar.

New year, newer spaces Select buildings updated over summer



Jason Foster, an electrician with B&J Electric, moving a smoke detector in the DeBartolo Hall auditorium. Photo by Chris Cotelesse/The Jambar.

Rachel Lundberg
ASSISTANT NEWS EDITOR

Another round of renovations draws to a close as Youngstown State University continues its quest to modernize campus spaces.

University officials set aside \$9 million — raised mostly by the sale of bonds — to extend the life of the M-2 parking deck and update auditoriums in DeBartolo, Cushwa, Moser and Ward Beecher halls.

So far, costs for new flooring, seating, wall coverings, lighting and audiovisual equipment in DeBartolo and Cushwa halls' auditoriums is \$1 million less than the \$2.5 million estimate.

Richard White, associate director of planning and construction, said the renovations will make educational spaces comparable to those in Williamson Hall.

"We completely gutted the auditoriums in Cushwa and DeBartolo and essentially started from scratch," White said. "We worked with the interior designer that developed the finishes for [Williamson Hall] and came up with a theme that we can use throughout the buildings. All the seating and lighting were replaced, along with the carpet and wall finishes. All of the technology was upgraded so the auditoriums are now modern in finish and state of the art in technology."

He said the auditoriums hadn't been updated since their construction more than 30 years ago.

All involved worked to finish just in time for the beginning of the fall semester.

"It's going to be down to the wire," said Jason Foster, an electrician for B&J Electric, as he worked on wiring for the DeBartolo Hall auditorium on Thursday.

A second phase for DeBartolo Hall — which would involve the renovation of corridors and offices — is scheduled for next summer.

In addition, Dana School of Music students will soon find themselves practicing in rooms with improved soundproofing.

"They were not soundproof," Karly Berry, a junior

music education major, said of the old practice rooms. "Sometimes your ears would be ringing after practicing, or you could hear the people practicing around you, and it was difficult to concentrate."

Michael Crist, director of the Dana School of Music, said the project's completion date has been delayed six weeks.

White confirmed the delay, adding that a project manager was fired for failure to order doors and flooring materials.

Practice rooms are now open for student use, but the contractor is waiting on acoustic doors and rubber flooring. Installation will take place during nights or weekends to minimize intrusion on student activities.

Like other campus renovations, improvements to the practice rooms have come in under budget at \$449,000 — \$46,000 less than the expected cost of \$495,000.

Renovations to other YSU buildings include the second phase of Kilcawley House, which will undergo a third and

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Wendy's to replace Arby's in Kilcawley Center

Kevin Alquist
ASSISTANT NEWS EDITOR

Wendy's will soon be on the menu for Youngstown State University students.

Construction began in July to replace the Arby's in Kilcawley Center with a Wendy's. The eatery's tentative opening date is Oct. 1, though John Young, director of Kilcawley Center, said the date has not yet been confirmed.

With Arby's contract set to expire, YSU opened up the space to bidders by request in February.

"At our initial meeting, we had several com-

panies interested in the space," Young said. "In the end, only two chose to bid on the former Arby's space."

The final two bidders included Wendy's and Quiznos through AVI Foodsystems, Inc., a local company responsible for campus food service.

"Wendy's has a great menu, lots of variety and a great price point," Young said. "They offer a high-quality, fresh product at a reasonable price. I think they will do great at their new location."

A committee of five staff members and four students decided to add Wendy's to the

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YSU email moves to Office 365

Kacy Standohar
NEWS EDITOR

The email system used by Youngstown State University will be upgraded to meet the needs of the 21st century.

Ken Schindler, chief technology officer, and the information technology services email evaluation team — made up of Michael Hrishenko of Media and Academic Computing; Rick Marsico of

computer services; and Jason Rakers of network telecommunications — have changed the YSU email system to Microsoft Office 365, which boasts a new interface and storage improvements for students.

After Labor Day, Office 365 will provide students with 25 gigabytes of mailbox space; the previous system offered only 200 megabytes.

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Ryan, GOP's likely VP nominee, plans to reform federal student aid



Republican vice presidential candidate Paul Ryan delivers remarks at a rally in Florida on Saturday. Photo by Joe Burbank/Orlando Sentinel/MCT.

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**KC Block Party/
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11:30 a.m. - 1:30 p.m.
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**Student Diversity Annual
Welcome Week Picnic**

11:30 a.m. - 2 p.m.
University Courtyard Apartments
Recreation Area

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Foam and Dance Party

6 p.m. - 9 p.m.
Rec 5 Area

James Toliver
REPORTER

U.S. Rep. Paul Ryan, the likely Republican Party vice presidential nominee, has drawn criticism for his proposals to Medicare and Medicaid, but college students may be more concerned about his suggestions to reform federal student aid.

Changes to the Pell Grant program, which is based on need, are some of the specific reforms.

One out of every five students receives Pell Grant funding.

Ryan and Mitt Romney, the presumptive Republican Party presidential nominee, both back alterations to the federal

Pell Grant program. The two conservatives are critical of the program and of the Obama administration's decision to increase the award's amount and yearlong availability for summer classes.

In Path to Prosperity budget proposals for fiscal years 2012 and 2013, Ryan described the program and the Obama administration's changes as being "unsustainable." In his words, the current program is on its way toward "creating a 'funding cliff' that puts the program at risk of breaking its promises to students."

Under Ryan's plan, students who qualify for just the minimum award amount, part-time students and those enrolled in summer classes will be unable

to receive grant funding. Any Youngstown State University students falling into these three categories would lose their funding. The proposals make no mention of exceptions based on family or any other circumstances.

The Obama campaign claims this will cut scholarships for some 10 million students, including students like YSU sophomore Daniel Gleydura.

Gleydura receives the minimum amount available under the program and would lose his funds under the Ryan proposal.

"It may not seem like much, but it does help," he said. "Books are expensive; college

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university's food offerings. With Subway, Jimmy John's Gourmet Sandwiches and Sub Connection securing the sandwich market at YSU, the choice to add Wendy's instead of Quiznos was unanimous.

Although Wendy's will be the only new dining location added to campus this fall, several new features will be introduced at the KC Food Court and Christman Dining Commons.

The Christman salad bar will be improved with the addition of a "green cuisine" section, which includes an updated variety of fresh fruits and vegetables.

Jump Asian Express, part of the KC Food Court, will also make its pitch to healthful eaters by introducing a "fit 'n' fresh" section of the menu. All meals under that portion of the menu will be 500 calories or less.

"So far, it has been all positive feedback from both the students and staff," Young said. "Everyone has been excited about the change."

Sophomore Stephen DiPaolo welcomes the change.

"Arby's was getting old, and it's always good to get a new option," DiPaolo said.

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final phase next summer.

Electricians discovered a glitch in the electrical wiring to Kilcawley House's new elevator. The elevator was wired into the same panel as the building's washers and dryers. Subsequently, doing laundry disabled the elevator. The mistake was found before students moved in, and it has been fixed.

In Cusawa Hall, cars and equipment for two elevators are being replaced; improvements will be complete before the month's end.



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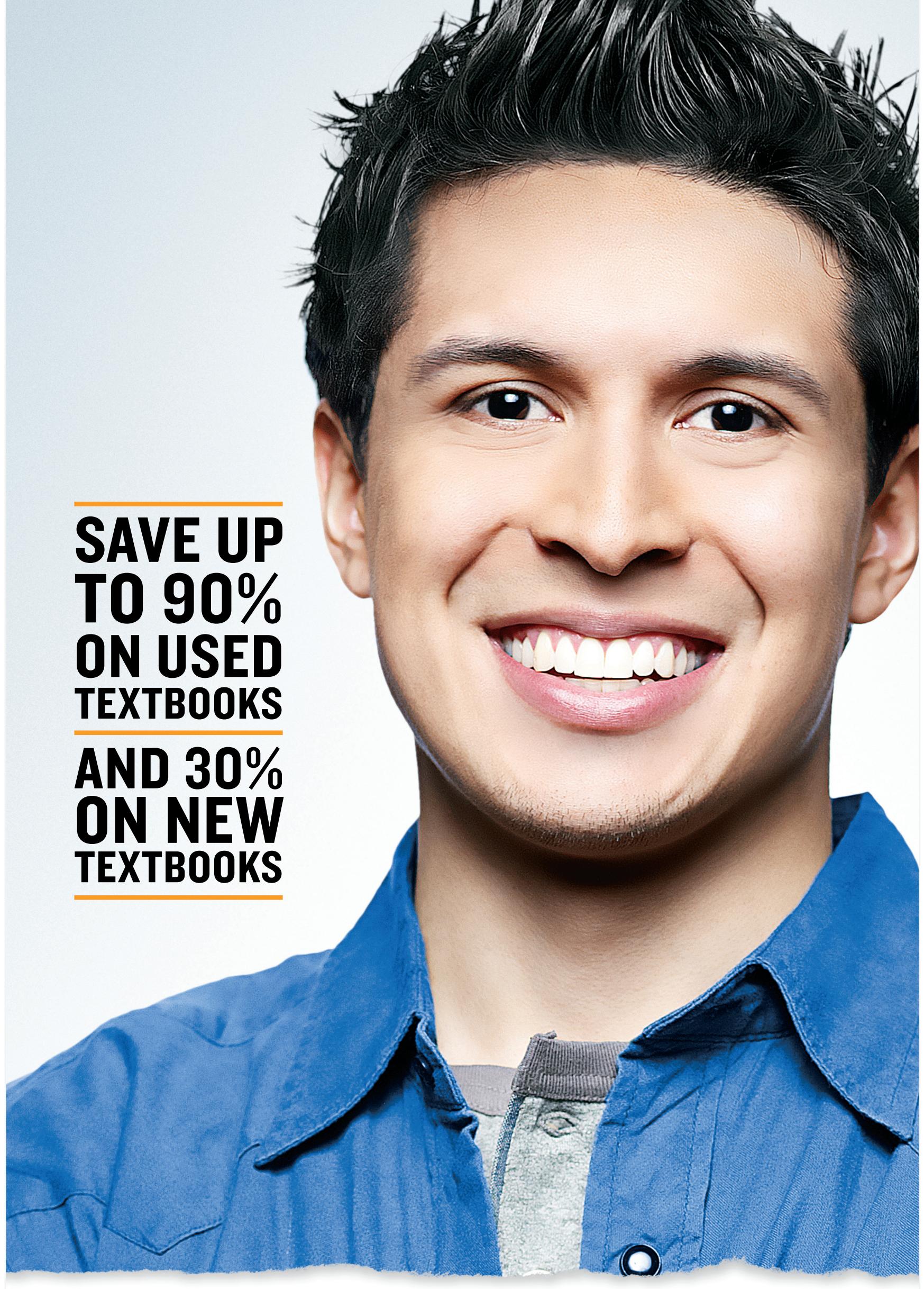
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POLICE BRIEFS*Man lunches
in Lincoln,
receives trespass
warning*

On Friday, YSU Police spotted an older man dressed in dirty, ripped clothing who was eating lunch in Lincoln Hall. A university police officer asked the man if he was a YSU student, but he replied that he wasn't and was "just passing by." After the unidentified man presented the officer with U.S. military identification and a Social Security card, the officer told the man he was trespassing on YSU property and issued him a criminal trespass warning.

*Good Samaritan
reports woman
with breathing
problems*

A concerned individual in Beeghly Hall approached a university police officer on Saturday afternoon. The individual stated that a woman in the women's restroom was having difficulty breathing. Paramedics assisted the 48-year-old woman to a cot after they located her in a restroom stall, and they administered oxygen and medical treatment. The woman refused transportation to the hospital and left the building with a family member.

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NEWS BRIEFS*McDonald Steel
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a steal*

The College of Science, Technology, Engineering and Mathematics at YSU now offers its students a new scholarship.

An endowment of \$100,000 was given to the YSU Foundation for STEM students by McDonald Steel Corp.

Employees of McDonald Steel Corp. and their children, along with McDonald residents and Mahoning Valley residents, will receive first consideration for the scholarship.

The annual scholarship is renewable. For more information, contact Heather Chunn at hrchunn@ysu.edu or 330-941-1363, or Paul McFadden at 330-941-3211.

*YSU
welcomes you*

YSU welcomes students back to campus with a host of fun and informational events.

Wednesday features events from 7:30 a.m. until 9:30 p.m. Events include the KC block party/campus resource fair, library giveaways, a caricaturist and many more.

Thursday features events from 7:30 a.m. to 9 p.m. They include the foam and dance party, the student organizational fair, bouncy boxing and many more.

Friday brings back the annual build-a-penguin station and a quidditch through the ages demonstration, along with many other events.

For more information and a comprehensive list of events, visit <http://www.ysu.edu/welcomeweek/>.

*Social Media
101, YSU gets a
new minor*

Youngstown State University's department of communication unveiled a new minor in social media campaigns for the fall semester.

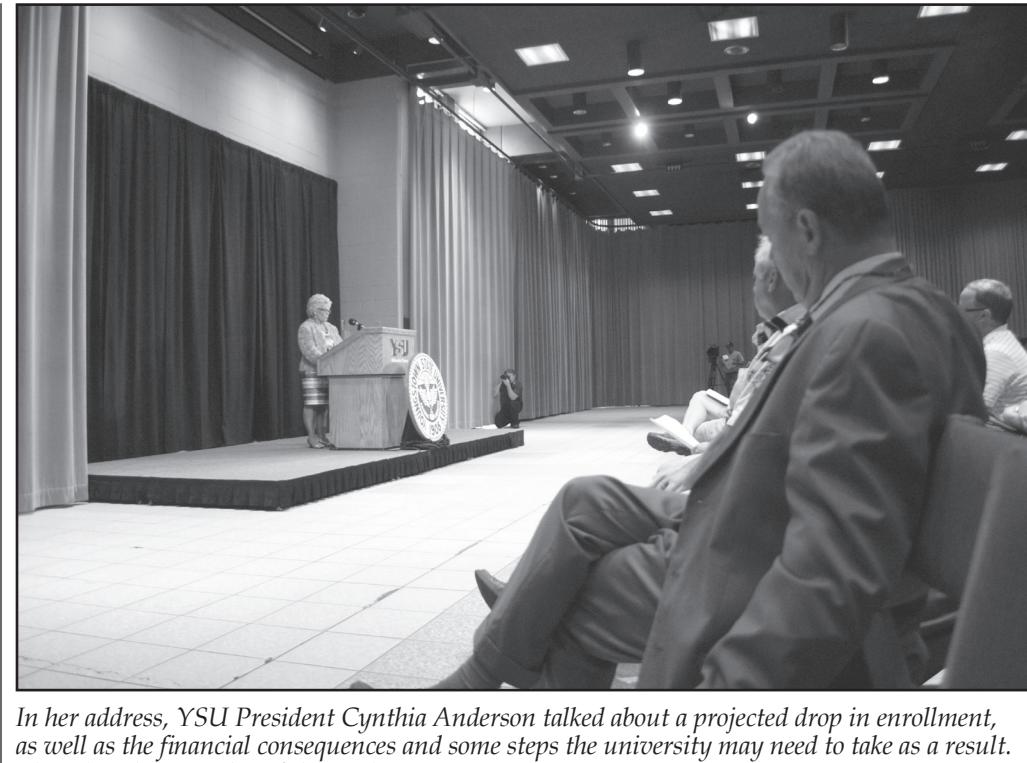
The minor focuses on teaching students how to capitalize on social media platforms such as Twitter, Facebook, LinkedIn, YouTube and Google+ for communication with wide audiences.

The program was approved in the spring and is open to all students.

For more information on the program, contact Adam Earnhardt via email, Twitter or Facebook at [@acearnhardt](mailto:acearnhardt@ysu.edu), [@adamearn](http://adamearn) or <http://www.facebook.com/adamearn>.



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In her address, YSU President Cynthia Anderson talked about a projected drop in enrollment, as well as the financial consequences and some steps the university may need to take as a result. Photo by Chris Cotelesse/The Jambar.

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money. Budget Director Neal McNally set aside \$1 million in a contingency fund to counter a 1 percent enrollment decline, but Anderson said the administration would still have to raise funds this year.

"I don't think that there is just one initiative that's going to counter any shortfall. We will have to make some additional decisions," she said.

As opportunities in shale exploration open up in the Mahoning Valley, Anderson said some traditional college-aged individuals might find the minimal

training a more attractive option than a four-year education.

She said that Eastern Gateway Community College's expanding enrollment coupled with lower high school graduation rates from YSU's targeted recruitment areas are shrinking the university's pool of potential students.

YSU's general fund has increasingly relied on tuition and enrollment in recent years as state funding continues to decline.

For students, it means increases in tuition and fees, but the funding model forces

administrators to focus on recruitment and retention to get those dollars.

Anderson said Starfish Retention Solutions — a software designed to bring faculty attention to students facing obstacles to graduation — and more online course offerings would help close the deficit.

She said her administration is working to solve the problems, but added that patience and persistence will be necessary to find appropriate funding.

"That's the new norm for everyone, not just us," she said.

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The attachment size is also larger, allowing users to attach 25 MBs — up from the prior limit of 10 MBs.

"It was 1990s technology, and we were two generations behind," Schindler said. "We realized we were not providing a level of service that a university needs here."

Schindler said converting to Office 365 any sooner than Sept. 3 would probably result in poor levels of service to the student body.

"That is the earliest we can switch systems with confidence that all technical factors will work, and we will have sufficient capacity," he said.

After discussions with the YSU Student Government Association, several IT consultants and universities such as Kent State University, the YSU technology team decided that the previous email system needed to be updated.

Team members then met with B2B Technologies, an Atlanta-based consulting firm, to obtain upgrade advice that best suited YSU.

Schindler said he is hopeful that Office 365 will help YSU students, faculty and staff communicate more effectively, primarily by allowing users to access their email, contacts, tasks and calendars in one place.

"It's an astronomical difference," Schindler said. "The portal was a bit dated. [Office 365] has a friendly interface and is more up to date."

Students will retain their regular YSU email address, but will be unable to automatically forward emails from their Office 365 account to another email account. However, students will still be able to forward individual emails from other services like Gmail or Yahoo to their Office 365 account.

Rakers said forwarding email causes a spam generator, which often blocked the YSU website from certain computers last year.

"If you use programs like Thunderbird, it would avoid spam and blocking issues," Rakers said of an application that allows users to sync email accounts.

In addition, Office 365 supports mobile devices, with the exception of the BlackBerry.

Travis Battiest, SGA parliamentarian, said a new email system has been an issue since 2006.

"It's been four years," he said. "Faculty, staff, administration and students have complained about the email system for years."

Battiest raised concerns

last year while serving as SGA's vice president for university affairs. He said the university's email announcement service was originally intended for official campus business that affected all students — but that it eventually devolved into numerous announcements about bake sales and issues of lesser significance.

"We needed to start looking for other solutions," Battiest said.

YSU did have to invest \$10,000 for additional high availability equipment to ensure that the login screen never fails.

"It's one of those things that if it works, no one notices, but if it doesn't work, everyone notices," Schindler said.

Schindler said Office 365 can be roughly compared to Google's Gmail because it has a similar layout.

However, the new Web interface can drag and drop messages to various boxes, such as inbox, outbox and trash.

"We're very excited and anticipate a smooth convergence," Schindler said. "It's like replacing a Model T with a Corvette."

For instructional videos, visit <http://web.ysu.edu/mac> and click on the Microsoft Office 365 link.

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College ain't cheap

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And it isn't getting any cheaper.

In Ohio, state funding for higher education has been consistently dwindling since 2001. There's no sign of it ever returning.

As a result, YSU's tuition costs have increased by 10 percent since 2009.

Students already struggle to make ends meet. Now, to make matters worse, Paul Ryan is attempting to, again, force a budget, which makes attending college even harder.

America, as we were taught, is a land of opportunity. Now, we watch as the promise of attending college becomes harder with each generation.

Branded the Path to Prosperity, Ryan's budget slashes federal grant funding for individuals — and even closes the door to some.

Billions in cuts have been proposed for both K-12 and higher education funding.

Not all of us were born with silver spoons in our mouths. Students whose families teeter on the edge of grant funding qualifications could certainly use any available assistance.

In essence, Ryan's plan is bad for our already struggling education system. And without opportunities for education, innovation will also be stunted.

We'd be moving backward from the land of opportunity, the country most everyone else looks to for advancements in science and culture.

Assuming students from wealthier families will have college costs paid by their parents shows just how out of touch the Ryan plan is with the 99 percent.

To his credit, Ryan is a fiscal guru. In no way do we attempt to belittle his financial prowess.

However, America's path to prosperity shouldn't be paved solely with investment returns.

To adequately invest in our future, education needs to be prioritized.

Innovation made this country into the superpower we grew up in. Now, complacency reigns supreme. Prosperity, in a civil society, shouldn't just mean financial success.

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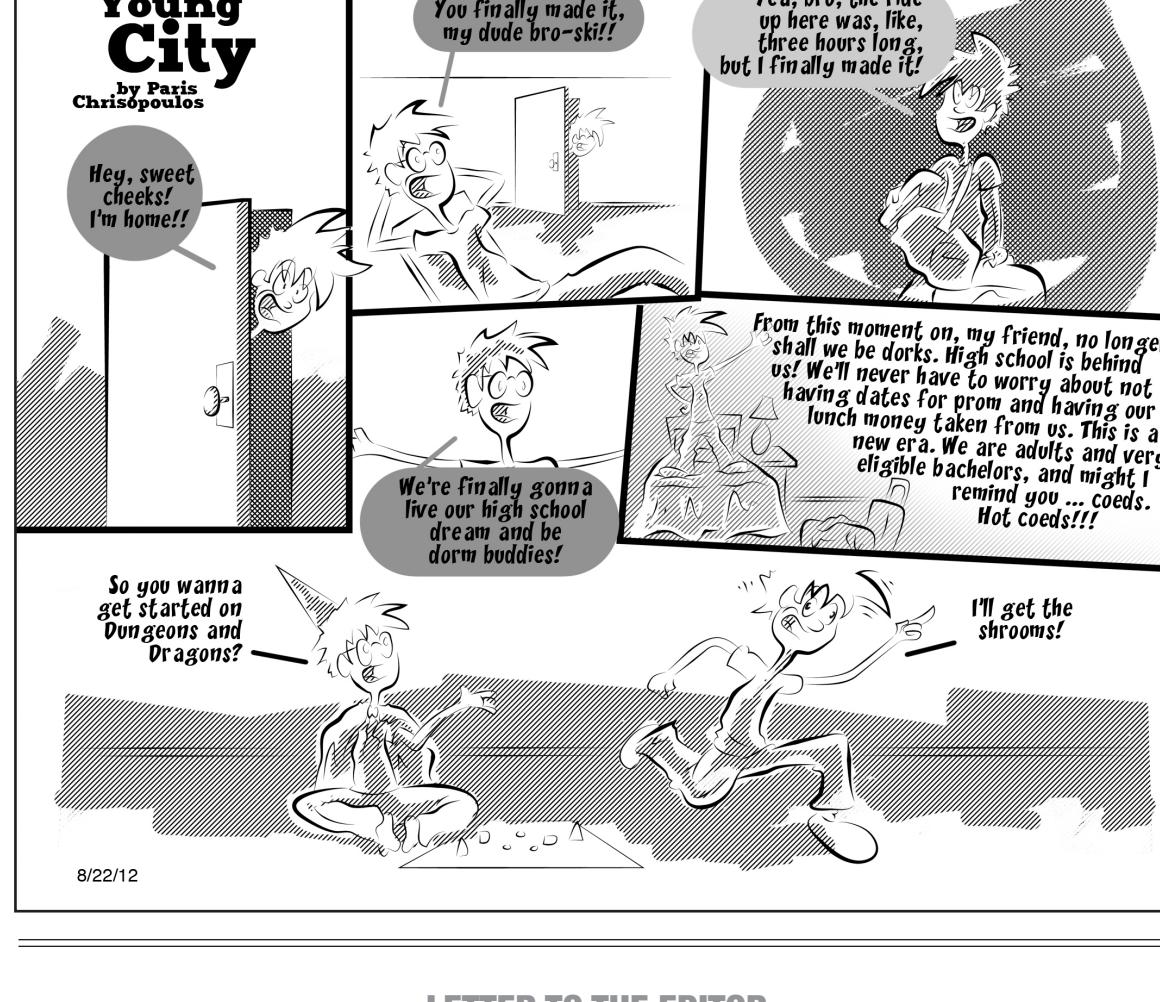
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LETTER TO THE EDITOR

Welcome from your SGA president

It is hard to believe sometimes how fast summer passes, but now the new school year is upon us and new challenges await. Summer is for some a time to unwind and for others a time to work. This school year, your Student Government Association is committed to working for you and doing everything we can to help you! We have been busy this summer with countless meetings, emails and phone calls, and we all hope that you, the students, will help us grow the seeds that we have planted this summer. I hope everyone enjoys the SGA-

sponsored Campus Treasure Hunt for Free Textbooks that will go from Wednesday to Thursday.

I hope that you are going to ride down on the SGA-sponsored bus to the first YSU football game of the year at Heinz Field in Pittsburgh on Sept. 1 to cheer on the YSU football team.

An important job for SGA is to listen to the questions and concerns of you, the students. We are here to help! I hope to see many of you stopping in our office on the second floor of Kilcawley Center (just follow our new signs). No question or problem is too big or small for us to handle. You can ask us about how progress toward instituting a first-year experience program is

going, or how to schedule classes. We work for you and want to do as much for the students as we can.

As challenges appear, remember to always be optimistic. Persevere and overcome the obstacle that may be in your way, because fear and doubt are your worst enemies. Do not be afraid to try something new this year, join a student organization or talk to a professor. Make this year filled with success for yourselves and for YSU.

Sincerely,
Cory Okular
President, YSU Student
Government Association

Counselor's Corner



Calling all students!

Kenneth L. Miller
PROFESSOR, YSU
DEPARTMENT OF COUNSELING
AND SPECIAL
EDUCATION

You wake to the jolt of an annoying alarm bell. It is 6:15 a.m., and the last thing you want to do is get out of bed to face another day of problems that can't be solved. You know that you will probably lose your job if you fail to show for work again this morning, but your splitting headache caused by last night's eighth beer is making it impossible to move. Besides, even if you go to work, the depression you've felt since the breakup with your boyfriend three weeks ago will just cause another day of misery. You say to yourself, "Screw it," roll over and drift off to uneasy sleep.

None of us escape the painful challenges of simply being alive. Despite our best efforts to meet these challenges, we often find ourselves feeling helpless to resolve problems and too often make choices that only worsen our situation. With an understanding of our shared human experience and the knowledge that discussing concerns can create opportunities for growth, I write to make you aware of a new column that will appear in The Jambar during the coming months.

Counselor's Corner will provide YSU students, faculty, staff and their family members who are

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Drae Smith keeps it movin'

Marketing major lives hip-hop dream

Marissa McIntyre
ARTS & ENTERTAINMENT EDITOR

Drae "D-Rae" Smith awoke on Aug. 10, 2010, to a nervousness that pounded through his body. In just a few hours, the Youngstown State University student would be performing as the opening act for one of his idols, Wiz Khalifa, at the Covelli Centre.

It was the fruition of years singing into toy microphones and recording on his computer.

But as the curtain rose that night, revealing an audience of thousands, the oppressive wave released him. He said he felt at home.

"It was a dream come true," Smith said. "I knew at that moment that this is

3.5 GPA in YSU's marketing program, a skill he said he believes will set him apart from many other artists.

"A lot of rappers just rap. I don't just rap," Smith said. "I'm handling the marketing, promotion — I'm my own manager. I'm handling everything."

A self-proclaimed "nerd," Smith said his education is a launch pad for furthering his music career; his objective is to learn all aspects of the music industry.

"It's good to learn," Smith said, adding that he wants to break the "rapper" stereotype by being a role model to his younger fans.

"I want to give the music a more intelligent face. Artists these days are smart, but you might not know it because they rap about money, drugs and women," Smith said.

"I want to change it to where you can listen to hip-hop and maybe learn something."

He said if kids are going to look up to him as a role model, he wants to use this responsibility in a way his idols didn't.

"A lot of rappers rap about dropping out of school and selling drugs. Maybe we should tell kids to stay in school and to get an education," Smith said.

He has come a long way since recording into his computer as a high school freshman.

Smith now records with Fynal Step sound engineer Jamie Ford.

Ford has been working with him since Smith was a junior in high school.

While recording "Call Your Name," a song for Smith's new mixtape, Ford provided feedback for Smith, and the two communicated through the soundboard.

"This is definitely a different side of D-Rae," Ford said.

Whereas the majority of Smith's songs have a modern vibe to them, "Call Your Name" has an old school, hip-hop feel.

Ford said he believes Smith has what it takes to make it, and that he

has seen significant progression since first meeting Smith as a high school student.

"He's starting to get it," Ford said.

"Call Your Name," is a love song — not about a romantic interest, but rather a love song he wrote for the true love of his life: music. The first line of the song sets up how his love started.

"Since I was 4 years old, I've had this music in my veins. Now, I'm in my 20s. Not a single thing has changed," Smith rapped into the studio microphone.

Although Smith carries the bulk of the responsibility in his project, he isn't alone. Brandenn Keylor, his lifelong friend and an exercise science major at YSU, and Austin Pence, his merchandise designer, joined him as he recorded.

All of them bobbed their heads as they listened to the recorded song, while Smith went through the motions of singing to a crowd.

"This is crazy. I mean, I've seen him from the very beginning," Keylor said.

Smith's friend Jon Louthan acts as his manager. Smith said Louthan has been there every step of the way.

The two became friends when they played football together in seventh grade.

"When we first started this, people thought it was a joke," Louthan said. "Now, it's cool to see him evolve and becoming a real artist."

Louthan started out by helping Smith book shows. He also designed tickets and fliers.

Louthan has a passion for music, designing and editing videos.

"It would be a dream come true if we can do what we've been doing on a professional level," Louthan said.

He plans on helping Smith as his manager in the future.

Smith said he wants to use his music as a platform for his business, Keep It Movin' Music, which is both a record label and a movement.

His inspiration, he said, comes from merging his two talents: music and

marketing.

"Life keeps moving. You might go through a death in the family, or have no money. There are problems everywhere, but you have to keep it moving through the problems," Smith said.

Smith said he hopes to inspire



Drae Smith's team, which consists of Brandenn Keylor; Austin Pence; and Jamie Ford, watches the screen test for a possible music video. Photo by Marissa McIntyre/The Jambar.



Drae Smith, Youngstown State University junior, records a song for his new mix tape. Smith is opening for Machine Gun Kelly at Rockapalooza on Sept. 8. Photo by Marissa McIntyre/The Jambar.

what I wanted to do for a living."

Smith also opened for Wiz Khalifa on Sept. 28 at the Covelli Centre.

"I've seen Wiz perform 10 or 15 times," Smith said. "I've been following him since he was starting out. So that was a great moment for me."

Smith has also opened for Yelawolf and Machine Gun Kelly. His music has been played on JAMZ 101.9, a Youngstown radio station.

"I can't say exactly why I love rap; I just love it. I love the wordplay, and I was obsessed with how you could use rhymes to tell a story," Smith said.

Smith's own story is equal parts talent and motivation. He is maintaining a

passionate about.

"A lot of people, their dreams don't pan out, so they settle. But if you're passionate about something, don't stop," Smith said.

The project has gained recognition, and he's performed nearly 100 shows in the past few years throughout Ohio, Pennsylvania and as far as Myrtle Beach, S.C.

Although he looks up to the big names in rap, Smith said fame and fortune are not his goals.

"If that happens, cool, but it's not about that. I want to find a way to live comfortably while doing music," he said.

Smith is working on the release of his latest mix tape, "Down to Earth." He said a music video will accompany the single "Without You," a song about a past relationship.

He is also rehearsing to open at Rockapalooza, a music festival headlined this year by Machine Gun Kelly.

"I'm here once, and I have a shot at it," Smith said about his music career. "Why waste it?"

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ARTS & ENTERTAINMENT
REPORTER

When Youngstown State University students return to the city, they'll notice changes to its downtown.

The biggest and most recent change is the Lemon Grove Cafe's move a few doors away to a location more generous in size: the former Rosetta Stone building. O'Donald's Irish Pub will occupy the Lemon Grove Cafe's old location.

YSU senior Kayla Boye said she is excited about the changes occurring downtown.

"Given more spaces to explore, I think more people will start frequenting the downtown area, especially the university population," Boye said.

But downtown's growth is more substantial than the surface of cafes and bars.

"I've seen nothing but continuous growth," said Phil Kidd, owner of the Youngstown Nation store and founder of Defend Youngstown.

Youngstown Nation — which carries Youngstown merchandise and memorabilia — is a shop on Phelps Street that opened last month. Kidd said the store isn't just about making sales; its purpose is conveying information about Youngstown.

"The first thing I hear about this store is 'Thank you,'" Kidd said.

Defend Youngstown is an

organization that "supports informed citizenship, grassroots activism and community pride in relation to the advancement of Youngstown," according to Kidd's website, <http://www.defendyoungstown.blogspot.com>.

"People are actually choosing to live down here," Kidd said.

With the advancement of the Realty Tower Apartments and the Erie Terminal Place, area residents aren't just coming downtown for a night out; they're starting to view downtown as a community.

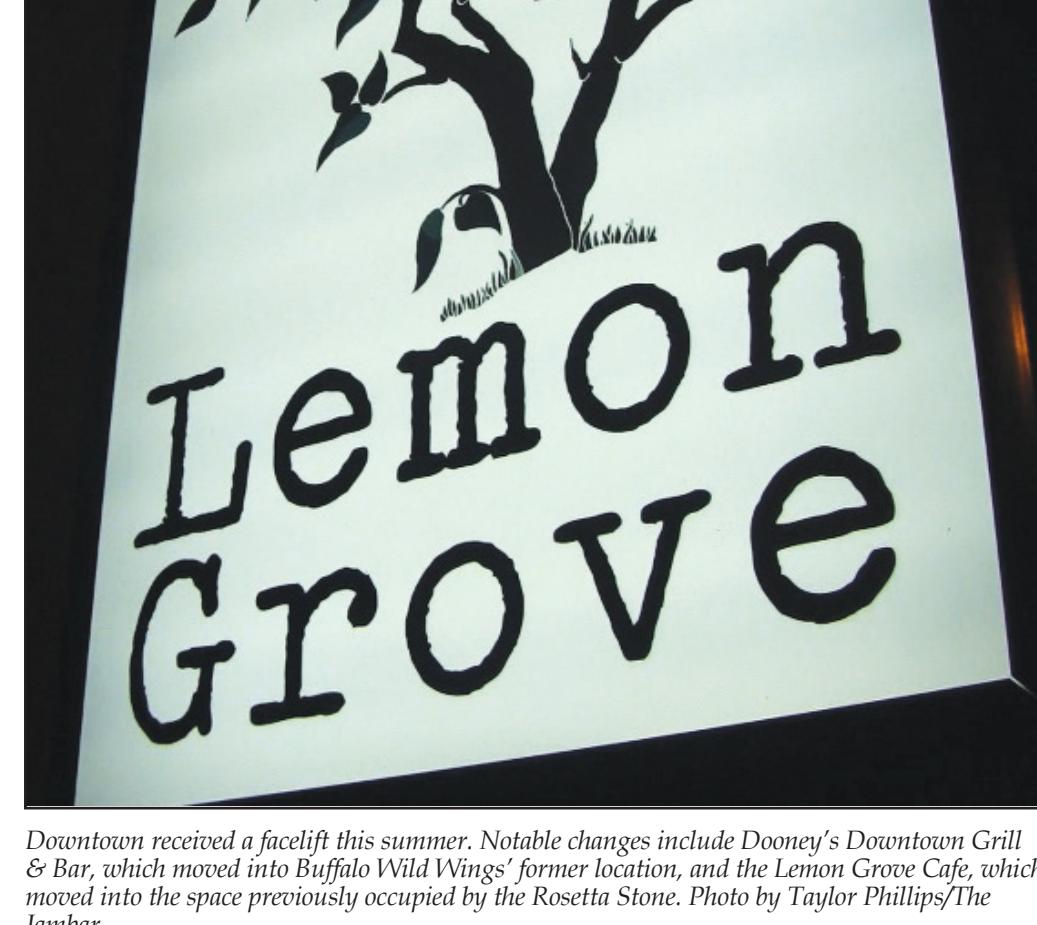
Kidd said area residents will notice sustainable business development along with population growth. This growth could eventually lead to a possible supermarket, two-screen cinema and more.

"I never have to drive a car," said Kidd, who lives in the building where his downtown store is located. He can already rely on the farmers market and convenience store for a lot of his groceries.

"You want to be able to create unique things here," Kidd said.

Originally from the Pittsburgh area, Kidd first came to Youngstown just more than a decade ago to attend YSU. He recalled going downtown only in his senior year, when there wasn't much variety beyond a few bars.

Kidd said several factors contributed to downtown's progression; among them are the Covelli Centre and a specified entertainment area.



Downtown received a facelift this summer. Notable changes include Dooney's Downtown Grill & Bar, which moved into Buffalo Wild Wings' former location, and the Lemon Grove Cafe, which moved into the space previously occupied by the Rosetta Stone. Photo by Taylor Phillips/The Jambar.

The entertainment area, he explained, was designated by the state and allowed many businesses to receive discounted liquor licenses. As for the Covelli Centre, it draws in crowds from the suburbs.

"They go out to dinner or

drinks and then see a show. They feel comfortable and safe down here," Kidd said.

Cleric Costes, president of the Oakland Center for the Arts on West Boardman Street, said it's "a very exciting time to be located downtown."

"We're seeing traffic from local restaurants and bars come to the Oakland, and we're continually being asked for recommendations on where to go after shows," Costes said. "It is great to be able to give out the names of places within

Danzer sets precedent for exercise science students

Justin Carissimo
REPORTER

At 5:30 a.m. every weekday, strength and conditioning coach Willie Danzer and his student assistant, Brian Sklenar, train Youngstown State University student-athletes so they can compete with students from top-tier universities throughout the nation.

Danzer came to YSU in 2009 after receiving his undergraduate degree in exercise science at the University of Northern Iowa in 2004 and his master's degree at Northwestern State University in 2007.

As a Penguin, he gets to put his exercise science education to the test. If students are wondering what to do with this degree, Danzer is a perfect example.

Danzer promoted his field of

work, but admitted it is not an easy path.

"Exercise physiology is great if you're willing to put in a ton of time into internship hours," he said. "The secret to becoming a successful coach is that you really have to love what you do."

Now in his third year as YSU's strength and conditioning coach, Danzer takes responsibility for all of the weight and speed training. He also designs individual diet plans for his athletes. Danzer and his staff oversee most of the weight room training for Penguin athletics.

As Danzer's intern and right-hand man, Sklenar said he has learned a lot throughout his internship and that it's been a great experience. Both Danzer and Sklenar encourage undergraduate or graduate students to shadow them and get involved.

"Willie allows me a lot of free-

dom in my programming to run with some of the ideas I have had, which is huge," Sklenar said. "When we sit down and program, we bounce a lot of ideas off of each other, and the end result is something that I believe is pretty progressive."

Sklenar said he assists Danzer in the preparation of history questionnaires, and he also helps athletes take the necessary preventative measures for potential injuries.

Instead of working on technique and form, staff members help student-athletes reach their full athletic potential.

"If we do our jobs correctly, we're giving a better product back to the coach," Danzer said. "We're producing more athletic kids than we've ever produced here."

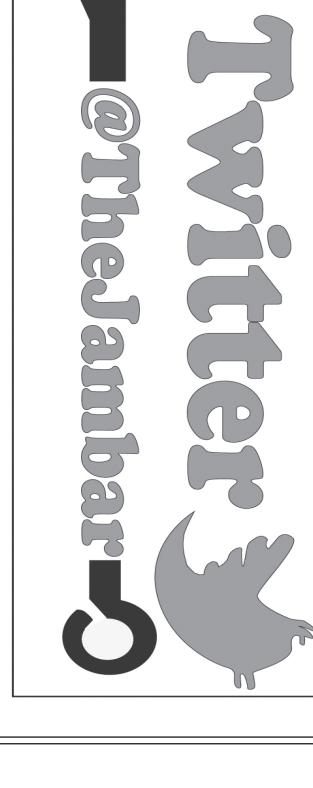
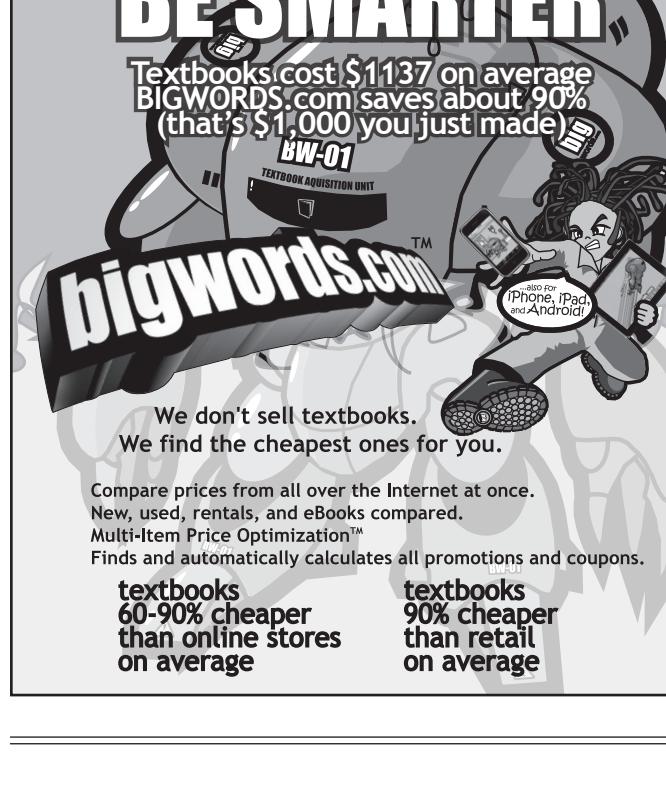
Senior baseball player Kevin McCulloh spoke on the importance of the coaches.

"Strength and conditioning is an ideal factor to improve, and it's not taken as seriously as it should be. But these guys have an undying passion for the profession that I really feel helps us out in the long run. It helps us become better athletes," he said.

In addition, this past offseason, Brandian Ross, cornerback for the Green Bay Packers and a former Penguin, approached Danzer to help him with his offseason training.

Danzer and his staff managed to increase Ross' speed and drop his 40-yard dash time from 4.79 to 4.44 seconds. Ross also gained 10 pounds of muscle.

"I love working with anyone that wants to be better than when they walked into the room. It's exciting," Danzer said. "I don't care how unrealistic a student's goal is, as long as there is a goal. That's the most fun part of our jobs."



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is expensive. Anything helps."

Aside from the above specifics, Ryan also advocates a maximum income cap for eligible recipients. While his proposal doesn't state where the cap would be placed, he argues that such a move would better target the program toward the needy.

Other proposals are the rollback of the 2007 eligibility expansions that broadened the grant eligibility pool and the stoppage of administrative fee payments to universities.

Ryan would also like to see a reduction in the overall award amount; the current range is from \$555 to \$5,500, but he'd like the range to be restored to pre-Obama administra-

tion levels of \$400 to \$4,310. The amounts were increased to combat the stress placed on in-need families due to the 2008 financial crisis and the rising cost of higher education.

Neal McNally, budget director at YSU, said the proposed Pell Grant alterations would not greatly affect the university's budget.

"YSU's administrative cost allowance for Pell Grants is about \$40,000 per year, or just 0.025 percent of YSU's total general fund budget," he said. "So, the impact on YSU would be relatively minor. I suspect the impact on other colleges and universities would vary depending on the number of Pell recipients."

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Offensively gifted

All Penguin starters from 2011 offense return

Steve Wilaj
SPORTS EDITOR

The 2012 Penguins return all 11 offensive starters from a 2011 unit that set school records in total yards per game (458.6) and points per game (36.2).

This reason alone has Shane Montgomery, Youngstown State University's offensive coordinator, excited for the prospects of his experienced offense.

"[Returning 11 starters] has enabled us to get ahead," Montgomery said. "We haven't had to teach them a whole lot schemewise because they pretty much know all the plays. We just kind of fine-tuned the fundamentals."

The leader of the offense, junior Kurt Hess, is entering his third season as the Penguins' starting quarterback. He agrees with Montgomery that the team will benefit from familiarity.

"It's definitely huge for our football team as a whole," Hess said. "It's really nice to know that everybody is on the same page. ... It's kind of like a brotherhood."

Hess had a stellar 2011 season, earning first-team All-Missouri Valley Football Conference. The 6-foot-3-inch right-hander passed for 2,468 yards, setting school records in completion percentage (64.8) and touchdown passes (26).

"Hess has a good idea of what we want to do offensively," Montgomery said. "And he's got great leadership qualities. I think the guys look up to him, and he makes everyone around him better."

One of the players surrounding Hess, senior Jamaine Cook, will once again be the Penguins' workhorse running back. The Cleveland native is coming off a 2011 campaign in which he earned first-team All-MVFC, compiling 1,386 yards and 13 touchdowns.

At a bulky 5-feet-9-inches and 215 pounds, Cook can run through defenders as well as around them. Hess understands the importance of his lead tailback, who is a preseason first-team All-MVFC selection.



YSU tight end Will Shaw (left) turns upfield after catching a pass during Monday's practice at Stambaugh Stadium. vJeremy Edwards (right) chases. Photo by Dustin Livesay/The Jambar.

"He's a great back," Hess said. "Sometimes you see Jamaine run and you think he's a power back because he's always lowering his shoulder and running over people. But he definitely has a lot of speed. ... Having him on the field with the ability to break a 40-yard run really helps us in the passing game."

As for the YSU passing attack, Montgomery said he feels the receiving unit has more depth and talent than in recent years. With no seniors, two juniors, and the rest sophomores or freshman, the Penguins have plenty of youth to work with.

"They've still got lots of growing to do — both physically and mentally," Montgomery said. "But I like the direction that group is going."

Sophomore Christian Bryan, who led the team with 46 catches for 722 yards in 2011, is expected to be a favorite receiver of Hess, while juniors Jelani Berassa and Kevin Watts should see their share of touches. Also, tight end Will Shaw will be an attractive red-zone target.

"I like the leadership of Watts and Berassa," Hess said. "And I like the looks of the younger guys like Kintrell Disher, Bryan and Andre Stubbs."

Another key to the YSU attack is the returning offensive line, led by preseason first-team All-MVFC selections Mark Pratt, center, and Chris Elkins, guard.

And while Montgomery said he loves the play of the starters, he is glad to have depth on the line this coming season.

"Last year, our offensive line played well, but we didn't really have the top quality backups," Montgomery said. "I think we've got a lot more depth right now than we ever had."

Even with all of the firepower, head coach Eric Wolford said he wants to make sure his offensive unit isn't too confident.

"The thing is," Wolford said, "if you feel that you're entitled and you think you're going to show up and have success on offense without continuing to work at it, you're wrong."

Hess, a preseason first-team All-

MVFC selection, apparently received Wolford's message.

"I've been working on my weaknesses, watching off-season film," Hess said. "There are things that I can do better, as well as with my teammates and helping them out."

No doubt, the attitude and work ethic of Hess allows Montgomery to boast so much confidence in his offense.

"If you watched us last year, we were a pretty good offense," Montgomery said. "And I think we have a chance to be at least as good, if not better, this year."

How will the offense perform this season?

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Former Cleveland Indian to be newest addition to Penguin baseball family

Cory Bartek
SPORTS REPORTER

Youngstown State University baseball will have some professional help this season, as Jason Stanford, former left-handed pitcher for the Cleveland Indians, will join the team as pitching coach for the 2012-2013 season.

"I knew he was in the area and knew he had an interest in coaching baseball at the collegiate level," said Steve Gillispie, who is entering his first year as YSU's head baseball coach. "We talked over the phone and met face to face a few times, and I thought he would be a good hire."

Gillispie said he hopes that Stanford's work ethic and mentality learned from his time in Major League Baseball will rub off on the team.

"He had to work hard every time out. He wasn't just blessed with overpowering velocity," Gillispie said. "His success came from knowing how to pitch."

In 1996 and 1997, Stanford spent the first two years of his collegiate career at Barton County Community College in Great Bend, Kan., where he was an Academic All-American. The following two years, he attended the University of North Carolina in Charlotte, N.C., where he was named an All-Conference USA selection both seasons.

Stanford worked his way

through the minor league, advancing to his major league debut with the Cleveland Indians on July 6, 2003, against the Minnesota Twins.

Stanford pitched five innings that game, allowing five hits and two earned runs. The Indians took the win, 5-3.

Stanford spent 2004 and 2007 with the Tribe, as well as acquiring an overall record of 2-5 and an earned run average of 3.61.

After his stints with the Indians, Stanford also had brief trials with the Chicago Cubs and the Washington Nationals before becoming the head baseball coach of Howland High School from 2010 to 2012.

Although Stanford's two years at Howland were the only coaching experiences he's had thus far, he isn't nervous about moving up to the collegiate level.

"I hope that it will be a smooth transition, but I'm sure it will have its challenges," Stanford said.

Coaching at the collegiate level was something that Stanford had wanted to pursue



Former Cleveland Indians pitcher Jason Stanford is now part of YSU's pitching staff. Photo courtesy of YSU Sports Information.

for some time. When the job opened up at YSU, Stanford said it was "a perfect match."

"It's the only collegiate job that I was interested in because of it being so close to home," he said.

Gillispie said he hopes that Stanford's connection with the northeast Ohio high school baseball scene can be of use in the recruiting process.

"He allows us on the front end to know the area very well," Gillispie said. "He knows a lot of local high school coaches along with be-

ing familiar with the Cleveland and Pittsburgh areas."

As for the current Penguin pitching staff, Stanford said he will hold his pitchers accountable for their actions, but also wants them to enjoy the game.

Stanford also has expectations for himself.

"I want to go out there every day and work hard as a pitching coach to make sure these kids can excel," he said.

But Stanford said he believes he can help his players in ways beyond pitching.

"Through every level I've

competed in, I bring the credibility of knowing how to pitch while also knowing how to overcome struggle and not let things get to me," Stanford said.

In the meantime, Stanford said he's thankful for the opportunity and eager to begin.

"[I'm excited] to help Coach Gillispie turn the program around and make it successful as fast as we can," he said.