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YSU President to leave office Aug. 16

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On Monday, Youngstown State University President Randy Dunn signed a contract to become Southern Illinois University Carbondale's next president, signaling his departure from YSU.

Dunn, who spent most of his early life in Illinois, will make a yearly salary of \$430,000 at SIU — a \$55,000 increase from his YSU salary of \$375,000.

At the YSU Board of Trustees meeting on Monday, Dunn submitted his resignation and will leave office on Aug. 16. According to Dunn's contract, he is required to give 180 days written notice before leaving office.

"I understand there's a sense of betrayal or questioning of why I would do such a thing, but I would point out ... it is a unique opportunity," Dunn said after the board meeting. "It's one that we didn't enter into lightly."

Dunn joined YSU on July 15, after Murray State University chose not to renew his contract after seven years. While under contract at Murray State, he applied for president of the University of Tennessee in October 2010 and Florida Commissioner of Education in December 2012. He also was a finalist in 2013 presidential search at Illinois State University, his alma mater.

During his tenure, Dunn has worked to improve enrollment numbers, moved YSU from an open enrollment to an open access institution and



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At the YSU Board of Trustees meeting, after a 2.5-hour executive session, it was determined that President Dunn will resign on August 16, fulfilling the terms of his contract.

introduced sweeping budget cuts to deal with a mounting deficit.

According to SIU Board of Trustees' meeting minutes, SIU President Glenn Poshard announced his retire-

ment in July, sparking SIU's search for a new president. The search began in September, and the university commenced placing ads for the new position in October.

Dunn said he was contacted about applying for the position during the fall semester.

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PHOTO BY ALYSSA PAWLUK/THEJAMBAR

Customers are served their meals at the newly opened Hot Head Burrito eatery on Lincoln Avenue, owned by Pamela VonBergen.

## A Sweet and Spicy Start for Hot Heads

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To celebrate Valentine's Day, Pamela VonBergen officially opened her Hot Head Burrito eatery on Lincoln Avenue.

VonBergen, owner of Hot Head and two area Subways said she was satisfied with the way business was going on the first day.

"It's going great, and I'm happy. There's been a line all day long going through very quick, so there wasn't a long wait. The employees have been really fast and quick in the back as well, and we even had a line to the door around lunch time," she said.

VonBergen explained that the official opening was on

Valentine's Day.

"We had a pre-opening party on Wednesday, Thursday we had the ribbon cutting with the mayor but we stayed closed, and we officially opened to the public Friday," VonBergen explained.

She said that her goal was to give adequate service to the public and let them experience the food on their own.

"The main thing for me is to provide service the first time and make sure everyone leaves here happy," VonBergen said. "Once they come, they'll be able to taste the food, see the profile and the service."

She added that every Friday at Hot Heads is "Facebook Friday" and students are able to receive the deals on their phones.

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## Local Surgeon Donates Precious Medical Artifacts

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Youngstown State University's Rose Melnick Medical Museum received a large donation of several medical artifacts courtesy of one local surgeon.

Dr. Rashid Abdu of Canfield worked as a surgeon at St. Elizabeth's Health Center for over three decades and served as the director of Surgical Education at YSU for 23 years.

A native of Yemen, Abdu came to the United States when he was 9-years-old and attended school here. His remarkable story is chronicled in his autobiography, "Journey of a Yemeni Boy."

However, what may be more remarkable is the vast collection of rare medical artifacts he obtained throughout his life and career.

"More than 30 years ago, my foster father, Alfred M. Palmer, M.D., of Falls Church Virginia, gave me his collection of surgical instruments, which he had inherited from an old Virginia doctor — more than 50 artifacts, some dating back to the 1700s," Abdu said.

Some of the notable pieces of his collection are a Civil War-era surgical kit and physician's kit dating back to the 1740s. Abdu said that the artifacts are all very interesting in their own way, and that it's very hard for him to choose his favorite instrument.



PHOTO BY RICK POLLO/THEJAMBAR

Pictured above is Civil War-era amputation and surgical kit. The piece was donated to YSU's Rose Melnick Medical Museum, with several other artifacts, by local surgeon Rashid Abdu.

"Each has a story to tell. The sharp pointed knife, required to cut muscles of a leg in seconds, the blood-letting instrument that gives an image of George Washington being bled to death by his 'doctors,' and, there is the tonsil guillotine, that removed the tonsils

in seconds, but took hours to control the bleeding," Abdu said.

Abdu said he knew radiologist Dr. John C. Melnick, the museum's founder, for many years.

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## A Musical Dialogue

PHOTO COURTESY OF BRUCE PALMER

James Umble, has taught saxophone students at the Dana School of Music since 1984. During his time at YSU, Umble has been interim dean for both the Dana School of Music and the Beeghly College of Education.

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American jazz musician Eric Dolphy once said, "Once you play the music, it's in the air. It's gone." In James Umble's case, the music may be in the air, but it is never gone. It runs through Youngstown State University, through the students in the Dana School of Music.

Umble has been teaching saxophone majors at YSU since 1984 and takes pride in the students he's had the opportunity to teach over the years.

"We've just had a great tradition of saxophone teaching here, and I am proud that perhaps that's my greatest achievement ... what I've tried to establish and continue here at Youngstown State in the saxophone studio," he said.

Umble started playing in the sixth grade. He has had the opportunity to play in concerts across the country and to work with composers in creating and

premiering new literature, especially for the chamber music combination of saxophone, violin and piano.

The Cleveland Duo and James Umble is the name of his professional trio, a group that has been performing together for the last 18 years. The Cleveland Duo consists of two musicians from the Cleveland Orchestra, Stephen Warner (violin) and Carolyn Gadiel Warner (piano). They have recently played in Australia, and two weeks ago in Miami, Florida. They also recently performed at The Cleveland Institute of Music. Next month, Umble will be playing in South America.

"I've never been to South America before, but I am going there as one of two international soloists that were invited to perform on a Single Reed Woodwind professional conference in South America," Umble said.

As much as Umble enjoys teaching and making music, he also enjoys listening to it. His current band of choice is Topology, an Australian post-modernist group whose sound consists of

a mix of jazz and minimalism. Umble also enjoys listening to world, ethnic, eclectic and classical music genres.

"I love hearing great violin playing, and I also enjoy the conversations with my students that result when they bring me music they are listening to and turn me on to it. This is a great dialogue, as I encourage them to listen to music I am inspired by as well," he said.

As inspiring as Umble has been to his students — as a professor and musician — he too has had his own role models in the past.

In his early years teaching, there was one great mentor who really helped show him the different roles of a professor — Joseph Edwards, a former clarinet/saxophone teacher at YSU.

Edwards started the saxophone studio, went on to become the chair of the Dana School of Music, then went on to become the interim dean of YSU's College of Fine and Performing Arts after being the interim dean in the Beeghly College of Education.

Umble was also inspired by his teacher in France, so much so that he wrote a book on his behalf and on his experiences.

"I am so thankful to have had opportunities to have played with the Cleveland Orchestra, which is one of the great orchestras in the world. I've been blessed with the opportunity to study in France and subsequently, I wrote a book about that experience which has turned into a reference book used by saxophone students all over the world," he said.

Umble is working on the second edition of that book, which should be out in six months.

"And all of that activity reflects back on Youngstown State very well, because I am representing the university everywhere I go," Umble said. "People know where I am teaching, they know about our school, they know about our great school of Music, and I am proud to carry the name of Youngstown State and the Dana School of Music everywhere I go."

## Close Uganda Ties May Limit What US Does on Anti-Gay Law

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The Obama administration faces a crucial diplomatic test in Central Africa, where its strategic ally Uganda is drawing criticism for its military presence in South Sudan and its official hostility toward gays and lesbians.

But experts on U.S. policy in Africa say the administration's denunciation of Ugandan government policies is unlikely to alter that country's behavior and that the United States isn't likely to take stronger steps.

On Sunday, President Barack Obama condemned legislation that would radically curtail the rights of gay and lesbian Ugandans after the country's president, Yoweri Museveni, said he'd sign it. Obama's statement, posted on the White House website, called the bill "a step backward for all Ugandans" and said enacting the legislation "will complicate our valued relationship with Uganda."

The statement followed one a week earlier from State Department spokeswoman Jen Psaki that called for the

"phased withdrawal of foreign forces" from South Sudan. Only Uganda, which borders South Sudan, has acknowledged having troops there.

Neither statement said how the United States would react if Uganda doesn't change direction, and that worries some analysts.

"I'm both disturbed and not surprised that it doesn't specify any direct measures," J. Peter Pham, the director of the Atlantic Council's Africa Center, said of Obama's comments on the anti-gay legislation, which would impose life jail terms on any HIV-positive individual who engaged in homosexual intercourse. "It will be read by Uganda and Museveni and his advisers as nothing."

Pham said it probably would take the United States threatening to withdraw military assistance to get Museveni's attention. "We've condemned their actions in a number of instances but they've continued to act duplicitously," he said. "The one area where we could, if we really wanted to, send a signal is on the military side."

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## YSU Establishes New Scholarship

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This semester, Youngstown State University has created the First Opportunity Award — a lower level \$1,000 scholarship that could attract successful students to YSU and improve enrollment numbers in the fall.

To earn this scholarship, students must score a 20 on the ACT and graduate high school with a 3.0 cumulative GPA. In past years, students had to score a minimum of a 22 on the ACT to be considered for scholarship money.

Gary Swegan, YSU's associative vice president for enrollment management, helped establish the First Opportunity Award; he said the scholarship aligns nicely with the services YSU provides.

"Bottom line is, for the kind of institution that we are, for the kind of students we're serving, I really felt we needed something else because we need to have something for people who have a 20 on the ACT," he said.

Elaine Ruse, director of the

Office of Financial Aid and Scholarships, added that the scholarship will benefit a large number of students.

"We needed this scholarship to strengthen and expand our merit-based program offers. The program will provide financial support to a significant number of academically successful new high school graduates," Ruse said.

Last year, 180 freshmen entered YSU with scores of either a 20 or a 21 on the ACT, though they received no monetary incentive to attend YSU.

Swegan anticipates a significant increase of enrollment from students in this ACT score bracket because of the scholarship incentive. If 198 of these freshmen students enroll next fall, just 18 more than last year's numbers, the scholarship will have paid for itself.

"I think we're on track to do what I was hoping to do," Swegan said.

Limited state funding — which has become increasingly tied to graduation rates — and a decrease in enrollment have led to a subsequent reduction in the university's revenue over the past three years. Swegan expects the

First Opportunity Award to help reverse this trend by attracting qualified students who are capable of graduating.

"Let's say what it is. I need to put some points on the board to get us moving in the right direction — enrollment-wise," Swegan said. "It's about bringing in more students that are capable of being successful as the state transitions to a funding model that puts a whole lot more emphasis on students being able to complete courses and ultimately graduate."

Elaine Ruse agreed with Swegan and said the scholarship could be a "win, win."

"I'm thrilled to add First Opportunity to our Scholarships for Excellence program offerings," Ruse said. "We hope to attract more new high school graduates with this academic profile. If we succeed, YSU is more affordable for the qualified students and new undergraduate enrollment for students with this academic profile increases."

As of Feb. 14, the university had offered 229 students the First Opportunity Award. Swegan expects that between 300 and 350 students will be offered the award in total.



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## NEWS BRIEFS

## YSU Chi Sigma Iota Wins Award

The Youngstown State University chapter of Chi Sigma Iota — an international honor society dedicated to promoting excellence in the counseling profession — has been selected as the 2013-14 recipient of the Outstanding Chapter Individual Program Award. The award will be presented during the American Counseling Association Conference in Honolulu, Hawaii on March 28. The chapter received the award for hosting the Advocacy and Leadership Summit in February 2013.

## Bitone College Hosts 5th Annual Alumni Recognition Dinner

On Feb. 21, the Bitone College of Health and Human Services will host the fifth annual Alumni Recognition Dinner in the Chestnut Room of Kilcawley Center. The dinner will start at 6 p.m., but there will be option tours of Cushman Hall starting at 4:30 p.m. with a following reception at 5 p.m. For more information, contact Heather Belgin at [habelgin@ysu.edu](mailto:habelgin@ysu.edu) or call at extension 1591.

## YSU Faculty and Staff Workshop on Autism

The Academic Advisors Association at Youngstown State University will host a "Supporting College Students with Autism Spectrum Disorder" workshop on Wednesday in the Ohio Room of Kilcawley Center. The workshop is not open to the general public, but is designed for staff to increase awareness and support for college students with autism. The event is supported by the Centofanti Center of Health and Welfare for Vulnerable Populations at YSU, the Bitone College of Health and Human Services and the Professional Development Fund of the YSU Association for Professional and Administrative Staff. For more information, contact Bill Buckler, YSU coordinator of Academic Advising, at extensions 1801 or 3620.

## POLICE BRIEF

## YSUPD and YPD Apprehend Off-Campus Shooting Suspect

The Youngstown State Police Department and the Youngstown Police Department responded to a shooting on 224 West Wood St., near YSU campus, on Monday afternoon. Neither party involved was a YSU student.

John Beshara, chief of YSUPD, said the shooting took place at a private apartment complex next to YSU facility building, and the shooter was quickly apprehended unharmed, ending any immediate threat to campus.

"The shooting occurred; it was reported in the parking lot. The suspect fled south toward downtown, away from the campus," he said. "Our officers were in the immediate area. They went south from the location of the incident and ended up finding the suspect down there."

Though the shooting was not on-campus, YSUPD was able to respond quickly to the situation because of the mutual aid agreement with YPD and other county police departments.

"We work under what is called a mutual aid agreement, which essentially allows us, when we — any of the law enforcement agencies county-wide as a matter of fact — are having a situation like this, we can all go and help each other," Beshara said.

The status of the victim in the shooting is currently unknown.

"There's an app that you can download for our menu and every Friday, if you log onto Facebook, the specials going on that day will pop up on your phone," she said. "Every day we'll have some kind of different special going on, like Tuesday is double sticker day, and once you get so many you'll get a free burrito."

VonBergen said that the restaurant does not accept Pete's Points, but students will get to vote online whether Hot Heads will be added to the list or not.

Students were excited to eat at Hot Head and most agreed

that the food was delicious.

Robert Miller, political science and history major, expressed his excitement for his meal.

"It's actually my first time eating at Hot Head, and I ordered the spicy chicken burrito. It's just really good," Miller said.

Taylor Fleming, nursing major, said that she really liked the food at Hot Head as well.

"This is my first time here, but I really like it. I like Chipotle too though, but I can't choose between which one is better; I just like them both," Fleming said.

Kyle Logan, mechanical engineering major, said that Hot Head offers more variety on its menu than Chipotle, and he enjoys the food.

"So far, it's been unbelievable. I think they're going to do well here, and hopefully, it lasts, because it would be a nice thing on YSU's campus to get kids to come to," Logan said. "I like how there is a different variety of things, and there are a lot more sauces and toppings you can choose from. It's not better than Chipotle but there is more variety."

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After having been suggested to donate a portion of his unique collection to surgical museums in Chicago and Washington, D.C., he felt the Melnick Museum would be most appropriate home for them.

"I preferred to keep them in our community if it were at all possible. I called Cassie Nespor, curator of the Melnick Medical Museum, whom I had never met, but after I met her and got to know her and her depth of knowledge in this area, I knew this would be a perfect home for my collection," Abdu said.

Melnick founded the medical museum, which he named after his mother Rose who inspired him to go into the medical field. He also went on to develop a Mill Creek Park Museum before he passed away in 2008.

"Dr. [John] Melnick was a collector of old and rare medical artifacts," Nespor said. "And what Dr. Abdu has denoted are now some of the oldest pieces we have here."

Nespor said some of the artifacts such as pre-anesthesia surgical tools, blood-letting tools and primitive headache remedies are among the most distinctive pieces of the collection.

"There's some trephines, which were used to

drill holes in peoples' heads to cure headaches. He also donated a really nice surgical kit from the 1800s that has three rows of tools in it, it's the most complete amputation and surgical kit we have," Nespor said.

The items Abdul has donated will soon be on display at the Melnick Medical Museum's new permanent home, at the Bitone College of Health and Human Services, located in Cushman Hall.

"The items are currently in the archives of Maag Library, but they'll be heading to the Melnick Museum very soon," Nespor said.

Abdu said these artifacts are significantly important for onlookers to see how far the medical field has advanced over the last few centuries.

"It is important to medical and non-medical folks to look into the history of these instruments and get a sense of appreciation of what we have, and how much we have advanced in healthcare over the last 200 years," Abdu said. "They did not know that infection was caused by bacteria, and sterile technique was unknown."

## The Paul J. and Marguerite K. Thomas Colloquium on Free Enterprise

## Blake Mycoskie

Founder of TOMS;  
New York Times Best-Selling Author

Tuesday,  
March 4, 2014 at 7:00 p.m.  
Stambaugh Auditorium  
1000 Fifth Ave. • Youngstown, OH



Blake Mycoskie is the Founder and Chief Shoe Giver of TOMS and the person behind the idea of One for One, which has turned into a global movement. Since it began in 2006, TOMS has given ten million pairs of new shoes to children in need. The company also recently expanded its unique business model to include TOMS Eyewear, helping to save and restore sight to more than 150,000 people in need around the world.

TOMS humble beginnings happened unintentionally. While traveling in Argentina in 2006, Blake witnessed the hardships faced by children growing up without shoes. His solution to the problem was simple, yet revolutionary: to create a for-profit business that was sustainable and not reliant on donations. Blake's vision soon turned into the simple business idea that provided the powerful foundation for TOMS.

Over the course of its first five years, TOMS was successful enough in providing shoes for children in need, but Blake, having recognized other vital needs during his travels around the world, realized that One for One, could be applied to more than shoes. He developed the idea for TOMS Eyewear, where, for every pair of eyewear purchased, TOMS would help give sight to a person in need. One for One.

In the fall of 2011, Blake released his first book, "Start Something that Matters," offering his own amazing story of inspiration and the power of incorporating giving into business. He references other companies and individuals who have been motivated and inspired to integrate philanthropy into their profession as well as their personal lives. The book became a New York Times best-seller. More importantly, it is Blake's hope that "Start Something That Matters" inspires others to turn their passion and dreams into a reality.

From shoes to eyewear and now a book, Blake's unique approach to business has awarded him with numerous accolades. In 2009 Blake and TOMS received the Secretary of State's 2009 Award of Corporate Excellence (ACE). At the Clinton Global Initiative University plenary session, President Clinton introduced Blake to the audience as "one of the most interesting entrepreneurs (I've) ever met." People Magazine featured Blake in its "Heroes Among Us" section, and TOMS was featured in the Bill Gates Time Magazine article "How to Fix Capitalism." In 2011 Blake was included on Fortune Magazine's "40 Under 40" list, recognizing him as one of the top young businessmen in the world.

Before TOMS, Blake, a native of Texas who always had an entrepreneurial spirit, started five businesses. His first was a successful campus laundry service, which he later sold. Between business ventures, Blake competed in the CBS primetime series, "The Amazing Race." With his sister, Paige, Blake traveled the world and came within minutes of winning the \$1 million grand prize.

Blake is an avid reader and traveler. He is passionate about inspiring young people to help make tomorrow better, encouraging them to include giving in everything they do. His hope is to see a future full of socially-minded businesses and consumers.

Youngstown State University, through the income from an endowment established by Paul J. and Marguerite K. Thomas, began the annual "Colloquium on Free Enterprise" in 1981. Reflecting the Thomases' involvement in the business community and their interest in the community at large, the Colloquium fosters ideas that are conducive to the growth of the free enterprise system. It promotes free enterprise as a viable force in the U.S. economy. The aims of the Colloquium are to provide a series of outstanding lectures or workshops by recognized leaders in business, economics, and finance for both the public and the academic community, to provide a library for use by business people, students, and citizens of the community, to serve as a clearing house for the exchange of ideas to foster common goals of industry, business, and finance in the free enterprise system, and to stimulate the thinking and long-range planning of business, government, and individuals on ways to foster the growth of free enterprise.

## The lecture is free and open to the public.

Tickets are *mandatory* and seating is on a first-come, first-serve basis.

Tickets can be picked up beginning February 17, Monday through Friday at:

- The Information and PC Lab in Kilcawley Center, YSU Campus, between 8 am and 8 pm
- The Office of the Dean in the Williamson College of Business Administration, YSU Campus, between 8 am and 5 pm
- Or at Stambaugh Auditorium between 9 am and 6 pm

For more information, call the YSU Alumni and Events Office at 330-941-3497.

Arrangements for Mr. Mycoskie's appearance were made by The GUILD Agency.

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A shuttle service will be available to take guests to Stambaugh Auditorium starting at 4:30 pm and running until 9:30 pm. Stops on the continuous loop will include:

- in front of the letters at Williamson Hall on Hazel
- in front of the McDonough Museum, and
- in front of the Cafaro House-residence halls



For more information, call the YSU Africana Studies Program at 330-941-3097.

Calendar of Events for

# African American History Month 2014

Saturday, February 1

## The African Marketplace

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



Join us to kick off our celebration of African American History Month with the African Marketplace. View and/or purchase art objects, Afrocentric writings and a variety of goods and products that represent the creative genius of Africans and African Americans. Entertainment is provided by the dynamic and youthful dancers of Harambee.

Friday, February 7

## Maple Turner III

Art Exhibit by Maple Turner and panel discussion

Maple Turner III is a native of Youngstown who began painting at the age of six with encouragement from his father, Maple Turner Jr., an avid collector of African Art and sculptures. After six years of painting, Turner went to Youngstown State University where he earned a bachelor's degree in Fine arts, then moved to New York City to pursue a career as an artist. While in New York, Turner sold his paintings to numerous galleries and private collectors. He earned an Associate degree in fine art the Parson School of Design. Later, in Paris he created a series of French inspired collections, and upon returning to New York City, attended City College, where he earned his master's degree in fine art. Mr. Turner works in watercolor, acrylic, oil, sand and reused materials.

Exhibition at the Bliss Hall Gallery, College of Creative Arts and Communication

Panel Discussion in the McDonough Museum of Art at 6:30 p.m.



Tuesday, February 11

## Keynote Lecture by Dr. Molefi Asante

7:00 p.m., Chestnut Room, Kilcawley Center

Dr. Molefi Asante is a Professor in the Department of African American Studies at Temple University. He is responsible for re-invigorating African American Studies at the University and creating the first PhD program in the discipline. Dr. Asante has been recognized as one of the ten most widely read African American scholars.

He received his PhD from UCLA in 1968.

He has published 74 books, including As I Run Toward Africa, The African American People and African American History: Journey of Liberation (2<sup>nd</sup> edition), which is used as a textbook in more than 400 schools in North America.

Co-sponsored by the Youngstown Board of Education, The Youngstown School Parent Association and The Family Institute of Youngstown



Tuesday, February 18

## Modern Day Slavery in Human Trafficking

6:30 p.m., Ohio Room, Kilcawley Center

by Dr. Denise Narcisse, Associate Professor, Department of Anthropology & Sociology, YSU.

The problem of human trafficking represents one of the worst forms of human exploitation and dehumanization. The illegal trade of human beings for sexual exploitation and forced labor amounts to modern day slavery, an abuse of the fundamental rights of children and women throughout the world. No society or nation is immune from this scourge.

In Ohio an estimated 1,078 children are victims of human trafficking, and 3,016 more are at risk. Governor John Kasich's Executive Order forming the Ohio Trafficking Task Force was designed to deal with this problem by marshalling the necessary state resources and building public awareness about this problem. Dr. Narcisse has done extensive research on human trafficking and its impact on victims and the community. Her lecture will shed light on a clandestine phenomenon that is secretive and deadly to innocent victims.



Saturday, February 22

## Panel Discussion on The Nelson Mandela Legacy

7:00 p.m. The Chestnut Room, Kilcawley Center

When Nelson Mandela died in December at the age of 95, he moved the entire world to mourn for him. He left his legacy as an outstanding and incomparable freedom fighter, a statesman and an exemplary leader of great renown, not only in his home country of South Africa, but also in the world at large. After enduring 27 years of dehumanizing torture and hard labor on Robben Island, Mr. Mandela emerged from prison to embrace his torturers and became the first democratically elected president of South Africa. His life and example have left numerous lessons for posterity to digest and exemplify. Our panelists will help us understand and appreciate the lasting importance of this historic figure.



Panelists: Dr. Daniel Ayana, History Department; Dr. Dolores Sisco, English Department; Dr. Frank Ackpadock, Senior Researcher, Regional Center for Urban Studies; Dr. David Porter, Political Science Department; Dr. Samuel Adu-Poku, Department of Art Education; and Dr. Christian Onwudike, Department of Criminal Justice.

## Poetry Reading

Wednesday, February 26

6:30 p.m. Jones Room, Kilcawley Center

Poetry Competition on subject matter related to African or the African American experience, or expressions inspired by famous or not so well-known historical figures. A maximum of two submissions per individual should be forwarded to the Africana Studies Program by February 21. A panel of judges will select the best three poems to receive prizes.

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# Chemistry Chair Retires



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Daryl Mincey (middle) poses after winning the Penguin of the Year Award in 2013. Mincey had work for the FDA since October 2004 and has been a professor at YSU since 1991.

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After 19 years, Daryl W. Mincey has decided to retire from his position as chairman of the chemistry department at Youngstown State University.

"Being a chairman at YSU is a very interesting situation. You are elected by the faculty every five years, but you serve at the discretion of the president," Mincey said.

Mincey won his first election 9-8 in 1995 and served three more terms since 2000. He decided to retire from his rank as chairman on June 30.

"You get to a point where you've accomplished what you wanted to accomplish," he said. "It was time."

Mincey started his journey at YSU in 1978.

"When I started, YSU was a very different place, very inward looking, non-research

active," he said. "Grantsmanship was not as intensively valued as it is today."

Mincey has acquired many titles while at YSU. He was a chemistry instructor in 1979 after coming in for the previous chairman who was on sabbatical leave. He continued to climb the rope of success to the chair of the department. Along with being chairman, he has been a professor since 1991, science adviser for the Food and Drug Administration since October 2004 and Penguin of the Year in 2013.

As chairman, Mincey has had many responsibilities, such as meeting with students to discuss questions, making decisions with the faculty about how to continue to improve the department and purchasing new equipment for the labs — thanks to the grant money given from various organizations and institutions.

"The chair adds more capability to chart the direction of

the department," he said.

Many grants and equipment have been given to the department. The Youngstown State University Research Council gave amounts ranging from \$1,700 to \$4,000 and the National Science Foundation awarded \$25,000 for an investigative science laboratory.

The chemistry department has had appearances from Governor Strickland, who cut the ribbon for the electron microscopy instrument, and a representative from the National Science Foundation, who came to celebrate for the other equipment the department attained over the years.

"We're like the Goldilocks of institutions," Mincey said.

The department now holds over \$15 million worth of research equipment. These machines allow undergraduate and graduate students to get hands-on experience that enables them to go out in the world and work.

Tim Wagner, professor and associate chair, has been working with Mincey since he came to YSU and has been a witness to the impact that the chairman has made in the 19 years he's been involved.

"He has been an excellent facilitator, helping people to do the things they want to do, while the people in the department moving to trajectory of more of a research active department," Wagner said.

Wagner said when comparing YSU to other universities, the chemistry department is second to none for a non-doctorate program.

The number of students with master's degrees grew from six students to an astounding 30 in a matter of a few years. This is thanks to Mincey's supportive attitude and determination to make things work.

"He deserves a lot of credit for the buildup of the department," Wagner said.

After Mincey retires, he still plans on coming back next semester to teach an introductory chemistry class to students who have not taken chemistry in high school. He stated that when students don't have any background on the subject, it can be interesting and challenging.

"It's like teaching them a foreign language," Mincey said.

He will also volunteer his hours to the athletic department — where he was a photographer from 1998-1999 — and research with the FDA on counterfeit drugs.

Wagner, Brian Leskiw and Sherri Lovelace-Cameron were the three nominations on the ballot for chairman. Votes were counted Wednesday Jan. 29, with Wagner receiving the majority vote. The date at which Wagner will take his place as chairman is yet to be discussed.

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"I was contacted quite a while ago, probably mid-fall. I didn't apply per se. I had a reach out from the consultant they hired, and initially I said, 'No, we just moved here.' It turned out that evidently there were a number of nominations supporting me for that search process," Dunn said. "To say that I've been angling or working this since the search moved forward is not the case."

Randal Thomas, chairman of the SIU Board Of Trustees, said in a news release on Monday that Dunn was chosen for the abilities he has displayed over his career in education.

"Randy Dunn has both the skills and the background to ensure that SIU continues to live up to its mission of providing a quality education for thousands of students, serving as an academic and economic engine and meeting the healthcare needs of individuals and families in central and southern Illinois," Thomas said in the news release.

On Monday, Dunn cancelled his appearance at YSU's Crash Day and was unable to be reached at his office or through his cellphone. Ron Cole, YSU's public information officer, and Shannon Tirone, chief of staff, were also unaware as of Monday morning of Dunn's location.

YSU's Board was not aware to Dunn's decision to apply, and they were alerted to the news when the story first broke. Dunn said he was unable to release information because of confidentiality issues.

"It's a judgment that gets made," Dunn said. "At SIU, they had made

very clear that this was a closed and wholly confident search. You're having to weigh against what they have said they want to have take place and how they wanted things handled, looking at what damage that does to this university in not giving a notification and again making that judgment call."

Senior administrators, professors, board members and students expressed surprise in response to Dunn's resignation.

Jack Fahey, YSU's vice president of Student Affairs, said despite the negative impact it could have on YSU's progress, he wishes Dunn the best in his new position.

"I wish Randy the best, happiness and success at SIU. As far as for Youngstown State, [I'm] disappointed at the setback. We have a lot of momentum going, a lot of things are going really, really well and this obviously slows down our progress," Fahey said.

Chet Cooper, an YSU professor of biology, voiced a similar opinion, saying that the university needs to move forward despite this set back.

"Dr. Dunn was a great person to work with, and I thought he brought a lot of talent and potential to the university. It's a disappointment to see him go. I'm not necessarily angry about it, but I think we'll need to move forward, and I think what the university community has to remember is that the university isn't just one person," Cooper said.

Catie Carney, president of the Student Government Association, and Michael Slavens, vice president of SGA, both voiced shock at the sudden an-

nouncement.

"It's a shame for the university. It's just a disappointment I guess," Carney said. "My comments are simple: As far as my reaction to this goes, I'm in shock; the university did not see this coming in any shape or form, I believe."

Slavens added that Dunn had a strong vision for the university.

"He seemed to have such a good vision — a good route he wanted to go. He seemed very forward thinking," Slavens said.

Annette Burden, president of the YSU chapter of the Ohio Education Association, said in a joint union press release that Dunn was a willing negotiator in union talks.

"The union presidents were as surprised as the Board of Trustees to hear that President Dunn will be leaving YSU. Certainly, we are all very disappointed in this news. We have appreciated Dr. Dunn's willingness to work together and would like to acknowledge the speed at which he often helped to resolve issues that we brought to his attention," Burden said. "We trust that this news will not have a negative impact on the upcoming negotiations of two of the unions."

Speculation about Dunn's new presidential position began on Saturday, after the Daily Egyptian, SIU's student newspaper, released an article announcing Dunn as the front-running candidate for the position.

Dunn will not leave the only hole in the executive staff of YSU. Ikram Khawaja, provost and vice president for

academic affairs, is set to retire on June 30, and Eugene Grilli, vice president for finance and administration, will be leaving for a new position in West Virginia later this month.

Slavens reassures students that in the short term the university should not be too drastically impacted by the absence of these three positions.

"Theoretically, for the average student, they shouldn't see a difference," Slavens said. "Granted, these are the top positions, but in my mind the top positions are more for the future — for the vision — rather than right now. It does sound horrible, but I feel like for the average student, it will be all right in the short term as long as they fix it."

Sudershan Garg, chairman of the Board of Trustees, said the Board will begin discussion soon on the matter of selecting a new president.

"I think the Board will meet sometime in the near future to start the process and I believe that we'll have a similar screening process as we had last time," Garg said. "Hopefully, some of the previous applicants who were number two and number three, they will apply."

Dunn reassures the community that his choice is not a reflection on the university.

"This is no reflection on the community, the university. There are good days ahead for YSU," Dunn said. "This Board knows it, and I think this community, after the initial shock, will see that too."

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## THROWIN' IT BACK TO THE '90s



PHOTO BY TAYLOR PHILLIPS/ THE JAMBAR.

Shock G from Digital Underground took the stage at Harley-Davidson BikeTown in Austintown Saturday night at the "Back to the '90s" party sponsored by Scott Austalosh.

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Saturday night, Shock G from '90s rap group Digital Underground commanded the packed floor of Harley-Davidson BikeTown in Austintown to do the "Humpty-Hump" at the Back to the '90s party sponsored by Warehouse 50.

Even though only one member of the original lineup is still in the group, Digital Underground, known for their hit song "The Humpty Dance," took the stage and performed their hits from the '90s.

The party, put on by the independent work of Scott Austalosh, featured '90s music all night by DJ Kidd, who has also spun music for Warehouse 50's Party on the Plaza.

Among the partygoers, a few Youngstown State University students enjoyed the concert including Harry Wolfe, a criminal justice major.

Wolfe said he was surprised

by the turnout and atmosphere of the concert.

"It was such a good time," he said. "I love '90s music and I didn't think they would be playing it all night. It really brought me back to the late '90s, early 2000s."

Austalosh said that he has been trying to incorporate the YSU campus over the past year. Last semester, he began to work with Rookery Radio and brought in the rock band Saliva at Warehouse 50 this past fall.

"We are submitting contracts for four to five national acts," he said. "We want to work with YSU more. Our goal is to make our concerts YSU friendly and even offer some kind of discount toward tickets for those with a student ID."

Austalosh also said that YSU is an important part of the community and while he plans his next event, he hopes to ask around and see what kind of music YSU students

like so he can try to bring in popular act.

Before Shock G took the BikeTown stage, partygoers danced to '90s hits and a few were invited on stage to dance with DJ Kidd. Drinks were also served throughout the night at the two full-service cash bars.

"We wanted to have it at Austintown BikeTown because of how they have a pop-up stage and can accommodate any act that comes," Austalosh said. "It is a running series with that venue and we really like that they have to of-

fer."

Although Rookery Radio was not a partner with the party, Austalosh said he wants to put on at least one concert on YSU's campus within the next year.

"Years ago they used to have concerts at Beeghly Center all the time," he said. "That's what I want. I want to bring that vibe back so students who live on campus don't have to drive far away to see a concert."

Wolfe also said that he hopes more concerts put on by Austalosh are in the near fu-

ture for the area.

"I'm glad my friend told me about this because I honestly wish I heard about it myself," Wolfe said. "If they brought more concerts like this around they can get the word out to students more."

As for the future, Austalosh will hold a Ballyhoo Music Festival concert in August, as well as decade parties for the '70s and '80s.

"We want to do lots of throwback, fun stuff," Austalosh said. "We have a lot of good stuff coming up, so be on the lookout."



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DJ Kidd spun records throughout the night all by '90s artists.

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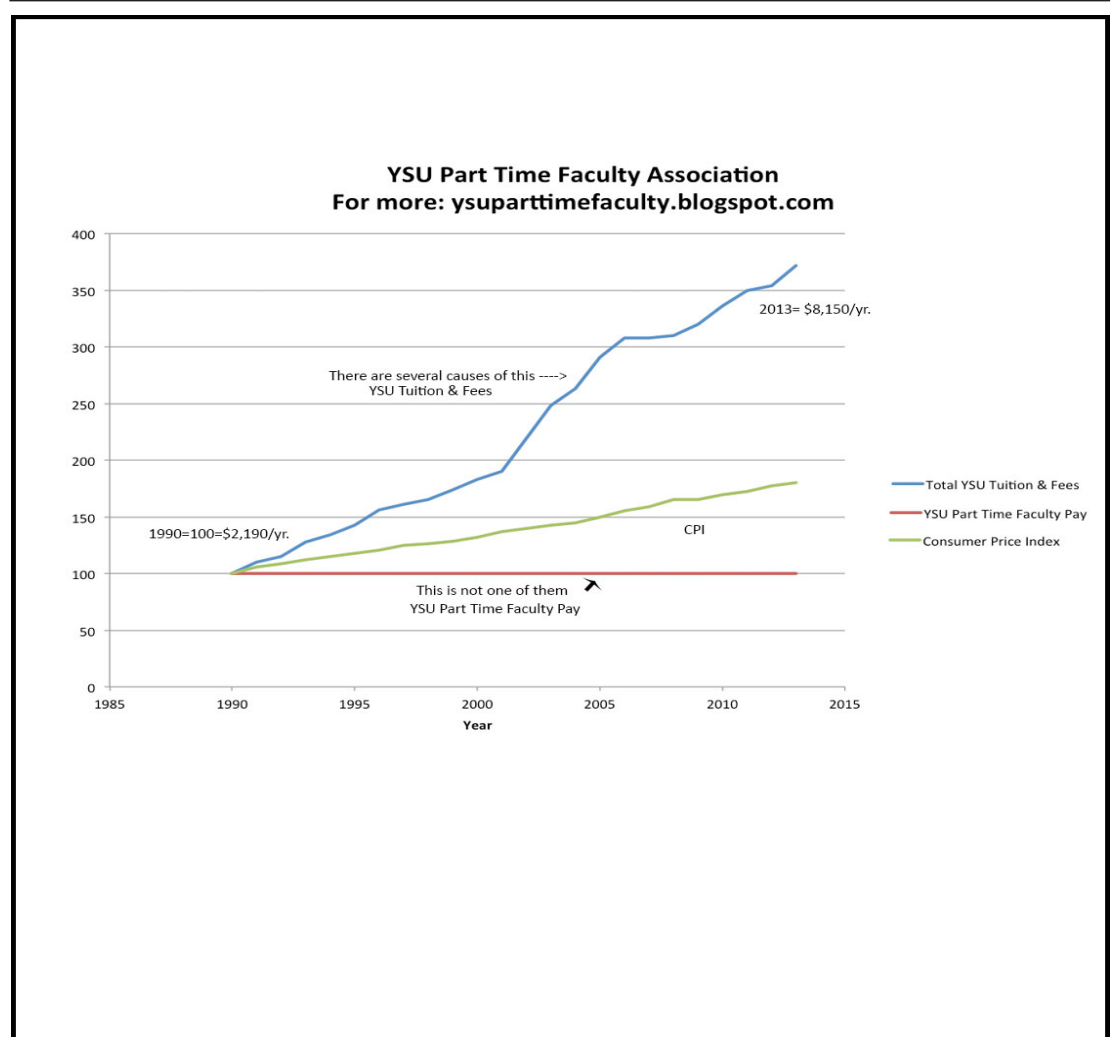
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## Gay Rights Activist Hauled Away Twice in 2 Days

**William Douglas McClatchy Foreign Staff (MCT)**

SOCHI, Russia — Adorned in rainbow colors from head to toe, Vladimir Luxuria was out and about — at least temporarily — in Olympic Park Monday night.

"It's okay to be gay in Russia!" she said repeatedly in English and Russian in a voice as loud as her wardrobe as on-lookers walked by. "It's okay to be gay!"

Luxuria, a transgender former member of Italy's parliament, looked no worse for wear the day after she said she was hauled into a Russian police station for having a rainbow-colored flag near Olympic Park that said "It Is OK to be Gay" in Russian.

Apparently it wasn't okay with Russian officials who took Luxuria away again Monday night as she tried to enter Shayba Arena, where she tried to take in a women's Olympic hockey match between Canada and Switzerland. Italian journalists reported that officials took Luxuria beyond the Olympic security zone and took her spectator pass, which is required to enter the zone and attend events. She is scheduled to leave Sochi Tuesday, which she apparently was scheduled to do anyway.

"I'm going to enjoy," she said about an hour before being taken away in a car. "I'm going to say that I like very much the modernity of this place and I wish a modernity of mind of this country because there are a lot of homophobic episodes of violence and nobody seems to care about this because there is a terrible law saying you can't talk about gay issues in public because there could be a minor listening to you."

Luxuria touched off an international firestorm Sunday when she reported to an Italian gay rights group that her protest over Russia's anti-propaganda law on traditional sexual relations — widely viewed as an anti-gay measure — triggered an aggressive response from the local cops, who hauled her into a precinct and questioned her for hours.

Monday night, after gliding across a bridge leading to Olympic Park to the picture flashes of cameras and phones, Luxuria recounted what happened Sunday to a gaggle of mostly Italian journalists. She didn't use the words "arrest" or "detained," descriptions the Italian gay rights group gave to Italian media and wire services.

That said, Luxuria didn't particularly feel free to leave the station at will.

"I was kept in a room, not actually arrested," she said in English. "I was deprived of my freedom for a couple of hours, actually. They decided when I could leave. They also wanted me to switch off the telephone. And they didn't give me back my flag."

She said the incident began around 7:30 p.m. Sunday when two people who asked her to give them the flag she had on her shoulder that had "It Is OK to Be Gay" written on it.

Earlier in the day, Luxuria tweeted a picture of herself outside the Olympics' Medal Park holding a rainbow-colored fan. The message under the picture said "I'm in Sochi! Regards with the colors of the rainbow in the face of Putin!"

When Luxuria protested and tried to get her flag back, the men took her to the police station, where they asked for her passport and visa.

"They kept me waiting for a couple of hours, saying I had to wait all this time because they had to find someone who could talk in English," she said. "Then, at last, a person talking English came. And he said that I'm very welcome here in Russia as long as I don't show slogans or things written in Russian."

Last June, Russian President

Vladimir Putin signed a law that prohibits individuals from promoting "homosexual behavior" and spreading "propaganda of non-traditional sexual relations" among minors.

It levels fines up to 5,000 rubles — about \$155. In addition, foreigners charged under the law could face administrative arrests for as long as 15 days.

Opponents of the law say it has heightened anti-gay sentiments in Russia. They predicted that it would affect athletes, fans, and tourists attending the 2014 Winter Olympics if they do anything that's perceived as advocating lesbian, gay, bisexual or transgender rights.

Russian Olympic organizers and International Olympic Committee officials said the law wouldn't affect the games because Russia is bound by Principle 6 of the Olympic Charter. That principle prohibits discrimination in any form.

Still, several world leaders, including President Barack Obama, skipped attending the Winter Games' opening ceremony to show their disapproval of the law.

Obama went a step further and sent one of the lowest-level official delegations to represent the United States in recent Olympic history. The U.S. party included two gay former Olympians.

At their Monday morning press briefing, Olympic organizers said Luxuria's Sunday claims are news to them.

"The thing is we have talked to police and according to police there is no record whatsoever of any detention or arrest," Alexandra Kosterina, a spokeswoman for the Russian Olympic organizing committee told reporters Monday. "If we get another update I will certainly tell you but so far the police have no info at all."

But officials at Amnesty International's Moscow office said the lack of paperwork or other evidence of a protester being taken into police custody isn't unusual in Russia, particularly Sochi.

"This is not uncommon in Russia that we've seen people briefly detained without documentation," said Damelya Aitkhozhina, an Amnesty International researcher. "This particular situation is part of a large crackdown on civil society and freedom of expression in Russia."

Olympic officials hedged Monday morning on whether Luxuria would be welcomed back onsite.

"On the wider issue, as we have said very often, I am sure the Games will not be used as a platform for any demonstration, and we hope that continues," IOC spokesman Mark Adams said.

There have been few public protests over the law at the games. The only overt challenge to the law came from Austrian Daniela Irachko-Stolz, who won a silver medal in the women's first-ever Olympic ski jump competition.

"I think I did my best at the ski jumping, and I'm married to a woman," she said after her event. "It's a good statement, especially in Russia, to show that people can live together."

Then along came Luxuria, a 48-year-old former member of Italy's Communist Refoundation Party. Now a television host and gay rights activist, Luxuria was born a male but lives as a woman. She served in Italy's parliament from 2006 to 2008 and was Europe's first openly transgender parliamentarian.

She said she came to Sochi to provoke thought about the anti-propaganda law — not to get arrested.

"I don't want to be arrested, it's not nice to be all alone in a room with neon lights, not knowing what's going on," she said. "I don't want to be arrested, but it is important to stand up for rights of gay lesbian, and transgender people all over the world."

But that would risk what may be one of the closest U.S. military relationships in the region. Beginning in the 1990s, the United States has built the capacity of Museveni's Uganda People's Defence Force so it could be counted on to help stabilize difficult situations throughout Central and East Africa.

Ugandan troops were the first foreign forces to deploy in 2007 under the African Union Mission in Somalia, known as AMISOM, to combat insurgents linked to al-Qaida. The U.S. has contributed more than \$300 million to the AMISOM

mission, according to the State Department, some of which is allocated directly to the Ugandan forces.

Moreover, U.S. and Ugandan military officials are working directly to hunt down Joseph Kony, who's been internationally indicted on war crimes charges in connection with atrocities in many parts of Central Africa.

If the U.S. wants to influence events in Uganda, experts said, funding cuts for these military partnerships need to be under consideration.

But the U.S.-Ugandan security partnership appears to

trump other concerns.

"Our relationship in Uganda is complicated," said Jennifer G. Cooke, the director of the Africa Program at the Center for Strategic and International Studies, a Washington research center. "We tend to not speak out as forcefully as we should because of the security concerns."

Efforts to reach Ugandan diplomats in Washington, New York and Geneva were unsuccessful. There was no response to an email sent to the Ugandan president's office.

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## Venezuelan Opposition Leaders Call for National Marches to Protest Violence

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BOGOTA, Colombia — In a move that could escalate tensions in divided Venezuela, two of the country's top opposition leaders called for marches in coming days amid swelling student protests that have been marred by violence.

Henrique Capriles, the governor of Miranda state and the head of the opposition coalition known as the MUD, said he

would call for a national march against criminal gangs and violence.

A few hours later, Leopoldo Lopez, a sometimes-rival of Capriles' for opposition leadership and who is being sought by authorities, asked followers to join him on Tuesday as he marches to demand the government quit persecuting protesters and release those jailed in last week's demonstrations.

Capriles did not set a date for his march and it's unclear if the two will be combined. But either mobilization, in unison

with ongoing student protests, would likely generate a large turnout.

The announcements come after more than a week of student demonstrations have rattled the nation and left at least three dead and scores injured.

The government has blamed "right-wing fascists" and is seeking Lopez, whom it accuses of being behind the violence.

In a statement Sunday, Lopez said he would be leading Tuesday's march and that authorities could apprehend him if they wanted.

Maduro seems to be escalating the attacks. During the protests last week, he pulled Colombian cable broadcaster NTN24 off the air because he said it was causing "alarm."

Maduro maintains that the protests are cover for a coup and says the tensions mirror the tumultuous time in April 2002 when Chavez was briefly ousted.

Communications Minister Delcy Rodriguez hammered away at that theme Sunday.

"The right has had opportunities at the ballot box and they've lost," she said, referring to presidential elections in March after Chavez succumbed to cancer. "There are no other elections this year, but their methods of dissenting and expressing themselves cannot include violence and destruction."

The protests — and the violence that ensued — have grabbed international headlines. The United Nations and others have called on the government to investigate the three deaths that occurred Wednesday. Two of the dead were opposition protesters and one was a pro-government protester. Maduro has said that authorities are investigating and said that the pro-government protester and one of the students were killed by the same gun 15 minutes apart.

Over the weekend, U.S. Secretary of State John Kerry weighed in on Venezuela.

"We are particularly alarmed by reports that the Venezuelan government has arrested or detained scores of anti-government protesters and issued an arrest warrant for opposition leader Leopoldo Lopez," he said in a statement. "We urge all parties to work to restore calm and refrain from violence."

On Sunday, Capriles said the administration was the only one benefiting from the latest round of protests and bloodshed.

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## EDITORIAL

# Stepping Stone

Youngstown State University is once again wracked with uncertainty, and there seems to be one man to blame — Randy Dunn. With Dunn signing his contract for the president position at Southern Illinois University Carbondale, YSU will find itself with a substantial hole among its senior administrators, a presidential-sized one.

“YSU is not a stepping stone for me,” Dunn said in an interview with *The Jambar* in May. “I am going to work hard and be very visible and active in advancing YSU in those directions where we can come together.”

Randy Dunn was far from visible early this week. He canceled his appearance at Crash Day; he declined to return and answer our calls on Sunday; he failed to contact Ron Cole, the university’s public information officer, and Shannon Tirone, chief of staff, on Sunday or Monday — he seemed to have all but vanished.

In a press conference after an emergency meeting of the Board of Trustees, however, Dunn said that he didn’t tell anyone because SIU was running a “closed and wholly confidential” search for its next president.

These happenings aren’t exactly unprecedented, though they are certainly still shocking. This is not the first university where Dunn used a drop of subterfuge. Dunn’s contract was not renewed at Murray State University — his last university — because he had been sending applications for other positions during his tenure. In hindsight, the signs were there.

“As ... we build on our successes, I hope that will provide me an opportunity for a long enough ‘run’ at the university to have people say that I made a difference and serve the school — and the region — well,” Dunn said in the same interview in May.

During his seven-month tenure, Dunn has certainly served long enough to make a difference — long enough to waste university funds on his search committee, his move, and his salary. Whether or not he served the school and the region, well that is another story. Now the university will have to expend funds on a new search. Hopefully, this next president will have a longer shelf life.

At the Board of Trustees meeting on Monday, Dunn submitted his written resignation and will leave office on August 16. In his press conference, Dunn made it clear that he did not accept the job with the intention of it being a stepping stone. Still, it feels that way; it’s simply a hard pill to swallow.

Why, though, would the YSU community want to keep a president who will receive only spite from most of the community? It would be preferable to elect an interim president — out with the old guard, in with the new.

YSU is a school in the midst of transition: our community is a post-industrial town that is just now on the brink of recovery, becoming an advanced manufacturing and research hub; YSU is beginning to reverse the trend of slumping enrollment; and, YSU is returning to its prominent position among the nation’s many engineering schools.

All things considered, the dawn is finally rising on Youngstown’s long night, and Dunn — you’re missing out. Though it may seem that not even the board knows where to go from here, with the promise of no provost, no vice president of finance, and no president soon, Youngstown is a city that has endured its fair share of hardships, and we will certainly endure one more. We may even come out better for it.

## LETTERS— TO THE— EDITOR

Elbert Hubbard, a writer and philosopher once said, “An ounce of loyalty is worth a pound of cleverness.”

This quote represents the recent events that have taken place at Youngstown State University in regards to the presidents that have been in office over the fourth semester I have been a student. It also shows the demands the administration has put on its presidents to increase enrollment and the prestige of the university, as the board of trustees are now looking for its third president in less than a year.

With aims at large capital projects, renovations to already modern buildings such as Todd Hall and a decrease in enrollment, the university lacks an overall voice in its operations. The contract negotiations in the summer of 2011 that threatened the cancellation of financial aid and classes for the fall semester shows the administration does not have faith in its students.

The feeling is mutual, as the administration’s intuition is failing.

I have some recommendations: focus within the university to make it grow. Rally behind the fact that the STEM programs and Beeghly College of Education are ranked highly in the country. Increase the marketing budget, as the university has several bright points to feature. Focus on the experience and skills of the full-time faculty, as the U.S. Department of Education points out in a Wall Street Journal article, “The number of employees hired by colleges and universities to manage or administer people, programs and regulations increased 50 percent faster than the number of instructors between 2001 and 2011.”

The issue is not the students, the faculty or Todd Hall. The issue is the administration.

Jordan Wolfe

I am writing this in response to the editorial “Storm of Chaos” from the February 6th issue of *The Jambar*. I am a student in the electrical tech department and student employee in the grounds department. I would first like to say I agree that campus was pretty bad and classes should have been cancelled for at least half a day. Secondly, the reason campus was crappy was a mixture of Mother Nature and lack of manpower.

On the morning of February 5th, we received a call out for three in the morning. When we arrived on campus, everything was blanketed with 2-2 1/2 inches of snow. The snow was beginning to taper off; if the snow would have ended and it remained dry, the cleanup would have been done by mid-morning at the latest. Around six in the morning, the freezing rain came, so now all that was cleaned and salted went to pot. This also caused the light fluffy snow to become hard and compressed. These factors caused us to start again at square one with only two hours before the first classes start.

Second, with only two hours left before classes begin, the lack of manpower did not allow us to clean everything again. The Youngstown State community must understand that in the grounds department we only have nine full-time groundskeepers, one mechanic and four students. When we receive snow, the full-time groundskeepers and the mechanic plow the lots, decks and sidewalks, that leaves only the students to open the entranceways and handicap ramps. Due to student scheduling and other factors, we may have all four or only have one student to open up the buildings. On February 5th, we happened to have only two students, so you see with only two students there are a lot of buildings to open and sometimes not everything can be opened in time for classes.

One final point, out of our nine full-time employees that plow, only five vehicles have salters on them. For the bigger surface lots, there are two dump trucks; for smaller lots and decks, we have two pickups and finally, a small salter that is pulled behind a Jeep. Even running at full steam, these vehicles and people can only do so much in an hour. It is only through the skill of our mechanic that these vehicles keep running. If any one of these salt vehicles were down for any amount of time, the campus would be a lot worse.

In conclusion, without more students’ help, or more full or part-time employees on snowy wintery days, you will have to expect a little trouble on campus. We do the best that we can with the material and time available.

Eric Filicky

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# Road Test

## Penguins Travel Twice as Schlegel Nears Milestone



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Junior Heidi Schlegel dribbles the ball near the top of the key during Saturday's victory over Valparaiso University. Schlegel needs 27 points to reach 1,000 career points. YSU travels to Milwaukee and Green Bay on Friday and Sunday.

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With two road games on tap Friday and Sunday in Wisconsin, Heidi Schlegel is not thinking about reaching a milestone that will cap off an incredible junior season.

Schlegel needs just 27 points to reach the 1,000-point plateau but said winning is more important. Tell that to her family who will be traveling as long as possible to watch Schlegel achieve that feat.

"They're going no matter what," Schlegel said. "My dad comes to every game, but my mom and my stepdad don't always get to come, so I'm really excited that they're coming."

"I honestly didn't even know about it. It's not a big deal to me. I'm more focused on the team and how we're playing as a team."

Schlegel has done more this season than just nearing 1,000 career points. She broke Youngstown State University's record for free throws made in a season on Saturday in a victory over Valparaiso University. She also ranks third in the Horizon League with 19.5 points per game and fifth with 7.9 rebounds per contest.

"Heidi's just an extremely hard worker and will do anything that needs to be done for the team to win," coach John Barnes said. "It's exciting to see how far she's come in a year. I just think she's scratching her potential offensively."

YSU (11-12, 7-3 Horizon League) will probably need Schlegel's averages in Wisconsin beginning with the University of Wisconsin-Milwaukee on Friday. The Panthers lost at Beeghly Center, 87-71, on Jan. 18. UWM ranks eighth in the conference in scoring offense (69 points per game) and scoring defense (76.1).

After that is a trip to the University of Wisconsin-Green Bay, the No. 1 team in the conference. YSU defeated the Phoenix, 66-57, on Jan. 16. Barnes returns to Green Bay where he was an assistant coach for the Phoe-

nix a season ago.

"I haven't had a lot of time to think about much," he said. "I do have a ton of family coming to both games, so that's exciting. We're trying to take it one game at a time. I'm really worried about Milwaukee right now."

With only six games left on the schedule, this weekend is critical as YSU looks to regain the top spot. YSU ranks fourth in the conference after a 6-0 start propelled them to the No. 1 spot.

The Penguins were on a three-game losing streak — all games coming on the road — before snapping that with a decisive 84-56 victory over the Crusaders on Saturday. After Friday, YSU heads to a place Barnes is all too familiar with as far as fan support goes.

"They have a great fan support. Their fans are really enthusiastic," he said. "I think it's the Think Pink game also, so that will raise the amount of people at the game. It's just a great environment. It's what you want to see at a college basketball game."

With that said, Barnes added that YSU is not too far off the radar.

"I think winning helps, but this community has always been supportive of women's basketball," Barnes said. "There were some fairly recent seasons where the women's program was well below par. I can see the community getting frustrated with that situation."

"You need to be very competitive, put a great team on the floor and really compete. You want to see hard-working, good players on the floor. Hopefully we're bringing that to the table, and that in turn brings more fans in the stands."

Friday's contest begins at 8 p.m., while Sunday's matchup starts at 2 p.m. Milwaukee ranks seventh in the Horizon League. Ahead of YSU besides Green Bay are Cleveland State University, in second place, and Wright State University, in third.

"If you're not going to dream big and dream for that top spot, then you might as well not be coaching or playing," Barnes said. "We want to do everything we can to host the whole thing."

## •• Five for Five

### Max Schmerin



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Senior tennis player Max Schmerin sat down and discussed tennis at Youngstown State University following one of his communication classes on Monday. Schmerin discussed what it's like being the lone American player, how he became ambidextrous and how the men's and women's teams coexist with one another.

In his junior season, Schmerin finished with a 12-4 mark, including a 7-1 record in dual action and 4-0 in the Horizon League while earning his third letter. At Taylor Allerdice High School in Pittsburgh, Pa., he won four consecutive Pittsburgh City League titles and was the District 8 Champion.



**What's it like being the only American-born player on the tennis team, both men and women? And how do you maybe adjust to that?**



*When I first came here, there was a senior who is an American. After that, I was the only one. It's just rooming with people and living with people from around the world kind of puts everything into a different perspective. You kind of see other things from them as well. Plus, the communication part is difficult because when they come here, their English is usually pretty poor. Some of the guys are pretty good. After that, they kind of develop it in a semester and become acclimated to the American way.*



**Did you have to help someone speak English or vice versa with them helping you to speak their language?**



*I wouldn't say I helped them, but by them talking to me and me being the only American kind of helped them better their English. A lot of them had trouble listening to a teacher, so I would help them with some grammatical stuff, look at a paper or anything like that.*



**You told me the other day that you're left-handed with some stuff and right-handed with some stuff, or ambidextrous. What are some things you do left-handed and some right-handed? How did that come about?**



*Left-handed, I do my schoolwork, eat and play basketball. I was a pitcher growing up and pitched lefty. Mostly, the only things I do right-handed are tennis — I grew up playing hockey as well and golf. Mostly the stick sports are right-handed while left-handed is more for finesse.*

*I remember playing tennis when I was 11. I was just hitting around. I had two hands on both sides because I didn't know what I was doing. I was playing baseball out there basically. My mom told me to take my left hand off, so I would take my left hand off and started playing with my right hand. After that, I started getting comfortable with it, started taking lessons and went with it.*



**Was it all at 11 when you started falling in love with the game or anything like that? And why did you pick YSU?**



*I played since I was 11. When I was about 15 or 16, about my freshman and sophomore years of high school, I stopped. I was getting good, and I just didn't like it anymore. Senior year, I moved down to Naples, Fla., to train for a scholarship. YSU was just a good fit. It's close to home but not too close. I already knew two guys on the team.*



**How often do the men's and women's teams co-exist? How do you interact with the women's team?**



*Sometimes, we have matches on the same day or the same place, so we'll go and support them, and they'll stay and support us. Usually we don't practice together because we have the same coach. That way the coach can focus on one team at a time, but we're still close. I mean we hang out in our off time — we go get food and celebrate things together. It's kind of just a big circle.*