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## Taking back home

Kevin Alquist  
REPORTER

Since the off-campus shooting on Feb. 6 that took the life of Youngstown State University student Jamail Johnson and wounded 11 others, the North Side Citizens' Coalition is increasing its awareness.

In the late-1970s, the NSCC was born in response to a proposed change in the zoning of Fifth Avenue on Youngstown's North Side. The goal was to keep the area as residential as possible and oppose the bill that planned to convert it into a commercial area.

Over time, the organization transitioned from an all-volunteer group to a commercial development corporation, or a CDC. In becoming a CDC, the NSC IC began buying and selling the property that was being developed.

Since 2006, Mark Peyko has been president of the NSCC. During his time as president, there has been a movement to take the group back to its "block watch" roots.

Peyko recognized that a large number of students live in the neighborhood near Indiana Avenue but did not know students were using the house where the shooting occurred, despite his connection to the neighborhood.

"I think that if there was a sign indicating that the tenants were associated with YSU or Greek Life in the houses students are living in, it could help prevent problems that could occur," Peyko said.

He said there should be a push by the city and university for more signage in the neighborhood indicating that a large number of students live there. He also added that the shooting was an isolated incident and that more frequent problems include out of control parties, fires and fights.

"Our goal is to make it a safer and more enjoyable place to live for residents now and in the future," Peyko said. "Making sure these houses are up to code is a big part of that."

It is about more than just finding good owners for the redeveloped properties. It is about taking

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## Police arrest sixth suspect, other suspects indicted

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NEWS EDITOR

A sixth suspect was arrested Monday for complicity in the shooting at an Indiana Avenue home on Feb. 6 that left one Youngstown State University student dead and 11 other people injured.

Mark E. Jones, 20, of Cambridge Avenue, a YSU student and brother of suspect Columbus Jones Jr., 22, was arraigned Tuesday morning on charges of aggravated murder and felonious assault. His bond is set at \$1 million.

Police took Mark Jones into custody Monday after he turned himself in with his then attorney Sam Amendolara.

"The family was aware the police were looking for him," said a representative for Amendolara.

Amendolara's representative said Jones was appointed court counsel, and that Amendolara will not be representing him in this case.

"Both of my sons are innocent, and it will be proven," said Viesta Jones, the mother of Mark and Columbus.

Viesta Jones said Mark Jones turned himself in because he is innocent of the charges before him.

"Why run when you're innocent?" Viesta Jones said.

The remaining three suspects were indicted by the Mahoning County grand jury.

Columbus Jones Jr. was indicted on charges of murder, 11 counts of felonious assault and firing a gun into a home.

Brandon Carter, 22, of East Ravenwood Avenue, and Janelle Jackson, 18, of West Boston Avenue, were indicted on charges of obstructing justice.

Demetrius Wright, 20, of West Avondale Avenue, was indicted on a charge of carrying a concealed weapon.

Mark Jones is set to appear in court on March 1, but police hope to present his case to the Mahoning County grand jury soon.

## Committee researches grad school best practices

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NEWS EDITOR



FAHEY

In connection with the Youngstown State University 2020 Strategic Plan, the graduate studies and research department is getting a closer look at the way things work.

A task force, or graduate school best practices committee, has been created to research other universities in the state and ensure that YSU graduate school standards are comparable.

"The charge of the committee is to determine what are best practices for graduate school," said Jack Fahey, interim vice president for Student Affairs and ombudsman.

The committee was created for the university to take the first step in identifying where universities have been successful in graduate study best practices and learning from them.

"One of the goals of the strategic plan that's about to be approved by

the [board of] trustees is to increase the footprint of graduate education at the university," Fahey said. "Basically what that means is to increase the proportion of graduate students to undergraduate students."

The committee is in the process of identifying the best practices used at other universities and looking to see what applies and fits best at YSU.

"All we're doing at this point is bringing in information from other schools, which at this time everything really is basically what we're already doing," said Tina Weintz, director of graduate admissions.

Members of the committee have been identifying issues they felt were of importance, such as software, financial aid, assistantships, scholarships and marketing.

One software issue identified in the graduate studies department is the Banner system.

"It's an undergraduate system primarily," Weintz said. "It does not fulfill the needs of graduate education."

She said graduate admission criteria are different from that of undergraduate, and there is no place to house the information. A majority of forms used in the admission process are all still on paper, not electronic.

"If we could pick a different

software package or an add-on that would work with Banner for us, it would be better," Weintz said. "It has not, from the beginning, met our needs, so we've had to do a lot more internal processing than what we had under the old system."

Weintz said the graduate studies department maintains two systems: the old and the new.

"Eventually the old system is going to [go away], and I think we're going to be losing information. I hope that doesn't happen, but I'm not sure yet how that's going to work," Weintz said.

Weintz said the university's focus has shifted with the new distinction of an urban research university and that focus on graduate studies is becoming more important because research is at the core of graduate programs.

She said graduate enrollment has remained steady, with enrollment numbers at about 10 percent of the general enrollment. The preliminary enrollment total for spring 2011 is just more than 1,200.

"Enrollment will increase here on campus. My feeling is eventually, as we do Ph.D. programs, you're going to have more international [students] ... come this way because a lot of

them, when they come to the country they come for master's, but many of them propel themselves into the doctoral programs," she said.

YSU has a doctor of education program in educational leadership and a doctorate of physical therapy, but is looking to implement a doctor of philosophy in materials, science and engineering.

Marketing for graduate studies is also lacking, but funding for advertising is minimal.

"We have not really had money in our own department to advertise and we don't, if you look at the ads for YSU, rarely will you see anything that's what I call a 'cradle to grave' ad that talks about associate programs all the way through the doctoral," Weintz said.

Weintz said she would like to see more funding toward graduate studies.

"I would like more funding for graduate assistantships, more funding for scholarships. I have a nice want list, [but] the object is there is never enough money," she said. "Money is scarce, so everybody's vying for that same pot."

The committee aims to have final recommendations complete by the end of March.



## iGoogle 2 cheat: Technology and its use as 'new' means of cheating

James Ciccolelli  
REPORTER

With advancements in technology, cheating on tests has come a long way from simply glancing over at your neighbor's answers. Students can use a mobile device to browse the Internet and find the answers they need to pass while sitting in class.

"In my one biology class, I watched a girl pull out her iPhone and get on Google to get answers to the questions she didn't know," sophomore

Sarah Carlson said. "That made me mad. I didn't do anything about it, but I felt like it was totally unfair for the other students who might have been struggling."

Carlson said she has never cheated but sees it happening in college more than she expected.

Smartphone technology is making it easier for students to get away with cheating.

Harriet Reed, of the Office of Student Life, said there are no reports of students using cell phones to cheat in class.

"We were playing a review game with groups in my one

class a few days before a test, and the winning group was going to get five bonus points on the test," junior Matt Slaven said. "This kid had his phone out between his legs the whole time. Needless to say, his group won the game and the free bonus points."

According to the Educational Testing Services website, 35 percent of college officials feel that cheating is a problem. Approximately 41 percent of the general public said cheating is getting worse.

Donald McCabe, a professor at Rutgers University, is a leading expert in academic in-

tegrity. In May 2001, McCabe and three other professors published a study, "Cheating in Academic Institutions: A Decade of Research."

It studied 1,800 college students from nine universities. Of the 1,800 students surveyed, 70 percent admitted to cheating on exams, and 84 percent admitted to cheating on assignments.

According to the YSU Code of Student Rights, Responsibilities and Conduct, students who engage in dishonesty in any form on examinations, papers and course assignments, or who illegally

possess examinations, shall be charged with academic dishonesty. Any student suspected of cheating is supposed to attend a conference. At this point, the student can either be warned, receive an F on the assignment, receive an F for the course or be recommended for suspension or expulsion.

"I've never heard of anyone getting busted for cheating. Teachers just don't enforce it enough. There are kids texting and using their cell phones constantly in every one of my classes," Slaven said.

## Kids who skip school are tracked by GPS

Eric Carpenter  
THE ORANGE COUNTY REGISTER

Frustrated by students habitually skipping class, police and school officials in Anaheim, Calif., are turning to GPS tracking to ensure they come to class.

The Anaheim Union High School District is the first in California to test Global Positioning System technology as part of a six-week pilot program that began last week, officials said.

Seventh- and eighth-graders with four unexcused absences or more this school year are assigned to carry a handheld GPS device, about the size of a cell phone.

Each morning on school-days, they get an automated phone call reminding them that they need to get to school on time.

Then, five times a day, they are required to enter a code that tracks their locations as they leave for school, when they arrive at school, at lunchtime, when they leave school and at 8 p.m.

The students are also assigned an adult coach who calls them at least three times a week to see how they are doing and help them find effective ways to make sure they get to class on time.

Students and their parents volunteer for the monitoring as a way to avoid continuation school or prosecution with a potential stay in juvenile hall.

"The idea is for this not to feel like a punishment, but an intervention to help them develop better habits and get to school," said Miller Sylvan, regional director for AIM Truancy Solutions.

The GPS devices cost \$300-\$400 each. Overall, the six-week program costs about \$8 per day for each student, or \$18,000.

The program is paid for

by a state grant. Students who routinely skip school are prime candidates to join gangs, police say.

Because schools lose about \$35 per day for each absent student, the program can pay for itself and more if students return to class consistently, Miller said.

It has been well received in places like San Antonio, Texas, and Baltimore. Where the GPS technology has been implemented, average attendance among the chronically truant jumped from 77 percent up to 95 percent during the six-week program.

That attendance rate dips slightly once students no longer carry the tracking device, Miller said, but many learn new habits that help them. The coaches continue talking to them for a year.

Local school administrators say they are thrilled by the concept.

"This is their last chance at an intervention," said Kristen Levitin, principal at Dale Junior High in west Anaheim. "Anything that can help these kids get to class is a good thing."

In all, about 75 students from Dale and South junior high schools are taking part in the pilot program. District officials will decide later whether to expand it to high schools and other junior highs.

Earlier this week, parents and students came to the Anaheim Family Justice Center to get the devices and talk to police and counselors.

Not all parents were supportive.

"I feel like they come at us too hard, and making kids carry around something that tracks them seems extreme," said Raphael Garcia, whose 6th grader has six unexcused absences.

Chronically truant students in grades 4-6, and their parents, also were required to

attend and, while they won't be required to carry a GPS device, they were warned about what they could face if they continue to skip school.

"This makes us seem like common criminals," Garcia said.

Police Investigator Armando Pardo reminded parents that letting kids skip school without a valid reason is, in fact, a crime.

If the District Attorney chooses to prosecute, truant students could be sentenced to juvenile hall and parents could face up to a \$2,000 fine, Pardo said.

Hoping to keep their child at Dale Junior High, the Cruz family brought their son, Juan, to get a GPS.

He's has five excused and five unexcused absences already this year; his recent report card showed his highest grade is a C and he's failing several classes.

Miller, who showed Juan Cruz, 13, how to operate the device and tried to encourage him, asked why he wasn't going to school.

"Sometimes I'm sick and, other times, I just don't feel like going," he said.

"This will be good," Miller told Cruz. "You looking forward to it?"

"No," Juan Cruz said, shaking his head. "I'm going to keep it in my pocket, though, so I don't lose it."

Parents will be responsible for paying for lost devices. But Miller said that rarely happens. They are tracking devices and typically can be found immediately.

Juan Cruz's mom, Cristina, said she supports the program and hopes it helps her son get to school - and stay there.

"I understand that he's been missing class. He's one of six children, and we can't always keep an eye on him," she said in Spanish. "I think this is a good idea that will help him."

## For-profit colleges and universities have a lot of explaining to do

St. Louis Post-Dispatch  
MCT

For-profit colleges and universities are higher education's boom sector. From 1999 through 2009, student enrollment - either by mail, online or at various office-park "campuses" - skyrocketed 236 percent. That's 10 times the rate of growth at public colleges and universities and non-profit private institutions.

The schools' bottom lines have grown just as fast, with federal student aid the source of roughly two-thirds of their revenue. During the 2008-2009 school year, they soaked up about \$20 billion in student loans and \$4.31 billion in Pell Grants.

For-profits boast that they provide access to higher education to low-income and minority students. Indeed, about 20 percent of black students and nearly one of every four Pell Grant recipients enroll in a for-profit college or university.

But the educational benefits to students are not clear, and taxpayers deserve an explanation.

The Education Trust, an advocacy group for low-income students funded by major philanthropies, has assembled troubling data. The graduation rate for first-time, full-time students seeking four-year bachelor's degrees is just 22 percent. The University of Phoenix, the nation's largest for-profit college, had a 9 percent graduation rate for these students in 2008. The rate at its St. Louis campus was 6 percent.

Two-year programs in which students receive associates' degrees or certificates have higher completion rates. But these programs aren't cheap, and they are marketed aggressively.

The College Board, a non-profit group that helps students access higher education, says the average annual cost of tuition and fees at a community college is \$2,700. It is \$7,605 at a public four-year college. It is \$27,200 at a private four-year college. And it is \$13,900 at a for-profit college.

For-profit university students end up carrying huge debt loads, and they account for more than 40 percent of all federal student loan defaults even though they make up only 12 percent of enrollments and 24 percent of federal loan dollars.

The U.S. Department of Education has proposed rules that would protect taxpayers and students. They are called "gainful employment" regulations. Their purpose is to hold schools accountable for the supposed economic benefits of their career-training programs.

Under the proposed rules, schools that saddle students with excessive debt and have loan repayment rates below 35 percent no longer would be supported with Pell Grants and Stafford Loans.

But this publicly subsidized multibillion industry has plenty of political clout. On Friday, the Republican-controlled House of Representatives (with the help of some Democratic members) voted to defund any attempt to implement, administer or enforce the Department of Education's proposed rule.

This cynical vote is the "job killer." It dooms students to heavy debt for training that provides dubious prospects of gainful employment.

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**Women's rights walk planned for Saturday**

In protest of ongoing legislation that jeopardizes access to women's health services, a women's rights walk is scheduled for Saturday in the Wick Park area. The Walk for Choice will begin around 12:30 p.m., following that morning's Wick Park Clean-up. The walk will take place in multiple cities on Saturday, but Youngstown's event will continue until about 3 p.m. and move into the downtown area. Supporters can join the walk at any time. For more information, visit the event's Facebook page (Walk For Choice: Youngstown Women's Rights Walk) or e-mail walk4choiceyoungstown@gmail.com.

POLICE BRIEFS

**Driver of illegally parked car found with marijuana**

On Monday, a YSU Police officer watched a car park in a posted no-parking zone at University Plaza and Bryson Street. After the officer watched the passenger walk toward Kilcawley House, he knocked on the driver's side window. The driver opened the door, and the officer noticed a strong odor of burnt marijuana coming from both inside the car and the driver. According to the police report, the driver, who was holding a burnt marijuana cigarette, had glassy red eyes. The driver asked, "What's up?" The officer told the driver he was not allowed to park there but could not move his car. The driver said, "Oh, s--t." After the driver handed over the marijuana cigarette, he was searched for any other narcotics or weapons. He admitted that he had a small amount of marijuana in his pocket. The officer issued him a misdemeanor citation for drug abuse and a mandatory court date, and had the passenger drive the car.

**Men found sleeping in locker room**

While on campus patrol Saturday evening, a YSU Police officer heard noise coming from the football team's locker room. He noticed a TV playing softly in the back room, as well as two males sleeping on couches. One of the two sleeping men said he was a student and football player. He and the other male had been watching a basketball game and accidentally fell asleep. The student's friend, who was not a student, was issued a trespass warning. Both students were escorted from the locker room without further incident.



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care of the debts and destruction left by the previous owners, he said.

"One of the biggest stumbling blocks is getting the title [on the house] cleared of the obligations left over by the previous owner," Peyko said. "Once all of the fees are cleared through the mortgage company, we can go forward with redevelopment."

The NSCC has ideas beyond simply fixing up houses in the neighborhood. Peyko said the lighting, parking situation, cleanliness and signage throughout the block play key roles in the neighborhood's safety.

The NSCC is pushing for a new board to be put in place by the spring to bring the NSCC back as a more community-based organization with re-engaged membership and a more public foundation. Along with the new board, the coalition is interested in working with the city and university to clean up the neighborhood.

On behalf of the NSCC, Peyko said, the coalition "has always cared about the safety of the neighborhood and all were deeply saddened by Jamail's death."



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# EPA sets pollution controls for boilers, incinerators

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WASHINGTON The Environmental Protection Agency on Wednesday said new pollution controls for boilers and incinerators will save thousands of lives every year but at half the cost of an earlier proposal that industry and lawmakers had strongly criticized.

The boiler and incinerator rules, required under the Clean Air Act, will cut soot and toxic air emissions, such as mercury and lead. The toxic pollutants can lead to developmental disabilities in children, cancer and other diseases. Soot leads to heart and lung diseases.

The EPA estimates the standards will save as many as 6,600 lives each year, and also prevent 4,100 heart attacks and 42,000 asthma attacks annually. Industries and institutions will have until 2014 to install the pollution control equipment.

The EPA's top air official said the new rule requires the most pollution controls for coal-fired boilers, a small fraction of the nation's 200,000 boilers, but the biggest source of pollution. Most of the cost savings will come from reducing requirements for boilers that run on biomass.

Gina McCarthy, assistant administrator for the EPA's Office of Air and Radiation, said the health benefits will remain strong despite the changes to the original rule proposal.

"These are realistic, achievable and reasonable" standards, McCarthy said.

EPA estimated that every dollar industries spend on pollution controls would give the public \$10 to \$24 in health benefits from reductions of smog and soot. It didn't put a monetary value on reducing air toxins that can harm children's memory, IQ and learning ability.

EPA estimated the cost of installing and maintaining the equipment at \$1.4 billion a year for large sources and \$490 million for smaller ones.

The agency also estimated that the boiler standards would produce a net gain of 2,200 permanent jobs.

In addition to the boiler rules, the EPA set emission standards for waste incinerators at industrial and commercial facilities and sewage sludge incinerators.

EPA was under pressure from industries and members

of Congress to revise the earlier proposal. McCarthy said information the agency collected during a comment period led to major changes.

Biomass plants, which burn wood chips or other plant material, will be required to install equipment that captures soot, but won't have to add expensive scrubbers. That's because biomass plants don't emit large amounts of the hazardous materials such as mercury that scrubbers are designed to collect, McCarthy said.

Coal-fired boilers will be required to add the extra equipment so that they control both soot and the toxic pollutants. About 1,000 of the 200,000 boilers covered by the rules run on coal.

One of the strongest opponents to the initial rule draft, the Council of Industrial Boiler Owners, said the final rule was an improvement but still "a terrible disappointment."

EPA plans to have another comment period because it made so many changes. The boiler owners council said it would suggest additional changes and called for a delay of the effective date.

The American Forest and Paper Association said that the final rules are an improvement, but still "fall short of what is ultimately needed to support jobs and the economy." It said that the rules would require investments in "already environmentally good-performing boilers" and called for a less costly plan.

The rules say that the smallest boilers, at places such as stores or churches, would be required to have annual tune-ups, but not to reduce emissions.

Boilers that run on natural gas are largely unaffected because they're not a large source of toxic air pollutants.



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Youngstown would kill for the Columbus crime analysts, promised by Gov. John Kasich, to compile crime statistics for the city. Until then, the killings will continue.

Unfortunately, a comprehensive study of arrests and incidents is not yet available to the public or the understaffed police.

So, high-profile cases like the murder of Jamail Johnson (if a murder charge sticks) and Angeline Fimognari in January 2010 will serve as points of reference to attack omnipresent crime in Youngstown.

In the two cases cited, action was swift. Project Redemption swept through the South Side following Fimognari's murder, demolishing blighted homes suspected of offering haven to criminals. In the wake of Johnson's death, the Guardian Angels are mitigating a lack of capacity in the diminished Youngstown Police Department.

The investigation of high-profile cases, however, is encumbered by political meandering and incited by public demand for justice.

The initial arrest of Braylon Rogers for murder, charged by city Prosecutor Jay Macejko, was subsequently dropped to illegal possession of a firearm by county Prosecutor Paul Gains.

Even with a pending election between the two, we'll spare the underlying political motivations behind the flip-flopping. Rogers and others have been arrested for their connection to the Sunday morning shooting because police are building a case, we are told.

The public should be proud of timely arrests.

That means the police got the right guys, right? Youngstown Police Chief Jimmy Hughes and Macejko said so themselves.

"We are confident that we have the right people in custody," Macejko told the Vindicator.

Hughes stood before a crowded Baptist church and reiterated the prosecutor's sentiments ... "100 percent sure."

That was before the charges were dropped on Rogers.

Public outcry prompts judicious action. But it also fuels the need to put out fires instead of preventing them by reallocating already scarce resources.

Justice should be swift. But, most importantly, justice should be justified. Investigations should be credible. Charges should be apt. And political discourse should have no place in fighting crime.

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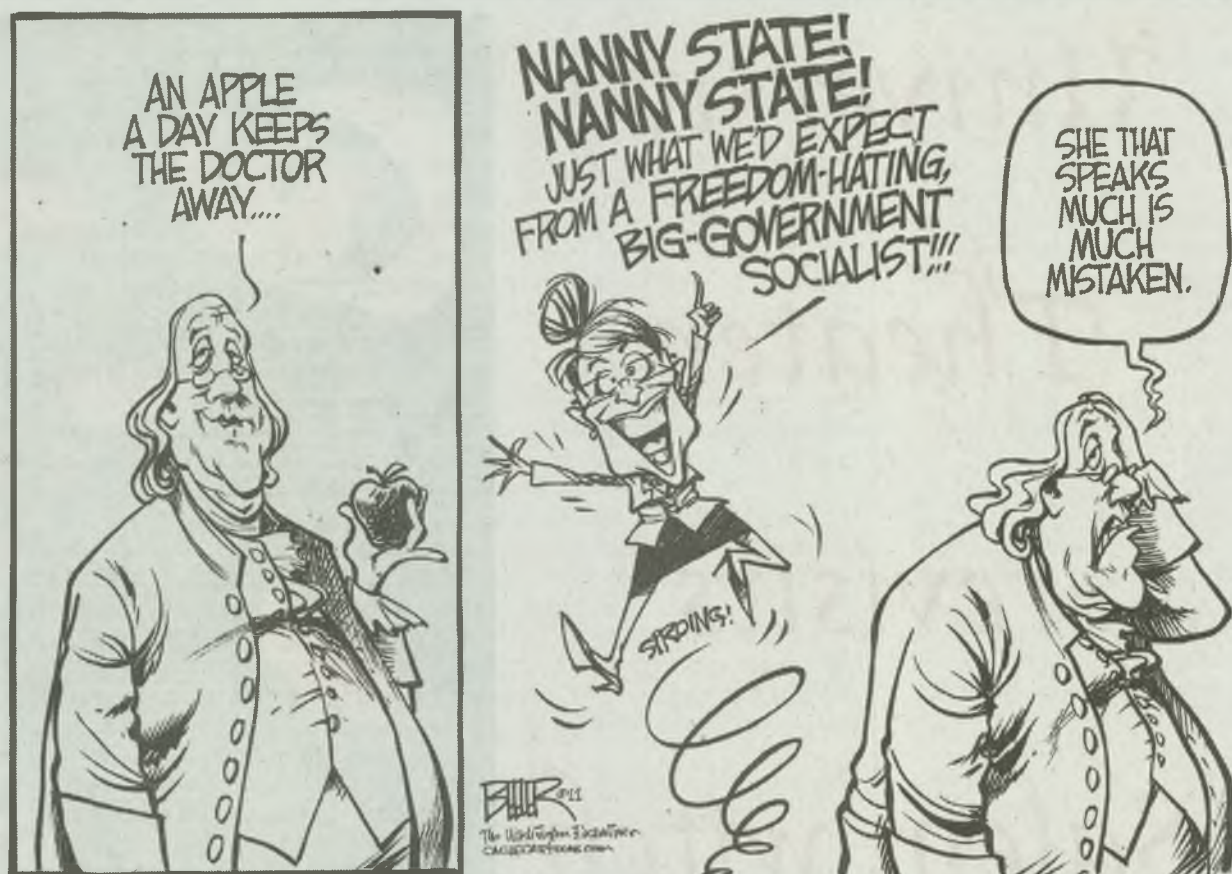
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## Letters to the Editor

I'm appalled at the front page of Feb. 15's Jambar. I assume this to be a newspaper employing hopeful professional journalists, yet the best idea for the bottom corner was coffee sleeves. Really? I REFUSE to believe that an entire team of EDUCATED writers can't come up with anything more compelling than this.

Meanwhile, other pages contain athletic successes, wireless network changes, arrest updates from the shooting and a reminder that health care and hand sanitizer are available in Kilcawley Center (page 7), but readers have already touched tons of surfaces and transferred those germs to their faces/eyes/mouths, licking their fingers to turn the pages of The Jambar before they're reminded that we're in the middle of cold and flu season and should consider basic sanitation.

Next time, instead of writing about nonsense that doesn't matter, encourage students to live healthier, more sustainable lives by bringing travel mugs or making coffee at home. Tell them what sustainability means. Talk with Roots and Shoots! Write a faculty/student spotlight highlighting someone who's made significant and interesting contributions to our YSU community. Choose a topic that interests readers. Dining Services? YSU's counseling service and medical doctor, available by appointment (Yes, there was an e-mail, they're rarely read. However, we all see every issue of The Jambar, whether we want to or not)?

Congress hasn't passed a budget. Now, all public radio, including WYSU-FM, has its federal funding in jeopardy (No, it's not a student radio station; it never has been). Consider today's compelling senior research projects, academic achievements, public health concerns, observation of campus security and whether there's more of it as promised, continuous violations of state laws, health code and code of student conduct regarding smoking in front of doorways and throughout campus, successful graduate students and their master's theses, job placement or lack thereof, high school student recruitment?

What about the less than 40 percent of students that complete a baccalaureate degree within six years? Or the 14-16 percent of minorities who will do the same? That's a serious issue.

Maybe Welcome Week, with no academic-oriented activities, lectures or workshops in an event geared toward mostly first-generation college students.

As long as we continue to be a student body that talks about irrelevant matters, we will continue to be portrayed as a campus that doesn't matter and as students who don't care. We all know that can't be true. Right?

Adrienne Lehotsky  
Canfield

Over the last three years, the state of Ohio has been one of the states hardest hit by what some have coined "The Great Recession." Over that period of time, the Buckeye State has managed to rack up an \$8 billion budget deficit that needs to be tackled in the coming weeks and months. Gov. Kasich and the legislative branch of Ohio have the choice of either raising taxes or cutting spending. In this economy, spending cuts are the way to go.

In Tuesday's edition of The Jambar, there were a number of articles on the controversial bill in Columbus known as Senate Bill 5. This piece of legislation would end collective bargaining rights for public sector unions in Ohio. Despite all the negativity toward this bill, I personally feel its passage is necessary. Kasich made the pledge in the 2010 gubernatorial campaign that he would not raise taxes, and he intends to stay true to that promise. As a result, I feel everything should be fair game to be cut, and that includes the pay of the state's labor force. We cannot continue on the path we are on, or else our state's economic situation will become even worse off. Although Senate Bill 5 may be unpopular to a portion of this state's population, can you imagine the anger in the eyes of every Ohioan if Kasich were to raise our taxes in this economy? The passage of Senate Bill 5, whether in its current form or in a revised form, is without a doubt the lesser of two evils.

In November, the voices of voters of the state of Ohio were heard. We now have a Republican governor, a new Republican U.S. senator, General Assembly, state Senate and Supreme Court. The writing was on the wall last year when a number of media outlets across the state reported Kasich had planned to overhaul the collective bargaining system in Ohio. The protesters had their opportunity to keep the Republicans out of power on Election Day, but Ohioans sought change from the failing status quo that was prevalent in this state the past four years.

In conclusion, I keep hearing this argument that it is all about the children. Many are trying to argue that if salaries are cut, the education of our children will be put in danger. I find that idea to be absurd. As a graduate of a Catholic elementary school and high school, I received a high quality education by teachers that make far less than those in public schools. Private school teachers do not receive a state pension, nor do they receive all the benefits their colleagues in the public schools do. Despite that, private schools continually earn excellent ratings on state report cards within the Catholic Diocese of Youngstown.

Our governor has some tough decisions to make, and this is without a doubt one of them. However, change is necessary for the betterment of our ailing economy. The time is now to pass Senate Bill 5.

Michael Metzinger  
Austintown

## Gun safety, Texas-style

L.A. Times  
MCT

When a 19-year-old sophomore named Colton Tooley opened fire with an assault rifle last fall near the UT Tower at the University of Texas, it seemed to some like a horrible rerun: In 1966, the tower was the site of what was then the worst campus shooting in U.S. history, when a sniper firing from the top of the structure killed 14 people. In some states, this kind of history might lead to government action to protect students from gun violence. But not in Texas.

Campuses are currently weapons-free zones in Texas. But the famously gun-friendly state, where many lawmakers carry concealed firearms inside the Capitol building, seems poised to pass a bill to let college students and professors do the same. The bill from Republican state Sen. Jeff Wentworth, which would allow the carrying of concealed weapons on college campuses by those with permits to do so, was passed by the Senate in 2009 but languished in the House. It has a far better chance this time around because more than half the members of the House have signed on as co-authors of a version of the bill.

It isn't very hard to get a concealed-weapons permit in Texas; anyone over 21 who passes a computerized background check and completes a 10-hour course is eligible. Wentworth thinks his bill would actually make college students and faculty safer, because armed students could return fire in the event a crazed gunman started shooting at them. Gun enthusiasts in Texas and other states believe that if students at Virginia Tech had been armed in 2007, they could have stopped Seung-hui Cho's rampage before it ended in the loss of 33 lives. They may even be right, but they're ignoring the other risks posed by gun proliferation.

A student firing back at a gunman in a crowded classroom might pose as much of a risk to his fellow students as the assailant. Police don't like liberal gun-carry laws because they endanger officers and create confusion: When a lot of people are waving guns around at a crime scene, it's impossible to tell the good guys from the bad guys. College students, many of whom are coming to terms with the pressures of romantic entanglements and academic expectations, also tend to abuse alcohol and drugs. Adding firearms to this volatile mix is a spectacularly bad idea; guns are indeed tools of self-defense, but they're also tools of suicide, accidental shootings, intimidation and murder.

Tooley's only victim was himself. Armed students wouldn't have produced a happier outcome, nor would they have been likely to stop 1966 sniper Charles Whitman. But they could do a lot of damage to themselves and their peers.



## University Theater revisits Salem witch trials



University Theater will present its rendition of "The Crucible" on Thursday through March 6. The play tells the story of the Salem witch trials in Puritan Massachusetts in 1692. Photo courtesy of Anna Ruscitti.

**Chelsea Miller**  
ARTS & ENTERTAINMENT EDITOR

University Theater will perform its adaptation of "The Crucible" this weekend through March 6 at Bliss Hall's Ford Theater.

"The Crucible" explores the history of the Salem witchcraft trials in Massachusetts circa 1692. It follows the story of a farmer whose wife is falsely accused of witchcraft by his mistress and condemned by society.

The play was written by American playwright Arthur Miller in the early-1950s. Although it focuses on the Salem witch hunts of the late 17th

century, Miller meant to send a message to those living in a similar climate of fear in the 1950s. During this era, Sen. Joseph McCarthy used the public's fear during the Cold War to become elected after accusing several American citizens of Communist activities.

Dennis Henneman, associate director, dramaturge and fight consultant, took a class co-taught by Miller in 1963. Henneman said the parallels between Miller's life and the play are easily seen.

"During that time, [Miller] was asked several times to name names of suspected communists. He refused to do so," he said. "One of his best friends, both personally and artistically, was a fellow by the name of Elia Kazan. Elia

did name names, and that fractured their relationship."

Henneman said that the play is both historically significant and timely.

"One of the things that the cast has discovered, I think, is that many of the lines they find themselves speaking are almost literally quotations from politicians today," he said.

Anthony Genovese, criminal justice and theater studies major, plays farmer John Proctor in the play. Genovese said Proctor's character struggles with his wife's imprisonment and admitting his infidelity to the community.

He said the role was challenging, but it is one of his favorites.

"When it's all said and done, [my favorite role] will

be this one, just because how powerful the show is and the character," he said.

Two 20-minute educational lectures coincide with the play. Presenters, include James Schramer and Sherry Linkon, professors of English; Sharon Stringer, professor of psychology; and William Binning, professor emeritus of political science. They will reflect on issues raised in "The Crucible" before the curtain rises.

W. Rick Schilling, artistic director, said attendees would receive important historical information.

"It makes us stop and think about oppressive regimes ... As Americans, we take so much for granted," Schilling said. "It's an exciting play. It deals with a provocative sub-

ject ... Once you were accused of being a witch, the trial of the play is not about proving you innocent or guilty, really ... the hearings were about finding out what punishment you would endure."

Tickets are \$10 for the general public, \$5 for faculty and staff and free for Youngstown State University students with valid student IDs.

Opening night dinner: Thursday, Feb. 24.

Feb. 24, 25, 26, March 4, 5 at 7:30 p.m.

Sunday performances: Feb. 27, March 6 at 3 p.m.

Ford Theater, Bliss Hall

## YSU is 'Mad About the Arts'

**Chelsea Miller**  
ARTS & ENTERTAINMENT EDITOR

The halls of the McDonough Museum of Art were quiet and empty Tuesday afternoon except for the occasional student viewing exhibits on display. However, on Friday evening, it will be a completely different scene when music echoes from the building and guests flock through the doors for the 15th annual Mad About the Arts.

Mad About the Arts is the McDonough's annual fundraiser, which benefits the museum and SMARTS, or Students Motivated by the Arts. SMARTS is an art education partnership at Youngstown State University between the College of Fine and Performing Arts, the Beeghly College of Education and Youngstown City Schools. SMARTS Director Becky Keck described Mad About the Arts as "the event to be at this year."

"All my friends refer to it as the Academy Awards of Youngstown," she said.

The Friends of the Arts preview reception will begin at 6:30 p.m. and will feature food from various Mahoning Valley vendors, as well as a cash bar and free wine and champagne tasting. The Second Avenue Project will also perform. The main event will be held from 7:30 to 10:30 p.m.

Tickets are \$45 for the main reception, and \$80 for the earlier opening.

Art displayed will be from



The McDonough Museum of Art will hold its annual Mad About the Arts event on Friday. Mad About the Arts raises money for both the museum and the Students Motivated by the Arts program at YSU. Friday marks the 15th anniversary of the fundraiser and the 20th of the museum. Photo courtesy of Leslie Brothers.

**REUNION:** An Alumni Invitational. Leslie Brothers, director of the McDonough, said the exhibit featured the work of 59 former YSU art students out of 60 students who were contacted. Brothers said the invitational gave former students the opportunity to reconnect with old friends and teachers.

"[The artists] were pleased they got to see their old professors again and reconnect ... some people influence

your lives, and I think that's the biggest deal," she said.

Brothers and her staff have been busily preparing in the months leading up to Mad About the Arts. She said because of looming budget cuts to the university, this year's fundraiser is more important than ever. Last year, Mad About the Arts raised more than \$20,000.

Keck said the funding is important to SMARTS as well.

"For SMARTS, it's critical funding because it helps us with our operating costs and operating expenses, including our lease. So it helps us to maintain our facility," she said.

Brothers said although the event is popular with patrons, with around 500 ticket-buyers last year, she hopes more students attend the event on Friday. She added that student tickets are available for \$30 and said she understands

the money restraints faced by college students.

"We would love to have students there, but we'd also love to have them here anytime," Brothers said. "We have a huge connection to the student body and we are, of course, free and open [to YSU students]."

Tickets are available through Keck and can also be purchased at the door for cash or check only.



# Obama to stop defending federal gay marriage ban

Steven Thomma  
MCCLATCHEY TRIBUNE

WASHINGTON In a significant change of course, President Barack Obama has decided that a federal law against gay marriage is unconstitutional and will no longer defend it in court, the White House announced Wednesday.

Obama's decision will not have an immediate impact. Attorney General Eric Holder said the president will continue to enforce the Defense of Marriage Act until it's either clearly struck down by the courts or repealed by Congress, which he's urged.

That means that an estimated 1,140 laws and policies regarding marriage will remain in place and enforced, and that gay couples who are married in the states where they live will still be denied the federal benefits of marriage, in matters such as Social Security survivor benefits and taxes.

But it signaled a change of tack for the administration, and underscored the evolution of the issue over recent years.

The law, passed by a Republican Congress and signed into law by Democratic President Bill Clinton as he sought re-election in 1996, defined marriage as between one man and one woman.

"Much of the legal landscape has changed in the 15 years since Congress passed DOMA," Holder said in a

statement.

"The Supreme Court has ruled that laws criminalizing homosexual conduct are unconstitutional. Congress has repealed the military's 'don't ask, don't tell' policy. Several lower courts have ruled DOMA itself to be unconstitutional."

The political landscape also has changed. Gay marriage was broadly unpopular when Clinton signed the law, but is much less so now.

The ranks of Americans who think gay marriage should be illegal have dropped from 68 percent in 1996 to 53 percent in 2010, according to a Gallup poll. At the same time, the total of Americans who think it should be legal has risen from 27 percent to 44 percent.

As public opposition has eased, five states have legalized gay marriage since 2004: Massachusetts, Connecticut, Iowa, New Hampshire and Vermont, as well as the District of Columbia. Maryland may soon join them.

Obama's view also has evolved.

As a candidate in 2008, he endorsed civil unions to guarantee rights for gay couples, but said, "I believe that marriage is the union between a man and a woman."

In December, he told The Advocate, a gay and lesbian magazine, that "like a lot of people, I'm wrestling with this. My attitudes are evolving."

On Wednesday, White House press secretary Jay Carney said Obama is still debating the question personally. "He's grappling with the issue," Carney said.

While the law's supporters criticized Obama's decision, he didn't initiate it. Lower court challenges to the law required his response. Indeed, Holder and the Justice Department announced the decision, and the White House spoke only about it when asked, and then only briefly.

Regardless of his personal opinion of marriage and the politics of the issue, Carney said, Obama agrees with Holder that the law's definition of marriage, excluding gay couples, is unconstitutional and no longer can be defended in court.

Holder said the Justice Department had a long-standing practice of defending the constitutionality of laws as long as "reasonable arguments" could be made for them. But he said the department also has refused to defend laws when the president has concluded they're unconstitutional.

In a letter to House Speaker John Boehner, R-Ohio, Holder said Congress could defend the law itself. But he said the law was intended to discriminate against gays and lesbians.

He said the Congressional Record includes "numerous expressions reflecting moral disapproval of gays and lesbians and their intimate and

family relationships, precisely the kind of stereotype-based thinking and animus" that the Constitution's Equal Protection Clause was written to stop.

Holder also said that "a growing scientific consensus accepts that sexual orientation is a characteristic that is immutable."

House Judiciary Committee Chairman Lamar Smith, R-Texas, criticized the decision as an abdication of duty.

"The Justice Department has a responsibility to defend the laws passed by Congress regardless of the personal political views of the president or the attorney general," he said.

The law's supporters weren't happy, either.

"DOMA is the law of the land, whether he (Obama) personally likes it or not," said Penny Nance, the chief executive of Concerned Women for America, a conservative group. "For him to circumvent the will of the American people, once again, to impose his latest personal fad into federal law is simply disgraceful."

But gay rights advocates hailed the decision.

"This is a monumental decision for the thousands of same-sex couples and their families who want nothing more than the same rights and dignity afforded to other married couples," said Joe Solmonese, the president of the Human Rights Campaign, a gay rights group.

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## AFRICAN AMERICAN HISTORY MONTH CELEBRATION

**Proverb of the Month:**  
"He who is bitten by a snake fears a lizard."  
— from Uganda

**WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 2**  
**LECTURE BY DR. GALIA SABAR**  
"The Africanization of Israel – Ethiopian Jews, African Labor Migrants and Asylum Seekers"  
12:00 noon, The Ohio Room, Kilcawley Center

Dr. Galia Sabar is chair of African Studies at Tel Aviv University. For twenty years, she has conducted research on Jews in Ethiopia and the socio-political aspects of HIV-AIDS education in Kenya. Dr. Galia has also studied African migrant laborers who started coming to Israel in the early 1990s and followed them back to West Africa after they were deported. Her academic research and social activism in several Israeli and African NGOs has brought to the forefront complex issues of public discourse in Israeli state and society.

Co-sponsored with the YSU Center for Judaic and Holocaust Studies

**SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 5**  
**THE AFRICAN MARKETPLACE**  
Noon-6:00 p.m., The Chestnut Room, Kilcawley Center

The African Marketplace presents an opportunity for the public to sample jewelry, writings, goods and creations by African American and African authors and artists that are rare and hard to find. The marketplace, in the typical African context, is not only a place for the sampling, purchase and appreciation of things Afrocentric, but a meeting place for social interaction and networking as well. Dance and musical entertainment will be presented by the multi-talented Harambee Youth Group of Youngstown.

**TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 8**  
**ARTIST HILTON MURRAY**  
Panel discussion  
7:00 p.m., The McDonough Museum of Art  
Exhibit through February, Bliss Hall Gallery

Hilton Murray works in graphic design, television production, advertising, art history, and creates architectural structures reflecting a diversity of cityscapes. His fascinating designs reflect the ruggedness and curvature of the land, sky and water, in recognition of the wonders of nature.

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**TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 15**  
**IMAGES OF YOUNGSTOWN: LANDSCAPES IN FILM AND LITERATURE**  
Lecture by Derrick Jones  
7:30 p.m., The Ohio Room, Kilcawley Center

A filmmaker and instructor at Bowling Green State University, Derrick Jones, received his Bachelor of Arts in communication and theatre and a Master of Arts in theatre from BGSU and a Master of Fine Arts in film from Ohio University. He is a Youngstown native who has been active in the Youngstown Playhouse and the Oakland Center for the Arts. Jones has made several short films and was a 2008 Princess Grace Award recipient. His documentary short 631, has been screened nationally at several film festivals and was featured at the Short Film Corner at the 2009 Cannes Film Festival.

Co-sponsored with the Center for Working Class Studies

**TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 22**  
**AFRICAN MOVIE NIGHT**  
"Where the Water Meets the Sky" "White King, Red Rubber and Black Death"  
6:30 p.m., The Gallery, Kilcawley Center

The first film documents the story of remarkable women in a remote region of northern Zambia who are taught how to make a film as a way to speak about their experiences in the AIDS epidemic. The film is narrated by Morgan Freeman. "White King" portrays King Leopold II, the ruthless Belgian colonialist who ruled the Democratic Republic of Congo as his private property and was responsible for the murder of 20 million Africans. A discussion will follow the showing.

**THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 24**  
**AN EVENING OF JAZZ**  
featuring Jeff Green and his band.  
6:30-10:00 p.m., The Youngstown Club

Tickets at \$ 50.00 per person include parking, refreshments and hors d'oeuvres.

Co-sponsored with the YSU Metropolitan College, Southwoods Commons

**FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 25**  
**BLACKS IN THE MILITARY**  
Lecture by Yvonne Latty  
7:00 p.m., The Gallery, Kilcawley Center

Yvonne Latty was born and raised in New York City. She earned a BFA in film /television and later an MA in journalism from New York University. She is the director of the Reporting New York and Reporting the Nation programs at the Arthur L. Carter Journalism Institute at NYU. For 13 years, she worked for the Philadelphia Daily News, where she was an award-winning reporter specializing in urban issues. Latty's nonfiction short stories have been published in *If's A Girl: Women Writers on Raising Daughters*. She authored *In Conflict: Iraq War Veterans Speak Out on Duty, Loss and the Fight to Stay Alive* and the critically acclaimed *We Were There: Voices of African American Veterans from World War II to the War in Iraq*. Ms. Latty will sign books following her lecture.

**MONDAY, FEBRUARY 28**  
**I QUESTION AMERICA: THE LEGACY OF FANNIE LOU HAMER**  
A play by E.P. McKnight  
7:00 p.m., The Ohio Room, Kilcawley Center

Ms. McKnight is a graduate of Fordham University, Lincoln Center, New York, NY, where she received her master's degree in educational psychology. A poet, actress, writer and producer, she is a member of Screen Actors Guild, Actors Equity, and the American Federation of Television and Radio Artists and is the founder and

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## Track and field team preps for championships

Jordan D. Uhl  
SPORTS EDITOR

As the curtain closes on the indoor season and the Horizon League Track and Field Championships approach, the Youngstown State University squad reflects on a season of adversity and accomplishment.

Having to drive to Kent

several times a week for practice (due to a lack of a training facility on campus) led the team to develop a mental toughness that translated into success in their respective events.

"It's a motivating factor," head coach Brian Gorby said. "We basically deal with more [than any other team]. They let it motivate and inspire them."

Gorby also attributed their



Head coach Brian Gorby poses with his multitude of championship rings. A former YSU track team member, Gorby is in his 17th season as coach. Jambar file photo.

success to his coaching staff, which plays an essential role in recruiting and fine-tuning the athletes' abilities.

The University of Wisconsin-Milwaukee wears the crown for the women and men.

"It's us versus Milwaukee and Butler [University] on paper," Gorby said. "We're plus five, plus 10 either way."

The Panthers are no strangers to Horizon League success either, having established a dominant program.

"That's kind of the way it's been for 10 years now. The men last year lost by over 100 points. Now, they're minus five, minus 10," Gorby said.

Butler doesn't pose as great of a threat, though.

"They're one-dimensional," Gorby said. "Only distance."

"It comes down to who wants it more — heart, will, desire. Milwaukee's the defending champs. We have to take that into account," Gorby said.

What really overwhelmed Gorby this season was the

amount of admirable performances.

On Feb. 15, sophomores Samantha Hamilton and Mi-



Sophomore sprinter Kenya Garner participates in her leg of a relay. Photo courtesy of Sports Information.

chael Davis were each named as Horizon League Runner of the Week. At the meet prior, Davis ran a conference best 60-meter with a time of 6.88.

Hamilton also set a new

school record in the one-mile and 1,000-meter runs with times of 4:56:82 and 2:56:80 respectively. Freshman Katrina Rettburg jumped to new heights, 1.73, also a school best. Alisha Anthony, a senior, hopped, skipped and jumped 12.05 meters, a triple-jump record. Senior Johnny Copley vaulted himself 4.71 meters, earning his spot in the school record books.

"I really can't say how proud I am of them," Gorby said.

Their dominance isn't limited to YSU record books.

Seven Penguins have the best time, jump or throw in the Horizon League in their events. Across the board, 22 team members have top three spots.

This is promising for the Penguins, but they can't chalk this one up as a win yet. Milwaukee boasts 11 number one positions and cracked the top three 30 times. Butler also has seven number one appearances, along with 15 top three finishes, but this is heavily distorted as they all belong to distance runners.

The meet will be held Saturday and Sunday at the GaREAT Sports Complex in Geneva, despite the fact that it's hosted by YSU.

Gorby said he just lets this roll off his back.

"It's a home event for us. It's an hour away. For Milwaukee it's 10, 11 hours," Gorby said.

For something that's primarily an individual sport, YSU takes a different approach.

"We see it as a 20-event relay. [As a team,] we've got to be competitive," he said. "We expect them to step up in each event, focus, stay positive, and we'll be in good shape."



Senior thrower Jeremiah Folger launches a shotput at a recent event. With a throw of 15.22 meters, Folger achieved a personal best and solidified his spot in the indoor record books with the eighth best throw in school history. Photo courtesy of Sports Information.

## Penguins hope to crack the 'Case'

A.J. Ondrey  
REPORTER

Coming off two wins against St. Bonaventure University and Saint Francis University, the Youngstown State University women's tennis team is looking to continue its hot streak.

The Penguins will be traveling to Case Western Reserve University on Friday.

Head coach Michelle Grim said she believes that her team is capable of hanging with any team, as long as her players

stick to being positive.

"Mental toughness is our main focus right now. Each girl can play tennis and hit the ball. They now are focusing on forgetting about what shot was missed and being positive for every point," Grim said.

With an overall record of 3-3, Margarita Sadovnikova, who has an individual record of 10-3, leads



SADOVNIKOVA

the Penguins. She is a leader not only with her play but also with her actions.

"Margarita is the team leader. She has had the most match experience on the team and stays mentally tough to close out her close matches," Grim said. "She is really someone who is positive and a great role model for the rest of the team to look up to."

How Sadovnikova will approach the game is almost routine for her.

"I will practice and try to fix some shots where I feel a little bit unconfident and be in shape. I always try to have a positive attitude before and during the match," she said.

Sadovnikova said she's us-

ing her experience to teach the young players.

"We have some amazing young players. I am in my second year on the team, and I think that gives me an advantage," she said. "I know players from the different teams, and I can give advice to the girls and try to help them when it's necessary."

Sadovnikova added that she's looking forward to coming up with a team plan for Case Western.

"We will keep our team spirit high, which brought us good wins this weekend. We will have a tough week of practice and will figure out

with Coach [Grim] what to do exactly, especially with this team," Sadovnikova said.

Grim said her team is very young, but that it is early in the season.

"Our most important matches are coming in March and April against Horizon League opponents. That is when we need to be at our best," Grim said. "I feel that our chances are very good. We have had some losses early on, but each player has learned from those losses and is ready to step it up. We know what will make the differences in these close matches, and we are working on them each day at practice."

## Softball team heads to NC Central Tournament



Senior infielder Kim Klonowski hits a line drive in hopes of batting in a run. She has two this season. Jambar file photo.

Joe Catullo Jr.  
SPORTS REPORTER

The Youngstown State University softball team will play four games this weekend in the NC Central Tournament.

The Penguins begin at 1 p.m. Saturday against North Carolina Central University. Four hours later, they will battle Delaware State University. The team will also play two games Sunday, facing off against Siena College at 10 a.m. and South Carolina State University at noon to wrap up the tournament.

The Penguins began their 2011 campaign in Elon, N.C., as they faced Kent State University and Elon University twice, once each day. In the Penguins' first game against KSU, they lost 9-1 in five innings of play. Later, they lost

to Elon, 4-3. Both games were played on Feb. 12.

On Sunday, the Penguins looked to avenge their losing ways. They earned their first victory of the new season, beating the Golden Flashes 6-5 in eight innings. However, they could not return the favor against Elon. In just six innings of play, YSU lost 10-2.

In their only win, YSU achieved a game-winning single by junior Kristen Philen. Sophomore Vicky Rumph and juniors Jordan Ingalls and Haley Thomas all scored home runs to bring in the game, including Ingalls' game-tying two-run home run in the bottom of the seventh, which forced the game into extra innings.

Freshman Casey Crozier was the starting pitcher, and she lasted seven innings. Another freshman, Haley Knight,

pitched a scoreless eighth inning in relief to pick up the win. She's pitched in three of the four games.

In the young season, Rumph leads the team in slugging percentage (1.091), hits (5), home runs (2) and total bases (12).

Head coach Brian Campbell said the week and a half off is good for the team.

"We've had a week and a half to work on the areas that need to be fixed [from the first weekend]," Campbell said. "Last game, we did a great job of getting on base, but we couldn't drive them in. We have to work on our hit and run situations."

The team is batting .240 with four home runs, 11 RBIs and 23 hits total. As for pitching, the Penguins have a team average 5.83 ERA, giving up 28 runs (20 earned), 34 hits, 14 walks and 16 strikeouts.

### SCHEDULES

#### MEN'S BASKETBALL

Feb. 24- GREEN BAY  
Feb. 26- MILWAUKEE

#### WOMEN'S BASKETBALL

Feb. 26- @ Cleveland State  
March 3- UIC  
March 5- LOYOLA

#### MEN'S TENNIS

Feb. 26- @ Niagara  
Feb. 27- @ Buffalo  
March 5- CLEVELAND STATE  
March 14- @ Bethune-Cookman

#### WOMEN'S TENNIS

Feb. 25- @ Case Western Reserve  
March 6- @ Akron  
March 16- @ Pittsburgh  
March 19- BOWLING GREEN