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## Parking permit replacement proposed

Joe Giesy  
NEWS EDITOR

Director of Support Services Danny O'Connell and Budget Director Neal McNally proposed a transportation fee increase to the general fee to replace Youngstown State University's parking pass system.

"The transportation fee needs to become a reality," McNally said during his presentation to the YSU Board of Trustees.

"We're about 50 percent of what anybody else charges," O'Connell said of the current \$78 parking permit. "That's why we're not prepared to do the deck replacement today."

O'Connell proposed replacing the M-2 parking deck last semester, but the board endorsed an option that would temporarily repair the deck and replace it in 15 years. This option was chosen because of a lack of funds.

The proposal would tack an additional \$9 per credit hour to every student's tuition. These funds would be consolidated into the general fee to go toward renovations of campus parking complexes, and the \$78 parking permit fee would be eliminated.

"We feel this approach would be more administratively efficient because it would be one less fee to assess and one less fee for students to have to worry about," McNally said in an e-mail.

O'Connell originally proposed a \$100 transportation fee, but YSU felt the credit-hour system would be fairer to part-time students not on campus as often.

REPLACEMENT PAGE 3

## Stacking up

YSU freshman Andy Innocenzi uses the Arby's in Kilcawley Center as a practice area Monday afternoon. Innocenzi, who is the top-ranked cup stacker in the state, recently started a cup stacking team at YSU, which is the first such group at the college level. Photo by Lamar Salter/The Jambar.

Chelsea Telega  
REPORTER

As a boy, he couldn't study without the constant stimulation of his hands subconsciously fumbling with an object. In high school, he ran track, always racing his best time, becoming more competitive with each heat. At a family picnic, he raced with his cousin to see who could turn a pyramid of 30 plastic cups into a neat stack. He received an official cup stacking

kit for Christmas, then spent countless hours alone in the basement. An infatuation set in — hit the timer, stack the cups, take the stack down, hit the timer ... hit the timer, stack the cups, take the stack down, hit the timer.

"I kept beating my time, and then I started practicing. It becomes addictive like anything else," Andy Innocenzi said.

The Youngstown State University freshman's newest addiction, cup stacking, is one of the least celebrated sports, receiving maybe 15

minutes of airtime on ESPN after each competition, which are few and far between. But that didn't deter Innocenzi, a Lakeview High School graduate, from becoming the top-ranked cup stacker in Ohio, second in the nation and fifth in the world.

Innocenzi's passion for cup stacking started with a Christmas present, but his knowledge of the sport came about much earlier.

At a family reunion, Innocenzi's cousin mentioned that there was a segment about stacking on ESPN. Through-

out the whole reunion, the two spent their time making up different challenges with the available Dixie cups.

"There was no organization to it. We were just like, 'Let's see who can stack 30 cups and then down stack them the fastest,'" Innocenzi said.

When he started experimenting with the sport, Innocenzi didn't expect to become so attached to it. As he progressed, however, he couldn't give it up. The sport pacified his anxious hands.

STACKING PAGE 6

## Cheerleaders win big at the Arnold

Jordan D. Uhl  
SPORTS EDITOR

A tense atmosphere filled the Greater Columbus Convention Center on Sunday for the Arnold Classic's cheerleading competition.

As the judges tallied their scores and announced their decisions, working their way up the age groups, the Youngstown State University cheerleading squad nervously awaited its fate.

"We were sitting on the floor where we competed, holding hands with our heads down. We were saying, 'We're not going to scream like little girls,'" sophomore Melinda Bolton said.

Finally the judges reached the squad's division, small co-ed. YSU placed first.

"We all jumped up and screamed like little girls," Bolton said with a laugh.

Defeating the Wilmington College of Ohio, the squad won its first and only competition, and members already intend on competing again.

"This was something to dip our toes



in the pool," she said. However, the victory was bittersweet, as Wilmington was the squad's only foe.

"It doesn't really give you an idea where you are in the grand scheme of things. We would have preferred to go

CHEERLEADING PAGE 8

## Campus Connection

YSU President Cynthia Anderson will be hosting a Q&A session for students and employees. What would you ask her?



"I'm curious how Dr. Anderson plans on coping with the changes Senate Bill 5 will bring to the campus." Molly Toth, senior



"What can be done to decrease the teacher workload to give them more individual time with students..?" Dave Drogowski, senior



"How bad do the conditions have to be in order for school to be canceled." Drew Kensinger, junior



## SGA discusses key campus topics before spring break

Andrea DeMart  
NEWS EDITOR

Some Youngstown State University Student Government Association members voiced their concerns about YSU Alert, the emergency notification text messaging system for YSU, at Monday's legislative assembly.

In the meeting intended to handle business before spring break, some members said they and other students hadn't received some alerts, such as the campus shooting notification and severe weather alert.

Gary Davenport, vice president for University Affairs, said he would bring these issues to the attention of those who handle the text and e-mail

alerts.

SGA received a proclamation from Cleveland State University's Student Government Association in support of YSU students after the off-campus shooting of student Jamail Johnson on Feb. 6.

The proclamation states that the CSU SGA would offer their "support during this period of mourning and recovery."

Additionally, SGA President Nicholas Meditz urged all members to attend the forum "Q&A with Dr. A," which will be held Tuesday for students and Wednesday for staff and faculty.

Steve Mesik, SGA executive vice president, reported on the upcoming changes to the university's General Education Requirements.

Mesik said at the next legislative meeting, he would

provide a more detailed explanation of the changes to the knowledge domains. He encouraged SGA members to attend at least one of the college forums to fully understand possible changes.

Justin McIntyre, vice president for Financial Affairs, said SGA has appropriated funds to 47 organizations, leaving 20 percent of the budget for the remainder of the semester.

The Student Life committee reviewed upcoming events.

On March 23, SGA will host intramurals with proceeds benefiting the family of the late Marty Manning, former



The executive board of YSU's SGA presides over the last meeting before spring break on Monday afternoon. Photo by Andrea DeMart/The Jambar.

associate director of Student Life. SGA will also host a tailgate on April 12 before the Goo Goo Dolls concert.

The Academic Affairs committee announced Jack Fahey, interim vice president for Student Affairs and ombudsman, as the next speaker for the Last Lecture series. Details are

forthcoming.

The University Affairs committee will be hosting a "Butts Out" on campus in April. The program involves volunteers picking up cigarette butts left on campus grounds and disposing of them properly.

### Board establishes penalties for unreturned textbook rentals

Joe Giesy  
NEWS EDITOR

The Youngstown State University Board of Trustees approved a proposal that would allow the Office of Student Accounts and University Receivables to collect outstanding balances and penalties from students who do not return books rented through the YSU Bookstore's textbook rental program.

Under the new policy, if the rented textbook is not returned by the first Monday after finals week, the student will be charged the difference of the book's new retail price and the rental fee to replace the book, plus a \$35 penalty.

Through the bookstore's rental program, students can rent used books at 40 percent of the new retail price and new books at 55 percent of the new retail price.

In the case of a new \$100 textbook rented at \$55, the student will be charged \$80 to make up the difference and the penalty. For a used \$100 textbook rented at \$40, the student would have to pay back \$95, or \$60 for the remainder of a replacement book and \$35 for the penalty.

Fox said students have to leave a credit or debit card number to secure the textbook rental, much like when renting a hotel or car, so the bookstore can charge the student if the book is not returned.

The bookstore has had issues when the credit card is sometimes declined and the bookstore has no other way to collect the outstanding balances. The proposal to the board expressed a concern that the debt from unreturned, unpaid for books could exceed \$10,000 per semester as the program grows.

The bookstore was unable to collect on nearly half of the 11 percent of rented books that were not returned last semester.

Susanne Fox, associate director of the bookstore, said the bookstore implemented the textbook rental program to provide upfront savings on textbooks for YSU students.

YSU students Megan Gabel and Stephany McMillen said they rented textbooks from the bookstore this semester because it is cheaper than purchasing textbooks.

They also like that they do not have to keep the book. "You're always guaranteed they'll take the book back," Gabel said.

She and McMillen said they did not rent any books last semester because the books they wanted were not available. They rented books for 1500-level courses this semester. McMillen said she hopes to get upper-level course textbooks next year.

"We try to target more of the intro-level classes," Fox said.

For the program's introduction in fall 2010, 19 titles were available for rental. For spring 2011, 169 titles were available.

"Our goal is to rent as many books as possible," Fox said.

## AVI Foodsystems joins YSU's Earth Day events

Jenna Medina  
REPORTER

Youngstown State University will coordinate April 20's Earth Day events with AVI Foodsystems, Inc., a local food service company responsible for on-campus vending machine products.

AVI plans on joining the "go green" festivities.

Len Wilson, regional manager of AVI, plans on promoting the reasons the company chose to support going green. He wants students to become aware of why the company will be present during Earth Day and also wants get students involved.

Along with tables displaying exhibits, AVI will have a table dedicated to the company's views of living a healthy and happy lifestyle, and offer ways to help others do the same.

"We have some neat things we can bring, some fun facts and fliers that we can hand out," said Ken Will, regional director of AVI.

The fliers will include information on what the company does to conserve and reuse. Examples listed include what is done with used tires and what is done to recycle paper in the office.

"The whole nine yards," Will said. Will said the student body should be aware of how dedicated the company is to environmental safety.

In addition to handouts, AVI plans to showcase its sustainability program. This program, which will be announced in April on the company's website, will give students a clear understanding of how to create a better lifestyle for both the body and the environment.

AVI will also promote BYOM, or Bring Your Own Mug, instead of the use of coffee sleeves for campus vending machines.

BYOM is a method AVI is using to help reduce waste. Although the cups AVI provides are recyclable, the company feels BYOM would be more efficient than supplying coffee sleeves.

"A large cup is only 80 cents for a regular cup of coffee. Other locations on campus are a

\$1.75, so it's a little easier for them to give you a little something else with it," Will said. "We want to try to give as much value to the students as we can."

Wilson said the company offers two styles of vending machines. One is capable of providing the BYOM service, and the second style is not. He estimated that approximately 60 percent of AVI coffee machines on campus are "cup-less," allowing students to use their own mugs.

"As a company, we are large enough that we're developing a software, and we hope to have something within two to three months where we can program those other machines to do the same thing," Wilson said. "Hopefully by the fall semester they will be 100 percent where you can use your own mug, and you wouldn't even have to get a cup."

On Earth Day, AVI wants to display a poster to show everyone what to look for on the machines that will accept individual mugs.

"That will help get everyone aware, and we'll make sure that every machine is posted that can do it," Will said.

Gary Davenport, vice president of University Affairs, agrees that BYOM will be a wonderful service for the YSU community.

"AVI's Bring Your Own Mug campaign is a great idea because it removes us from a dilemma of creating unnecessary waste and burning our hands. Student government is very happy to work with AVI as they strive to bring win-win solutions to campus for everyone," Davenport said.

AVI has implemented an informative way of helping individuals interact in a healthy life. NutriSOURCE, which can be found on the company's website, is described as a revolutionary wellness program developed to help encourage guests to contribute to a healthy lifestyle.

AVI also provides a nutriLEARN series on their website, which allows customers to have access to topics that affect their lifestyles such as healthy eating, nutrition and exercise.

AVI provides other tools for well-being such as nutriFACTS, nutriLINKS and nutriBITS, which all provide information on leading a healthy lifestyle, along with healthy recipes and the support of dietitians ready to answer any questions or concerns.

### CORRECTION

In Thursday's issue of The Jambar, the headline of the news brief "Scholarship honors late professor" was misleading. Saul Friedman is alive. However, the information in the brief is correct. We deeply regret the error.



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## NEWS BRIEFS

### YSU celebrates Women's History Month with films, lectures and art

In honor of Women's History Month, the YSU Women's Studies Program has organized several events throughout March that highlight women's achievements. A film and discussion, "I Was a Teenage Feminist," will take place on Thursday at 4 p.m. in Room 132 of DeBartolo Hall. Claire Bateman and Nin Andrews will also speak on Thursday at 7 p.m. in Kilcawley Center's Ohio Room. For a complete listing of events, contact Sarah Lowry at sjlowry@student.ysu.edu, or Molly Toth at metoth@student.ysu.edu.

### Elvis tribute concert benefits medical aid abroad

An Elvis Presley tribute concert will be held Friday at 7 p.m. in Bliss Hall's Ford Theater. Proceeds from the concert will go toward purchasing medicine and other supplies for trips abroad to Mexico and Africa. Local health care professionals, along with YSU students and faculty members, plan to travel to rural communities to provide medical services in areas where this aid is essentially not available. The concert will star Elvis tribute artist Ronnie Navarra and also includes a 50/50 raffle, door prizes and a chance auction. Tickets are \$15 for general admission and \$10 for students and senior citizens. They can be purchased at the door or in advance at 330-549-3487.

### Visiting prof lectures on needs of cancer patients, families

Catherine Mosher, an assistant professor of psychology at Indiana University-Purdue University Indianapolis, will lecture on the supportive care needs of cancer patients and their families on Friday at 2 p.m. Mosher, who graduated from YSU in 2002, will speak in Kilcawley Center's Ohio Room. The lecture is free and open to the public.

## POLICE BRIEFS

### Panic alarm set off in Flats at Wick stairwell

A YSU Police officer responded to a panic alarm set off in a stairwell of the Flats at Wick on Thursday. Upon arriving at the scene, however, the area was empty, although the panic button was still activated. The button was reset, and a resident assistant told YSU Police that the housing manager would review a recording of the area on Friday.

### Severe back pain leads to hospital trip

A resident of the University Courtyard Apartments was transported to St. Elizabeth Health Center due to severe back pain on Thursday. YSU Police arrived at the scene to find the student in "unbearable pain" and spoke with the student's father.

### Police try to return missing wallet

A YSU Police officer received a brown wallet that had been found in the Lincoln Building. The wallet contained a credit card, a student ID, a driver's license and a bookstore gift card. YSU Police attempted to find the owner in class but failed. University police officers left a message on the owner's home phone and placed the wallet in a locker at the station.

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## REPLACEMENT PAGE 1

"There's not enough close parking to make everyone pay," said Josh Ratell, a senior mechanical engineering major.

Ratell said he does not agree with the proposal but said a per-credit system would be fair.

For example, a student who normally buys a parking pass and takes one three-credit hour class would pay \$27, saving \$51 when compared to the traditional parking pass system.

Full-time students, or those with 12 to 16 credit hours, would pay \$108, or \$30 more. Students taking more than 16 credit hours would pay an additional \$9 for each credit hour.

"We feel this proposal is still modest compared to what other universities charge for parking," McNally said.

All University of Akron students taking more than five credit hours are required to

pay a \$150 parking fee. Cleveland State University charges \$160 for parking permits, and Kent State University charges \$105 for campus parking permits. CSU and KSU charge all students for busing.

O'Connell said YSU needs to make some increases for parking, but said he believes they can do it efficiently without going up to \$150.

"We need to have a solid budget number we can use to plan," he said.

O'Connell said he is also concerned about the safety of students who park on side streets to avoid buying a parking pass.

"When people park west on South Avenue, it raises a red flag with the safety issue," O'Connell said.

Ratell paid for a parking permit in the fall but decided not to this semester because he is able to park for free on the

street right by the parking lot he always parked in.

He parks along Lincoln Avenue and said he does not fear for his safety. However, he said he can see how smaller women or older people may be concerned.

Nick McQueen, a junior criminal justice major, said he does not pay for a parking pass because he lives in a house on campus. He said he wouldn't pay even if he did drive to YSU.

"Why am I paying for this? There's no spots anyway," he said.

McQueen said his whole street, Arlington Street, is treated as free parking, and that a lot of his friends park at his house.

He said people were charging students to park in an empty lot outside his house during the first few weeks of classes.

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# Obama to resume military tribunals for terror suspects

Margaret Talev and Marisa Taylor  
MCT

WASHINGTON The Obama administration announced Monday that it will resume using military tribunals to try suspected terrorists held at Guantanamo Bay, Cuba, but officials said they're not giving up on trials in civilian courts and are still considering their options for trying 9/11 mastermind Khalid Sheikh Mohammed and four other accused 9/11 plotters.

President Barack Obama also signed an executive order for the U.S. to continue indefinite detentions of suspects without trial, a move strongly opposed by civil rights groups and some congressional Democrats.

Aides said that Obama remains committed to closing the detention center at Guantanamo, more than a year after he missed his own deadline to close the facility. Senior administration officials defended the president's intention to continue the Bush administration's policy of indefinite detentions. The officials told reporters in a conference call that a revised framework in the executive order gives detainees more frequent reviews of their status, with rights to hire a private lawyer of their choosing and the right to make a statement to a review board.

"We have raised the bar" on humane treatment of detainees, said one official, who spoke on condition that his name be withheld under ground rules set by the White House.

Anthony D. Romero, the executive director of the American Civil Liberties Union, said Obama has created a "troubling 'new normal'" and that his steps to give detainees more procedural rights are "just window dressing for the reality that today's executive order institutionalizes indefinite detention, which is unlawful, unwise and un-American."

The administration will continue to seek repeal of congressional restrictions on trying terrorism suspects in civilian courts, officials said.

They declined to speak about how Monday's announcements would affect the trial of the accused 9/11

plotters. "We're not here to comment on the future of any particular case," one official said. "We're working through what options there are," one official said. "It's a decision we're going to have to be making in due time."

That lack of clarity and delay in bringing the cases to trial continues to frustrate many of the relatives of those who died in the Sept. 11, 2001, terrorist attacks.

Jim Riches, a deputy fire chief in New York whose son died responding to the attacks, said he could support civilian or military trials, but he's fed up with the delay.

"President Obama promised us swift and certain justice in February of 2009," Riches said. "More than two years later, he still hasn't made a decision. I think it's a disgrace and another slap in the face of 9/11 families. Almost 10 years later, we haven't seen justice."

"It's politically explosive," he said. "I thought they wanted to wait until after the election, and then they would deal with it. But they didn't."

House Judiciary Committee Chairman Lamar Smith, R-Texas, said Monday that he's glad that Obama and his team have "finally seen the light" on military commissions. But Smith pressed the president to go further, and "fully abandon the failed policy of trying terrorists in civilian courts."

"Justice for the families of the 9/11 victims has been delayed long enough," Smith said.

Meanwhile, Sen. Patrick Leahy, D-Vt., the chairman of the Senate Judiciary Committee, said that Obama's indefinite detention order "falls far short of core constitutional values" because it doesn't provide for judicial review of cases that go before the government's review board and doesn't guarantee "meaningful assistance of counsel."

Obama said in a statement that the steps will "broaden our ability to bring terrorists to justice, provide oversight for our actions, and ensure the humane treatment of detainees."

Of the detainees who remain at Guantanamo, about three dozen face military commission or civilian trials; 47 face indefinite detention and dozens of others could be sent to other countries.

# How social media can affect your college dreams

Judy Hevrdejs  
CHICAGO TRIBUTE

You rock the whole social media thing. Facebook. Twitter. YouTube.

Big deal. So do several billion others. And a lot of them are applying to college too.

What college applicants need to realize is that social media is a "living and breathing" extension of your application and resume, so it has to work for \_ not against \_ you.

"Students have grown up with the Internet, with this open forum kind of communication and I don't think they understand that their Facebook page is now their online resume," says Nora Ganim Barnes, director of the Center for Marketing Research at the University of Massachusetts Dartmouth. "They could include a lot of the public service that they do. Those things instead of birthday parties on their Facebook pages \_ I think they could get a lot of mileage out of that."

Students need to think a little bit more strategically about their online presence and take control of it," says Ganim Barnes, who tracks college admissions' use of social media. "It really makes it easier for the person on the other end to go there, rather than to snoop around and see what they can find out about you."

Don't think they do? Guess

Halley Shefler would probably agree.

"Your website, Facebook is your new resume. It's the living and breathing resume," says Shefler, who heads The Arts Edge, an educational consultancy for students in the visual and performing arts with offices in Boston and New York.

Students, she says, should "post art portfolios online or links to videos or photo galleries from their performances. I like students to consider creating their own websites on which to showcase what they do. Help your case. Show schools who you are."

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again. Colleges aren't scrutinizing every applicant's Facebook page, but when it comes down to scarce resources and scholarships, financial aid or the last availability in a popular program, well ...

"(Admissions directors) continue to say they'll use any publicly available source of information to make a good decision," says Ganim Barnes. "When they have to make a decision that's important to the school ... they certainly want to make sure that they're not on the front page of the paper the next day with some bad publicity."

Adds Shefler, who was dean of admissions at Boston Conservatory before starting The Arts Edge, "We all expect kids to be kids, and posting summer vacation photos and having fun is fine, but there's a certain presence that you want to portray out there."

"Social media can enable students to give admissions staff a valuable perspective on themselves," Shefler says. "Use it!"

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## Q&A... with Dr. A



YSU President Cynthia E. Anderson will host informal open forums for students and employees on March 8 and 9.

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## Parking proposal means more fees

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The Finance and Facilities Committee's proposal to mandate a \$9 surcharge per credit hour to the general fee and our YSU bills for parking is unacceptable. And hiding behind the \$13.5 million M-2 renovation is even worse.

Just do the math.

Last academic year, Parking Services grossed nearly \$2.5 million. At this pace, Parking Services would raise the \$13.5 million renovation cost, scheduled to be collected in the next 15 years, with nearly \$24 million left over to cover all other expenses.

That \$2.5 million collected last year included parking permits, meter collection and parking violations.

Now, let's consider the proposed \$9 per credit hour increase, which amounts to an additional \$108 on a full-time student's overall tuition.

In the same academic year that parking services raised \$2.5 million, YSU students undertook 325,847 credit hours excluding hours taken over 12 credits. Those credit hours, under the proposed \$9 per credit surcharge, would have grossed nearly \$3 million.

Essentially, YSU would have collected more money from this surcharge than was actually collected from parking permits, meters and parking tickets. How much money do they need?

Take that \$3 million annually, not counting parking tickets or meter collection and project it over the next 15 years, and you're left with \$30.5 million after you pay off the new parking deck.

When you boil it down, students will be paying nearly \$30 more for parking if this proposal is passed even if you don't utilize parking. In the next 15 years, YSU will collect more than \$6.5 million more from us, not counting the quarters we drop in meters or the tickets we get when we don't.

That's fine; we'll make the sacrifice. But promise us one thing.

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## Tear down your altars and lifeless idols



Support our troops:  
Bring 'em home

Chris Cotelesse  
COLUMNIST

With a decisive 8-1 majority, the U.S. Supreme Court recently strengthened the First Amendment by protecting a hateful minority.

The Westboro Baptist Church has been showing up at military funerals with signs like "Thank God for dead soldiers" and "God hates the USA."

Their condemnation stems from the U.S. military's tolerance of homosexuals.

Albert Snyder, father of fallen soldier Matt Snyder, sued Westboro for their protests.

Democracy means allowing unpopular and even potentially dangerous points of view. Equally important is an appropriate reaction.

In a post-ruling press conference, Snyder's attorney Sean Summers said Matt Snyder died to protect our rights, including the First Amendment.

"Amidst all this legal-wrangling that we're discussing today, I'd ask you to all remember that this is about a young Marine who gave his life in defense of our nation," co-counsel Craig Trebilcock said.

Westboro's actions are deplorable and we should express ourselves as loudly as they do, but it would be wrong to let our support for Albert Snyder and others who loved our fallen soldiers make us believe things that are untrue.

American soldiers in Afghanistan are not fighting to protect our rights and freedoms.

Matt Snyder is dead because our government wants us to believe the best defense is a good offense.

No matter where the military fights anti-American terrorism, it will spring up somewhere else. The shoe bomber was born in England. The man accused of the attempted Christmas Day bombing is Nigerian and was trained in Yemen.

We will never be safe from those who wish to destroy our way of life, but the only way to defend is to actually do some defending: better security at airports, efficient communication between intelligence agencies and so on.

Matt Snyder should still be alive, along with the other 5,885 Americans that have died in combat since 2001. Their deaths have served no purpose relevant to the defense or freedom of the American people.

Worse, some try to sell us phony patriotism of unflinching resolve and endless support.

The longer we pretend the sacrifices made by members of our armed services and their families are necessary, the more Americans we will have to mourn needlessly.

## The FCC's neutral Net

L.A. Times  
MCT

Republicans are so determined to block the Federal Communications Commission's proposed Net neutrality rules that they're pulling out a little-used law that gives Congress the chance to second-guess federal agencies before their regulations go into effect. The GOP's argument is that the Internet has thrived without government regulation, so there's no reason to start now. That's a fine sentiment, but the point of the rules is to protect the Net from being manipulated by the handful of giant phone and cable TV companies that dominate the market for home broadband services. Reversing the commission's order would invite those companies to pick winners and losers among websites and services, potentially strangling the openness and innovation that has been vital to the Internet economy.

The commission's neutrality order, adopted in December, strikes a reasonable balance between Internet service providers' desire to pursue innovative business models and consumers' ability to access legal sites and services without interference from their ISPs. The order bars broadband providers from unfairly favoring or disfavoring any lawful sites or applications on their Internet access services, but leaves open the possibility for them to create optional, managed service tiers that give priority to certain types of traffic, such as video from their partners. It also exempts wireless broadband networks, which are evolving rapidly, from most of the new neutrality rules.

House Republicans already voted to bar the FCC from enforcing the order, and two telecommunications companies have asked an appeals court to overturn it. But that's apparently not enough. Soon, a House committee is expected to approve a resolution of disapproval that seeks to block not just the order but any similar FCC action.

The court appeal is a meaningful test, but the resolution of disapproval is more of a gimmick. Under the 1996 law that authorized them, resolutions of disapproval must pass both houses of Congress and be signed by the president. There's virtually no chance that President Obama, who made Net neutrality a campaign promise, will sign a resolution if it somehow makes its way through the Senate, and absolutely no chance of Congress overriding the veto.

Instead, the GOP attack on the Net neutrality order seems intended mainly as a show of force that, win or lose, would discourage the commission from enforcing the new rules. Rather than railing against the evils of regulation, opponents of the order should consider the fact that most U.S. households have access to only one or two Internet providers that offer affordable broadband service. Which content and services prevail online should be determined by technology and innovation, not by the duopoly that acts as a gateway to broadband.

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## I said *what* last night?!

### The consequences of alcohol and social networking

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Kaitlyn Klein's boyfriend was drunk when the two first "met." Klein received a message on Facebook from an unknown admirer one night.

"I didn't even know who he was, and he said, 'Hey, you're sexy,'" she said, laughing.

It was those words that sparked their yearlong romance, and although the two are no longer together, Klein still remembers that night.

But alcohol and social networking don't always produce positive results.

Sophomore Chris Klug remembered a bad night after an evening of drinking, although the details are fuzzy to him.

"I texted my ex-girlfriend while drunk. That was a dumb move," he said. "We ended up in the biggest fight ever."

Klug now finds humor in other people's experiences under the influence of alcohol. He installed the "Texts From Last Night" application on his iPhone and frequently uses it.

Texts From Last Night is a website that highlights the bad behavior that can sometimes result when consuming too much alcohol.

According to the website, Texts From Last Night was founded in 2009 by friends Ben Bator and Lauren Leto.

The website allows users to send their text messages to the website after a night of drinking. The text messages are anonymous but accompanied by that person's area code. Users can search for texts by when it was posted, or by the area code it was posted from.

The website also integrates a rating policy for the posts, allowing users to decide whether the text was a "good night" or "bad night" and add a comment.

The website is humorous in its approach, but some say that there can be a danger in sending drunk text messages, or social networking under the influence.

Research commissioned by Microsoft found that 70 percent of U.S. hiring managers have rejected applicants based on information they've found online. Information was based on unsuitable photos of the applicant and inappropriate comments or videos.

Christina Hardy, career coordinator for Youngstown State University Career and Counseling Services, routinely advises students entering the job market. Hardy said anytime a person mixes social networking and drinking, it could have a negative effect on his or her job search.

"If an employer sees that, I can guarantee that they will hire someone who has a responsible-looking social networking site," Hardy said.

She recommended that stu-

dents avoid posting anything centered around drugs, alcohol and parties, and avoid posting negative and inappropriate comments.

"You can have fun, but you can't be irresponsible," she said.

Klug recognizes the dangers of drunk posts and said he is now cautious of what he

posts online.

"I wouldn't put pictures like that up, because [job recruiters] have every access to that stuff," he said. "That doesn't make a good impression."

For those who may have already done the damage, Microsoft released an article on their website with tips for

changing an online reputation, including using search engines like Google and Bing to find out what specific information can be found when doing a self-search. While most posts made by users can be deleted, Microsoft suggested contacting a network administrator to delete information posted by other users.

Submitted posts on Textsfromlastnight.com are organized by area code. Here are some of Ohio's submissions:

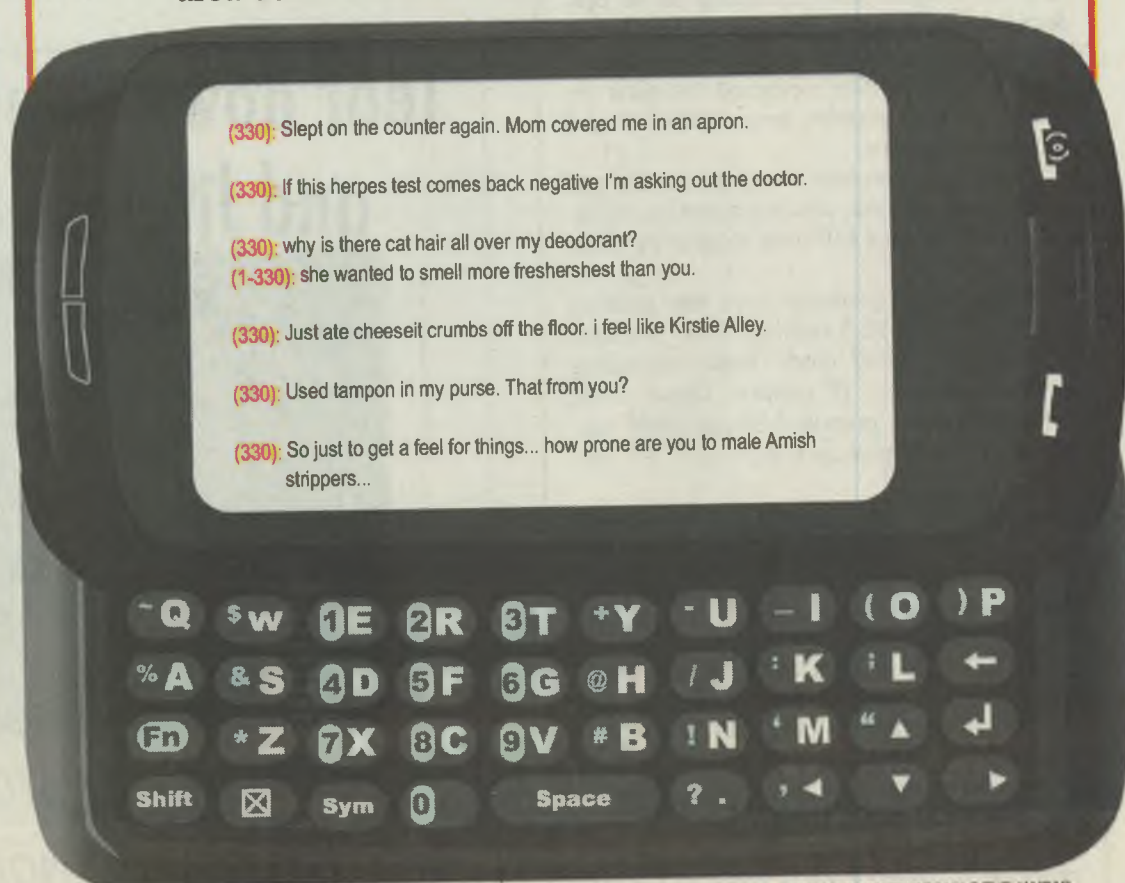


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## Art department presents lecture series

**Jared Buker**  
ARTS & ENTERTAINMENT  
REPORTER

The art department at Youngstown State University will fill the month of March with more than just music by hosting a lecture series in the McDonough Museum of Art's lecture hall.

The lectures are free and open to the public, and parking is available in the M-1 parking deck on Wick Avenue for a fee.

On Tuesday at 5:30 p.m., jewelry artist Estela Saez will discuss her art. Saez's work has been displayed in galleries all around the world, including Spain, Germany and Mexico. She has been asked to be a guest teacher and lecturer in various countries, and has seen her art published in books, catalogues and magazines.

In 1996, Saez attended the only art school in Barcelona,

Spain, and developed a love for jewelry art.

"It was a completely different approach to art," she said. "I was young. I was 17."

Now a professor at the University of Chicago, she has recently displayed her work in Rome, London and Bochum, Germany.

YSU does not have an art program that emphasizes jewelry, nor does it have many classes involving emphasizing art with various metals, so Saez is excited to "conceptualize the contemporary jewelry movement."

Dana Sperry, assistant professor in the art department, said he sees value in bringing in outside speakers to enhance the art program.

"By bringing in outside people, it adds an extra dimension to what the students are learning," he said.

Sperry said the

art department goes to great lengths to ask around about the quality of these lecturers before they come to YSU. He is expecting a good turnout for all three lectures, saying that they always get around 20 or 30 people, but that some have been standing room only in the past.

"It's good for students to see people in the beginning of their careers, starting out, and also good for them to see artists with established careers," Sperry said.

#### Upcoming lectures:

Thursday, March 10, 5:30 p.m.  
Gregory Volk, art critic

Wednesday, March 23, 3 p.m.  
Laura Letinsky, photography

#### STACKING PAGE 1

"It's really good for coordination. If you do this for a few weeks, anything else you do with your hands improves because of it," he said, waving his arms through the air as he talked.

In 2008, he entered his first competition. The record holder was timed at 20 seconds. Innocenzi finished that competition holding the title of first place in the nation and fifth place in the world for his age range.

There are three different cycles within the game of cup stacking: the 3-3-3, the 3-6-3 and the whole cycle. Innocenzi has won the state record for each cycle throughout 2008, 2009 and 2010. Last year, he set the record in cycle stack at 9.69 seconds, which qualified him for the national championships in Austin, Texas.

Along with receiving nine state records, Innocenzi has entered competitions with his siblings and cousins, calling themselves "Team I."

"It's kind of a family thing," Innocenzi said.

His youngest brother finally finished at nine seconds for the cycle, officially making him world class. His 15-year-old sister has received three state records. And his other brother, competing in the 10 to 12 age class, can stack at a nationally recognized speed of 10 seconds.

Innocenzi brought his passion for cup stacking to YSU. He started in the Kilcawley Center Arby's, entertaining people with his talent.

"I went to Arby's, and I just started stacking," he said. "Within 30 minutes, I had about 30 people willing to sign up and learn more about the sport of cup stacking."

Upon entering college, Innocenzi emailed the World Sport Stacking Association to inquire about any scholarships that may be available. Instead of the foundation e-mailing him back, Bob Fox, the creator of cup stacking, responded.

Although there were not any scholarships available, Fox offered to supply Innocenzi with all of his stacking materials if he informed colleges of the sports and raised interest.

"That's what I'm trying to

do: make Cup Stacking as big as possible in colleges in my four years," Innocenzi says.

Innocenzi hopes to hold a competition at YSU. The campus has offered room for the competition in the Beeghly Center, and Innocenzi will provide the materials Fox supplied.

Innocenzi's cousin started a team at the University of Akron. His hope is to compete with that team at YSU. Greg Gulas, assistant director of student programming, found Innocenzi's talent fascinating.

"Andrew walked in to my office one day and told me he wanted to start a club. The more he talked, the more intrigued I was about what he was offering," Gulas said.

Gulas proceeded to set Innocenzi up with an official adviser for the organization, and provided him with the proper paperwork. Innocenzi then took the initiative and got everything organized. Gulas wishes Innocenzi the best of luck in his endeavors.

As of Friday, YSU is the first college to ever have an official cup stacking team.

"I hope this takes off like wildfire. What he can attack in five seconds, I'd do in five minutes," Gulas said.

Joe Conroy, coordinator of Programs and Facilities, was deemed the cup stacking organization's official adviser, as he works mainly with intramural sports. Conroy said he is impressed with Innocenzi's passion and motivation to get this organization moving.

"You can tell the passion he has for this. It's in his eyes," Conroy said. "He wants to really push this himself. He wants to run a tournament, and I think he'll do well."

Innocenzi has high hopes for YSU's division of the new cup stacking organization, as well as high expectations for himself.

"I'm hoping Bob Fox will give me a future job to be the director of all college cup stacking," he said. "I would oversee all the meets, I would oversee the different teams, and I would put together a whole team and eventually someday create a national championship in cup stacking."

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# Charlie Sheen fired from 'From Two and a Half Men'

Joe Flint  
L.A. Times

LOS ANGELES Warner Bros. has fired Charlie Sheen from the hit CBS show "Two and a Half Men."

The move comes after several weeks of very public battling between the actor and CBS, Warner Bros. and "Two and a Half Men" co-creator Chuck Lorre.

In a statement, the studio said, "After careful consideration, Warner Bros. Television has terminated Charlie Sheen's services on 'Two and a Half Men' effective immediately."

Production on the show was stopped in late January after top executives from CBS and Warner Bros. confronted Sheen about his private life. Sheen has made no secret of embracing a sex, drugs and rock 'n' roll lifestyle. Messy divorces, accusations of violence toward women and trips to rehab have been staples of his life for over two decades.

None of his personal life

seemed to have any impact on his career. He is the highest paid actor in television, with a salary that reaches \$2 million per episode when his part of rerun money is included. Although production was also shut down last year because of Sheen's personal issues, CBS and Warner Bros. never publicly came out against that star.

That all changed last month when Sheen suddenly became very critical of Lorre, Warner Bros. and CBS. He made fun of Lorre, and CBS and Warner Bros. announced they were suspending production of the show for the rest of the season.

Sheen then retained Hollywood lawyer Marty Singer, who threatened to sue Warner Bros. if Sheen was not paid for the rest of his contract, which runs through next season.

Warner Bros. and CBS did not say if they would try to keep the show alive without Sheen. The deal CBS has for the program runs through next season and costs about \$4 million per episode.



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The YSU cheerleading squad performs its routine at the Arnold Classic in Columbus on Sunday. Being the only squad to start their routine with a spirit cheer, members believe this gave them the upper hand. Photo courtesy of Renee Drake.

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against more squads," Bolton said.

Regardless, coaches Jenna Schneider and Michelle Markota couldn't have been happier.

"They just praised us a lot. They were so excited," Bolton said. "Individually, they told [us] what things [we] had done really well."

The road to success was riddled with potholes and blockades. Injuries, a lack of adequate preparation time for the competition, early departures from the team, as well as new additions continually forced the squad to adapt.

"You can't imagine the amount of blood, sweat and tears that went into it," Bolton said.

Steve Drake, a senior, was one of those new faces. Joining the squad during the football season, Drake brought with him experience gained during his tenure on Ohio University's squad, as well as a much-needed male body, something the squad lacked in comparison to Wilmington.

"One thing a guy can do

is take girls out [of the base] and have them do more [elsewhere]," Drake said.

"You can substitute one guy for a shoulder stand rather than have three girls hold her in an extension," Bolton said.

Yet she was reluctant to overhype a male cheerleader's role.

"Girls can do some pretty incredible things," Bolton said. "I can do actual partner stunting that the guys do. The girls are without a doubt very strong. Very, very strong. We all have really quick reflexes because we're used to catching falling girls."

Talks of competing in the Arnold were circulating in the fall but the group didn't reach a decision to compete until after winter break. When members did get around to discussing it, there was unanimous support.

"It had to be an all or nothing thing," Bolton said.

"It'd be pointless to do it if only half of us wanted to," Drake added.

As a consequence, members dealt with a shorter prep-

aration time than they would have hoped for. On top of that, they experienced a sudden wave of injuries, illness and scheduling conflicts that left some squad members unable to compete.

While it was a lot to overcome, Bolton attributes their persistence to the team's skill level.

"Our squad is much more talented than people can even see, we've come such a long way in a year," Bolton said. "We've had girls come out of high school [that] have never stunted before and are great bases and flyers now. Like Kayleigh Torres and Christina DeSantis. They've never done anything like that and they've developed so well."

Unfortunately, the team is losing several members due to graduation.

"Half of my stunting group isn't coming back next year," Bolton said as she wiped away a tear. "There's just nothing like being on the field on Saturdays, with the lights, the fans, whether we're winning or losing. We love what

we're doing and we're going all out the entire game."

Drake, one of the departing seniors, offers these words of encouragement.

"Keep at it," he said. "From training for the Arnold, [there was] a lot of tension. [Many] times we wanted to [go at] each other, but we kept getting through it, and once we got out there on stage, the routine was effortless."

As the team prepares for next season, it faces a harsh reality. Unless members are incoming seniors with three years of experience, they aren't guaranteed a spot.

"The coaches gave the returning members goals we have to meet for tryouts," she said. "A standing tumbling goal and a running tumbling goal."

Bolton feels confident she can meet the requirements of both at tryouts, which are rapidly approaching, scheduled for April 1 and 2.

As the season reaches its conclusion, Bolton experiences mixed emotions.

"I'm just going to miss my friends," she said.

## Bearcats make it rain on the Penguins

A.J. Ondrey  
REPORTER

The Youngstown State University baseball team ended its seven-game losing streak this weekend in Cincinnati. YSU competed in a weekend series against the University of Cincinnati, winning one of the three games.

Because of the rain, Friday's game was rescheduled for Saturday, and a doubleheader was scheduled for Sunday.

"We have to prepare as if [the weather] is not a concern. When we get off of the bus, we are prepared to play the game ahead of us. Baseball is always on a timetable, so we just try to follow the routine for a different day," head coach Rich Pasquale said. "Since we're a team from the North, especially Northeast Ohio, we're used to [rain]. We deal with it and kind of know what's ahead."

In Saturday's game, the Penguins started slow and were shut out 13-0 in a rain-shortened seven-inning game. YSU tallied three hits and had opportunities to score but failed, going 0-5 with runners in scoring position.

"We didn't pitch well. There were some bright spots, but some of our pitchers start out a little shaky and end up settling down and throwing good innings afterwards. That is something that all of our pitchers can build on," Pasquale said.

The first game of Sunday's doubleheader was the Penguins' first victory of the year. Sophomore Kevin McCulloh got the nod and came out blazing, setting the tone for YSU to take an early lead.

He didn't allow a run until the fifth inning. McCulloh threw six innings, struck out eight, walked four and gave up five hits.

Sophomore Padraic Williams pitched in relief and closed out the Bearcats, allowing one hit en route to his first collegiate save.

"We pitched better. McCulloh and Williams gave us a chance to win. We got a big-time hit by a freshman, Phil Lipari, and got the job done," Pasquale said.

Pasquale said he likes his team's early season progress in all aspects of the game.

"I'm pleased with the improvement on defense. Our pitching is good, they're doing some good things out there and I'm seeing signs everywhere. Hitters are starting to lock in, making good contact. When they're getting out, they're line drives," Pasquale said.

The second game of the doubleheader on Sunday was another step back for YSU. The Bearcats dominated again, beating the Penguins 11-0. YSU recorded only two hits and received little support from starting pitcher Robert Switka, a sophomore.

"Switka gets frustrated when he has a rough couple of innings to start a game, but he usually settles down and needs to build on that. We have a couple of pitchers like that, but they need to stay positive and keep throwing," Pasquale said.

Unfortunately for the Penguins, Switka never regained his confidence and was knocked out of the game after allowing seven runs in the first two innings.

"It's not always the pitchers. Our guys just weren't getting on base in the second game and lacked support for our pitchers. On the other hand, our guys are staying positive. Starting the year 0-6 and losing the first game on Saturday, it would be easy for the team to just go in and tank the doubleheader. That's not what the guys did though," Pasquale said.

# Penguins swept by troop of Zips



Gimena Puppo, a freshman, along with freshman Carolyn Jesko lost their doubles match 8-2 on Sunday. Photo courtesy of Sports Information

Joe Catullo Jr.  
SPORTS REPORTER

The Youngstown State University women's tennis team visited the University of Akron on Sunday afternoon with hopes of knocking off the 72nd ranked team.

The Penguins fought hard through their singles and double matches but were unable to come home with a victory. They dropped all of their matches in a 7-0 defeat from Akron.

Sophomore Margarita Sadochnikova gave it all she could against Zara Harutyunyan but dropped the match (6-3, 6-4).

"I feel like the team overplayed us."

-Michele Grim

Akron's Angelina Jogasuria defeated freshmen Carolyn Jesko (6-0, 6-0) and Karolina Sjkovist (6-1, 6-2) in the second and third singles matches.

In matches four and five, two more YSU freshmen dropped their respective matchups (Gimena Puppo and Danielle Silva). Puppo lost 6-0, 6-0, and Silva lost 6-1, 6-1.

Sophomore Annie Jesko lost the sixth and final single match 6-0, 6-2.

The Penguins lost all three doubles matches 8-1, 8-2 and 8-1. The teams consisted of Sadochnikova/Sjkovist, Carolyn Jesko/Puppo and Annie Jesko/senior Hannah Patten.

Head coach Michele Grim stayed positive despite the tough Sunday.

"I feel like the team overplayed us," Grim said. "Overall, [they were] a stronger team than what we were. The [results] didn't reflect how close the games were. Yesterday was just one of those matches. The girls competed."

Grim also hinted on how the team can improve before its next match.

"A lot of things we're working on. We're on the right track. I feel like we've improved," Grim said.

The young YSU team dropped to 3-4 on the season, while Akron improved to 8-2. Up next for the Penguins is Bowling Green State University at home on March 19. After BGSU, YSU will begin conference play.

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