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YOUNGSTOWN TEA PARTY



Local residents take a stand against government spending

Doug Livingston
REPORTER

Under the shadow of an ominous overcast, a group of over 200 students and citizens gathered on Wednesday afternoon in Federal Plaza to hold a rally protesting government spending and taxation. The event, inspired by a similar protest held in Cincinnati, was orchestrated by the Youngstown State University College Republicans.

"The Tea Party movement is pretty broad," Donovan O'Neil, executive director of the YSU College Republicans, said. He said the movement concerns "everything that has been going on in our country." The primary focus, however, was on big government, overspending and purportedly outrageous taxation.

The rally was hosted by Jim Shaw, president of the YSU College Republicans, and included speeches by private citizens and prominent figures such as Mark Munroe, Chairman of the Mahoning County Republican Party, Josh Mandel, state representative from the 17th Ohio House District, Donald K. Allen, former presidential candidate in 2008 and Bill Johnson, a local business man proposing sales tax reform.

Johnson compared the demonstrators to those at the original Bostonian Tea Party in 1773. Mostly a conservative audience attended the event, but several liberal and democratic voters were also on hand.

One such democrat and YSU student was Lindsey Olmstead, who voiced her disapproval with the exorbitant amount of spending in the federal government. Olmstead, like other liberals who attended, were persuaded to vote democratic by President Obama's promise to

sensibly end the war in Iraq.

After the recent government stimulus spending and a trillion-dollar debt compounded over the last two months, coupled with Obama's further commitment toward increasing troops in Afghanistan, Olmstead said she "would consider voting differently."

Many critics, O'Neil admitted, wonder why these "Tea Parties" did not take place during the Bush administration runaway spending.

Munroe, as well as many other speakers, stated that this protest, however, was neither political nor partisan. Munroe criticized democratic Rep. Tim Ryan for requesting 500 million dollars in earmarks, but also said that some Republicans go to Washington with no regard to uphold the principles of their party.

Allen, receiving considerably applause, said, "Fear and anger brought us here today." Fear of inflation and anger toward overspending were his key talking points. Many of his statements incited and aroused the crowd, such as "our president bows low to Saudi Arabia" and this is a "Christian nation with tolerance of all others."

Though Gov. Strickland's tuition freeze prevents any increase in tuition for the moment, Allen stressed that the education funding problem should be dealt with in part by the private sector. Though unsubsidized loans have proved cataclysmic in the recent past, Allen emphasized that there is nothing more important to the future of this nation than providing affordable education for young people. The former candidate admitted that government oversight and bank responsibility are necessary to prevent private loan agencies from spiraling out of control.

"Federal insurance will be with us forever," he said.



ABOVE: YSU students such as Michelle Jones (Left), and Emily Olmstead (Right), came to the protest to show support. The "Tea Party" was sponsored in part by the College Republicans.



RIGHT: Jim Shaw, the chair of the College Republicans, played hosting duties at the protest.

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Constitution begins to show its age

Breanna Haupt
REPORTER

Outraged with news of the AIG bonuses and Congress' reaction, many Americans began to question the role served by the U.S. Constitution. Although there is one Constitution, many interpretations of its words, meanings and purpose exist.

Youngstown State University political science professor Cryshanna Jackson said the Constitution is a "living, breathing" document. She also said those involved in government have used the Constitution to "benefit themselves and not others," but that American citizens need to look at the courts and make sure they "have integrity and interpret [the Constitution] correctly."

Additionally, Jackson said it is necessary to amend some sections of the document.

"Social issues have changed to meet growing needs and we're not thirteen states anymore," Jackson said.

In contrast to Jackson's perspective, YSU political science professor Paul Sracic said the Constitution is the Constitution, and that

it doesn't change. He also said those who regard the Constitution as "boundless" are on a dangerous route.

Sracic said the document was created to "restrain and limit government," and that this stays firm "in both good and bad times." The real problem, Sracic said, is the "lack of understanding of the Constitution and its powers."

"People don't understand the Constitution," Sracic said. "They have enormous expectations of their government that simply aren't in the Constitution."

Our Constitution shouldn't evolve over time. It is what it is and our founders knew what they were talking about."

Sracic also said every American needs to know Article 1, Section 8 of the Constitution.

"If you know nothing else, know this: It states all the powers of Congress and government. You need to know what is, and more importantly, what's not, in there," Sracic said.

YSU political science professor Keith Lepak said there are many aspects of the Constitution that could be up for debate; he said this is the nature of the document.

"It is quite possible the Constitution is being 'vo-

"We need to follow what's written, obey the laws we have written and stop inventing new ones."

Krissy Cruz, sophomore

lated,' but one should also remember that the ambiguity of the Constitution invites attempts to 'stretch' it, as well as inevitable conflicts among the branches of the government," Lepak said.

Lepak also said Americans "are not simply 'private' citizens, but public ones." He said this requires knowledge of the U.S. Constitution and the country's political and economic crises. Several YSU students have differing perspectives on the U.S. Constitution.

Sophomore Stephanie Cole said under no circumstances should any changes be made to the Constitution.

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Unknown roots of socialism creates false labeling, prof says

Tracilyn Tsarnas
REPORTER

President Barack Obama's proposals for universal health care and a progressive taxation system are commonly have been both criticized and applauded by many. However, they have also been dubbed as socialist. Political science professor Cryshanna Jackson thinks that these policies are intended to take the nation back toward the root of capitalism.

"Previous administrations gave power to certain groups ... [Obama is] trying to give it back to the majority of society," she said. "It's really putting policies back in place."

Jackson doesn't think calling Obama's policies socialist is a bad thing, but rather that it stems from not knowing where socialism comes from. Jackson claimed that in a democracy, the market should be able to correct itself. However, when big business is allowed to monopolize the market and then these same businesses fail, the economy is unable to correct itself.

Jackson advocates that fair trade regulates the playing field and allows smaller businesses to compete in the same arena as the huge corporations. Therefore, she says, the bailouts could be called socialist, but really they are paving the way for our market to make its way back to a healthy, thriving, capitalist market.

The United States has a long and bitter history with socialist and communist theories. The witch hunts of the McCa-

rthy era stemmed from a nationwide fear of "commie spies" living and operating among American citizens. Countless people were maligned and ruined during this era of fear and accusation. The Cold War and its accompanying arms race spanned over 50 years of American history in an attempt to keep communism off American soil.

Despite this intense and sometimes irrational fear, the United States employs several systems that have their roots in socialism. Some of these include Medicare, Medicaid, social security, and public education.

The sixth edition of the Columbia Encyclopedia defines socialism as "a general term for the political and economic theory that advocates a system of collective or government ownership and management of the means of production and distribution of goods." The values of socialism are also in direct contrast with capitalism: "Where capitalism stresses competition and profit, socialism calls for cooperation and social service."

Both socialism and communism spring from the ideas of Karl Marx, a philosopher of the nineteenth century. His main idea focused on surplus labor, also called surplus value. This happens when the amount of effort it takes to produce a commodity is unequal to the value of that commodity. Marx felt that this surplus exploited and alienated the common people and concentrated wealth among too few people. He argued these points in the Communist Manifesto of 1848.

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News Briefs

Minerals Expert to present today

Fluorescent Mineral Society founder Don Newsome will be giving two presentations on Thursday in Room 2000 of Moser Hall. Newsome has lent his expertise to countless museums, including the Smithsonian Museum of Natural History. The presentations will be 2:30 p.m. for students and 7:30 p.m. for the general public.

STEM Creations on Display

STEM students and their class projects will be on display in Moser Hall on April 22 from 3 to 6 p.m. at a presentation entitled "STEM Careers and Student Project Displays." A concrete canoe and a super mileage car will be among the projects that are displayed at this year's event.

Successful Pledge Drive for WYSU

YSU's radio station 88.5 WY-SU-FM surpassed its \$100,000 spring pledge drive goal by over \$3,000. A thousand listeners contributed to the \$103,688 raised by this year's drive. Pledges were given electronic prizes during this year's drive.

Police Briefs

Subject trespassing

On Monday, an officer observed a subject walking through the rear yards of Turning Point Counseling Center, amongst parked vehicles in the lot. The officer made a routine check, which revealed no warrants. The subject was issued a written trespass.

Fire alarm activated

On Sunday, an officer was sent to Kilcawley House in regard to a fire alarm activation. Students were leaving the building upon arrival. The officer met with a male subject who said he was making a tortilla in the frying pan, which eventually got too hot. The Youngstown Fire Department did respond and cleared the room.

Parking Permit stolen

An officer was sent to the F-1 parking lot on Friday in regard to a theft from a student's vehicle. The student stated that persons unknown took his YSU parking permit from inside his 1998 Ford Explorer. No signs of forced entry were found, but the driver's side front door lock did not lock the door.

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Sophomore Krissy Cruz agreed and said it is important to regard the Constitution as an unchanging document.

"We need to follow what's written, obey the laws we have written and stop inventing new ones," Cruz said. "We have enough going on in our daily lives; the government needs to back off."

Senior Michael Cooper said certain aspects of the Constitution should not change, including citizens' freedoms.

"The liberties protected [by the Constitution] have been given away to the government in favor of increased protection," Cooper said.

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The early 20th century saw a split in the ideology of socialism. Socialism and communism became two separate belief systems when the social reformers supported local government action during the early stages of World War I.

The social revolutionists saw this as an act of treason. It is at this point that the reformers begin calling themselves social democrats, and the revolutionists become communists.

The major difference between communism and socialism is that communism stresses the importance of a stateless society via revolution while socialists believe that the state can be

revolutionized by working from within the government. The end goal of each is the same: Bring every working citizen to the same level.

Social democrats stressed the importance of the nationalization of business, social programs such as universal health care, public education run by the state and an equal relationship between the labor necessary to produce a commodity and the value of said commodity.

They also believed in a mixed economy, social security for all citizens, labor rights, environmental awareness and stressed fair trade over free trade.

PROFESSORS WIN AWARDS

These professors were recently selected for The Distinguished Professor Awards for excellence in teaching. Faculty members appointed by the Provost and the President of the faculty union selected candidates. The provost made the final selections.

Michael Bury REPORTER

In the short amount of time Jake Protivnak has been at Youngstown State University he has made quite a name for himself.

In four short years as coordinator of counseling services for YSU, Protivnak has received a Distinguished Professor of Teaching award.

Protivnak said he has had an excellent experience since arriving at YSU. He said he found the university to be amenable to what he wanted from teaching.

"It has been an excellent fit for me as a person and as a professional," Protivnak said. Protivnak

said he likes the way the university is developing. He is excited about the improvements the university has been making to the campus.

"I like seeing the campus grow and improve and see it strengthen its reputation in the community," Protivnak said.

Protivnak is happy with the way the counseling services department has been developing. He said he hopes he can make some slight improvements to the department, however.

"We're looking at just ways to improve the program and look for ways to strengthen it up," Protivnak said.

Protivnak said he is looking for ways to improve the educational for students, whether they

are in or out of the classroom.

Protivnak believes his teaching style is what helped him win the award. He said his teaching style is about trying to make the material matter to the students. He said he looks for ways to stimulate and motivate the students. Not every student has the same career goals, he added.

"They may want to work with certain types of clients with certain types of disorders," Protivnak said. "The challenge is how to present general topics of information in a way that connects and is interesting to students."

Protivnak hopes to continue connecting students and providing them the best education he can. He said building relationships with students is important.

Doug Livingston REPORTER

Youngstown State University physics professor James Carroll was delighted to hear his name among this year's nominations for the Distinguished Professor in Teaching Award. This will be Carroll's first nomination for the teaching section of the distinguished professor awards. Carroll has won the award five times before for his efforts in scholarship and said the experience was rather flattering.

"It felt great to be appreciated and I think it makes us feel good as professors when our efforts are worthy enough to be nominated for such an award," Carroll said.

A group of students who took Carroll's introduction to physics course last year suggested he be nominated; after a review by the interim chair and chair of the physics department, it was decided Carroll should officially be nominated.

"It is great that YSU recognizes its faculty's accomplishments; not all universities do that, and I think all the professors here appreciate that about YSU," Carroll said.

Carroll has been teaching physics at YSU since 1995. He was not heavily interested in the subject until he took an introductory course his freshman year of college, where he became curious about the challenges physics presented. That inquisitive quality is what Carroll said his students need to possess to be successful in class.

"You don't have to be seven feet tall, but you do need to be curious, patient, stubborn and willing to look to solve a problem for every possible angle when working in physics," Carroll said.

Carroll said he realizes many of the students in his introduction course do not have a strong background in physics. A lot of his students are engineers or in the NEOUCOM program. For these students, Carroll said it is important they learn some of the scientific concepts in physics, but most importantly how a scientist's thought process works. Keeping open office hours and possessing the willingness to always take time and help students with their work is what Carroll credits to having a good rapport with his students.

"I understand physics can be hard for some students, but YSU's smaller class sizes make it easy for me to look at my students and see who is following what is going on and who needs some help," Carroll said.

Carroll is from Oklahoma City. He got his bachelor's degree from the University of Central Oklahoma, his master's degree from Oklahoma State and his Ph.D from the University of Texas at Dallas. In his free time, Carroll enjoys spending time with his wife and two daughters, playing tennis and playing his 1978 Les Paul Pro Deluxe guitar.

Samantha Pysher REPORTER

No stranger to winning awards, Youngstown State University English professor Patricia Hauschildt has won her second Distinguished Professor in Teaching Award; the first was awarded to her in 1999.

Hauschildt, an English education instructor, said she found out about the award on March 26 through a letter. Accompanying the award is \$2,000 and an invitation to the awards ceremony.

"It makes me feel appreciated by my colleagues, so it's an honor," Hauschildt said.

Hauschildt, who has been teaching at YSU since 1995, said the biggest surprise of all was when the department chair said he had nominated her for the award.

"It was unexpected," Hauschildt said. "It makes you feel recognized and honored when a highly-respected colleague nominates you."

Hauschildt said the way she thinks about teaching is what sets her apart from other educators.

"I put a lot into thinking about how to help students learn," she said. "I'm very committed to teaching."

She also said her teaching style is interactive and discussion based. Hauschildt said she also tries to incorporate lessons that include active involvement beyond listening.

"Students have to be actively involved in order to be interested," she said.

In order to do this, Hauschildt creates assignments by interacting with the class instead of lecturing. Not all of her classes are taught in the same way.

"I ask a lot of questions like 'why?'" Hauschildt said. "My favorite question is 'why?'" It requires students to support their answer with deeper thinking."

Hauschildt said one time she started off one of her graduate courses with the question, "What is curriculum?" and it led to a two-hour discussion. She said that she was able to figure out what students knew and what their concerns were about curriculum. From that discussion, Hauschildt said that she was able to figure out what to teach the rest of the semester.

By asking her classes so many questions, Hauschildt said she is able to learn about the students. Furthermore, Hauschildt said she loves teaching and that seeing people get excited about learning is a rewarding feeling. However, an even bigger reward for Hauschildt is seeing a former student succeed as a teacher in the classroom.

Hauschildt has an undergraduate degree in English education, as well as a Ph.D in Curriculum and Instruction/English Education. Additionally, Hauschildt taught high school for seven years and taught piano for 13 years.

"I liked watching the children learn," Hauschildt said.

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Students put brakes on heavy spending

Samantha Pysher
REPORTER

While it may have once been a fashion faux pas to make a beeline to the sale racks, students at Youngstown State University have been tightening their financial belts by shopping at discount stores as the recession continues.

According to a Fortune 500 report, Wal-Mart's profits have increased by 12.8 percent since 2006, with a 14.9 percent growth between 1997 and 2004.

Furthermore, according to the same source, Target's revenue has increased 6.5 percent since 2006.

Additionally, Sears has seen a 4.4 percent decrease in revenues since 2006.

While Macy's has seen a 8.6 percent drop in revenues according to the source, Dillard's has seen a 5.6 percent decrease in revenues since 2006.

Teresa Riley, acting chair of the YSU economics department, said Wal-Mart has done better than other

businesses because they already have a reputation of having low prices.

"With a lot of individuals who are worried about their jobs or have lost their jobs, people are being careful with their money and don't want to spend as much," Riley said.

Riley said that the customer base for stores like Wal-Mart is changing; people who have never shopped at Wal-Mart are now shopping there due to the economic uncertainty.

When it comes to shopping, Riley said "the key thing is to be very careful as to how much you charge onto your credit card."

As far as an economic shift, Riley said it is very difficult to predict what will happen.

After losing his job as a daycare provider for the Wee Care Day Care at YSU, junior Dan Carkido has been cautious of his spending.

Carkido said he used to shop at specialty stores that sold one kind of item, like clothes or electronics, but now he goes to where everything is lumped together.

Because he went from a weekly budget of \$50 to a \$15 budget, Carkido has had to limit his expenses.

es. He said he does this by shopping at stores like Wal-Mart and Marc's.

"I just try not to spend at all if I don't have to. I don't spend money on entertainment, unless it's the dollar theater," Carkido said.

Graduate student Robert Beohm said he has been watching his expenses very carefully. He has also been cutting down on his basic expenses, including not driving as much; he also frequently buys necessary items from stores like Wal-Mart and Sam's Club.

Sophomore Colleen Bennett also has been careful of her spending. She's been doing this by purchasing fewer name-brand items and shopping at discount stores.

"My weekly budget used to be around \$150, but now it is a bit less than that," Bennett said.

Despite the recession, senior Jason Loychik said his shopping habits haven't changed.

"I don't find myself shopping differently because I've always shopped where the deals are," Loychik said. "I do try to save money; you never know what may happen in the future."



Cheap Tricks

- Shop out of season. Winter clothes go on clearance as soon as the spring line debuts; this is your chance to get a whole new wardrobe for around 75 percent off of the retail price. [And since we're in Ohio, winter lingers into April.]

- In order to find the best deals, you must be a bargain hunter. This requires searching for the deals and fighting the temptation to buy at full price.

- Shopping online is a great way to stretch your dollars! Many stores offer free shipping at a certain purchase amount, and you get access to all products on clearance rather than only what the local retailers have to offer.

- When entering a retail store, head straight to the clearance or sale rack. If you find a pair of pants that are too long or a tad too big, buy them. A local seamstress will usually hem a pair of pants to a perfect fit for around \$5 a pair. Use this method of shopping for everything, including jackets, blazers and even jeans [the seamstress will match the original hem.]

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Bizarre tattoo proves to be an eyesore

Alicia Pattillo
REPORTER

For anyone who thought tattooing on the inside of lips was over the top, think again, and say hello to eyeball tattoos, perhaps the most bizarre and disturbing form of tattoo ever known to man.

A man in Toronto, was the first person to undergo the eyeball-tattooing procedure. "Mr. Pauly Unstoppable," or as he is nicknamed, had a tattoo artist at a Canadian body modification convention turn the white of his eyes, or the sclera, completely blue. This required more than 40 ink injections and the aid of a syringe. Apparently, when the artist tried to use the traditional tattooing needle, the procedure failed.

"I really have to emphasize again that the procedure was extensively researched and done by people who were aware of the risks and possible complications and that it should not be casually attempted," Unstoppable said. "Now that this experiment has been started, please wait for us to either heal or go blind before trying it."

New York City LASIK surgeon Sandra Belmont said cosmetic tattooing of the cornea can be extremely dangerous.

Belmont said a series of potential complications can occur while undergoing tattooing of the cornea, including infection, perforation and hemorrhage.

"I certainly recommend corneal tattooing in a patient with a corneal scar, but I do not recommend these procedures to be performed solely for the purpose of body adornment, due to significant vision-threatening side effects," Belmont said.

Tattoo and Piercing Magazine publisher and procedure witness

"My friends had been telling me about it, so I went on to see it and I almost fell out my chair. It's disgusting."

Elizabeth Bishop, freshman

Lane Jensen said eyeball tattoos are "trippy."

"It definitely starts some interesting conversations," Jensen said.

Jensen wasn't joking; the eye tattoo has sparked controversy not only among other tattoo artists, but also at Youngstown State University.

Local tattoo artist Lance of Black Heart Tattoos said he does not condone eyeball tattoos at all.

"It's ridiculous and stupid," Lance said.

Lance said under no circumstances would he perform a tattoo on an eyeball. Although he said he has tattooed just about every place on a human's body, including the face, tattooing the eyeball draws the line.

"It's very irresponsible," Lance said. "It makes [tattoo artists] all look like idiots. It's more of an injection than a tattoo."

Spider and Mike of Youngstown's Spider Tattoos said they feel similarly.

"We believe that it's a procedure that shouldn't be tampered with," Spider said.

YSU students are not too fond of the "eyeball tats" either.

Junior C.T. Clay says he would never consider it, and that it's the most ludicrous thing he has ever heard.

"There's not a chance in hell I would ever get it; it's ridiculous," Clay said.

Senior Arcale Peace said eyeball tattooing is very weird, and that he finds it hard to imagine how someone would even go about performing such a procedure.

"I have nothing against tattoos, but I just can't see how you can put one on your eyeball without destroying your eye," Peace said.

Most people worry about regretting tattoos on ankles or arms. For junior Melanie Diorio, although she would never consider an eyeball tattoo, her biggest concern about them is that they would be impossible to hide. Health concerns also worry her.

"I'm sure it will get infected easily, and it will probably lead to blindness," Diorio said.

Freshman Elizabeth Bishop was completely shocked when she saw a picture of a tattooed eye on the internet.

"My friends had been telling me about it, so I went on to see it and I almost fell out my chair," Bishop said. "It's disgusting. It looks more like dye than a tattoo. It's the most stupid thing I've ever seen. I think anyone who would ever think about getting it is an idiot and senseless."



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'Tender Land' showcases vocals

Britney Perkins
REPORTER

Youngstown State University's fine and performing arts series presentation of "The Tender Land" by Aaron Copland will be opening April 16 for the university's annual opera.

The Tender Land tells the tale of a farm family in the Midwest during the Great Depression. The main character is Laurie [played by Carrie Minenok on April 16, 18, Shafica Kaleel on April 17, and Lynn Sabeth on April 19.]

a young girl who is the first in her family to graduate from high school, and years for independence from her family. During her graduation party she meets two drifters, Martin [played by Matthew J. Miles] and Top [played by Max J. Pivik on April 16, 18, and Patrick McGuire on April 17, 19.] She falls in love with Martin and they make plans to run away together.

Director David Vosburgh, said there were two main reasons why this opera was chosen to be performed. The first is that there

were voices that were suitable for the roles, and the second was to give students opportunities to work with wide ranges of styles over the years. This year the students are getting an opportunity to work with a modern American style.

Vosburgh said one of the greatest challenges while directing this opera was all of the dancing that was involved. "Opera kids aren't really accustomed to that," Vosburgh said. Senior David Munnell did the choreography for the performance.

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If taxes aren't your cup of tea, protest

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Across the country, crowds gathered on Wednesday to protest the use of federal money for things such as bailouts of failing companies and to subsidize mortgages for those who cannot afford them.

One of these events, called "tea parties" after the historic Boston Tea Party, was held on Youngstown's Federal Plaza. Approximately 150 people showed up to voice their concern over what they see as an irresponsible fiscal policy. We applaud such a showing of grassroots activism in the heart of this notoriously apathetic region.

A word of caution, though. If the organizers and participants at these events want their voices to be heard by those in Washington, as well as by their fellow citizens, it is important that the message remain nonpartisan.

It is understandable that many of those who oppose the fiscal policies of the Obama administration would be Republicans. It must be remembered, though, that with regard to massive federal spending, government bailouts and a bottom-up way of addressing the economy began under George W. Bush.

Bush, a moderate Republican in conservatives' clothing, was in office when many of the current policies were proposed. On the economy, contrary to all of the partisan rambling about change, Obama has merely taken the policies of the latter part of the Bush administration and extended them.

Citizens have a right to be angry.

Their anger should come from the fact that, as Americans, their government should not continually increase the role they play in people's day-to-day lives.

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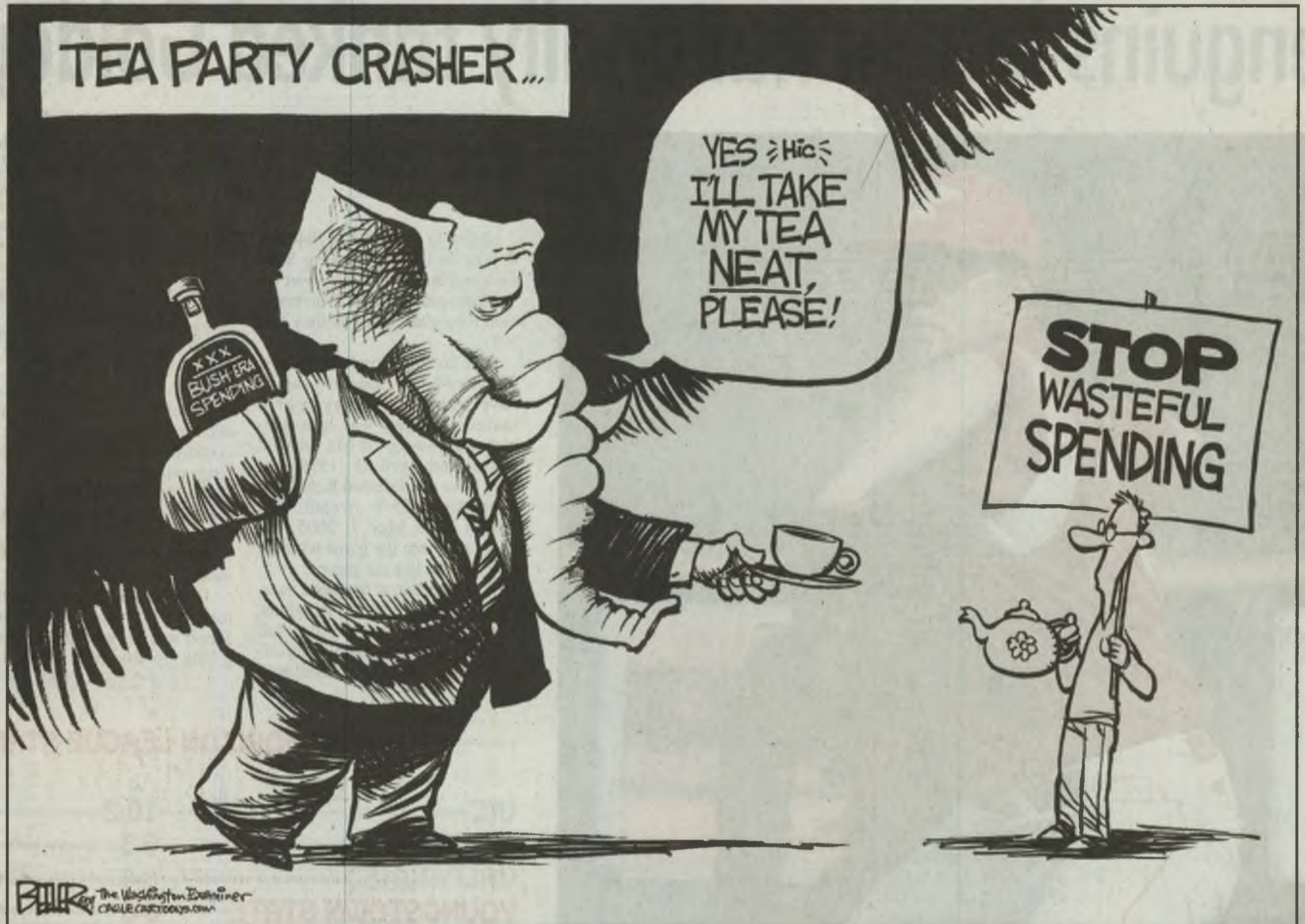
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"Going to Walgreens."

Amanda Erdel, freshman



"I'm tired, ready for bed."

Ashley Lawson, freshman



"I'm tired."

Chanice Lockheart, freshman



"Stupid Honda motorcycle that hit me."

Amanda Koren, freshman

Let's give killers their due: Anonymity

Michael Smerconish
THE PHILADELPHIA INQUIRER

Here's the payoff for the 41-year-old man who barged into a Binghamton, N.Y., immigration center and killed 13 people before turning the gun on himself: 369,000. That count, the number of hits his name generates when entered into a Google search, had been more than 1 million immediately after his mayhem. That number doesn't include mentions on radio and television.

That means he, like others before him, got what he was looking for. Next time, let's withhold the murderer's name.

The Binghamton killer didn't deserve the posthumous thrill of achieving any level of fame — or infamy — which he solicited via a rambling two-page letter that he sent to News 10 Now, a Syracuse television station. In the missive, dated two weeks before the massacre, he introduced himself to readers before detailing how undercover police officers drove him over a period of years to perpetrate the violence in Binghamton. "And you have a nice day," reads its final line.

We've seen letters like this from others. Between the two violent outbursts in which he killed 33 people, including himself, the 23-year-old responsible

for the massacre at Virginia Tech two years ago found time to send a package of letters, pictures and videos to NBC News in New York.

In one video, he promised: "You thought it was one pathetic boy's life you were extinguishing. Thanks to you, I die like Jesus Christ, to inspire generations of the weak and the defenseless people." At another point, he referred to the two killers of more than a dozen people at Columbine High School as "martyrs."

That duo had a grand scheme. They originally intended to execute their plan on April 19, 1999, the fourth anniversary of the Oklahoma City bombing that killed 168 people — no doubt as a means of eclipsing that day's carnage. In one homemade video found after the Columbine massacre, they revealed their intention to cause "the most deaths in U.S. history."

None of this surprises Frank Farley, professor of psychology at Temple University and former president of the American Psychological Association. Farley's area of expertise is psychology and human behavior.

According to Farley, research suggests that the desire to achieve power or induce terror are among the motives for perpetrators of mass homicides. Some could be attracted to the perceived impact or influence their actions would

bring. Others are after the "thrill value" of their crime.

Meanwhile, Farley explained, we're in the midst of an era of "disinhibition" — a "process of increasing self-revelation, of letting it all hang out." That's not inherently bad in and of itself. But "expressing one's inner turmoil through public violence" can be its most extreme incarnation.

In short, some killers are looking to earn notoriety from their crimes. Today's 24/7 media world is the surest vehicle for attaining that goal. There's no downturn in the news cycle, and between traditional outlets, blogs, satellite radio and 700 TV channels, the media beast always needs to be fed. No wonder the man who murdered three police officers in Pittsburgh last weekend told police he intends to write a book during his long stay in prison. A cop killer on this side of the state has already done so.

"Before our media-saturated age, you could commit some heinous crime, but the larger world would know little of it. So the extent of your impact would be small," Farley told me. Today, on the other hand, "a global platform is provided."

So why not withhold the names and pictures of the perpetrators seeking that global platform? Instead, tell us their ages and basic background information. The goal would be to

diminish the appeal of violence to some prospective killers — to rob them of "their signature, their ownership of the crime," as Farley put it.

Of course, some will argue that ours is an open society and withholding a killer's name and image would be an infringement upon the media's duty to report what happened. But the point isn't to sweep violent crimes under the rug or discourage reporters from sharing the profiles of criminals and the details of their crimes. It's to discourage those prospective killers whose crimes would be accompanied by a media relations blitz.

Would that media coverage and investigation into the Binghamton massacre be any less insightful or informative if it didn't include the murderer's name and picture? Hardly. In fact, NBC withheld the last name of the killer's sister when she appeared on the Today show on Monday. It made her apology no less compelling.

The real question is this: Would the omission of the names and pictures help prevent a future rampage? Farley had it right when he told me: "I don't know what effects withholding the name might have, but even if it might reduce even one potential perp's interest in committing public violence, perhaps it should be tried."

LETTER TO THE EDITOR

I am writing this editorial to respond to Michael Quigley's letter from Tuesday, April 14. On Tax Day, over 500 tea parties were held across America to protest wasteful government spending. The tea parties were inspired by CNBC's Rick Santelli's on-air rant in February when he went off on President Obama's proposal to buy up the "losers mortgages." Many Americans do not believe it is the government's job to come to the rescue of the greedy Americans that caused this recession.

Those that protested on Tax Day were objecting the ridiculous amounts of government spending that President Obama is proposing, which will lead to a \$1.85 trillion deficit. For the past eight years, Americans voiced their anger with President Bush's out of control spending, including me, but I question how tea party participants are unfairly attacking the President Obama by simply attending these rallies and speaking out against his enormous amounts of spending. Is that not a double standard? Are Americans not allowed to speak out against President Obama's policies?

I do not know about others, but I am fed up with the record deficits and an ever-rising debt that will double under President Obama. The unbiased, non-political Congressional Budget Office projects that the national debt will rise to an astronomical \$17.2 trillion by 2019. Where is the outrage here? Americans are protesting an out of control budget, not socialism or the end of the Bush tax cuts like Mr. Quigley suggests.

As Americans, we should call on our representatives in Washington to balance the budget. The silent majority has finally made their voices heard on Tax Day, now it is time for our representatives to respond appropriately.

Michael Metzinger

Penguins lose to nationally ranked Golden Flashes



Sophomore Jody Dearth strides toward the plate to deliver a nasty pitch for the Penguins. The Penguins will face Milwaukee this weekend for a three-game series to improve on their Horizon League position.

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Josh Stipanovich
SPORTS REPORTER

A trip to Schoonover Stadium to take on the No. 24 Kent State Golden Flashes came up short for the Youngstown State University men's baseball team as they lost 5-3.

The last time the Penguins (9-22 overall, 6-6 Horizon League) have claimed a victory over a ranked opponent was in a doubleheader sweep of No. 29 Oral Roberts on April 18, 1999, and they have not defeated Kent State University (25-7 overall, 9-2 MAC) since May 7, 2005, but they came into the game winning five of their last six games.

The fact that it has been nearly a month since the Penguins' baseball team has played a full nonconference game did not affect the squad as they played well

on the road against the Golden Flashes, who have won 17 of their last 20 games.

Freshman Ryan Messmer, who has not pitched since March 25 at Pittsburgh, was called on to make the start for the Penguins.

The Golden Flashes took advantage, scoring two runs in the second inning, which forced head coach Rich Pasquale to go to the bullpen early.

Junior Anthony Munoz came in as relief and pitched soundly, allowing only one run while recording four strikeouts in 2.2 innings pitched.

The hit Munoz gave up in the eighth inning turned out to be costly as it was the insurance run that the Golden Flashes needed to secure victory.

Despite the valiant performance of Munoz, junior Trent Wood was hit with the loss after giving up five hits in three in-

nings of relief.

After giving up an early lead after two innings, the Penguins struck back with a two-out rally in the fourth, stringing together three hits in a row, which tied the score 2-2.

That was as close as YSU could get as Joe Pokorny came on for the Golden Flashes late in the game to earn his third save of the season.

The Penguins came off of the loss ready for their second straight nonconference game, which was scheduled for Wednesday afternoon at Cene Park against Duquesne, but the weather forced the third canceled game of the season for the Penguins.

Their next test will be a three-game conference series this weekend against the University of Wisconsin-Milwaukee, including a day-night doubleheader Saturday at noon.

HORIZON LEAGUE STANDINGS

UIC	10-2	15-15
MILWAUKEE	6-3	12-18
VALPARAISO	5-4	15-15
YOUNGSTOWN STATE	6-6	9-22
WRIGHT-STATE	4-5	16-19
CLEVELAND STATE	3-6	10-19
BUTLER	2-10	6-26

"We are excited to add those five recruits and are excited about basketball here at Youngstown State."

head coach Cindy Martin

Youngstown State signs six basketball recruits

Keith Langford Jr.
SPORTS EDITOR

In the long offseason for basketball, a coach assesses his or her team's successes and failures. Their teams start practicing for the upcoming season, say goodbye to departing seniors and rebuild for the approaching season.

The Youngstown State University men's and women's basketball teams formally welcomed six new recruits to the Penguin family. The men's program welcomed a local recruit, while the women's team signed five out-of-town players.

"We are excited to add those five recruits and are excited about basketball here at Youngstown State," said Cindy Martin, head coach for the YSU women's basketball team.

Local media have often discussed the disregard for local talent, especially at YSU. A lot of the time, basketball talent in Mahoning and Trumbull counties is overlooked for outside talent in far away states.

This recruiting class for Martin has one local standout that has finally made her way back to Youngstown.

Tiera Jones, who graduated from Rayen in 2007, is now a Penguin. After high school, Jones signed with the University of Buffalo. She averaged 4.5 points and grabbed down 2.8 rebounds as a freshman. She was uncomfortable at Buffalo, so she transferred west to a junior college in California. At Foothill College, Jones helped her team win their third straight California State Tournament.

Jones said she chose YSU because she felt comfortable coming back home.

"I am very excited to sign with YSU because I feel comfortable with the school, the students on campus, the Youngstown community and the conference. Being that I am a local kid, I have the support of my family, my high school coaches and God."

Jones said.

Maryum Jenkins is a recruit Martin plucked from California.

Jenkins was a four-year starter as a point guard and shooting guard at Monrovia High in Duarte, Calif. As a senior, Jenkins scored 15 points, dished out five assists and pulled down four rebounds per game.

Jenkins said despite being by herself on her official visit to YSU, the coaching staff took her under their collective wing.

"The coaches, players and YSU staff took great care of me even though I made the trip by myself. I felt like a part of their family. I'm ready to help this program around and I'm excited to be a part of something great," Jenkins said.

Brandi Brown is another recruit from California.

Brown is a 5-foot-11-inch forward from Claremont High School who had a monster senior campaign. She averaged a double-double with 24 points and 19.4 rebounds. She finished her career as her school's all-time leading scorer and rebounder.

Brown chose YSU because she thinks she can help the Penguins out.

"I chose to sign with Youngstown State because I want to be a part of the bright future this program has ahead for itself," Brown said.

The Penguins signed two more recruits in guards Brooke Conley and Bojana Dimitrov.

Conley is one of the new recruits who transferred from a junior college. She transferred from Barton Community College in Wichita, Kan., where she averaged 9.1 points and 3.4 rebounds per game as a sophomore.

"I am excited to be a part of the team, and as a point guard I am ready and eager to take responsibilities," Conley said.

Dimitrov transferred from Carl Albert State College in Oklahoma. Dimitrov is originally from Paracin, Serbia.

Martin is excited about bringing new talent into a team she inherited from former coach Tisha Hill.

"We have some shooters we are bringing in, some slashers and we have a post player," Martin said of her five new recruits.

Martin says her recruits can come right in and compete for playing time and starting positions.

"They all have the potential. They will have to earn it. We hope we are able to go 12 deep," Martin said about her new recruits and playing time. "The inner competition will make everyone better in the end."

As for the men, the team officially signed Warren Harding Raiders' star Sheldon Brogdon to the Penguins. The men's team was able to keep the local star and not lose him to another school.

"Since I have been here in Youngstown, he has been one of our best recruits," said head coach Jerry Slocum of Brogdon.

The 6-foot, 170-pound guard averaged 18.5 points and two assists per game for the Raiders before an injury against the Ursuline high school Fighting Irish ended his senior year. Despite the injury, Brogdon is the Raiders' all-time leading scorer since the 1990 merger of Warren Western Reserve and Warren Harding. Brogdon has scored 1,002 points as a Raider, and is also the school's all-time leader in three-pointers made with 112.

Slocum said although Brogdon is overcoming a leg injury, he will be able to bounce back quickly and help the Penguins out next basketball season.

"Guys who are light like him usually bounce back; he will be all right," Slocum said. "He has a very, very high skill level. In our league, your guards have to be able to score the ball."

Slocum also touched on earlier-signed recruit Lamar McKnight of Bedford St. Peter Chanel high school and redshirt freshman Eddie D'Haiti.

"We have three freshman who I feel will be major contributors to our program now and in the future," Slocum said.

Both teams will look to their recruits to help push above the .500 mark for next season.

Trip to Cleveland on tap for Penguins softball team

The Penguins will look to find the winning formula in Cleveland as they battle the Vikings this weekend

Keith Langford Jr.
SPORTS EDITOR

In a three-game series against the Valparaiso University Crusaders last weekend, the Youngstown State University Penguins had to play a tripleheader to avoid playing any games on Easter Sunday.

The decision did not turn out as the Penguins had hoped; they lost all three games to the Crusaders. These three losses for the Penguins dropped their record to 6-27 overall and 3-11 in the Horizon League.

The Penguins won two out of the last three games before three straight defeats. They split a pair of games with the University of Toledo Rockets and beat the University of Illinois-Chicago Flames.

The Penguins' next three games will be on the road. Their opponents will be their Horizon League foe: the Cleveland State University Vikings.

The Vikings are one of the best teams in the Horizon League this softball season. They boast a record of 22-13 overall with an impressive 10-3 mark within the Horizon League. The Vikings have had great success on the road and are 9-4 this season.

The Vikings have one of the best pitchers to ever pitch in the Horizon League. Junior Amanda Macenko is the reigning pitcher of the week in the Horizon League. Macenko has been pitcher of the week an astounding 10 times in her career, which ties her with the University of Illinois-Chicago Flames' pitcher Samantha Luli for the most of all time. Her week included a record of 4-1 with an earned run average of 0.82. She struck out 41 batters, while only allowing five walks. For the season, Macenko is 18-9 with an earned run average of 2.75. Macenko has four shutouts within her 18 victories this year.

Along with stellar pitching, the Vikings have the bats in their lineup to compliment the pitching of Macenko.

The Vikings have the ability to hit the long ball in their lineup. The Vikings have hit 31 homeruns as a team this season.

For example, junior first base-



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Freshman outfielder Haley Thomas fields a fly ball hit by an opponent. The Penguins travel to Cleveland for a three-game series.

man Lia Gordon, a local softball player who attended high school at Labrae, provides the power injection for the Vikings. Gordon has hit 11 home runs and 26 runs batted in. Gordon has a decent average as she bats .314 on the season. Despite her great power numbers, Gordon leads her team in a dubious category the Penguins might be able to capitalize on. Gordon leads her team in strikeouts as she has 21 in 102 at bats.

Senior shortstop Christa Copus also provides power for the

Vikings. To go along with starting every game, Copus is averaging .318 with six homeruns and 28 runs batted in to provide a powerful one-two punch with Gordon.

The Penguins are still struggling with the bats this season as they collectively hit just .245. The Penguins have three players who bat over .300, but after those three athletes, there is a serious lack of hitting power. If they want to beat a tough Vikings squad, the bats will need to show up at the plate.