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Josh Stipanovich
EDITOR-IN-CHIEF

During his political thought class on Thursday, Justin McIntyre listened closely to his professor until he received a single text message that quickly stole his attention.

The message informed McIntyre that he was now the executive vice president-elect for the Student Government Association at Youngstown State University. The sender was his running mate and co-worker, SGA President-elect Elyse Gessler, telling him they won the first contested SGA election since 2008.

"It was pretty surreal, and I was trying to compose myself within the classroom because meanwhile my professor was still teaching," McIntyre, a junior double majoring in political science and history,

said.

Gessler, a sophomore communications major, said she received the email via her cell phone while working in the SGA offices.

"It was a really thrilling experience, and then I went to work five minutes later," Gessler said jokingly. "Yes, for the record, I did cry. I was very happy."

This year, three tickets campaigned for SGA president and executive vice president: Gary Davenport, Molly Toth; Ryan Meditz, Sarah Stafford; and Gessler, McIntyre.

The voting booths opened April 11 and 12, giving the elections committee Wednesday to tally the votes.

Official poll numbers showed that Gessler and McIntyre won in a landslide, collecting nearly 51 percent of the votes. Ryan Meditz-Stafford received 149 votes, and

Davenport-Toth received 136 votes.

Gessler has not let the numbers distract her from SGA's tasks at hand in the upcoming academic year.

"Our concern, as largely for our platform next year, is getting the student government name out to students, [and] becoming more involved in the community," Gessler said. "Justin and I really focused on trying to reach out to as many students during the campaign process ... I think it really showed in our numbers."

McIntyre added that he is thankful and honored that so many students feel their duo is "fit for the job."

"Realistically, we had some very, very qualified candidates, so the fact that half voted for us is a big

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Among controversy, ACE elections begin

Andrea DeMart
NEWS EDITOR



DOMHOFF

With an ongoing dispute against the state over collective bargaining and an internal divide among its own members, union elections seem to be the last topic on the mind of the Association of Classified Employees of Youngstown State University.

Nevertheless, annual nominations for the union will begin in May, with some open positions including president, first vice president and treasurer. Elections take place in late June or early July. The term for the new officers begins Sept. 1.

ACE President Brian Brennan has served a two-year term and said he does not intend to seek reelection.

"It's time to give someone else a crack at it," he said.

In mid-March, signs appeared across campus in favor of Christine Domhoff, former ACE president and current union grievance chairwoman, running again for the office of president.

Domhoff, vacationing in Hawaii at the time, was unaware that the signs were posted across campus.

"I got different calls," Domhoff said. "People [saying], 'Oh thank goodness you're stepping up to [run],' and I'd go, 'What are you talking about?'"

"I was like, 'What?'" she said. "No. No, I'm not running for presidency."

When Domhoff returned to work, she started to receive threatening notes.

"There are people that think that I take too strong of a stand with the university," she said. "I haven't lost an arbitration."

Domhoff said her experience with the university as ACE president in 2005 was "bloody awful."

"They fired me, and I had to fight for a year to get my job back," she said. "And when I did win the arbitration, they wouldn't pay me the money

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'Homework Express' adds science to its video repertoire

Marissa McIntyre
REPORTER

Science and video collide this fall in the "Homework Express" production studios, located in Youngstown State University's Bliss Hall.

"Homework Express," a half-hour TV show intended to help grade school students with math and homework problems, joined forces with students from the College of Science, Technology, Engineering and Mathematics and the Choffin Career and Technical Center to expand the show's content.

Bill Brophy, executive producer for "Homework Express," said STEM would provide materials and shoot segments for the show. Some of the pieces they produce for "Homework Express" could be redited for their own use.

"This is good for us to have demonstrations that are visually appealing," Brophy said about the collaboration with STEM.

Carol Lamb, associate professor of engineering technology, will work with STEM students to create segments for "Homework Express." She said the experiments would be quick, time-lapse experiments that students can try at home.

Lamb said they intend to develop ideas over the summer so that the segments are ready at the beginning of fall semester.

"Homework Express" is mainly math, and we wanted to link math and science," Lamb said.

She said the collaboration would be beneficial for both parties.

"They reach out, and we as a STEM college can branch out to a wider audience," Lamb said.

Jeff Alberini, multimedia production instructor at the Choffin Career and Technical Center, said some of his students would film segments for "Homework Express" as interns. YSU students on

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SGA Election Results

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Renovations of the M-2 parking deck at the corner of Lincoln and Fifth avenues began Monday, closing the deck to students. Parking opened to YSU students at the Covelli Centre in downtown Youngstown. Renovations are expected to last throughout the summer, and the deck is predicted to reopen for the fall semester. Photos by Chelsea Telega/The Jambar.



'Kill the bill'

Patrick Donovan
REPORTER

On Monday evening, Youngstown State University students and faculty, along with concerned Mahoning Valley residents, attended the Rally For Education and Community at YSU's Beeghly Center.

The rally, hosted by a group of students, focused on protesting Senate Bill 5, legislation that limits the collective bargaining rights of Ohio union workers.

The rally's speakers included YSU senior Gary Davenport, YSU Ohio Education Association President Julia Gergits and state Sen. Joe Schiavoni.

Davenport, one of the main organizers of the event, expressed the student message and the purpose behind the rally.

"We had about a dozen students come together to organize this in different small ways. Our message overall is that we value the quality of our education, the safety of our communities and the economic viability of our futures," Davenport said.

Schiavoni also shared his concerns about the legislation and encouraged YSU students to get involved.

"You must educate yourself regarding Senate Bill 5, talk to fellow classmates, co-workers, friends and family members, and help them understand, no matter their age or occupation, allowing Senate Bill 5 to become law will negatively affect their life," Schiavoni said.

Senior Molly Toth, who also helped organize the event, was enthusiastic about the turnout but expressed disappointment at the student presence.

"This seems to be a chronic thing on campus, where we do not have a lot of students showing up to events. My outcry to all of the students at YSU is that this affects you directly. It's going to affect the way that you learn, the number of people in your classes, and it's not going to stop there," Toth said.

Sophomore Molly Rogers spoke about the fears for herself and fellow education majors when they are faced with the daunting task of finding a job in a state that could potentially be asking its teachers to give up some of their benefits.

"When I envisioned my future doing something I loved, it wasn't until the release of Senate Bill 5 that I realized the following items would be at stake: salary, health care, job security, class size, starting and quitting times, work assignments, work standards, quality and quantity of work to be done ... Senate Bill 5 has made my vision for my future profession cloudy with a chance of storms," Rogers said.

Donovan O'Neal, chairman of the Mahoning Valley Young Republicans, was also invited to the rally and offered his opinion of the speakers.

"I think it could have been a little more constructive ... they made this a partisan issue when the real issue should have been about the future of Ohio," O'Neal said.

To close the rally, speakers asked attendees to continue their involvement, and YSU student organizers promised this would not be the last SB 5 protest.

Education majors fear the future

Chelsea Miller
ARTS & ENTERTAINMENT
EDITOR

Bill Swanson wanted to teach. He wanted to work with children. He planned to student teach after graduating from Youngstown State University's Beeghly College of Education, but he also wanted a degree that would pay off.

"I know of like four people that graduated before me that are basically having to student teach," Swanson said. "They have to drive more than an hour to work everyday, and they have no prospects of jobs."

Swanson said teaching jobs in Ohio are hard to find. Even his high school's valedictorian is forced to drive to Pennsylvania to teach.

Swanson gave up his teaching dream for a more reasonable occupation. Now an accounting major, Swanson said he feels he has made the right choice.

Despite the 2008-2018 Ohio Job Outlook report, which projected a 7.5 percent increase in educational employment, Swanson may not be far off in his assumptions.

The Ohio Department of Education data reported educational employment decreased 2 percent since that Ohio Job Outlook report was released. There are 100,000 more issued teaching licenses than there are teaching positions, which have decreased by 2,445 since 2008.

Sam Engle, special education major, was not surprised by the statistics. Many of En-

gle's friends who are teachers are out of work.

"I have friends, they're older women, who actually have active licenses, but they're not actually teaching right now," she said. "Some of the schools have went down in size and things like that, so they just don't need as many teachers."

Engle said she plans on attending school for her master's degree so she can land a job after graduation. She said as a special education major, however, more jobs are available to her.

DeBorah Graham, assistant professor of teacher education, said although education jobs are feeling the crunch, some specializations offer better employment opportunities. Graham said that teaching math, science and foreign lan-

guages are less competitive, and more likely to land a job.

However, Graham has noticed some education majors' confidence slipping.

"I think that it certainly does impact their sense of morale," she said.

Graham said the No Child Left Behind Act and Senate Bill 5 are affecting education majors.

As a member of the Executive Senate Committee of the Academic Senate at YSU, Graham worries that the bill will force its members to disband. She said she's unsure of the implications the bill will have on students.

She's hoping for a successful ballot referendum.

"I'm not real sure of the ultimate fall out. My hope is that it will be overturned," she

said. "It's really frightening to me to see that teachers have less and less control over their employment."

Engle is less concerned about possible pay cuts and more concerned about the quality of teaching.

"New teachers learn from the older, more experienced teachers, and if those teachers don't want to stay, who are we going to learn from?" she said.

SB 5 now permits union negotiations for wages, hours and working conditions but still bans collective bargaining for benefits. It also prohibits public employees from going on strike and eliminates binding arbitration.

The bill could save the state as much as \$1.3 billion, according to the Office of Col-

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CORRECTION

In the April 12 issue of The Jambar, it was reported that Vivian Martin received a GED diploma in the story "Scholarship memorializes Youngstown realtor." Martin actually received her high school diploma from Youngstown City Schools after taking night school classes.



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and I had to sue them at the state.”

Domhoff is unsure of who is behind the campaign for her re-election, but said she has no desire to run for president. She is scheduled to retire in July and attributed her retirement to her troubles with the university.

“We need to be focused on our students, not spending a lot of time beating the heck out of each other,” she said. “We need to be focused on what we’re here for, and that’s why I’m leaving.”

The anonymous signs are just one piece of the union grief. About a month ago, a petition circulated throughout the union to recall President Brian Brennan and First Vice President Charlene Yusko.

“People felt that [Brennan] withheld information that was of a legal matter, and Charlene the same thing,” Domhoff said. “She engaged in signing a document that put the union in legal jeopardy and so those are the allegations.”

Brennan said the petition was received by the ACE executive committee and so far has not been discussed.

“We have not been formally charged with anything, and we’re not even certain what

the charges are,” he said.

Brennan said the second vice president along with the elections committee must now verify the validity of the signatures on the petition.

Susan Jones, chairwoman of the election committee, declined to comment on the petition, stating that it is an “internal situation.”

“[Charlene and I] do not understand what the whole point is because conceivably by the time the process goes through the system, we’ll either be just about ready to step down from office or we’ll be out of office,” Brennan said.

He said his two-year term with the union has been “very unhappy.”

“Our union is still divided,” Brennan said. “There’s a division in the union that stems back from the last presidency of Ivan Maldonado and ... I have tried to bring people together, and we’ve had some success with that, but it’s not gone as far as I’d hoped.”

Brennan said it would take someone other than him as president to bring the union together.

Attorney John B. Juhasz sent a letter to ACE negotiating team members. The letter stated that any dismissal of pending grievances from Maldonado will result in litigation.

“I can’t really say a whole lot about the letter since it involves negotiations,” Brennan said. “I just thought it was an unnecessary letter, and I was offended by his tone.”

Given the union issues, Brennan encourages ACE members to run for office.

“I especially urge people who are fairly new to the university to consider running for office because new blood is going to be needed, especially with the fight with Senate Bill 5 upon us,” he said. “The old guard is fast leaving the scene and we need some new people in there to keep things going.”



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NEWS BRIEFS

Students, faculty to be honored at convocation

Many YSU students and faculty members will be recognized at the 2011 Honors Convocation. The event will take place Monday at 7 p.m. in Kilcawley Center's Chestnut Room. Among the honorees to be presented are the 2010-2011 Distinguished Professor Awards for excellence in teaching, scholarship and service.

Orchestra concert planned for Thursday

More than 90 regional musicians will perform in the Dana School of Music's Dana Festival Orchestra Concert, which will be held at 8 p.m. on Thursday in Stambaugh Auditorium. Tickets are \$5 for adults and \$4 for senior citizens and students. Admission is free for children under 12 and YSU students with valid ID. Tickets are only available at the door.

'Jenny' premieres spring 2011 issue

"Jenny," YSU's online literary magazine, will premiere at a benefit on April 30 at downtown Youngstown's Oakland Center for the Arts. The event, which will be held from 7 to 10 p.m., will benefit YSU's Student Literary Arts Association, which produces "Jenny." It will also include live music, poetry and prose readings, a book signing and a video presentation featuring a collaboration between "Jenny" and SMARTS, or Students Motivated by the Arts. For more information, visit <http://www.jennymag.org>.

POLICE BRIEFS

Telecommunications harassment victim reports abuse

On Friday, a YSU Police officer talked with a telecommunications harassment victim in Lyden House. Since January, the victim has received text and Twitter messages consisting of name-calling and rude comments. The name of the alleged perpetrator was given to police in a written statement.

Student taken to hospital for asthma attack

YSU Police received a call on Thursday regarding a sick, pregnant student. The student requested an escort service, and a Rural Metro Ambulance arrived at the doors of Maag Library. The student was suffering from an asthma attack and was transported to St. Elizabeth Health Center.

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-lective Bargaining, because it cuts pay increases for public workers and would require them to pay more for health insurance, while limiting sick leave and vacation time.

Gov. John Kasich has signed and supported the bill. His director of 21st Century Education, Robert Sommers, said education reforms will be presented in the coming year. The reforms will provide more education choices by increasing EdChoice vouchers and lifting the cap on the number of charter schools, are designed to create a competitive education environment.

"We absolutely believe that the competitive marketplace breeds higher performance,"

Sommers said, adding that the recession, budget cuts and a decrease in K-12 enrollment has led to a decrease in educational employment.

SB 5 will lay the groundwork for those reforms. Teacher's pay will no longer be based on tenure but on students' performance. By eliminating restrictive licensure procedure, Sommers said qualified teachers, even those who are not licensed to teach in Ohio, will be able to add to Ohio's school system.

"The problem with the current licensure process is it doesn't differentiate from high-quality and poor-quality teachers," Sommers said.

Many YSU educators say the bill diminishes the quality of education by devaluing teachers and will drive quality

teachers out of Ohio.

Molly Jameson Cox, assistant professor of psychology, is against the bill. She said several education majors have considered switching majors.

"I believe that some of their concerns are valid," she said. "If Senate Bill 5 passes in its current state, they will get paid significantly less when they enter the job market. Their salaries will not increase at a steady rate, nor at any rate equal to the increase in the cost of living, and their opportunities for tenure will be decreased."

Jameson Cox, along with the Youngstown State University chapter of the Ohio Education Association, is working to repeal the bill through a citizen's veto. In order to repeal SB 5, 231,147 signatures of registered Ohio voters must be

obtained, as well as the support of 44 Ohio counties.

Tara Sanford, special education major, is not worried about the bill's implications, although she said she's not knowledgeable on the subject.

"I figure I got about two and a half more years and hopefully by then, things will change drastically," she said.

Education was not Sanford's first pursuit. She returned to YSU to teach children. Even with the backlash around a career in teaching, she will remain an education major.

"I like working with children. I love teaching," Sanford said.

"Teachers need to feel this is where they want to be," Graham said. "It can't be about pay."

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the "Homework Express" team would work with Choffin students to produce segments for the show.

"I've enjoyed sharing my knowledge with both sets of students," Alberini said. He works with "Homework Express" as an associate producer.

Alberini said it's important for students to learn and adapt to different styles for different shows.

"Every show is different. If students practice wrong, then it's hard to adapt," he said.

Brophy said the collaboration with Choffin will "add a new dimension to the show." The Choffin and STEM collaborations aim to expand and keep a fresh vibe for the audience.

"Our priority on the show is any phone calls that we get," Brophy said. "But if we did nothing but phone calls, then that's boring for YSU students."

Callers to the show range from elementary to college students.

"We do phone calls and video production for our audience, and that's what communications is all about," Brophy said.

Natasha Clark, a senior telecommunications major at YSU and director of "Homework Express," was a student at Choffin during her junior and senior years of high school. She worked closely with Alberini during her time there and said he is a mentor.

"I wanted to do video production, and he told me to go to YSU. Now, we are working on a professional level," Clark said.

Alberini said he enjoys working with Clark.

"It's nice to have him there if I have any questions. It's fun having him by my side because he got me started," Clark said.

Clark said she is excited for the collaboration because it opens doors for Choffin and YSU.

Brophy said there is a lot of pressure on Clark during production because the show's content could change at any time, depending on the number and content of phone calls received.

"Students produce, direct and are primarily in charge of the content," Brophy said. "They make it look easy, but don't let them fool you."

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The Jambar congratulates you and Justin McIntyre as the winners of the 2011-2012 SGA president and executive vice president.

Over the years, we have seen presidents come and go, each with their own agenda, yet what we haven't seen are results.

The student fee debate came and went, smoking on campus is as prevalent as ever despite SGA's attempts to counter and, overall, as SGA has built a stronger connection with the community over SB 5, the bridge to our student body still has a toll.

The Jambar, the student voice on campus, has become a part of that disconnection as well.

At the beginning of the fall semester, SGA President Nicholas Meditz, under a safeguard of alleged prior misquotes and misdirection in published articles, requested that all inquiries from the media be sent via email. While we understood his decision, we strongly disagreed and made a personal attempt to persuade him otherwise.

We thought we succeeded. Yet, until just recently before SGA elections, we were still "blacklisted" from personal conversation, creating a difficult situation in relaying relevant news to our campus body.

We hope this ends at your door.

Former YSU President David Sweet was known for his ignorance of the media, but Cynthia Anderson has accepted the press with open arms, albeit with her own minor safeguards.

Because of this, we have been able to publish first-person accounts straight from the administration's mouth instead of transparent, processed remarks with no real meaning.

We would hope that you would be a Cynthia Anderson. Not a Sweet.

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Rewrite
Chris Cotelesse
COLUMNIST

I've dumped a lot on Ayn Rand lately, so I want to clear some things up.

1. The philosophy of objectivism is blind, unfair and anything but objective.

The fundamental statement of objectivism reveals its biggest flaw.

"All that which is proper to the life of a rational being is the good; all that which destroys it is the evil."

It sounds pretty straightforward until you consider that rational beings may choose to live, not as competing individuals, but as cooperatives that exist for the sake of one another.

There are instances when this lifestyle is necessary for survival. Our ancestors would not have lived long enough to build civilizations and cure disease had they not relied on one another to ward off savage nature.

Our way of life isn't that different today. A person cannot build a skyscraper alone.

2. The person of Ayn Rand was an admirable human being and more worthy of respect than half the people I've ever met.

Growing up in Russia during the Bolshevik Revolution, Rand watched totalitarian brutes snatch her from middle-class privilege and dump her like trash into levels of poverty of which few in this country have ever had a taste.

She arrived in America to find so much freedom and wealth that people had forgotten they once lived by the whim of nature: hunt or starve, climb the mountain or drown in the flood.

She decided that it's only when we earn our lives that we ever deserve them.

3. Rand's ideas were less about money than they were about production.

A passive observer, someone who drifts through life like a leaf in a stream, has not earned a life.

Rand's novels hold a much harsher message for people who squander the wealth of others than it does for those who would steal that wealth and invest it in themselves.

In "Atlas Shrugged," Hank Rearden despises his wife and family because they contribute nothing to life. They live and die based on his fortune.

In "The Fountainhead," Gail Wynand practically stole a newspaper empire, and later sold it along with his soul, but in between he is described most flatteringly for his ability to create something out of nothing.

If you're reading this, you probably have some connection with Youngstown State University. Ultimately, Rand would have considered you a looter and a moocher. Almost everything, from the steel and stone that compose our buildings down to this computer on which I type, was stolen from public pockets.

I'm one of the worst among you. My tuition is paid entirely by federal grants and subsidized loans. The stipends I receive for both of my student jobs are paid by university funds. I live completely by the grace of the American taxpayer.

But I don't abuse the privilege granted to me by our mixed economy. I work for it. I'm using this opportunity to learn, to produce, to invest in myself.

I've learned more this year than any other of my 27 years. I've authored thousands upon thousands of words that people have consumed.

I am an active participant in my life.

I'm arrogant enough to know my value, but humble enough to know I have achieved nothing on my own.

YSU SPEAK

YSU Speak is a collaborative project by students in the 2011 Editorial and Opinion Writing class. This section serves as a medium to share students' views, and we invite you to do the same. Entries are written by individuals and are reviewed by the Jambar Editorial Board.

ACT carries too much weight

Zach Humphries

Standardized testing is used by most colleges to evaluate how students perform on an eerily similar exam. However, we shouldn't be denied from college choices and have dreams diminished because we couldn't get a 22 on the ACT.

If you get caught cheating on the ACT you must serve consequences, right? Wrong. If you get caught cheating, your scores are simply invalidated and colleges never find out why.

"What they're basically saying is, 'Try it. You have nothing to lose,'" said Michael Josephson, president of the Los Angeles-based Josephson Institute of Ethics.

Why should a test that you are essentially allowed to cheat on outweigh a GPA? That's accurate.

A grade point average is built or destroyed over a four-year span. Obtaining a college degree is done the same way. This correlation helps explain why the GPA is a better way to gauge a student's readiness for college. The ACT needs to play a factor, but only after one's GPA and class rank are factored. A GPA shows what a student does in a competitive environment. It also shows whether a student declined or progressed over four years.

ACT supporters argue that curriculums in schools have too much diversity for one's GPA to be more significant than the ACT. We need a better evaluating process in school systems to make sure students learn the material they need to succeed on the test. Teachers go over what to look for, but not enough time or effort is spent on how to be ready for the all-important exam. Instead, let's just offer extra classes that cost more money to take. People suffering financially are less likely to get extra help to improve their scores.

Another approach to use in the evaluating process for college is high school attendance. A study performed by David A. Wise of Dartmouth College states that students who don't attend class regularly have a 30 percent better chance of dropping out. Attendance should go along with GPA, ACT/SAT and class rank. After all, if you don't show up to class or work, does it really matter what your ACT score was?



Student finds therapy in an organized mess

Kayla Boye
CONTRIBUTOR

Surrounded by scraps of colored fabric, mountains of pattern mock-ups and piles of pushpins, Jacob McIntyre sits content in his element.

"My room is an organized mess," McIntyre said. "It's a good comparison to my life. Everything has its place. It might be here or there, but somehow, it fits together."

His crammed dorm room is certainly an indicator of McIntyre's multifaceted life, a delicate balancing act among school, work and creative passions.

A freshman University Scholar at Youngstown State University, McIntyre studies professional writing and editing with a minor in creative writing. He was drawn to PWE by his early experiences in high school.

"My English teacher in freshman year inspired me and showed me that I love English and anything to do with it," he

said.

McIntyre's favorite college courses are related to writing.

"I really enjoyed Fiction Writing with Chris Barzak and Honors Writing 1 and 2 with Deb Lowry," he said.

McIntyre splits his time between classes by working at the costume shop in the theater department.

"I've really improved my sewing skills and made close friends with the staff there," he said.

McIntyre created one-third of the costumes for the university's recent production of "The Crucible."

"It was a pretty massive workload, but I learned a lot," he said.

McIntyre became interested in fashion at age 11, when his aunt taught him how to knit.

"Later, my best friend showed me how to paint designs on T-shirts. I taught myself how to sew and picked up practical experience in the costume shop," he said.

Along the way, McIntyre began creating his own designs.

"Sewing is a great skill to have," he said. "I can always do it as something on the side, and I enjoy helping people if they need something mended."

As if on cue, a roommate walked into the McIntyre's room asking for a safety pin.

"Sure. Would you like small, medium or large?" McIntyre asked, pulling out an array of pristine silver pins.

McIntyre's giving nature shines through his creative work. He has accumulated a glimmering quantity of jewelry that he plans to sell at the YSU Diversity Fair to raise money for victims of the natural disaster in Japan.

"It really doesn't take me that long to craft a pair of earrings," he said holding up a delicate beaded design. "Once I get started, I can't stop crafting. It's really therapeutic."

Through his fashion and writing pursuits, McIntyre is a shining model of the creative life.

"I love the freedom of imagination and self-expression," he said. "It can take you anywhere and everywhere."



Jacob McIntyre pieces a pattern of silk scraps in the construction of a costume. McIntyre works at the costume shop for YSU's theater department and attends YSU for professional writing and editing. Photo by Kayla Boye.

For the love of Earth

YSU organization plans Earth Day events

Jenna Medina
REPORTER

An environmentally concerned organization at Youngstown State University has an array of events lined up for Earth Day on Wednesday.

Members of YSU's Roots and Shoots, a worldwide group affiliated with the Jane Goodall Institute, are working on a presentation about going green every day.

Goodall first started Roots and Shoots in Africa to encourage student involvement in the community and make positive changes for the people, animals and environment. Since then, Roots and Shoots has grown to reach more than 100 countries. Within the last few years, the group has made its way to college campuses across the U.S., including YSU.

"Since 1970, Earth Day has been celebrated on campuses across the country. If Roots and Shoots YSU wasn't here to organize it, someone else would," said Gina DeCarlo, president of YSU Roots and Shoots. "It is the one day out of the year when we get together to discuss what we've learned and how we strive to live sustainably."

After being inspired by Goodall's visit last April, YSU students made Roots and Shoots an official student organization at YSU. Members include environmental science, education and philosophy majors.

Hoping to get students involved in living sustainably, members of Roots and Shoots want to spread the word with the help of similar organizations throughout the community, including the Green Team, Treez Please and AVI Foodsystems.

YSU student organizations, such as Youngstown Environmental Studies Society, Student Government Association and YSunity, will be present. Each organization will include



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a table or stand to provide information for those interested in learning more.

"It's not enough to just acknowledge the planet one day of the year, but in that one day, if we get one person to understand the benefits of recycling, carpooling or using reusable cups and bags, then we are one step closer to the ultimate goal of getting everyone to understand that climate change is real, and we are actively participating in that change on a day-to-day and even minute-to-minute basis," DeCarlo said.

Other on-campus Earth Day activities will consist of yoga on the lawn at noon, which could move to Kilcawley Center's Bresnahan I Room in the case of inclement weather. Students will also be serenaded with beats from an all-day drum circle that uses recycled material drums. Depending on the weather, the drum circle will also take place on the lawn in front of Kilcawley.

As well as presenting essential facts for recycling, Clint Kifolo, YSU's executive chef, will pass out free peanut butter and jelly sandwiches to those participating in the Earth Day activities.

The philosophy and reli-

gious studies department of YSU has collaborated with Roots and Shoots to show the documentary "Gasland." The film will be shown in Kilcawley Center's Ohio Room and be followed with a discussion at the Lemon Grove Cafe.

Roots and Shoots will continue their environmentally friendly activities beyond Earth Day by helping a local chapter of the Boy Scouts of America clean up the MetroParks Bikeway in Mill Creek MetroParks on April 30. Roots and Shoots held their first cleanup in Mill Creek Park on April 2.

"We also have a few trail-building and cleanup projects we are thinking of doing this summer. There are a million little ways to 'go green' and most of them are simple and just make sense. We try to keep those things in mind," DeCarlo said.

DeCarlo said she hopes to see plenty of YSU students and faculty celebrating Earth Day.

"We hope that everyone on campus that Wednesday stops by to participate in any way, from trying the sandwiches, signing the petitions, playing the drums or spending a calming few moments with yoga," DeCarlo said.

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Y-Dance Club	Cross-N-Eyed
Tuesday, 6:30 p.m.	Tuesday, 10 p.m.
Ukrainian Orthodox Church/Pavilion	Shevies Pub
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Ladies' Night with Ron Chick Jazz & Dance Trio	Open Stage w/ Steve Vuich and the River Rider Band
Tuesday, 7 p.m.	Wednesday, 8 p.m.
The Fireplace	Chippers Sports Bar & Grill
21+	*
*	Garage Rockin' Wednesdays
Guitar Duo Andreas Kapsalis & Goran Ivanovic	Wednesday, 9 p.m.
Tuesday, 7:30 p.m.	Cedars Lounge
The Lemon Grove Cafe	18+
18+	*
*	Ultimate DJ
Open Stage at Barleys	Wednesday, 9 p.m.
Tuesday, 10 p.m.	The Royal Oaks
Barleys	21+
18+	

honor," McIntyre said.
 Knowing this year was going to involve a contested election made it that much more special for the two. Coming in, they said they were unaware of how the election was going to turn out. But that didn't mean they counted themselves out.

"I think that we always had a good shot," McIntyre said. "On Election Day, I told Elyse several times that if we don't win, then we'll know we put our all in to it."

However, heading into campaign season, McIntyre and Gessler agreed that they were "shocked" when they found out a third ticket would be running. Those candidates were Davenport and Toth.

"The more candidates, the better," Gessler said. "We were happy. The more people ... the more voters."

After the election, Gessler and McIntyre enjoyed their weekend. Come Monday, they entered the SGA offices with a new respect. Despite the political hype surrounding them, their fellow candidates and co-workers have supported and congratulated them.

"Everyone's been really good sports about it," McIntyre said.

Gessler said that after the results were released, she ran into Ryan Meditz who immediately congratulated her. She added that it's what she expected since all but one candidate — Toth — worked together on this academic year's SGA executive committee.

"I think no matter who would have won, we would have all supported each other because in the end, it's what's best for the student body," Gessler said.

SGA President Nicholas Meditz, brother of 2011-2012 presidential candidate Ryan Meditz, said he was pleased when he received word of the winners.

"I would have been happy with any of the candidates ... all of them are very qualified," Nicholas Meditz said. "I think that [Gessler and McIntyre] are going to do a great job. As Student Government president, you would like to do everything, but you can't. The biggest role is just being a leader."

Gessler and McIntyre will officially start their terms at the end of this spring during SGA's transition meeting.

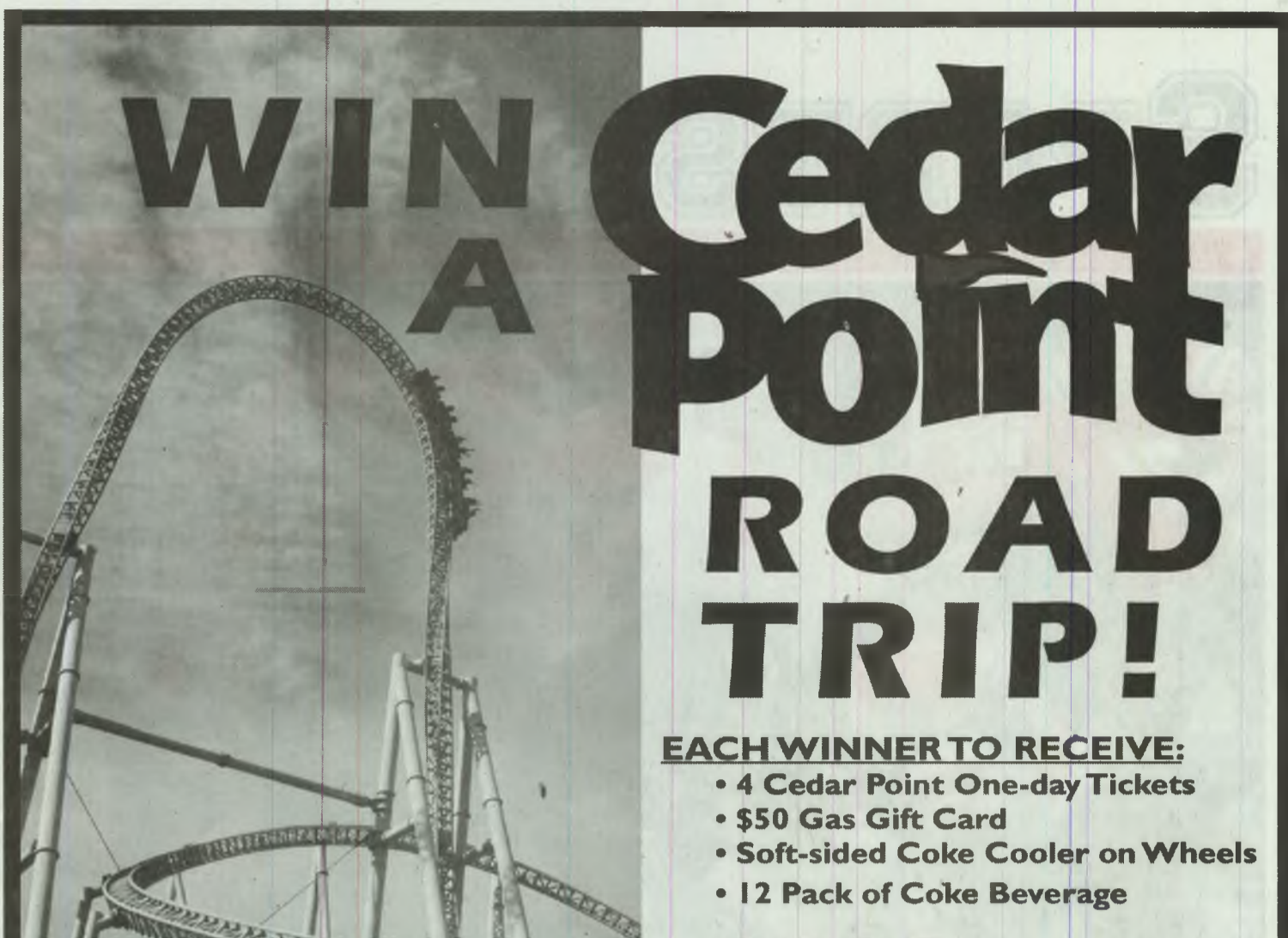
During the meeting, the president's gavel will be given to Gessler. She and McIntyre will take their seats as SGA president and executive vice president and they will appoint new members to their executive committee.

With less than a month until the end of one SGA administration and the start of a new one, Gessler and McIntyre have added a few provisional items to their agendas.

Gessler and McIntyre will begin recruiting seats for several college representatives and Academic Senate senators over the summer.

Interested students would need to fill out an application. By the end of the summer, the remaining seats would be appointed.

Once the administration is hammered out, Gessler and



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McIntyre plan on knocking out the smoking debacle that has plagued Youngstown State University since Ohio banned smoking in certain public areas, along with forming new relationships with the YSU administration.

Two pamphlets, which will be designed to better inform the student body of SGA, are going to be made and distributed to students over the summer at the Student Orientation, Advisement and Registration program and student leadership summits each semester.

"One [pamphlet] would be a general SGA informational pamphlet ... we also want to do some things with financial path where students can come to us and we appropriate money for certain events," Gessler said.



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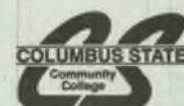
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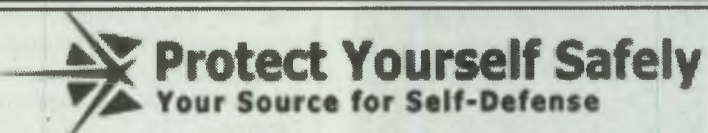
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Jamaine Cook battles a gang of White defenders in a valiant effort to gain an extra yard. Cook, a junior tailback, led the Penguins in yards gained last season. Photo by Sam Marhulik/The Jambar.

White triumphs in soaked Spring Game

Joe Catullo Jr.
SPORTS REPORTER

The Youngstown State University football team concluded the 39th annual Red-White Spring Game on Saturday afternoon in a steady downpour of rain.

"It [was] slick, but we're not going to accept any excuses. We're not in the 'excuse business,'" said head coach Eric Wolford.

The White team won 24-14. As soon as the game kicked off, the rain fell harder and faster. The sun did not peek through until the game's end. The 500 fans in attendance donned ponchos and umbrellas.

The White squad scored early, thanks to sophomore Torrian Pace's 1-yard touchdown run. Less than five minutes later, redshirt freshman quarterback Patrick Angle threw a 10-yard touchdown pass to senior wide receiver Patrick White to increase the lead to 14.

Junior kicker David Brown calmly sunk a 25-yard field goal for the White squad 10 seconds into the second quarter to make the score 17-0.

Sophomore quarterback Kurt Hess brought his Red

team back on the next drive. He drove the offense on 12 plays, capped off by junior Jamaine Cook's 4-yard touchdown run. The scoreboard was 17-7, with 9:14 remaining in the second quarter.

With 1:28 remaining before halftime, Hess and his team went with an all-passing drive. He completed his first two passes to senior wide receiver Andre Barboza for a total of 44 yards and two first downs. Hess completed a 13-yard pass to senior David Rogers two plays later for another Red first down.

On the next play, junior wide receiver Juilian Harrell dropped a ball right in his hands, and Wolford lit up.

"Get the ball. Get the ball. Get the ball," Wolford screamed.

On the next play, with time ticking before the end of the first half, Hess connected with sophomore tailback Adaris Bellamy for a 23-yard touchdown. The score stood at 17-14 at halftime.

The Red team started the second half with the ball, but it ended on sophomore Nick Liste's 27-yard punt to the 6-yard line. After an incomplete pass by sophomore quarterback Najee Tyler on the next possession, the ball was

put into the hands of sophomore Allen Jones.

Jones exploded through the defensive line and ran for a 94-yard touchdown run. The White squad was ahead 24-14, and the rest of the game was all about punting. The last two plays of the game were sacks from seniors Daniel Stewart and Obinna Ekweremuba on Hess.

After the game, some players reflected on playing in the wet conditions.

"It doesn't matter what the weather is. You have to go out there and do your job," Liste said. Liste also compared this season to last season.

"Last year I was doing OK until there was one practice when I really got it from Coach Wolford. Ever since with that scare, I really started to concentrate, really practiced hard and started doing my job," Liste said.

Hess talked about the "big effect" that the game had on him and his team.

"The weather was tough out there. We just got to [go] out there and play football. I'm not concerned about the [dropped passes]. We're definitely getting there, especially with Barboza," Hess said. Wolford seemed satisfied

with the defense.

"I liked what our number one defense did. Those guys stepped up today. If you're going to win, all championship teams have a good defense," Wolford said.

Wolford also touched upon others' work.

"Nick's a great kicker with a strong leg. We kind of expect that now from Nick, booming the ball. He'll probably be one of the top punters coming into next season. We're very fortunate. Pat Angle is very talented. He's got a chance to solidify the quarterback position," Wolford said.

"Allen Jones is very fast," Wolford continued. "He gets better every time we challenge him. He rises up to the challenge and he almost embraces it."

In a play in the first quarter, Hess completed a 7-yard pass to senior tight end David Rogers but was stripped from Lee.

"Looks like a great run, then, all of a sudden, the other team has the ball. [Lee has] obviously stepped up, and it's good to see him create a turnover. That's about not giving up, and that's one of the fundamentals on our team," Wolford said.

YSU softball loses doubleheader to Valparaiso

The YSU softball team dropped a doubleheader to Valparaiso University on Sunday. In game one, a pitching duel was at hand. For the Penguins, Casey Crozier allowed eight hits but struck eight out and allowed one run. That would not be enough, however, for the Penguins, who committed two costly errors and lost the game 4-2. In game two, the bats came out to play. YSU tallied 16 hits, and Valpo got 14 hits in a game that saw YSU losing 14-11. In the offensive onslaught, Haley Thomas and Kim Klonowski had two doubles each, while Sarah Gabel and Kristen Philen each doubled. YSU will host the University of Akron in a doubleheader on Tuesday.

YSU baseball swept by Valparaiso

Heading into a weekend series with high hopes, the YSU baseball team was swept by Valparaiso University. The Penguins tallied five hits on Friday, but they gave up 12 and ultimately lost 11-1. Bill Turosky got the loss for the Penguins. David Leon and Jeremy Banks both doubled. In game one of Sunday's doubleheader, the Penguins suffered a heartbreaking ninth-inning loss. YSU led the game 3-2 after scoring three runs in the top of the ninth. Valpo stormed back and scored two runs in the bottom of the ninth to snag the first game of the doubleheader. In game two, Valpo won 5-2. YSU had more hits with 11, while Valpo got eight hits. The Penguins couldn't come through while they had runners on base, and it hurt them. Robert Switka got the loss for the Penguins. Neil Schroth and Greg Dissinger both doubled for the Penguins. YSU will play at the University of Pittsburgh on Tuesday at 3 p.m.

Canton club leaves Penguins with muddy mess

Jordan D. Uhl
SPORTS EDITOR

Just a week after the Youngstown State University rug by club demolished Lorain County Community College on a muddy recreation field at Mill Creek Park, the team was faced with an even muddier field and a slew of other elements on Saturday.

Unfortunately for the Penguins, the end result was also worse than last week, as they fell to Canton 17-0.

"I think we saw three seasons today," said Brett Grabman, senior and club vice president. "At one point it was a monsoon, one point it was hailing, then it was sunny."

Their opponent, too, was much more of a challenge than the previous week.

What was originally a bye week became a last-minute game against Canton's men's rugby club. As a result of the short notice, YSU was short-handed due to scheduling conflicts and lingering injuries from the Lorain match.

Banged up, bloodied and bruised, the team weathered the elements and treacherous field conditions, which in some cases were ingested. Several times throughout the



A Canton men's club player attempts to pull senior Shawn McClellan down by his jersey. Photo by Jordan D. Uhl/The Jambar.

game, a player tackled face first into the muddy field resulted in mouthfuls of muck, which was subsequently regurgitated.

Purging wasn't always the result of mud either, as senior Shawn McClellan "let it out" on the sidelines after taking a vicious knee to the stomach.

"Having our two captains hurt, Corey Dempsey and John Hooker, definitely hurt us. They are two of our bigger guys, and it showed," Grabman said. "That team was a lot bigger than us."

A team comprised of middle-aged men, Canton touted experience, size and rugged play that gave them an ad-

vantage over the nascent YSU club.

"There are some guys on that team that are 50 years old. They've been playing since they were 18. They know a lot of rugby," Grabman said.

There wasn't much YSU could do to stop Canton, and their adolescent squad was exploited the full 80 minutes.

"We had too many guys running into the rucks. They were overloading us on the outside with their big guys and just running over our backs," sophomore Anthony Lagamba said.

Facing a team like Canton put things in perspective for YSU.

"It kind of shows what we do to smaller teams," Grabman said.

This loss also helped humble the budding team.

"I think it was good for our team, though, because we've won a few games in a row, so [we were] getting a little big-headed. This definitely brings us back down to earth," Lagamba said.

Lagamba said the team needs to heal, as many players have been dealt sidelining blows over the past couple of weeks.

One of the players out of action is Dempsey, who tore an MCL against Lorain, but plans on playing on Saturday.

"Everyone needs a break. A lot of people are sick," Lagamba said. "There are a lot of good rugby teams out there. We just [need to] keep working hard to get better."

The Penguins now prepare for Saturday when they will travel to Berliner Sports Park in Columbus for the Ohio Rugby Classic.

"If we thought [Canton] was a good team, we're going to see even better teams there," Grabman said. "If anything, [the loss] was a good sign of where we need to go, and where we need to be."

YSU tennis teams split wins

The YSU men's tennis team took away a victory against the University of Detroit Mercy 5-2, while the women's team fell to Detroit 1-6. The men's team picked up a win from the No. 1 singles spot: Tariq Ismail 7-5, 6-1 over Alex Latosinsky. Zeeshan Ismail also won in three sets 0-6, 6-4, 6-0 in a comeback win. At the No. 6 singles match, Rob Emig won 6-1, 6-2 over David Stabley. Max Schmerin also picked up a win 6-3, 7-6 over Pablo Nunez. Felipe Rosa and Rodrigo Campos fell in their singles matches. YSU qualifies for the Horizon League Championship.

The women's team wasn't as fortunate in its matchup, picking up only one win from the consistent No. 1 singles spot. Margarita Sadovnikova won her 18th match of the season 6-2, 6-1 over Amanda Cornwell. Sadovnikova finished the season 6-2 in Horizon League matchups and on a six-match winning streak. The Penguins finished the year 5-13 overall and 2-6 in the Horizon League.

SCHEDULES

TRACK & FIELD

April 23- @ P.S.A. Invit.
April 28- @ Penn Relays
April 29- @ Penn Relays
April 30- @ Ashland

BASEBALL

April 19- @ Pitt
April 20- @ Canisius
April 22- CLE ST.
April 23- CLE ST.

SOFTBALL

April 19- AKRON
April 20- @ St. Francis
April 22- @ Butler
April 23- @ Butler

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April 30- @ Ohio Cla.
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