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## Elevator reopens, investigation closed

Reports show no evidence of faulty elevator

Dan Pompili  
NEWS EDITOR

As of Tuesday, the Kilcawley House residence hall elevator is back in service after nearly three weeks. The elevator has been out of service since Sept. 10, when it dropped a dozen students five floors, moderately injuring several of them.

According to official assessments by Youngstown State University, Ohio Department of Commerce and ThyssenKrupp Elevator, the students overcrowded the elevator. The posted capacity is 2,500 pounds.

YSU maintains the elevator was up to code at the time of the accident and that it does not have a history of problems.

Director of facilities Vince Sacco said several tests were conducted on the car immediately after the accident.

Sacco said the tests, which included a load test at 125 percent of the elevator's posted capacity, yielded no determination as to the cause of the drop.

Sacco said there are no mechanical failures, and authorities could not determine any mechanical cause for the accident.

The last load test of the elevator was completed in June 2008, its regularly scheduled date, and the most recent safety inspection was completed on June 15 of this year.

While ODOC inspection reports dating back to January 2006 show six failed inspections, the reports do not cite code violations of a nature that threatens the mechanical integrity of the elevator.

Accompanying all inspection reports are the letters sent by ODOC to YSU detailing the infractions. Issues like lint on the top of the car and debris in the elevator pit predominate the list of infractions.

In all cases, YSU will forward the letter to ThyssenKrupp who will come to campus and correct the problem. Sacco said it is usually ThyssenKrupp that informs ODOC that the infraction has been remedied.

In some cases, YSU is responsible for fixing certain violations.

For example, a pictograph must be posted above all elevators indicating the elevator may not be used in the event of fire and students must take the stairs. If that pictograph is missing, the state will fail the inspection until YSU replaces the pictograph.

Sacco said the state inspector has the authority to immediately "red-tag" an elevator if it poses an immediate safety threat, which disqualifies it from use. In this case, the inspector must return to the site to personally verify the violation has been corrected before the elevator can be used again.

Sacco said the Kilcawley House elevator re-

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(Left) YSU professor Howard Mettee holds the concrete mass he and fellow faculty member Homer Warren discovered in the M2 deck Wednesday afternoon. (Right) A dual range scale provided by the geology department showed the mass weighed 2495.11 grams, or 5 pounds and 8.01 ounces.

## Fallen debris furthers concern over M2 deck

Lamar Salter  
MANAGING EDITOR

Two Youngstown State University professors uncovered a 5-pound piece of concrete that broke off of the ceiling of the M2 parking deck on Lincoln Avenue on Wednesday.

Chemistry professor Howard Mettee and Homer Warren, associate professor of marketing, were sitting at The Beat Coffeehouse eating lunch with Bruce Waller, chairman of and instructor in the philosophy and religious studies department, around noon. Waller mentioned an incident that happened about two years ago: He discovered a piece of concrete that had fallen from the ceiling inside the deck.

"He found a very large piece of concrete sitting next to a car," Mettee said.

After the story, Waller suggested the two professors check the deck, which is located right across the street from The Beat, for themselves.

"We walked right up to the east ramp area of the deck, and we saw this piece ready to fall," Warren said.

After inspecting the area, and spotting a piece dangling in the corner next to a support beam on the 1B floor, Warren said the piece fell after a "few nibbles."

"I just tickled it and it fell into my hand," Mettee said.

The piece weighed exactly 2,495.11 grams when measured with a dual range scale provided by the

geology department. In pounds, the concrete mass would weigh about 5 pounds and 8.01 ounces.

The incident occurred about a week after the YSU Board of Trustees moved for the university to pursue an option of renovating the deck for another 15 years at an estimated cost of \$13 million.

While Waller made clear that he was not experienced in civil engineering, he said the falling debris is proof enough that the deck is past its prime.

"It's a genuine hazard for students," Waller said, "The concrete is just crumbling."

Waller also made note of the potential hazards that could happen during the winter, when rain and ice comes into play, a concern shared by YSU students as well.

"I wonder how long [this deck] is going to last," said senior Mark Mc Hugh, who primarily relies on the deck to reach his classes in time.

Richard White, associate director of planning and construction, said his department has been aware of the debris problem and has been working on damage control until the reconstruction takes place.

"We drive through on a regular basis," White said.

White pointed out markers that had been made along the ceiling in the deck, signaling areas that had been cleared of hanging debris and other points of inspection. He added that despite the incidents, the deck "has been evaluated and cleared for use."

"It is still structurally sound," White said.

Danny O'Connell, director of parking services, compared the falling debris to maintenance in the

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## Students question Dems heading into Nov elections

Caitlin Fitch  
REPORTER

Two years ago Youngstown State University hosted President Barack Obama, and his supporters came in hundreds. Today, presidential support is showing a decrease.

Sophomore Alyssa Snitzer, a Democrat who voted for Obama in '08, said she would have to think

twice about doing it again.

"He fell back on what he said and isn't showing that much improvement," she said.

John George, a junior criminal justice major who voted for John McCain, said he hasn't seen enough progress.

"[Obama] had good policies in the beginning, but I haven't seen him follow through on any of them," he said.

Junior Darla Conti, president of the YSU College Democrats,

said she did not see a significant change in the number of Democrats on campus.

Although there was little change, Conti has seen an increase in meeting attendance.

She said numbers in the YSU College Democrats are up, with around 30 members and 20 who attend meetings regularly.

"There's always skepticism. Who else to blame then the party

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## YSU responds to campus shooting

Chris Cotelesse  
REPORTER

According to The Daily Texan, the University of Texas-Austin's student newspaper, student Colton Tooley fired at least six shots from an AK-47 before retreating into UT's library and taking his own life Tuesday. He did not injure anyone else.

Tooley had not previously sought help from on-campus mental health services, and former classmates and teachers were surprised he would commit such a violent act.

"Unfortunately, the warning signs are sometimes not immediately present," said Kenneth Miller, professor in the department of counseling and special education at Youngstown State University.

Sophomore Tara Casanta said she wondered what Tooley's reasons were, adding that "obviously there was some kind of chemical imbalance."

"I don't think nature produces natural born killers. There's not much evidence of that. However, some genetic predispositions may cause some people to develop mental disorders that can result in ... explosive [and/or] aggres-

sive behavior," Miller said.

Miller said factors such as regular abuse in childhood or stress acting on an already present instability could trigger such an episode. He added one couldn't definitively say that action A would lead to action B.

"Sometimes A leads to M which leads to Z which is supported by Q which results in this kind of behavior," he said.

Lt. Mark Adovasio of the YSU Police would not specify the protocols YSUPD would use in such an incident, but said, "Officers do train in the tactics to address the threat."

## Campus Connection

What do you think about this incident?



"What kind of psychiatric help is there at the university? After all these incidents, you would think there would be more outlets."

Stephanie Johnson, senior



"I'm not worried about it happening here. That's fairly terrible, and [the gunman] should have gotten help."

Nick Karousis, freshman

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**Fall concert planned for Monday**

The Dana School of Music will present its fall concert Monday. The Dana Choral Ensembles and the St. Columba Cathedral Choir will perform classical music, including works by Monteverdi and Bach. The concert begins at 8 p.m. and will be held at St. Columba Cathedral, 159 W. Rayen Ave. Admission is free and open to the public.

**YSU ranks near top in supporting post-military students**

G.I. Jobs magazine has named YSU a "Military Friendly School" for the second consecutive year. YSU is ranked in the top 15 percent of all colleges, universities and trade schools nationwide for its efforts.

**POLICE BRIEFS**

**Dorm resident hears voices**

On Monday, YSU Police responded to a Kilcawley House resident who claimed to be hearing voices. After police questioning, the resident admitted to smoking drugs and not taking medication prescribed for depression. The resident was transported to Turning Point Counseling Services.

**Shotgun pulled on Taco Bell employees**

On Sunday, YSU Police apprehended a suspect who allegedly pulled a shotgun on employees of the Taco Bell on Fifth Avenue. Witnesses said they saw the suspect exit the car and retrieve a sawed-off shotgun from the trunk. The suspect showed the weapon to employees at the drive-thru window and drove off. YSU Police followed the car until it stopped and later removed a loaded 12-gauge shortened barrel shotgun from the car.

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## 2009-2010 parking violations appeals tallied

**Joe Giesy**  
ASSISTANT NEWS EDITOR

During the 2009-2010 academic year, YSU Parking Services issued 6,452 parking violation citations, which totaled \$245,550.

Of those citations, 3,139 were issued in the fall semester, and 2,426 were issued in the spring semester.

Throughout the year, 1,642 citations were issued on Tuesdays, making it the most popular days for citations. Wednes-

days were the second most common days, with 1,469 citations issued. Mondays and Thursdays were next, with 1,366 and 1,360 citations respectively. There were 574 citations issued on Fridays, 17 on Saturdays and three citations issued on Sundays.

Of the 2,030 appeals submitted, 1,589 of them were approved, and \$77,675 was refunded.

Danny O'Connell, director of support services, said many citations put through the appeals process are approved if the appellant can prove he or

she had a parking permit during the time the ticket was issued.

Appeals can be submitted through the parking services website. To be considered for appeal, one must submit the appeal within five business days.

Minor \$25 violations include offenses such as parking along the curb, parking in metered space with time expired, double parking and parking without a current permit.

Major \$100 violations include moving barricades or cones, displaying a falsified

or fraudulent permit, blocking the flow of traffic and parking in posted no parking areas.

Parking in fire lanes and handicap spaces are examples of legal violations that carry \$150 fees.

O'Connell said a new transportation fee is being considered to replace the current parking fee.

If put into effect, the new fee will automatically be charged to the accounts of students taking more than five credit hours in the semester.

## Former New York Times correspondent, Pulitzer Prize winner to visit YSU

**Andrea DeMart**  
ASSISTANT NEWS EDITOR

A former New York Times correspondent and Pulitzer Prize winner will be visiting the campus of Youngstown State University.

Chris Hedges is the featured speaker for the 2010-2011 Dr. Thomas and Albert Shipka Speaker Series presented by the department of philosophy and religious studies. Hedges is expected to focus his discussion on his latest book, "Empire of Illusion," which concentrates on the idea that we now live in a decreasingly literate America and have a growing preoccupation with forms of entertainment, especially the visual.

Thomas Shipka, former head of the department of philosophy and religious studies and the series' namesake, said department faculty members suggest speakers.

Shipka recommended Hedges after reading and reviewing his trilogy of work.

"I thought having read those books that he had the type of background that would suit him to speak in the series here," he said.

Shipka says Hedges' works are "three of the finest in-depth studies of American culture."

Though Hedges, like the majority of speakers featured in

the series, has a background in philosophy or religious studies, Shipka said his talk would be relevant to everyone who works at or attends the university.

"I think he can offer two important contributions to YSU students," Shipka said. "One is that although careers are important, they need to strive for a good general education, including the humanities, philosophy, literature ... and for their long-term happiness, they need to cultivate strong reading habits."

He said the presentation would not only help students enjoy literature but stay connected to the world around them.

"The second part of it that I think he can help our students with is [that] he has a unique gift, at least among the authors I've read in the last five to 10 years, of sizing up our nation," he said. "Seeing what's really going on, tapping into the significant movements, tapping into the significant personalities."

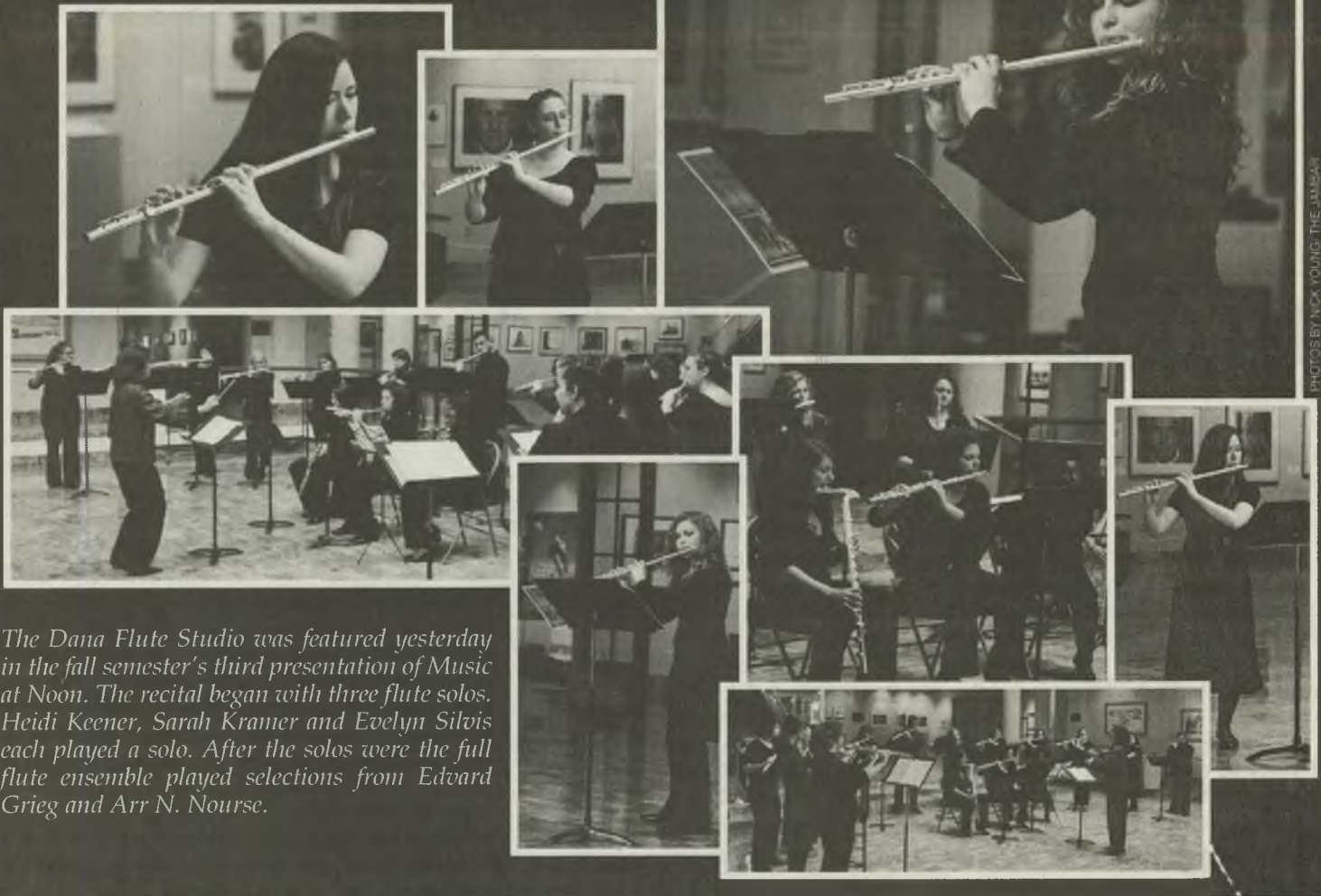
He also said department faculty have grown interested in Hedges since he was confirmed as the speaker.

"Several people have borrowed copies of my Chris Hedges volumes and they're frantically trying to finish them prior to his visit," Shipka said.

Shipka said Hedges will continue to have a far-reaching impact on the U.S. in the next 20-30 years.

Hedges will be speaking Thursday in the Chestnut Room of Kilcawley Center. The presentation is free and open to the public. Hedges will also be interviewed by Sherry Linkon on WYSU.

## Music at Noon



The Dana Flute Studio was featured yesterday in the fall semester's third presentation of Music at Noon. The recital began with three flute solos. Heidi Keener, Sarah Kramer and Evelyn Silvois each played a solo. After the solos were the full flute ensemble played selections from Edward Grieg and Arr N. Nourse.

## Texas shooting rekindles debate about allowing guns on campus

**Robert T. Garrett**  
THE DALLAS MORNING NEWS

The University of Texas shooting stoked a simmering conflict Tuesday about allowing handguns on campus an issue that's already roiled the governor's race and sent hundreds of students marching in protest last year.

Gov. Rick Perry says he favors allowing guns at colleges, giving owners a chance to intervene. Police groups and others say that would only confuse what are potentially chaotic situations.

His Democratic challenger, Bill White, says state policymakers should stand down and let individual campuses decide.

The debate unfolded on the same day that an outspoken advocate of guns on campus, University of Maryland research scientist John Lott, was to speak at the UT law school.

Lott's appearance was switched to a book store near campus, after at least one sponsoring student group was reluctant to proceed after the day's events, said Robert Butler, executive director of the state Libertarian Party.

Butler said Texas' concealed handgun license holders should be able to carry on campus which is now prohibited.

"The record shows that when people are able to defend themselves, they have a better chance of survival," he said, citing delays in police response to crime scenes.

John Woods, a UT graduate student who organized an anti-gun rally last year, disagreed. He said that having more guns on campus wouldn't improve security.

"If there were multiple students running around with guns, it

would've made the police's job a lot harder this morning," said Woods, who was a student at Virginia Tech University in 2007 when a gunman killed 32 people, including his girlfriend.

He said gun backers don't understand that training to get a concealed carry license is "just eight hours in a classroom and a couple of shots at a target that's not moving in a range a very, very controlled situation."

The march by students to the Capitol last year was in protest of a bill that would have allowed students, faculty and administrators to carry concealed handguns on campus. It passed the Senate but got derailed in the House.

In the past three years, lawmakers in 21 other states, including Arkansas, Louisiana and Oklahoma, rejected bills allowing students to carry concealed handguns at colleges and universities.

Andy Pelosi, president of GunFreeKids.org, said that of more than 500 public four-year colleges and universities, just over 20 most in Utah and Colorado allow guns on campus.

But Daniel Crocker, Southwest regional director for Students for Concealed Carry on Campus, which is active on the UT campus, said: "Students and faculty deserve options beyond relying on the altruism or poor aim of a madman."

Katy Bacon, a White spokeswoman, said "Perry wants to mandate allowing guns on campus" but White believes "students, parents, administrators, and security personnel should decide."

Perry spokesman Mark Miner played the Republican governor's differences with police groups on the issue and said Perry is "a strong believer and supporter of the Second Amendment, and Bill White isn't."

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ceived a passing inspection before being placed back into service this week. He also said he is not aware of any previous incident in which that particular elevator was red-tagged.

Before reopening the elevator for use, YSU installed a load-weighing device on it, at the recommendation of

the state. In the event of an overload situation, the device would prevent the car from moving or the doors from closing until the weight is reduced. This device goes beyond the requirements of the American Society of Mechanical Engineers' elevator safety code.

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the president belongs to?" Conti said.

The political science department has seen little change in political parties within the department or on campus.

David Porter, a professor in the political science department, said, "The concern amongst Democrats is that the age block of voters doesn't seem as energized, and because of this they are afraid they will not retain the vote."

According to Pew Research Center online, the Democratic advantage over the Republicans in party affiliation among young voters, including those who "lean" to a party, reached a 62 percent to 30 percent margin in '08.

By the end of '09, this 32-point margin shrunk to 14 points: 54 percent Democrat, 40 percent Republican.

A poll conducted by the Christian Science Monitor website in March reported that 18- to 29-year-old Republicans are more politically energized and inclined to vote

in this year's general elections than young Democrats.

The College Republican National Committee is known on campuses across the country and it focuses on the economic strife putting pressure on young people. Meanwhile, the Democratic National Committee is working to promote the Democratic platform and coordinating organizational activity.

Paul Sracic, professor and chairman of the political science and pre-law center at YSU, said the majority of young people are Democrats, and the reason for the decline is that people's expectations of Obama were high and they're not seeing change at the rate they expected.

Sracic added he thinks this decline will not have an effect on the midterm elections because young people generally don't tend to follow the news daily.

"Democrats are just trying to get people excited again," Sracic said.

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"city streets."

"It's just like potholes," O'Connell said. "You're not going to be able to find everyone."

O'Connell and White stressed the potential improvements that the restoration process, slated to begin next semester, will make.

"The entire deck will be refurbished," O'Connell said.

White said the "extensive renovations" would involve adding new concrete and designing the deck to "look the

same but serve the students better."

Mettee agreed with the decision to renovate the parking deck but stressed the importance of safety.

"I think it makes sense in today's economic climate, but that doesn't mean you should short shrift safety," Mettee said. "I would just like some public assurance that the safety of students and faculty be considered in the restoration process as it unfolds in the future."

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## M2 deck is falling down, falling down

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While our words of disapproval concerning the poor conditions of the M2 parking deck may carry no weight, the nearly 6-pound concrete mass that fell from the roof of level 1B on Wednesday afternoon should.

This incident isn't the first, and it won't be the last as long as the M2 deck stands on the corner of Fifth and Lincoln avenues.

It further acknowledges there is no more time to waste.

While this specific incident may not be a major issue, what if this mass had fallen and damaged a student's vehicle, or worse yet, a student?

The fact that we should have to pose these questions is troubling at the least. Yet if the leaders of this university had really considered these questions, giving them the appropriate weight, swift decisive action would already have been taken.

The irresponsible spending on campus "beautification" would have taken a backseat to campus safety instead of the other way around.

Or let's suggest a middle ground: Why wasn't a new parking deck the first and most pressing part of that campus beautification plan? It would certainly look better than the existing structure. It will also look better to advocates of common sense.

If a 6-pound piece of concrete lobotomizes a student, and his or her family files suit (which seems increasingly likely these days), how much will the glass staircase and new flowerbeds be worth to YSU then, knowing the money could have prevented a death and multi-million dollar legal action?

The decision-making on campus needs to improve, and not just sometime in the near future, but now. Right now.

Stop planning, analyzing, evaluating, calculating, subcontracting and think-tanking. Just take action on the students' behalf ... before an attorney has to.

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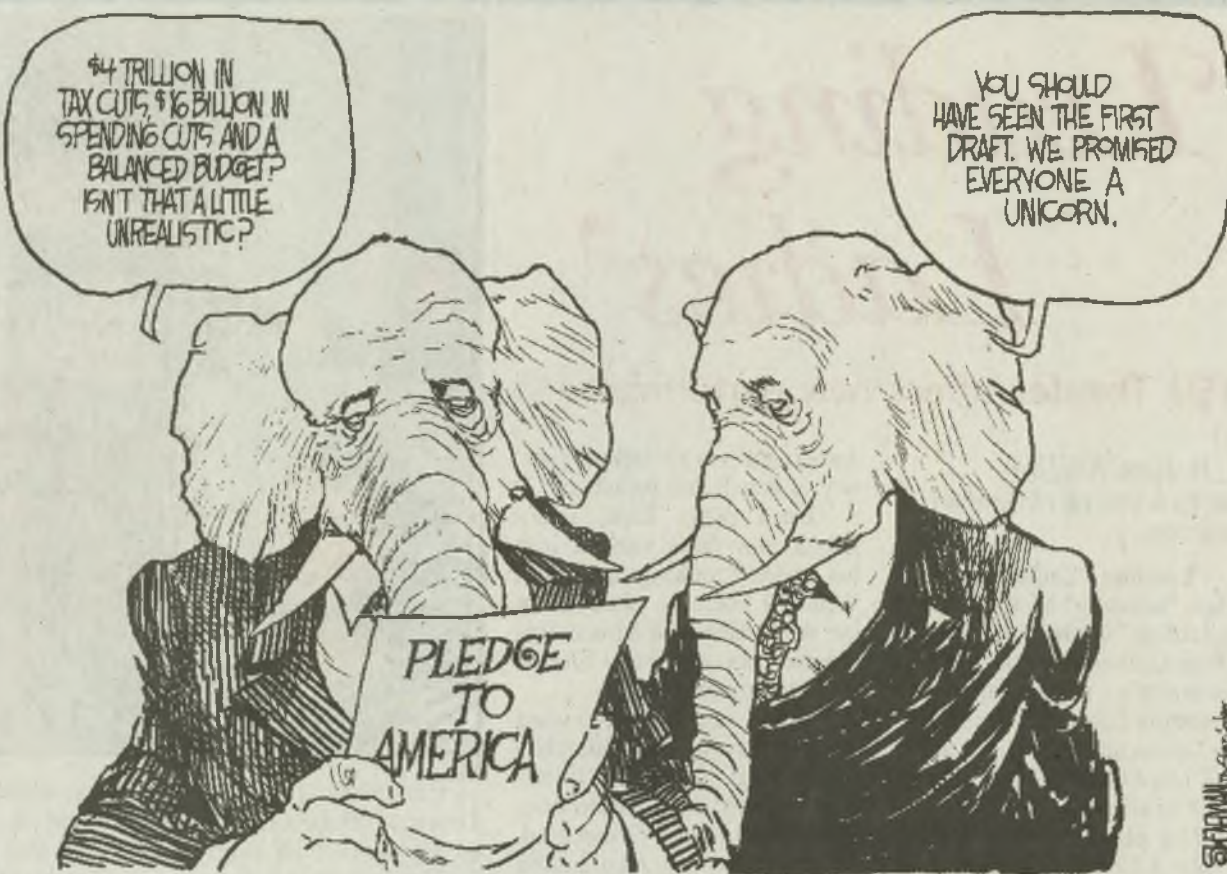
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What's your reaction to the shooting that took place at the University of Texas-Austin on Tuesday?



"Stuff like that happens. It's sad, but it still happens."

Dave Brooks, junior



"I would wonder if there was some reason. Obviously there was some kind of chemical imbalance."

Tara Casanta, sophomore

## Letter to the Editor

I would like to thank Phil Munro for his letter to the editor on Thursday, September 23, 2010. His wonderfully worded treatise serves as a perfect example of just why op-ed pages are needed, nay, mandatory for every newspaper whose editorial staff wishes to be read: controversy. Cotelesse continues the wonderful tradition of Jambar commentators of writing incredibly well-written articles on personal issues that, due to human nature, are going to grate on people. Whether of a more conservative or radical bent, someone somewhere will find something to fervently disagree with, usually in writing or with an angry telephone call. Does this mean either side is wrong? Absolutely not. It simply means that this hypothetical issue is just that: an issue.

Controversy sells papers. That is a cold, hard fact of life. By including Cotelesse's article, The Jambar is ensuring that their paper is granted the legitimacy and entertainment of any other newspaper. If you crack open The New York Times to its opinion page, you will find several articles on several different subjects, all of them controversial. As such, I applaud both Cotelesse and Munro for their wonderful example of humanity, to which I am now a part: shamelessly pointless diatribes on an issue no one cares about.

Vijay Welch  
Youngstown

## Texas messes with Islam

Los Angeles Times  
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From the state that brought you the notion that Thomas Jefferson wasn't an important Founding Father, and that the internment of 100,000 Japanese-Americans during World War II had nothing to do with racism, comes another attempt to insert personal prejudice into public school textbooks. This time, the Texas Board of Education is trying to limit references to Islam.

Textbooks nationwide have been twisted, dumbed down and flattened into such boring tomes that it's no wonder most students can't abide them. The public education establishment's concerns about political correctness have resulted in books written more to avoid hurting feelings than to inform and challenge. California is one of the worst offenders, with its requirements that the elderly, disabled and minority groups be shown in a positive light and be given proportional representation.

But that's not as troubling as the latest doings in Texas, whose school board on Friday decided that references to Islam in the state's textbooks must be reduced. It's bad enough that the board which has made a point of opening meetings with Christian prayers and voicing its belief that government should be run according to Christian beliefs tampered with history earlier this year by ordering publishers to downplay the role of Jefferson because he coined the phrase "separation of church and state."

No one could accuse the school board of following in Jefferson's footsteps. It's particularly odious to see a government agency, especially one responsible for educating children, single out a religion and seek to diminish its status in world history. The new resolution comes from an apparent misreading of a textbook, one section of which contains more references to Islam than to Christianity. But there are other sections in the book that mention Christianity extensively. Given the board's history of setting a "Christian" agenda, its attack on a single religion could be challenged in court.

Whether the Texas school board likes it or not, the United States' interaction with Islam has broadened and deepened in recent years. Today's students will need to understand and deal with these changes as they mature and enter the workforce and civic life. The school board has done a disservice to a major world religion and its followers and to Texas' students.



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## Leading Ladies'

YSU Theater offers new performance

Chelsea Miller

ARTS & ENTERTAINMENT EDITOR

"Leading Ladies"? More like "Leading Men Dressed as Ladies." In the Youngstown State University Theater Department's performance of "Leading Ladies," actors Joshua Green and Zachary Campbell learn the hard way how to walk in stilettos.

The play, set in the late-1950s, follows Jack and Leo as they try to swindle money off a wealthy elderly woman. Jack and Leo are a pair of actors down on their luck performing Shakespeare in Amish County, Pa. They soon discover that their luck may turn around upon hearing of an elderly woman on her deathbed trying to locate her long-lost nephews to leave them her fortune. Leo soon convinces Jack to join in on his scheme to pass themselves off as the woman's nephews to inherit the cash.

The problem, however, is that the "nephews" are really nieces, so Jack and Leo grab some high heels and dresses

and embark on a hilarious journey of deceit and romance.

Green plays Jack, Leo's friend who gets sucked into his money-making schemes. With 10 costume changes in the show, Green said his cross-dressing scenes were a bit difficult to adjust to.

"It was extremely awkward dressing as a woman, but it has now turned completely hilarious. It's fun, but I would never, ever do drag," Green said. "The heels were surprisingly easy to adjust to. They are just a bother, period. I give it up to women across America."

"Leading Ladies" is Green's second major role in a play. His first was in the musical "Ragtime," in which he received the Marquee Award for Best Performance by a Lead Actor in a Musical. Green said the role of Coalhouse Walker was a dream for him because his character was easier to relate to than Jack's.

"I personally don't relate to Jack because he is a little of a pushover when it comes to Leo and I'm not like that at all," Green said.



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Campbell, who plays Green's friend Leo Clarke in the play, is an alumnus of YSU. He was asked to come back and act in "Leading Ladies" to play Clarke, an out of work actor who dreams of success.

Campbell said Leo is cunning and creative, but that causes trouble for him later in the play.

"Leo Clarke is, I think, in his heart of hearts, he's a nice guy but he really just wants success," Campbell said.

Campbell said his favorite part of the play is the relationship between Leo and Meg and Leo's female counterpart, Maxine.

"My favorite part of the play

has to be right about the time right at the rehearsal scene, and you start to see Maxine, Leo's counterpart, start to really become more intricate in the play and develop this relationship with Meg, his love interest, which is really funny," he said. "Seeing the parallel between Leo and Maxine both dealing with Meg is really interesting to see."

The play was originally written by Ken Ludwig and was directed by Dennis Henneman, professor of theater and dance. Henneman said that he hopes to give the students a variety of performances this year. "Leading Ladies," which is a farce, he said, is a difficult play for the actors to learn.

"There is a lot of technique involved [in farce], so we thought this would be a good learning experience for our students, and it's a good entertainment for our audiences as well," he said.

Henneman said he hopes students will enjoy the play and get a few laughs out of it as well.

"There are a lot of really high points in it," he said.

The play will run Sept. 30, Oct. 1, 2, 8 and 9 at 7:30 p.m. and Oct. 3 at 10 at 3 p.m. at the Spotlight Arena Theater. The cost is free to students, \$10 for adults and \$5 for faculty and staff, students from other schools and for those ages 65 and up.

## Sojourn to the Past speaker to kick off Non-Violence Week

Marissa McIntyre  
REPORTER

High school students and Youngstown State University staff members are reliving the Civil Rights Movement in a nod to a famous African-American activist.

Sojourn to the Past, started in 1999 by Jeff Steinberg, takes high school students on a 10-day trip to the South, where they get to visit historical sites related to the Civil Rights Movement.

Yulanda McCarty-Harris, director of the YSU Office of Equal Opportunity and Diversity, is pleased that the creator of Sojourn to the Past will be speaking to kick off Non-Violence week. Steinberg will speak at the main branch of the Public Library of Youngstown and Mahoning County, located on Wick Ave., on Monday at 7 p.m.

"Jeff will bring a different perspective on how to be involved with the non-violence movement, and a different perspective on life in general. He'll also talk about how to speak out against hate," she said.

Penny Wells, a member of the Community Diversity Committee, is a member of the program who has taken the trip and plans to take students again in the spring. Wells took the trip with McCarty-Harris last year. The group of 12 students that Wells and McCarty-Harris took met up with other groups from around the U.S. to create a group of around 80 students and staff.

"My life has changed. When you meet people who have put their life on the line to change the world, you just come out with a sense of forgiveness and non-violence," Wells said. "It made me think of how I can seize the day to make it better."

Wells said the trip isn't a vacation, but a learning opportunity.

"There are lessons along the way," Wells said. "Our first



Yulanda McCarty-Harris (above) poses with the journal she kept during her Sojourn to the Past trip, a 10-day trip to the historical sites of the Civil Rights Movement.

stop is in Atlanta, Ga. In that first day we would have experienced Martin Luther King Jr.'s 'I Have a Dream' speech at least three times. We'll read it twice, and talk about it, and then we'll actually listen to it." McCarty-Harris said she kept a journal she had purchased at the airport during the trip.

"At the end of each day we were asked to reflect, and so I wrote everything out. Feelings, quotes that stood out to me and what we did," McCarty-Harris said.

McCarty-Harris said one of the most profound moments on the trip was when the group met Rev. Clark Olsen. He was one of the people who responded to the call when King asked citizens to speak out against racism.

"Someone had asked him why, as a white person who's not affected by racism, he would care so much about the movement," McCarty-Harris said. "He answered, 'If my brothers and sisters are not free, I am not free. I am fighting for myself.'"

The group was also graced by the presence of Minnijean Brown Trickey, one of the Little Rock nine. They met up with her at the school whose

doors she walked through 53 years ago.

"Those steps looked really big. You could see how intimidating it must have been for them to walk into that school," McCarty-Harris said.

She also told about a surprise that the group received while visiting Medgar Evers' house in Mississippi.

"Evers was an NAACP secretary who was killed in his driveway while going home from work. His young daughter had actually witnessed her father getting laid out in the driveway," McCarty-Harris said. "Throughout the entire trip there was a woman with us, and we all had called her Denise Smith, and we had talked throughout the trip. It turns out she was the daughter."

McCarty-Harris said the group was emotional when it realized that the 4-year-old they had been reading about, the girl who had seen her father killed, was with them the entire time.

"A 10-day journey, visiting a half a century worth of events is a lot to take in," McCarty-Harris said. "This trip gave me wisdom and insight to do my job to ensure that YSU is a place where everyone feels valued and appreciated."

## Death of MySpace?

Reports suggest Facebook and Twitter are on the rise

Kaely Hawkins  
REPORTER

A couple of years ago, MySpace was at the top for social networking. That has quickly changed. Facebook, now the top social network, and Twitter are growing fast and are leaving MySpace in the dust.

According to the article "Face Time: Facebook Use Grows by 700 Percent," published in June 2009 on the PCWorld website, Facebook users spent 13.9 billion minutes in April 2009 on the social networking site. That was an increase from the following year when 1.7 billion minutes were spent on the site in April 2008.

Facebook surpassed MySpace in minute usage in April 2009 when MySpace users spent about 5 billion minutes on the site.

Students have also observed the decline in MySpace and an increase in the use of Facebook.

"I'm almost half-tempted to close my MySpace account because everyone has moved over to Facebook," said student David Ciotola.

Ashley Olson has also noticed the decline in MySpace.

"I use Facebook, [and] I don't use MySpace at all," she said. "I feel like MySpace became high school-oriented."

Student Kylene Clickner deleted her MySpace months ago, while student Max While said simply, "MySpace is for kids now."

Most students said they joined Facebook because that's what all of their friends use.

According a Hypebot.com article, "Nielsen Offers More Proof of MySpace Decline, As Facebook and Twitter Soar," a graph displayed audience counts over three years for popular social networking sites. It reported that MySpace was on top in 2008 with 61,285 unique audiences. That year, Facebook had 24,940.

In 2009, Facebook more

than doubled MySpace's unique audience count at 69,151. MySpace had a slight decline and was at 55,914, coming in second in social networking sites.

As of June, Facebook exceeded MySpace with 117,109 users. MySpace is down to 42,147 users.

Twitter is also a fast-growing social networking site and has become popular with students, professionals and celebrities. According to the same Hypebot.com graph, Twitter has gone from a unique audience of 520 in 2008 to 20,109 in 2010.

Ciotola said Facebook is easier to navigate.

"I think people just got tired of all of the junk on MySpace," he said.

Olson had a similar opinion of MySpace's physical appeal.

"[Facebook is] more professional-looking compared to MySpace," Olson said.

Clickner has a different reason for why she prefers Facebook over MySpace.

"Their system is more superior than what MySpace had," Clickner said.

However, Clickner has a unique story as to why Facebook holds her loyalty.

"I was connected with family I didn't know," Clickner said, adding that a family member of hers had moved West during the Gold Rush and had lost contact with family that had remained in this area.

"I have over 100 people now that are all members of my family that I've never met before," she said. "Our family reunion is coming up in July and some of them may come."

Ciotola said he likes how Facebook can connect individuals through mutual friends or with people who went or are going to the same school.

"I've found almost my whole high school graduating class on Facebook," he said.

Ciotola added that the only thing he dislikes about Facebook is the Farmville application.

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## Penguins take No. 22 ranking to Missouri State

Keith Langford Jr.  
SPORTS EDITOR

The Penguins are coming off three straight home wins, which has turned the national spotlight switch back on at the Ice Castle.

The win at home against Southern Illinois University last Saturday lifted the Penguins back into the Football Championship Series national rankings for the first time since September '08.

The Penguins are ranked 20th in the FCS Coaches Poll and 22nd in the Sports Network/Fathead.com rankings.

"The only ranking that matters around here is the one at the end of the year. That's the only ranking that really matters," head coach Eric Wolford said.

With the new ranking, some players said they feel they're the hunted and not the hunters anymore.

John Sasson, junior linebacker and leading Penguin tackler, is one of them.

"I think we have a bit of a target on our back," he said.

Offensive lineman of the week and senior Justin Rechichar said it's still football and the team still has a game on Saturday to focus on.

That game is the Penguins' first conference road test against the Missouri State University Bears.

In last season's meeting at Stambaugh Stadium, the Penguins were blanked in the sec-



Junior cornerback Randy Louis lays the wood to Southern Illinois wide receiver Jeff Evans in the 31-28 win over the Salukis.

ond half, which resulted in the 17-7 loss to the Bears.

"This team is very unique

in the fact that they got after us pretty good the last time we went over there," Wolford

said.

Wolford was referring to the 42-28 loss the Penguins suffered the last time they traveled to Springfield, Mo., in '08.

In the three wins at home, the Penguins have demonstrated a strong rushing attack spearheaded by sophomore Jamaime Cook. They have overwhelmed their opponents on the ground.

Through four games this season, the Penguins have 889 yards rushing compared to just 465 for their opponents. They have almost doubled up their opponents in net yards rushing as well.

The defense also stepped up to the plate for the Penguins. After giving up 44 points against Penn State University, the Penguins have allowed 59 points.

The Bears are coming into the game with a 1-2 record. In their last game, the Bears lost in double overtime on the road to Missouri Valley opponent Illinois State University.

The Bears have a solid rushing attack of their own to counter the Penguins. MSU junior running back Chris Douglas has 227 yards on 35 carries this season and two touchdowns.

As a team, they have rushed for 586 yards on the ground and average 195.3 yards per game. Through the air, senior quarterback Cody Kirby leads the way for the Bears. On the season, Kirby has completed 52.6 percent of his passes but averages 222.3 yards passing per game.

## Bench players a vital part to team chemistry for football

Jordan Uhl  
REPORTER

Sitting on the bench is never a football player's dream, yet it has become a reality for many on Youngstown State University's roster.

Freshman Patrick Angle said the transition from high school standout to fourth-string quarterback wasn't the easiest.

"It's difficult at first," he said. "I just kind of accepted it. I have to wait my turn; it's not that bad now."

Just because he isn't contributing on the field doesn't mean he isn't participating.

"My job is to get the defense ready every week for the upcoming opponent," Angle said. "I just [need to] make sure I'm doing the best I can to give the defense the best look."

Head coach Eric Wolford said players like Angle are "just as important as anybody else on the team."

"They're obviously one play away from being in the game. They have to always pay attention to what's going on with all our adjustments we're making. That way, if an injury happens during a game they're mentally focused and able to step in and do exactly what the other guy was doing," Wolford said.

The first-year coach understands that it's not an easy task to wait patiently.

"They have to have discipline, in that aspect. On third down and any other time, they need to rally their team up, support them and cheer them on. They're just as important as anyone else is because during the course of the week those are the guys that are helping to simulate the team we're playing to make us better."

For senior Kyle Banna, his time has undoubtedly come, but nearly passed him by as well. Sideline for the first three games of the season with a hand injury, he was forced to watch as his fellow Penguins embarked on an eye-opening start.

"It was pretty rough to see everyone else playing and being on the sidelines. The guys did well. It's kind of frustrating, but it gives me some extra time to learn the offense so when I came back I was good to go," Banna said.

Although Banna did not travel with the team to play Penn State University, he was on the sidelines during the match-ups against Butler and Central Connecticut State universities.

"It's a great feeling. A win's a win, even if you're hurt. You're proud of your teammates. I've been around for a while. I'll take a win even if

I'm not playing. You're just happy for your team," Banna said.

After three weeks, the time finally came for Banna to step back on the field against Southern Illinois University.

"It was good, contributing to the team. I feel a little more like a part of the team, being on the field and playing a little bit. But still, just getting that 'W' was big," Banna said.

Over the next several weeks he plans on working his way back into the offense, and "getting on the field some more," in an effort to assist in the team's quest to win a conference championship.

He also said he needs to make up for lost time.

"I have to be a little more upbeat than everyone else because I didn't get as many reps. I definitely have to come in and show these coaches I know the offense," Banna said.

## Bowling teams look forward to upcoming season

Joe Catullo Jr.  
REPORTER

Brian Umstead last coached the Youngstown State University bowling team in 2002. Now, he is back and ready to lead the team once again.

"It feels good to be back," Umstead said. "I feel like we have a good team this year with a huge depth."

Although 44 students tried out for the team, 14 players were chosen to represent YSU in the tournaments, with both men and women having A and B teams.

Bowlers who have the best chance of competing in tournaments represent Team A. The B-team consists of bowlers who have earned their way in a tournament but have to prove themselves worthy enough to enter the A-team.

While Umstead coaches the men, Jim Hall coaches the women. Hall is in his third year coaching at YSU, and said this year will be better than the last.

"We have many new girls on the team this year," Hall



Women's bowling head coach Jim Hall goes over some key points with prospective bowlers.

said. "The roster is deeper, and we'll definitely be going to more tournaments this year."

The women's team did not attend many tournaments last year due to a lack of bowlers. In her second year of bowling, senior Lisa Joseph is excited about having enough bowlers to compete.

There are no captains on the bowling teams, but there are four club officers, headed

by President Mark Lias. He was chosen as president from last year's squad.

"It was nice to have been chosen and to have the authority even though there is extra work and responsibilities in the mix," Lias said.

There are many tournaments throughout the season that YSU may attend, but none are bigger than the Tier 1 tournaments. These tourna-

ments are vital to where a team is put in the rankings. The cost of playing is \$500, but the ranking points are doubled. The University of Notre Dame and Penn State University are two of the teams hosting a Tier 1 tournament.

Last season, the Penguins finished 43rd in the national rankings, second at the American Heartland Conference and 12th in sectionals.

### FCS TOP 25

1. VILLANOVA
2. APPALACHIAN STATE
3. JAMES MADISON
4. JACKSONVILLE STATE
5. DELAWARE
6. STEPHEN F. AUSTIN
7. WILLIAM AND MARY
8. MASSACHUSETTS
9. SOUTH CAROLINA ST.
10. MONTANA ST.
11. RICHMOND
12. MONTANA
13. NORTH DAKOTA ST.
14. NEW HAMPSHIRE
15. CAL POLY
16. EAST. WASHINGTON
17. NORTHERN IOWA
18. FURMAN
19. GEORGIA SOUTHERN
20. TEXAS STATE
21. ELON
22. **YOUNGSTOWN ST.**
23. ILLINOIS STATE
24. SOUTHERN ILLINOIS
25. LIBERTY

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1. ILLINOIS STATE (3-1)
2. WESTERN ILLINOIS (3-1)
3. **YOUNGSTOWN ST. (3-1)**
4. NORTHERN IOWA (1-2)
5. NORTH DAKOTA ST (3-1)
6. INDIANA STATE (1-2)
7. MISSOURI STATE (1-2)
8. SOUTHERN ILLINOIS (1-3)
9. SOUTH DAKOTA ST. (0-3)

### PENGUIN SPOTLIGHT



KEVIN WATTS

**POSITION:** Wide Receiver  
**YEAR:** Freshman  
**HOMETOWN:** Middletown, OH  
**HIGH SCHOOL:** Middletown

#### 2010 Season Stats

**Catches:** 8  
**Yards:** 71  
**TD s:** 2

### SCHEDULES

#### FOOTBALL

- Oct. 2- @ Missouri State
- Oct. 9- NORTH DAKOTA ST.
- Oct. 16- @ Western Ill.
- Oct. 23- @ South Dakota St.
- Oct. 30- UNI (Homecoming)
- Nov. 6- @ Illinois St.
- Nov. 13- Indiana St.

#### SOCCER

- Oct. 1- @ Cleveland State
- Oct. 3- @ Wright State
- Oct. 8- DETROIT
- Oct. 10- @ Loyola
- Oct. 22- @ Butler
- Oct. 24- @ Valparaiso

#### VOLLEYBALL

- Oct. 1- @ Cleveland State
- Oct. 5- WRIGHT STATE
- Oct. 6- BUTLER
- Oct. 9- @ Loyola
- Oct. 10- @ Valparaiso
- Oct. 16- UJC
- Oct. 22- @ Milwaukee
- Oct. 23- @ Green Bay
- Oct. 29- CLEVELAND STATE

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