



## YOUNGSTOWN ACTIVISTS STAND AGAINST POVERTY

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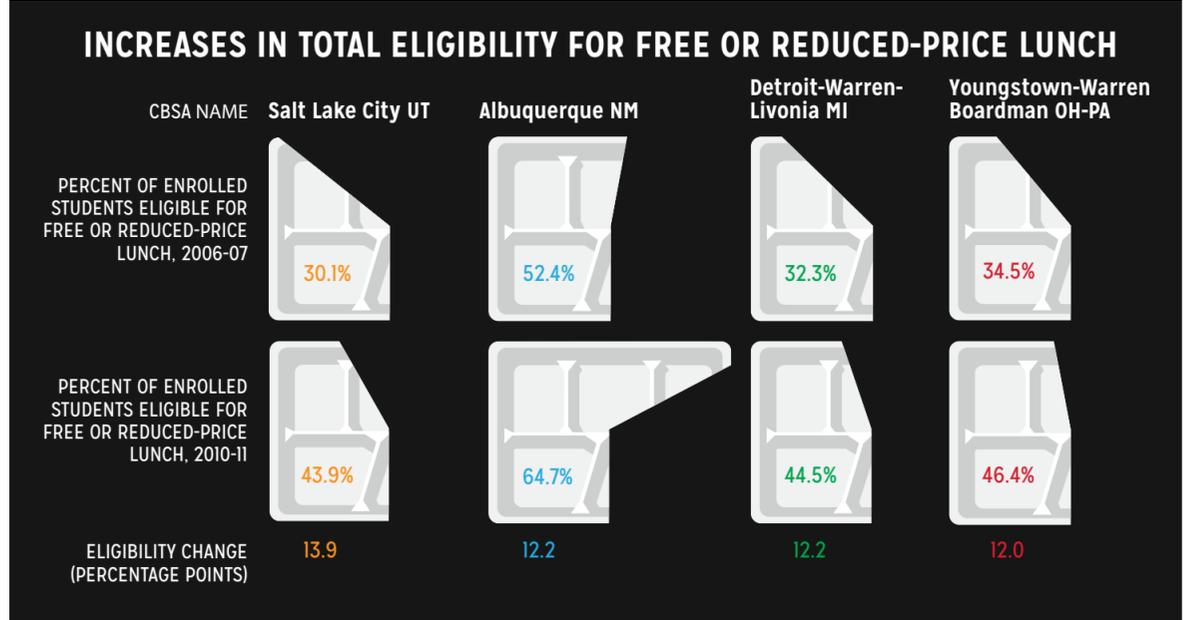
Recent data from the United States Census has shown that Youngstown is the highest city in Ohio with a poverty rate of 40.2 percent, with 63.3 percent of these impoverished being children. Youngstown is devastatingly below the national average.

The Youngstown City Schools provide students with one free breakfast and lunch a day, and other schools throughout the Mahoning Valley offer programs that help with the situation.

Beatitude House, an organization that helps to create homes for women with children who are in need and promotes education, is one of the many organizations in Youngstown that are helping to combat childhood poverty.

Sister Janet Gardner, executive director of Beatitude House, explained that the organization offers two types of housing to women with families — transitional and permanent — and helps to provide them with an education.

“We attempt to help women find technical schools or colleges. We really do believe that it is through education that women are going to better their lives. If we can help them move to educa-



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tion, they have a much better chance to support their families,” Gardner said.

She added that her organization, along with the community of Youngstown, helps to educate the children of these women as well.

“We have child advocates that help them connect with the school. If they’re having problems in school, we work with them. We have resources in the community that help both the children and the mothers with a lot of the skills and enrichment activities that they need to build

their lives,” Gardner said.

Other organizations in the Mahoning Valley help to combat poverty as well, including Making A Difference Youngstown, a nonprofit organization that empowers people to help transition from poverty to prosperity; Mahoning Youngstown Community Action Partnership, a community action agency that helps to move people from poverty to self-sufficiency; and Youngstown Neighborhood Development Corporation.

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versity offers programs that help inner city high school students as well as the students on campus. Programs like Upward Bound, Summer College/Occupational Preview Experience and Academic Achievers provide educational outreach to high school students preparing to enter college. Bridges Out of Poverty Student Union focuses on assisting college age students.

Karla Krodel, director of the Metro Credit Education and Outreach Office at YSU, administers Bridges Out of

Poverty Student Union and explained the purpose of the group.

“Bridges Out of Poverty looks at poverty through the eyes of the impoverished so as to better empathize with their struggle. If you are born into poverty, you didn’t make that choice, and that if you are born into poverty, the choices you have are much more limited,” she said.

Krodel also said that her department assists

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## FACEBOOK FIT

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Lately, diet fads and exercise regimens seem to be bursting from Internet sites, television programs and magazine pages. The push to live healthy and to get up and move can be — at least partially — accredited to the massive distribution capabilities of the Internet through both news and social media sites.

Carrie Clyde, wellness coordinator for the Youngstown State University Office of Human Resources, explained how social media has played a huge role in fitness and body image issues.

“I do feel that media has a very strong influence on individuals’ perceptions about body image,” she said. “As a society, we have grown accustomed to worrying too much about how we look rather than how we feel or if we are practicing healthy behaviors.”

JoHaana Morgan, a third year YSU student and Herbalife — a global nutrition company — distributor, discussed how social media impacted her decision to workout.

“The only reason why I got big into fitness is because I saw so many fitness accounts on Instagram,” Morgan said. “That is how I found my Herbalife coach and started my Herbalife journey.”

Morgan also explained that working out has positively impacted her life.

“Working out has played a huge role in my life because it takes up a lot of time and dedication. I workout because I enjoy it — it is just a bonus that it keeps me in shape,” she said.

Though fitness is a popular topic right now, it is hardly a passing fad. Clyde mentioned that there are fitness pages on social media sites regarding everything fitness, from new exercises to healthy meal choices.

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## Tailgating with Ohio Democratic Candidates

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Fans of Youngstown State University met candidates for a Blue State on Saturday during pre-game tailgating at YSU.

Gubernatorial candidate Ed FitzGerald and running mate Sharen Neuhardt were at the event, as well as Ohio Supreme Court candidate Representative Tom Letson, D-Warren, and candidate for Ohio Attorney General David Peppers. Mahoning County Auditor Mike Sciortino and candidate for Mahoning County Probate Court judge Attorney Susan Maruca were also attending the event.

The candidates’ stop in Youngstown was a part of the “Tour to Restore Ohio,” a statewide sweep of a dozen Ohio cities aimed at connecting candidates with voters across the states. The tour is promoting the candidates’ intentions to “restore Kasich cuts that have hurt schools and local communities, funding for a heroin epidemic spinning out of control, voting rights, integrity in our state government and more,” according to the event’s press release.

Representative Letson engaged tailgaters of all ages, mingling with YSU students and elderly alumni alike.

“I’ve been in the legislature for eight years ... What I find most interesting about coming out and talking with everyone and seeing their different levels of interest. Most people I’ve talked to are interested and engaged,” Letson said.

Candidates began in Columbus, touring through Dayton, Lima, Toledo, Sandusky and Warren before setting up at YSU’s M-24 parking lot for tailgating.

Having visited six cities prior to Youngstown, Letson found citizens’ concerns varied from region to region, but common ground did exist at the state level.

“People have different concerns everywhere. One issue I’ve

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## 'EVERY PENNY COUNTS!' 45 students arrested on campus

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On Friday, 45 Youngstown State University students were locked up in a makeshift jail cell outside of Kilcawley Center as they attempted to get passersby to donate change so they could post bail and be released. The event, known as Jail N' Bail, was held by sorority Alpha Xi Delta, and all proceeds went to Autism Speaks.

Autism Speaks, an Au-

tism advocacy organization, has been the national philanthropy of Alpha Xi Delta since 2009. Together, they have raised over 2 million dollars in just five years.

Tables were set up between Sept. 15 and Sept. 18 in Kilcawley Center where students could send out warrants for other students' and faculty members' arrests.

Between 10 a.m. and 2 p.m. on Friday, students who had been nominated by their peers throughout the week were locked up, handed red plastic cups and asked to collect money to post their bail.

Students had to raise \$5 before they were set free, and faculty members had to raise \$7.

Julia Colecchi, the Alpha Xi Delta president, said this is the second year in the row the sorority has put together the Jail N' Bail.

"This is our second consecutive year putting on the Jail N' Bail event, but we have done the event in the past for many years," she said.

She added that the event is both a hit among the students who participate and the sisters alike.

"Alpha Xi Delta National Headquarters has a list of philanthropic events in which they encourage us to participate in, and Jail N' Bail is one event on the list. It has been successful for us in the past, and many students love to be involved in it. Our sisters love putting the event on, so it's really a win-win for everyone on campus," she said.

As students were locked up, they beat their cups against the cell and begged onlookers for donations. Many passersby donated spare change, rationing it be-

tween each convict.

Gretchen Moreno, a Alpha Xi Delta sister, said she was not exempt from becoming a fugitive herself.

"All of the money goes to Autism Speaks, so it's for a good cause," she said. "I'm in the sorority, but we could be nominated too. We have to raise \$5."

Alpha Xi Delta arrested a total of 45 people and raised \$740.48 for Autism Speaks, and plans to get more money this week, as not everybody posted their full bail money yet.

## YSU's Blog about Blogs for Bloggers

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Social Media at Youngstown State is a blog designed to achieve a dynamic interactive approach connecting communication to administrators. The blog is the result of work done by Ross Morrone, assistant director of Youngstown State University's Office of Marketing Communications.

The blog is a resource for social media administrators at YSU, but it can be helpful to others outside the university as well.

The idea originated with Andrea Tharp, assistant editor of social media in the office of marketing communications. Tharp provides content for the site, while Morrone guided the website's production. The inaugural posts were available to viewers on the website last week.

"The blog is more about unifying our entire social media team here at YSU. But in general, keeping a blog is a great way to try your hand at publishing and writing, becoming an expert in your field, networking, and building and listening to an audience," Tharp said.

Tharp suggested one of the biggest challenges facing social media personnel at YSU was the lack of communication between administrators.

The office of marketing communications had tried on several occasions to attempt to educate others through campus-wide presentations and re-

quested workshops. However, Tharp thought the most effective solution to their problem was to create an online resource for administrators to access whenever needed and on their own time. The blog was created for ideas and news to be shared amongst the group.

Social Media at Youngstown State includes four main sections: Tips and Tutorials, The Social News, Question and Answer and Helpful Articles.

Tips and Tutorials is a how-to section for various technical aspects of social media. It will also contain YSU related topics, such as how to choose a profile photo, how to name your YSU page and the university's best practices.

The Social News at YSU is a collaborative area consisting of weekly updates and events happening around campus. The Social News will also share hashtags other YSU pages are promoting.

The Question and Answer section allows social administrators to send questions to Tharp about Facebook, Twitter, university policies, etc. Tharp will provide an answer and encourage other administrators to comment with additional information or help.

The last section, Helpful Articles, will link to articles regarding social media or changes to a specific platform. Helpful Articles will keep readers updated with what's going on in the field.

From social media beginners to experts, Tharp hopes that this blog will become an active online hub and tool for the university.

"I think it will be a great way to build our team

and better represent the university as a unified group online," Tharp said.

Morrone stressed that over the past two years social media has become an intricate part of overall marketing strategy at YSU and is highly effective.

"Now that YSU is beginning to blog about social media, it shows that we've been able to establish a solid social media foundation in higher education," Morrone said.

Morrone stated that he had been receiving emails from departments asking how they can better communicate with students.

"Social media can be a great means for communication, but they need to understand that there are right and wrong ways to use it," he said. "This blog will be a place for them read, learn and reference as they develop their social channels."

Morrone stated that students, faculty and staff can benefit from these social platforms as a means for personal and professional communication. He believes that online readers can gain an abundant amount of knowledge about social media from the blog.

The blog will consist of one to three updates per week and sometimes feature guest bloggers. Tharp plans on getting the word out about the blog by sending email newsletters to the social media administrators alerting them to the resource, encouraging them to send questions or updates from their fields of expertise and linking to popular posts around the web.

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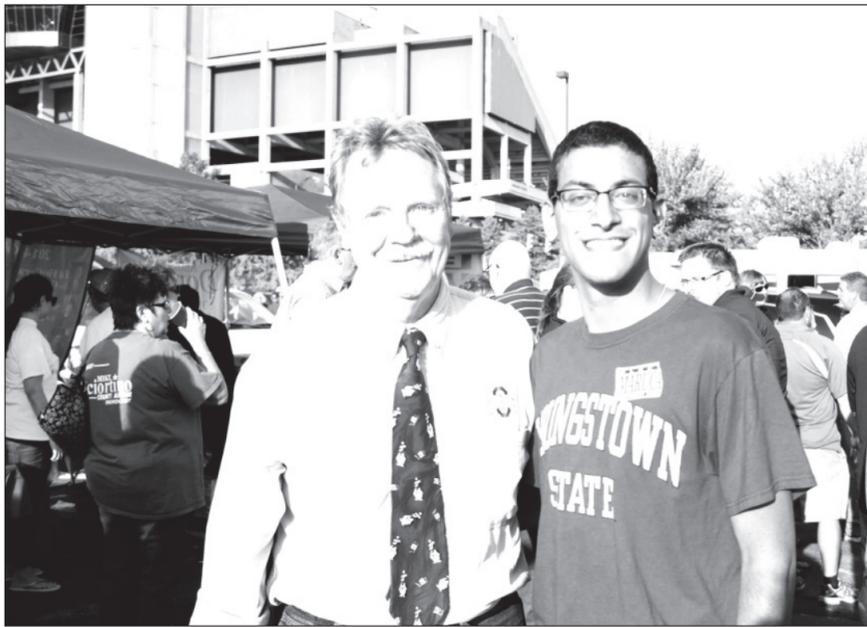


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YSU College Democrats president Ernie Barkett had the opportunity to meet Representative Tom Letson during Saturday's "Tour to Restore Ohio" event during Penguins tailgating.

been talking to folks about everywhere we go is the undervote," Letson said. "The undervote is essentially the falloff in voting between the top of the ballot and the bottom. The bottom is where a lot of your local legislative decisions are voted on, so when voters only participate in the first few issues on the ballot, they're missing their chance to affect change locally. I think the best way to counter this trend is for voters to start from the bottom [of the ballot] and work their way up."

Letson, despite having stopped in two other cities earlier in the day, was energetic while engaging groups of tail-

gaters stopping by the candidates' tent.

"It's great just wandering around here and talking to people ... the acceptance and the interest shown here is just great," Letson said.

Students were among the interested through surrounding the candidates, including the YSU College Democrats student organization. Ernie Barkett, the organization's president, hopes the College Democrats will have the opportunity to plan future engagement events between students and state representatives.

"I think State Representatives and candidates have a responsibility to meet with

college student and speak on campuses ... but it's just as much the responsibility of students to get out and vote as well so that our voices are heard," Barkett said.

Sciortino echoed Letson's sentiments, speaking to the success of the event.

"It's been great. We [local Democrats] come down for every home game, and this has been a great opportunity for us to invite the statewide [Democratic] ticket down to spend some time with the people here in Youngstown," Sciortino said. "It's been a huge success."

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## New Sports Broadcasting Track Comes to YSU



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Students in the sports broadcasting program will gain hands-on experience creating sports media across a variety of platforms.

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Youngstown State University's Department of Communication has introduced a new sports-broadcasting education track to its 2014 fall semester. The new track is aimed at students who are interested in pursuing careers in the field of sports media.

Courses within the track have been in development for a number of years, and the track has recently been endorsed by the Ohio Board of Regents. The courses offer a hands-on learning experience in creating sports content for all media outputs, such as television, radio and the Internet.

Fred Owens, professor of communications, emphasized the program's focus on sports content rather than focusing on audience analysis.

"It will involve going to games and creating content for television, radio and the web," Owens said. "It differs from other sports media programs. This is not a study of an audience of sports; it's an applied program in making content."

Students will learn how to create content throughout the various courses in the track, including Sports Media Production, Broadcast Sports Writing and Producing, Broadcast Sports Performance, Cross Platform Sports Broadcasting and Sports Broadcasting Internship.

Students will be announcing games and setting up press conferences and interviews, as well as learning the technical aspects of

broadcast, such as equipment management.

Owens said the decision to create the course was a result of the growing trend for universities to produce their own sports media.

"For example, [The University of] Florida, [The University of] Michigan, and Texas Christian [University] all have their own media staffs. It became clear that universities were going to create their own networks. It's a growing industry," Owens said.

Adam Earnhardt, communications chair, said the creation of the track occurred naturally through student demand.

"In short, students asked us to do this," Earnhardt said. "We already have this amazing existing relationship with YSU athletics and sports information. Our students are deeply involved in the Horizon League productions, Penguin Football and more. It was the next natural step to take."

Students who go through the new career track, but do not become sports broadcasters, can still benefit from the Bachelor of Arts degree, as it will feature all of the skills associated with other communication majors, while taking place in a sports media setting.

"Sports broadcasting is not only one of the fastest growing industries here in the U.S., but also worldwide," Earnhardt said. "[After taking this track], students will be prepared to jump into just about any setting, from ESPN in Bristol, Connecticut, to working a satellite truck for a sports teleproduction company."

Earnhardt said students who are on the fence about the program can get involved by taking a sports field production course and working on Horizon League productions.

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Further, there are apps on your phone and tablet that can track health progress.

"Through the years, I think we have become more educated about how to safely and effectively include cardiovascular, strength training and flexibility activities into our exercise routines. The use of technology has really enabled us to better track our progress," Clyde stated.

While social media influences can increase one's motivation, it can also lead to unhealthy levels of competitiveness. Carla Moser-Flatley, professor of human performance and exercise science, commented on this issue.

"Anything that brings things out into public eye is a good thing. Social media brings people's workouts more to the forefront. One person sees what another has done for that day workout-wise, and they are motivated to 'keep up' and also workout," Flatley said. "Along with that is the wanting to be the best or outdo someone else. People post constant selfies of even just their abs or legs or chest, posting pics while working out, doing cardio, spinning etc. If people were self-conscious before about going into a gym ... this can only make that worse."

Nicole Mullins, associate professor of human performance and exercise science, also acknowledged that fitness inspired by social media can be both a good and bad trend.

"This is why I teach in the field in which I teach ... to train exercise physiologists to tailor programs to individuals and their specific needs, goals, wants, preferences, abilities and limitations," she said. "Nothing is good for everyone — and nothing is bad for everyone."

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junior East High School and Chaney High School students to become college ready by the time they graduate.

"The city schools are under a lot of pressure, and it's kind of a parallel situation to an individual who is in poverty. The institution is in an impoverished state of mind. When the reality of day-to-day living is so chaotic and so pressured that you don't have time to do anything else. I think the Youngstown City School Program feels like that too. They've got so much pressure. I am a firm believer that the student themselves can have a huge amount of power and support for those changes," she said.

Deandra Edgerson, president of Bridges Out of Poverty Student Union, said that she feels it is her duty to help students in the organization who are in need of support. Edgerson is a full-time student at YSU and is involved in other organizations throughout the Mahoning Valley like Trumbull Neighborhood Partnership.

"There's a strong sense of need for me to pay back. I feel like it's needed. It's more like a sense of duty opposed to just doing it because it is fun," Edgerson said. "It's not fun; it's a lot of work. I do it because I feel as though it has the ability to help others."

Sherri Harper Woods, director of Upward Bound, a program created to help support high school students in preparation for college entrance, said that she feels the university accommodates the needs of those who were without resources.

"Two-thirds of our students are low income. Poverty is more than just financial. You can be without role models and support systems. You can be without emotional support or cognitive support. I believe that we have resources here for any student that is under resourced in any area," Woods said.

These organizations help the less fortunate all over Youngstown, but the breadth of their effective range may be limited by a lack of financial support.

Gardner said that those organizations in Youngstown designed to help the less fortunate need more support to be truly effective.

"I'm not sure there need to be more organizations. I think the organizations that exist have to really get more support so that they can try to provide the services," Gardner said. "It all takes funds to be able to do it. The city is trying to help as much as it can; the state is trying to help. It really is trying to get citizens to back legislation that will help those most in need as well as supporting those causes."

## Mississippi Complaints Could Signal Trouble for Obama's Global Warming Plans

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If the response from top Mississippi politicians to President Barack Obama's central plan to combat global warming is emblematic, Republican-run states could wage a fierce fight against the administration's proposed rule to slash carbon emissions from existing power plants by 2030.

The state's Republican senators have lambasted the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency's proposal, which would require states to plan and enforce a 30 percent reduction in emissions from 2005 levels, most of which come from coal-fired power plants.

Sens. Thad Cochran and Roger Wicker contend that the rule would saddle Mis-

issippi, one of the nation's poorest states, with a crippling economic hit and that the EPA overstepped its authority under the Clean Air Act. Both senators are among the 31 Republican co-sponsors of a Senate resolution calling on the EPA to withdraw the proposal.

Cochran supports "sound policies that would both reduce the risk of human-induced climate change and prepare our country for potential changes in climate, whether human-induced or not," but not those that would hurt families or businesses, said his spokesman, Chris Gallegos.

Wicker not only has contended that the proposed rule "could be disastrous for our economy, particularly in Mississippi," but also accuses Obama of launching a "war on coal." He is more skeptical of claims about global warming, saying that

"there has been no rise in global average temperatures over the past 17 years."

EPA cites a scientific consensus that carbon emissions are a major contributor to rising planetary temperatures since 1901, with seven of the 10 warmest years on record occurring since 1998. Power plants account for one-third of the nation's greenhouse gas emissions, the agency says.

The sheer scale of its proposal has led to widespread hand wringing. Last week, days after Cochran, Wicker and 51 other senators sent a letter appealing for more time for stakeholders to comment on the proposal, EPA extended the deadline by 45 days, to Dec. 1.

"We're really looking for feedback from states, if they have suggestions as to how they could improve the rule," EPA spokeswoman Liz Purchia said. "We leave it up to

states to come up with their own ideas as to how they can best meet the goals that were set for them.

"Right now, we're really thinking that we're going to be able to work with states," she said.

Mississippi power companies would face huge obstacles in complying, said Patrick Sullivan, president of the Mississippi Energy Institute, which gets some of its funding from the state's electric utilities. He estimates that Mississippi electric ratepayers would be stuck with \$14 billion in added costs, starting in 2018.

Sullivan and other power industry officials contend that the EPA made unfounded assumptions in projecting, for example, the degree to which technology advances will improve power plant efficiency so that the amount of coal and natural gas burned to produce a megawatt hour

of electricity will plummet.

But Glen Hooks, who led the Sierra Club's "Beyond Coal" campaign for the South region, said that electric utilities always respond to clean-air regulations by protesting that "the sky is falling and everybody's gonna lose their job."

"It never happens," Hooks said. "The fossil fuels industry is making a lot of money under the current system, and they don't have any incentive to change. If we have leaders who have the political will to generate power cleanly in ways that create thousands of jobs, then the game is about to change."

The agency proposed emission-reduction "goals" for each state's existing power plants. If the rule is finalized along the same lines, each state government would be responsible for shaping strategies for meeting its goal.

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Sign ups for the beard growing contest will be in the Rec Center Lobby on Sept. 26 from 11:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. Registration requires \$2.00 and competing students to be clean shaven for a before photo. After photos will be taken Oct. 31, voting will take place between Nov. 1 and Nov. 6 and the winners will be announced Nov. 7.

**Bestselling Young Adult Novelist to Visit YSU**

Cinda Williams Chima, fantasy novelist and author of the Heir Series and the Seven Realms series, will be speaking and having a book signing on Sept. 29 from 6:30-8:00 p.m. in DeBartolo Hall Room 346.

**Veteran and Gay Rights Activist Lectures Oct. 3**

Stephen Snyder-Hill, author of "Soldier of Change: From the Closet to the Forefront of the Gay Rights Movement," will present a lecture at 2 p.m. on Friday Oct. 3 in the Chestnut Room of Kilcawley Center. The presentation is free and open to the public.

# L.A., Houston, Philadelphia Mayors Vow More Action on Climate Change

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Los Angeles Times (MCT)

Mayors of three of the nation's largest cities are pledging to take more action against climate change by implementing new projects to curb greenhouse gas emissions and persuading other leaders to do the same.

Los Angeles Mayor Eric Garcetti, Houston Mayor Annise Parker and Philadelphia Mayor Michael Nutter will announce the new initiative Monday in New York in advance of a United Nations climate summit being held this week.

Under the plan, the mayors will commit to set or renew aggressive targets for their cities' greenhouse gas reductions, develop new standards to track and report pollution sources at least once a year, and draft or update climate action plans with specific strategies to control global warming and adapt to its effects.

The mayors will also pledge to identify and develop new emissions-offset projects that could be incorporated into existing carbon markets, such as California's cap-and-trade program. Projects could include urban forestry, the destruction of ozone-depleting substances and the capture of heat-trapping gases from landfills.

They vow to spend the next year recruiting other city leaders across the nation to sign on to the initiative, to be called the Mayors' National Climate Action Agenda.

By joining, mayors also promise to support federal policies to cut carbon emissions and a binding global climate agreement, and to make equity and environmental justice a

priority in climate action plans.

The announcement comes a day after an estimated 310,000 demonstrators marched through Manhattan to demand international action to control climate change, one of thousands of such demonstrations held around the world on Sunday. It follows a similar pledge by Mayor Bill De Blasio of New York to reduce greenhouse gas emissions 80 percent by 2050, in part by ordering energy-efficiency upgrades to city-owned buildings.

The U.N. summit of more than 100 world leaders in New York, set for Tuesday, is a step toward the next attempt to negotiate a sweeping international agreement to reduce greenhouse gas emissions, scheduled for Paris next year.

The mayors' plan says cities must act on their own because of the U.S. Senate's unwillingness to ratify an international treaty to reduce emissions of the heat-trapping gases causing global warming. Cities are responsible for about 70 percent of all greenhouse gas emissions, the mayors say, and are on the front lines of extreme weather events and other effects of climate change.

"Mayors must confront this challenge not only at the local level, but also by calling for binding emission reductions at the federal and global level," Garcetti said in a written statement.

The three mayors lead the largest cities represented on a climate task force President Obama established last year. Their plan is an outgrowth of several meetings the group of governors, mayors and tribal leaders from across the country have held in Washington, Los Angeles and Des Moines.



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# International Summit Just a First Step on Climate Change

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As President Barack Obama and more than 100 other heads of state gather Tuesday in New York to spotlight the severity of global warming and the need to act on it, the scene will be more pep rally than policy negotiation.

The meeting is a launchpad for the work of crafting an international agreement that could reduce emissions enough to mute the predicted painful blows of climate change. Negotiators aim to adopt an agreement in Paris next year.

"The stakes are extremely high," said Selwin Hart, director of the U.N. secretary-general's Climate Change Support Team. "The science is demanding bold action be taken by all parties."

That won't happen in New York. The meeting isn't a negotiation or talks. It isn't even part of the official United Nations process to address climate change.

Rather, the New York summit has been cast as the forum where world leaders will describe in broad strokes what they plan to do to slash emissions. The specific targets for reductions for the near term and from 2020 onward are expected later, during the first half of next year.

Part of the reason for the high-wattage New York gathering is to promote the long and complex process as the U.N. tries to avoid the deadlock and war results that marked the last time heads of state convened to address global warming, in Copenhagen in 2009.

"It's vital for leaders to be engaged at least one year and several months before Paris so the political obstacles and pitfalls are avoided," Hart said.

The U.N. also wants to capitalize on momen-

tum that's building toward real cuts to greenhouse gas emissions, analysts say, powered in great part by the United States. Criticized for leading from behind in other policy spheres, Obama has moved decisively in his second term to tackle climate change, bypassing an uncooperative Congress to attack the biggest domestic source of greenhouse gases: existing coal-fired power plants.

Globally, more places are embracing renewable energy. Major cities and corporations are cutting emissions and adapting to a climate that is already changing.

But challenges to meaningful cuts have already emerged. On Sunday, scientists announced that the world's emissions had grown 2.3 percent last year to 39.8 billion tons — the highest level ever — largely because of China, the U.S. and India. The latest figures were published in the journals *Nature Geoscience* and *Nature Climate Change*.

Growth in renewable energy investments is expected to slow because of policy uncertainties in various countries, while the world's appetite for coal is expected to stay robust, thanks to rising demand in Asia, according to the International Energy Agency. And carbon dioxide reached record levels in 2013, growing at the fastest rate in three decades, according to the World Meteorological Organization.

"There is momentum to be conveyed" for cutting emissions, said Rachel Kyte, the World Bank special envoy for climate change, "but I'm not Pollyanna about it. The question is: Will it be too little, too late?"

To avert widespread catastrophe, annual global average temperatures cannot rise more than 2 degrees Celsius, or 3.6 degrees Fahrenheit, above pre-industrial temperatures, scientists say. Largely because of fossil fuel consumption, Earth's average temperature has already risen about 1 degree Celsius since the late 19th century.

The Paris meeting, in December 2015, is sup-

posed to yield a formal agreement among polluting nations, but it has to be an accord "that conforms to domestic political situations," said Jake Schmidt, international climate policy director for the Natural Resources Defense Council.

In light of Washington's political gridlock, that would mean an agreement, rather than a more binding treaty, with emission reduction targets for each country that could be independently verified and subject to public comment, Schmidt said.

The track record that Obama will highlight in New York gives the U.S. a strong hand in urging other countries to act, climate negotiation experts said. His administration has moved to curtail carbon dioxide emissions from vehicles and power plants. The president has instructed the Environmental Protection Agency to address emissions of methane, a highly potent heat-trapping gas.

"There's a lot of important work that's going to get done in New York ... and some of it will involve bringing along the international community in terms of coordinating in an effort to reduce the causes of climate change and of carbon pollution," said White House spokesman Josh Earnest.

American leadership on climate change gives policymakers in other nations the political cover to press for emissions cuts at home. "The United States' recent domestic action has the potential to be a game-changer," Hart said. "It represents a powerful national commitment."

Still, after decades of stalling while emissions rose, the assurances that countries will float in New York and flesh out in Paris may not be drastic enough, said Alden Meyer, director of policy for the Union of Concerned Scientists.

"The question is, how close do we get to what's needed, what more can be done after Paris and what's the way to revisit targets?" Meyer said. "We'll need multiple bites of the apple to get there."

## Study: Natural Forces Have Caused West Coast Warming

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A well-documented rise in temperatures along the U.S. West Coast during the past century is almost entirely the result of natural forces — not human emissions of greenhouse gases, according to a major new study released Monday.

The vast majority of coastal temperature increases since 1900 are the result of changes in winds over the eastern Pacific Ocean, the authors found. But they could find no evidence that those weather patterns were themselves being influenced by the human burning of fossil fuels.

"It's a simple story, but the results are very surprising: We do not see a human hand in the warming of the West Coast," said co-author Nate Mantua, with NOAA Fisheries Southwest Fisheries Science Center. "That is taking

people by surprise, and may generate some blowback."

Mantua and co-author Jim Johnstone, both formerly with the University of Washington, published their findings in the *Proceedings of the National Academy of Sciences*.

Since the ocean is the biggest driver of temperature changes along the coast, the authors tracked land and sea surface temperatures there going back 113 years. They found that virtually all of the roughly 1 degree Celsius average temperature increase could be explained by changes in air circulation.

"It was a bit of an eye-opener to see that there doesn't appear to be any unexplained warming," Johnstone said. "The winds have changed in a manner that explains virtually all of the coastal ocean warming. The winds appear to decide it all."

Both authors were quick to point out that their study does not in any way refute that temperatures globally

are on the rise or that humans are responsible for that trend.

"This doesn't say that global warming is not happening," Mantua said. "It doesn't say human-caused climate change isn't happening globally. It's a regional story."

But it does show that when it comes to coastal temperature increases in a dynamic region like the Pacific Northwest, natural variability — thus far — has been the dominant factor.

And it also raises questions about how helpful current climate-simulation models are when it comes to predicting what kind of change global warming will bring to specific regions.

"There's been so much pressure to get local and regional climate information, because that's where people live and plan and experience the climate," Mantua said. "But this raises some questions about whether the models are capturing the connection between human-caused changes and natural vari-

ability well enough to interpret these local and regional records."

Guillaume Mauger, a UW climate scientist, said the study offered significant insight into the past, but didn't alter the fact that climate change eventually will be a driving force in temperature increases in the West.

"It's definitely an important piece, but I wouldn't say it's a fundamental shift away from what we've been saying," Mauger said.

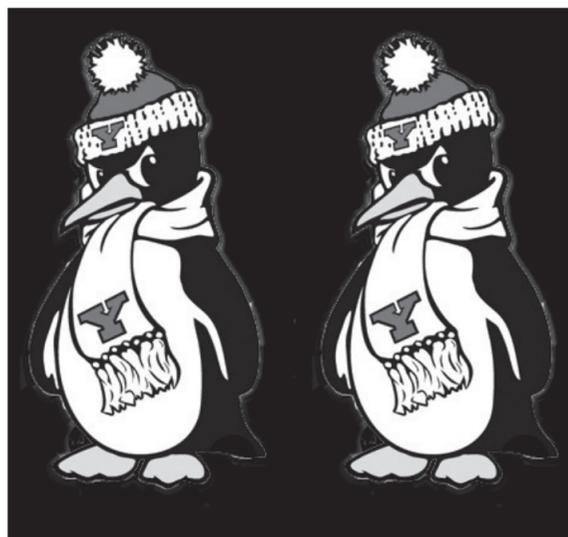
Amy Snover, head of UW's Climate Impacts Group, said she agreed that the paper does show that there are aspects of regional climate that models don't yet capture well enough.

But, she added, "Please don't interpret this to mean that humans have not influenced climate and are not continuing to. Climate change has been set in motion by greenhouse gas emissions. This doesn't change any of that understanding."

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## iPhone Art Takes Center Stage in Bliss Hall Gallery

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With the development of smart phones that possess more technology than the first computer and offer a variety of high quality of camera settings, many begin to wonder when the lines of professional photography will bleed into the realm of the cell phone. Currently, there is an exhibit being shown in Solomon Gallery by David Hume Kennerly that takes that idea into a whole new level.

Kennerly is an American photographer and photojournalist. He was awarded the Pulitzer Prize for Feature Photography in 1972 for his photographs taken of the Vietnam War, East Pakistani refugees near Calcutta, Cambodia and the Ali-Frazier fight in Madison Square Garden in March of 1971. He has done the photography for every American president since Richard Nixon and has been featured on the likes of Time and Newsweek magazines.

The exhibit features 40 signed photographs that Kennerly took with his iPhone and had donated to Youngstown State University. He wishes to sell them in order to establish the David Hume Kennerly En-

dowed Scholarship in Art that is meant to be given to a photography student.

Stephen Chalmers, a professor of photography at YSU, explained that the exhibit came to the school after Kennerly visited the university with Ed O'Neill, the actor most well known for his role in "Married... with Children."

"Kennerly, a friend of Ed O'Neill's, accompanied Mr. O'Neill when he was awarded an honorary doctorate from YSU and served as the commencement speaker in the spring of 2013," Chalmers said. "The visit to Youngstown State University had an impact on Kennerly. During conversations with him, he generously offered to donate fifty-three photographs to sell in support of establishing the David Hume Kennerly Endowed Scholarship in Art. Of the 53 signed photographs that Mr. Kennerly donated, 40 are framed and exhibited in the Solomon Gallery on the Wick ... side of Bliss Hall." Many photographers and art critics alike agree that the use of smartphones in photography is something that is becoming more commonplace and has earned overall acceptance.

Maegan Bellino, a YSU photography graduate of 2012, said



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Pulitzer Prize winning photojournalist David Hume Kennerly's collection of iPhone photography will be sold to fund a scholarship for photography students.

that she believes the technology of phone cameras is a great asset to the modern photographer.

"When I don't have my DSLR [camera] on me, my phone takes all my pictures. I don't feel a rivalry between cell phone photography [and camera photography]," Bellino said. "When it all boils down, it's the

person who's creating the image, not the camera."

Kennerly's exhibit is one that proves that the modern day photographer can be successful with both a camera and a phone.

Although the exhibit is an inspiration for the photography students that will be competing for the Kennerly scholarship,

Chalmers said that the event is one of appreciation and recognition.

"The event is intended to create a scholarship for photography students, [but] we also feel that it is a celebration to honor the spectacular career and accomplishments of Mr. Kennerly," Chalmers said.

## Rust on Rust



PHOTO BY STACY RUBINIC/THE JAMBAR

A piece by Heather Seno, a senior at YSU majoring in printmaking, is one of many works currently featured in the Rust on Rust show at Greyland Gallery.

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On Friday, Greyland Gallery hosted Rust on Rust, an art show curated by Katelyn Gould, Youngstown State University alumna.

Rust on Rust features 20 artists all from Youngstown and Pittsburgh, all with varying styles and subjects. Gould hoped the show would portray the similarities and differences between the art that is being created in the two rustbelt cities.

"I noticed from going to school in Youngstown and then moving to Pittsburgh and seeing everybody's art — especially the 20 to 40 year olds artwork — it just kind of all had a similar tone to it," Gould said. "Artists from these two rust belt cities were making similar art, but they had no idea the other one existed. So, I wanted to bring them together."

Gould graduated from YSU in 2012 and currently works as a gallery attendant at the Andy Warhol Museum and the Mattress Factory Art museum in Pittsburgh.

Heather Seno was the only YSU student represented in the art show with her piece "For What it's Worth." Seno's art was also the only three-dimensional artwork on display at the gallery.

"Most of my work is sort of about women's issues and it's just sort of fragmented pieces and things like that in my two-dimensional work. So, I try to pull that through when I do something that is more three-dimensional," Seno said.

Seno has created artwork that is being viewed all over the world, including work that is currently hanging in an art gallery in Egypt.

Melanie Buonavolonta works for the Greyland Gallery, but also had a piece on display. Buonavolonta's work "In Light" was a nighttime photograph of downtown Youngstown.

"The location was probably the draw for me. I wanted to take a photograph where light was predominant theme but it was taken at night," Buonavolonta said. "It was experimentation really but I like the way it turned out."

Greyland Gallery is an art shop located in downtown Youngstown and is home to all types of art. It also hosts many cultural events, including many art shows.

"We have art shows once a month, with the exception of the upcoming months," Buonavolonta said. "We're trying to figure out what Greyland's next step is, but consistently for a couple years we've had an art show basically every month."

## West Side Punks: Day One

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West Side Punks Connect is a three-day punk festival held in Lakewood, Ohio.

The opening set for the West Side Punks this year was a band by the name of Fat Vegan. A vocalist with the stage name Richard Rotisserie fronts the band.

Rotisserie was clad in a white T-shirt written on with black marker. The shirt read "It's not Adam and Eve, it's Tofu and Steve."

"Who wants some meat?" Rotisserie asked before Fat Vegan's set began.

In his hand was an uncut slab of salami. A girl from within the crowd approached Rotisserie, took a bite of the salami, and then the music began.

It was not long before this hunk of meat was thrown into the crowd, along with two full pots of spaghetti and assorted cold cuts.

After 15 minutes of throwing food and loud, fast music, the set ended. Rotisserie told the crowd that there are starving children in Africa.

"We're selling tapes and stuff," Rotisserie said. "If you guys even think we're good."

West Side Punks kicked off its three-day festival in the venue Now That's Class located on Detroit Avenue in

Lakewood, Ohio.

The self-described dive bar is host to many bands of a similar musical style. Many punk, metal and alternative bands are accommodated within Now That's Class' walls.

The entire set list for the evening was Fat Vegan, Cretins, Party Plates, Moron, Eel, Blood Pressure, Mongoloid and headlining the evening was Iron Lung.

Following Fat Vegan's set was Cretins, a hardcore punk band from Richmond, Virginia.

Cretins made the seven-and-a-half hour drive to Lakewood to play a 20-minute set. They are a four-piece band fronted by vocalist Jack Strickland.

"The crowd's great," Strickland said. "Couldn't ask for anything else."

The evening was comprised mostly of 15-20 minute sets from each band. Stages alternated between bar side and the actual show space.

The first band to play the show space was Party Plates from Cleveland. The metal-punk band's members go by the aliases Roder (vocals), Paul (guitar), Skeletor (bass) and Pat (drums).

Roder spent the majority of their set taunting and interacting with the crowd. He wrapped the microphone cord

around his neck, was pulled into the crowd and continued to slam into people.

The next set in the show space was split between Blood Pressure and Eel. The two bands hail from Pittsburgh and share a bassist.

A constant drone of feedback filled the show space well before Eel's set began and it continued through their set.

The vocalist for Eel used a total of two microphones to perform. He often handed off one to a crowd member to use.

After their first song, Eel's vocalist found a knit stocking cap and pulled it over his entire head. He ripped a hole for his mouth and right eye then began to play again. This continued on for several songs, and then the hat was thrown into the crowd.

The remainder of evening occurred in a similar fashion.

Bands playing bar side had to be wary of crowd members diving from the bar counter. Sets played in the show space were riddled with crowd surfing, thrown bodies and slam dancing.

The day came to a close with a set from the Seattle-based band Iron Lung, finishing the night with a power and intensity that would come to be a staple of the event's musicians.



PHOTO BY BILLY LUDT/THE JAMBAR

Punk band Eel plays to a full house during West Side Punks Connect in Cleveland.

## EDITORIAL

# Just Another Voice in the Choir A PANDEMIC OF VIOLENCE

Today, as we sat within our newsroom yelling out ideas for the forever dreaded editorial, one of our staff began circling the room asking each of us, "What makes you angry?" After a few minutes of this ritual, one of our staff members piped up. She said, "I hate how I have to walk to my car with my keys between my fingers and how a proper going away gift for a college girl is pepper spray." And there it was — our topic.

Now the complication that we as an editorial board face is this: what do you say on this topic? What is left that hasn't already been said, screamed or painted on the side of buildings before? Violence against women is an issue; in fact, it is a gargantuan issue that we would attest most decent people on this planet care about. For every angry message board diatribe that asserts that feminism is the baleful cloud that hangs over all things good and proper, you probably have five men or women with daughters, wives, friends or just general loved ones they are forced to worry about every single day. Frankly it makes us angry as well. I am not talking about that sterile anger you feel at the various crimes against humanity that occur a world away; no this is an immediate anger. This downright pisses us off.

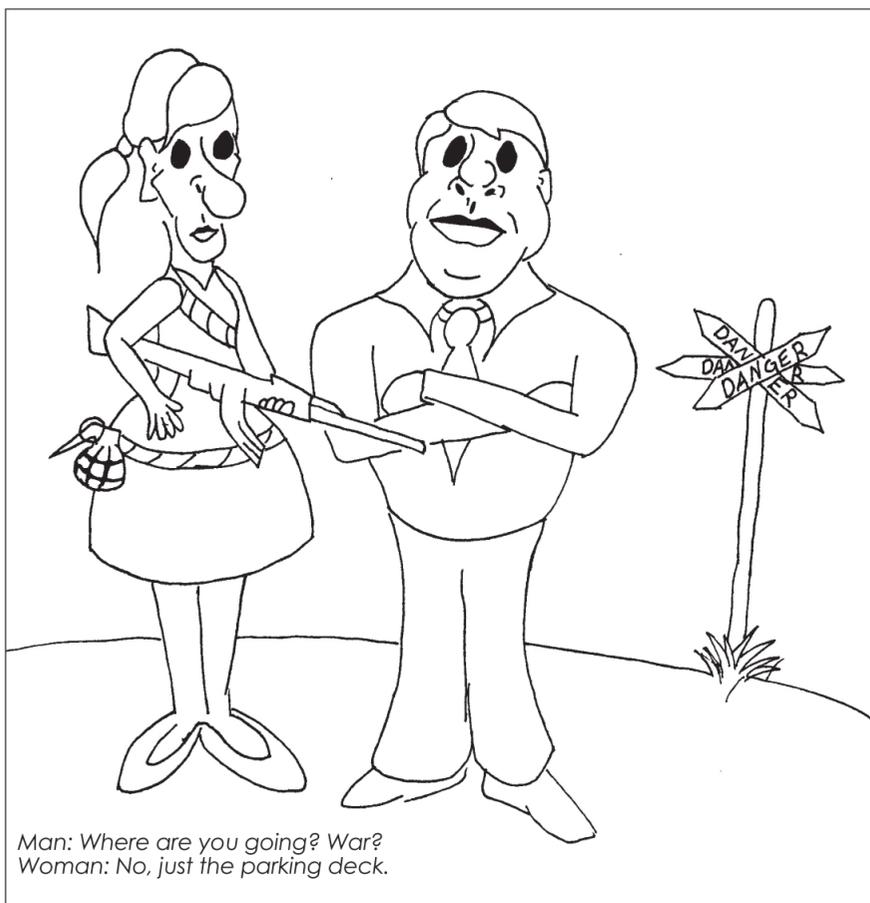
But what is left to say about this topic? What good is it to say that these crimes — be it rape, assault or kidnapping — that happen so frequently to a large percentage of our female population are bad? At some point, are we just picking an easy topic that we can stamp our feet about without really saying anything in particular and still count it as a laudable effort? Most of us don't disagree, and the ones that would disagree are probably not going to be swayed by any argument, no matter who made it. So what good is there to do by throwing our hat into the ring?

Well, there is but one question to answer, what change has occurred? According to statis-

tics by the U.N., "35 percent of women worldwide have experienced either physical and/or sexual intimate partner violence or non-partner sexual violence." According to the Bureau of Justice Statistics, in 2008 there were 552,000 nonfatal instances of rape/sexual assault, robbery and aggravated or simple assault committed against women 12 years or older. Though the popular statistic that attests that one in five women will be raped during their time in college is the site of some heated debate, there is no doubt rape remains a prevalent issue for young girls with cases such as Steubenville, which show a shocking lack of empathy among administration, rearing their heads consistently.

This is not to say that no steps have been taken in the right direction, especially in America. The Bureau of Justice Statistics also states that cases of rape and sexual assault among females have been curtailed significantly. In 2010, there were 270,000 cases of rape or sexual assault against females above the age of 12, compared to the 556,000 cases in 1995. This data is collected from a national survey, and it includes both reported and unreported cases. Also, legislation such as The Violence Against Women Act has worked to improve the country's ability to prevent domestic violence. The frequent presence of this broad issue in the media, as well as the increasing popularity of activist groups related to the issue, has also contributed to a higher frequency of reported rapes, as well as more successful convictions.

Just because the day has become clearer doesn't mean the storm has passed. The U.N. is still correct when it declares these instances of violence across the world a "pandemic." It is plain folly to say that the media is leading us astray in talking about the frequency of violence against women even as the statistics decrease, and they are perpetrating some adverse agenda. Maybe it is an agenda,



Man: Where are you going? War?  
Woman: No, just the parking deck.

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but it is one that should have no dearth of support. The improvements are not coming naturally; they are coming because people are really beginning to care.

This is why we speak on this issue today because improvement is simply too slow. It comes in a trickle, when it should be flowing in waves. This, unlike so much else that is going wrong in the world, is one thing each of us can work to change in a very direct manner.

We are not going to just sit here and pontificate on this issue. With every expression of anger and frustration, there needs to be a proposed solution. So, as cliché as it sounds, be the change you want to see. Education is the first step. Do not just be hyper-protective of your

daughters — telling them the step-by-step rules to living in a dangerous world — speak with every member of your family about this issue. Education has proven, in the moral injustices of the past, to be the best medicine.

If you have been a victim or know a victim do not fall into cynicism, instead, "let grief convert to anger, blunt not the heart, enrage it." Write about it; read about it. The best advice we can give is that everyone should learn not to just talk about the issue, but how to talk about it. Do not be just another voice in the crowd, but have the ideas behind your speech that will let you stand out. The problem is, as mentioned, beyond most of our scopes and a systemic prob-

lem in how our culture treats women and gender, but small changes en masse morph into large changes.

This may all seem to be lacking nuance, as it is advice that has been given time and time again, but the importance of this editorial is not to solve all the ills of the world. It is to remind you of one in particular and hopefully reignite that flame. Let this serve as an introduction because we are not done talking about this issue.

Complacency is the end of progress, and this is one of many issues we simply refuse to let sizzle out. There may be a million voices in the choir already, but one more is not going to hurt, as long as it is singing the right tune.

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## SECOND STRING RUNNING BACK A MODEL PENGUIN

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After transferring to YSU from the University of Toledo, Jody Webb has become a major contributor on the Penguins football team.

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Though Jody Webb is only the Penguins backup running back, he has redefined what it means to play second string, having already contributed 157 rushing yards and two touchdowns this season.

But Webb wasn't always a Penguin.

He started his collegiate career at the University of Toledo and participated in spring practices for the Rockets back in 2013. Living in Toledo, though, posed certain challenges for Webb and kept him from fully concentrating on football.

"When you live in a city your entire life, you have a lot of close friends, and there are certain things that your friends are able to do that you shouldn't do," Webb said. "They're your friends so you put yourself in situations with them whether they are good or bad. I felt like I needed to separate myself from a lot of things going on with them, and I decided to live my own life."

Desiring to change location and focus solely on school and football, Webb transferred to Youngstown State University with enough time to join the football team before the start of last season.

"I was looking for somewhere else to go and I felt like getting away from Toledo was the best thing for me," Webb said. "I knew some people here in Youngstown and they recommended Youngstown State. So I came down here and looked at the campus and I decided to come here."

Head coach Eric Wolford maintains a reputation for treating his players as if they were members of his own family. For Webb, Wolford's father-figure mentality played a huge role in determining where he wanted to play.

"I felt like that had a big role in my decision," Webb said. "When I finally got a chance to meet Coach Wolf, I enjoyed the way he spoke to me and the way he carried himself. He didn't treat me like I was below him. He treated me as if I was a human being and he was trying to get close to me, and I enjoyed his conversations."

Since coming to YSU, Webb has become a model

athlete for the Penguins, and Wolford believes that the tailback's future is bright.

"He's a young guy; he's only a sophomore for us. He's a great player," Wolford said. "He's very unselfish and works hard. He has a lot of things to learn, but he's working on it. He's a very smart guy and a student of the game and he does well in school. So we're excited about his future."

Webb is no stranger to success. He graduated from Whitmer High School in Toledo, where he played football, ran track and earned the Old Newsboys Goodfellow Association Hilton Murphy Player of the Year. Webb credits his time spent on the track with his success on the football field.

"It helped me with my speed and my quickness, my first step and my quick twitch. So it plays a big role, and I doubt I would be as quick as I am without running track," Webb said.

Webb and the rest of the Penguins football team will travel to Missouri State University, where they will take on the Bears in their first conference match-up of the season on Saturday, Oct. 4.

## Women's Basketball Looking for Male Practice Players

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The Youngstown State University women's basketball team is seeking male practice players for its upcoming 2014-2015 season.

A popular tactic used throughout women's college basketball, the Penguins are looking for full-time YSU students with past playing experience that can help improve the team.

"We need some volunteers that can come in and practice against our women's team to get them better," John Nicolais, YSU women's assistant coach, said. "Preferably guys that played basketball in high school that can challenge our players."

"The reason we do this is because the males are typically a little bigger, faster and stronger, and that helps get us ready for the season."

Those interested can either visit the YSU women's basketball office on the second floor in the Beeghly Center or contact Nicolais through email at jnicolais@ysu.edu, or by dialing his cell phone number: 330-314-2514.

"The sooner, the better," Nicolais said.

The Penguins women's basketball team starts mandatory practices on Oct. 6. Before this, participants would have to fill out paperwork and pass a physical, which would be supplied for free through the team.

While freshman are eligible to sign up, they would have to complete a registering process through the NCAA Eligibility Clearinghouse that requires a \$75 fee. For sophomores and above, this process is not re-

quired.

"We've gotten guys to come in and do it in the past just because they love the game and like to compete," Nicolais said. "Then, obviously, there's the benefit of staying in shape and being around the game."

Nicolais added that there's another perk to joining the practice squad.

"For the guys that are there on a regular basis, we have the option to provide them with gear like T-shirts, shorts, tank tops — that kind of stuff — for them to keep and have," he said.

Former YSU student Eduardo Mateo, who graduated this past spring, was a member of the practice team for the 2011-2012 women's basketball season. He spoke highly of the experience.

"We would definitely help bring out their abilities and it was just fun practicing with them and playing good basketball," Mateo said. "And it's nice when you see them win because you feel like you may have helped them do that."

Mateo participated under the guidance of former YSU women's head coach Bob Boldon's staff. While current Penguins head coach John Barnes and his staff are just in their second year at YSU, they also implemented male practice players in their debut season last year.

"It's something that's pretty popular in the women's basketball side," Nicolais said. "If you get some guys that can play and are athletic, it serves as good competition for our players to challenge themselves and get better. That's what we're looking for."



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In an attempt to improve the team's strength, basketball coaches for the YSU women's basketball team are looking for male students to attend practices.