

GRADING KASICH ON HIGHER EDUCATION



John Kasich, the current governor of Ohio, is highly likely to get re-elected come this November. During his time in office, the governor has pushed performance-based funding for higher education in Ohio; this is likely to continue into his next term.

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With Ohio's gubernatorial election quickly approaching, and Governor John Kasich's re-election a near certainty, what will his continued administration bring to Ohio's education system and Youngstown State University in particular?

Most notable among the higher education policies Kasich enacted during his first term is performance-based funding, which ties public higher education financial backing to course completion and graduation rates. Prior to this, public colleges and universities were awarded state funds based on enrollment numbers.

Jack Fahey, vice president of student affairs at YSU, ap-

proves of performance-based funding and said the university was moving in that direction before Kasich's policies were implemented.

"It's been a good thing for students and a good thing for the state, as well as the university," Fahey said.

Jeff Robinson, director of communications for the Ohio Board of Regents, said it was too early to tell whether or not the policy has been a success,

but the policy hopes to align incentives with student success.

"The purpose is to have more students graduate and complete their degrees," Robinson said.

There have been some concerns that tying funding to outcomes forces public institutions to narrow their open-door policies, which could have a negative impact on vulnerable students such as

minorities, low-income students, women and aging students. Instead of helping these students graduate, universities will close their doors to them in order to increase graduation rates.

Teri Riley, the current interim provost and associate provost for academic administration, said performance-based funding played a role in the university's decision to move away from open access.

"It's caused us to re-examine our admission standards because one of the things that we want to make sure of is that we're bringing in students who are going to be able to be successful," Riley said.

Robinson said this is a result of the state's "remediation free" standards. They found that the students who require remedial courses when they enter college are most likely to become discouraged and drop out. The state is putting programs in place to better prepare high school students for higher education.

"The idea is to have a greater number of students college-ready in their freshman year," Robinson said.

Fahey said it is not beneficial for universities to accept students who can't complete courses or stay on track to graduate.

"It doesn't do a student any good to come to YSU, take out loans and not be successful," Fahey said.

Riley said that Eastern Gateway Community College has made the transition from open access easier.

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Prom Without the Pretense: Diversity Prom Comes to Campus

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Old Hollywood, live music and an open, accepting wild party await those attending YSU's Diversity Prom Friday, Oct. 10. Tickets are on sale now for \$5 and it is open to the public.

Offering the opportunity to go to prom with whoever you wish, regardless of race, gender, sexual orientation or any other attribute, the Diversity Prom is meant to provide a venue for couples of any makeup to be themselves and enjoy an evening of entertainment.

Tim Bortner, the president of YSU, hopes to see the prom filled with couples from all walks of life.

"The Diversity Prom is a place where you can be yourself, without judgment. It's not just for gay people ... you can go with whoever you want, without feeling as though you're doing something wrong," Bortner said.

The event, created by for-

mer YSU president Lisa Ronquillo and Bortner, is in its second year.

Prior to last year's inaugural event, Ronquillo and Bortner held an informal survey of the YSU members, asking how many of them had attended their high school proms. The pair found few had attended prom, and even fewer went with the person they would have ideally accompanied. For most, they chose not to attend primarily because they could not attend with their ideal date.

Seeking to provide an alternative for those who missed their opportunity, YSU joined forces with Erin Driscoll, associate director of residence life; William Blake of the Office of Student Diversity Programs; Joy Byers, the director of Campus Recreation, and Equality Ohio, a statewide human rights organization, to formulate and execute the event.

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BETTING ON NEW JOBS



PHOTO BY ALAN RODGES/THE JAMBAR.

Austintown's Hollywood Gaming Racino is bringing opportunities to the Valley — offering positions in hospitality and private security, among others.

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Penn National Gaming opened the doors to its Hollywood Gaming at Mahoning Valley Race Course in Austintown on Sept. 17.

Penn National spent \$250 million on the racino, which has 850 video lottery terminals, six different restaurants and a one-mile horse racing track with over 1,000 seats. The races begin on Nov.

24, but the racino also has a simulcast theater that will show horse races from across the country year-round.

The casino is employing 400 people, with 65 percent of the positions being full time. They are hiring in areas such as security, hospitality management and marketing.

Mark Zetts, the coordinator of Youngstown State University's hospitality management program, said students had been offered the ability to tour the facility prior to its

opening.

"They've been actively involved in trying to recruit people," Zetts said. "They are very interested in the relationship with the university."

Queeta Hewitt, director of human resources at the racino, said the general manager has made contact but most of their energy has been focused on opening at this point.

"We definitely want to

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YSU Launches Senior Youth Mentorship Program



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The Senior Youth Mentorship Steering Committee, as well as the program's founders Joseph Lyons and Michael Welsh were recently awarded a grant to fund their work offering institutional support for at-risk teenagers.

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Joseph Lyons, director of Youngstown State University's health and human services master's program, and Michael Welsh, his graduate assistant, have founded a mentorship program for at risk youth.

The program aims to help troubled teens age 14-18 by pairing them with senior citizens for mentorship.

The two main functions the program hopes to serve for these teens is to prepare them for either future education, or for a place in the work force, and to impart general knowledge and life skills to these children who may not have had role models to impart it previously.

Welsh has had a variety of social work experience prior to this program and has learned a lot about the children

in this segment of the population.

"A lot of these individuals don't need rehabilitated. They need habilitated," he said. "They've never had a guidance or social structure that provided them with certain life skills that folks like you and I take for granted."

Lyons views the targeted age group of the program as a critical point for these children.

"These individuals are on the threshold of going one way or the other. If they go in the negative direction they could end up in the prison system or on probation, so turning these people around, getting them into education, getting them into a job, getting them into a life independent of an institution is really the way to go," Lyons said.

One reason this is such a critical time for these teenagers is that they are approaching the point in their lives where they have traditionally been abandoned by the system. As such, many people are cared for through childhood and upon reaching their teenage years released from institutional support without any idea how to become successful citizens in society.

"The problem when you're 17 years old is you're afraid of what's going to happen to you, and you don't know what's going to come since you've only been around 17 years," Lyons said.

Lyons hopes that mentors can help prepare these children.

Maureen Reardon, YSU's internship coordinator, is serving as a mentor in the program. She also believes that it can help to fill a role absent from many of these teenager's lives.

"I think [the program] is very important. We have a lot of children who do not have all the strengths that others have within family life. Some children live in residential centers, some live with only one parent. I think we are addressing broken families and helping children to grow into the potential people they can be," Reardon said.

Lyons and Welsh have worked closely with local organizations Safe-house Ministries and Big Brothers and Big Sisters of the Mahoning Valley in developing their program. Many of the youth being paired with mentors come from these programs.

The mentorship program has been funded by a \$13,875 grant from the Youngstown Foundation. This is a one-time start up grant, and the program hopes to find additional funding for the future.

A steering committee has been organized, comprised of YSU faculty, local judges, elected officials and other members of the community who have pledged their backing and resources.

State Senator Joseph Schiavoni is a member of the steering committee. He believes that the incorporation of individuals from various areas is integral to the program's success.

"Everybody has to do their part in order for it to be a success, and I know that with the people here, it will be," Schiavoni said.

YSU President Jim Tressel is pleased for the university to be a part of this program.

"It's always good when people come together to serve others," Tressel said. "There are so many good things going on in our community. At YSU we're very proud to be a part of this particular one."

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"One of the reasons why we were able to reevaluate our admissions practices is we now have Eastern Gateway," Riley said. "So for a student who doesn't meet the admissions qualifications to come here, we can now encourage them to attend Eastern Gateway, where a few years ago that wouldn't have been a possibility for those students."

But the model isn't perfect.

"One of the problems is that if we improve in terms of our course completion rate and the graduation rates, it's a fixed pie — so if we improve and everybody else is improving, we don't get any more as a result of that," Riley said.

Some have reported shrinking budget outlays to Ohio's public universities during Kasich's tenure, but that isn't the case.

"Governor Kasich has actually allocated more money for higher education over the two-year biennium," Robinson said.

The increase amounts to a few hundred dollars per student enrolled in Ohio's higher education system. Specifically for YSU, this comes after 15 years in which the amount of

money received from the state per full-time-equivalent student in inflation-adjusted dollars was cut nearly in half.

"It's a matter of how the state is identifying its budgeting priorities," Riley said. "We're now at about 22 percent of our funding coming from the state, and the remainder of it is coming from tuition. When I first started at the university it was the exact opposite, we had about three-fourths of our revenue coming from the state and about one-fourth from tuition."

The average full-time-equivalent student enrolled in Ohio's public university system receives \$4,182.71 from the state compared to approximately \$3,600 at YSU. The average public university nationwide receives only 47 percent of its funding from tuition. At YSU, that number is 72 percent.

These trends began before Kasich was in office or performance-based funding took hold.

"We're just in a changing climate, and we have to figure out how best we can adjust," Riley said.

US Clean Air Act Cited as Big First Step in Emissions Control

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GENEVA — World leaders met in New York on Tuesday to discuss how to tackle the risks posed by climate change, but there was little discussion of one increasingly obvious observation: The planet might be in better shape today if more countries had followed the lead of Richard Nixon's administration when it and Congress enacted the pioneering Clean Air Act in 1970.

World experts credit the act, which was revised in 1977 and 1990, with giving the United States an early lead in fighting air pollution. That's reflected in health and air pollution measurements in the second decade of the 21st century.

Alistair Woodward, who was the coordinating lead author of the health chapter in the fifth assessment report by the Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change, told McClatchy that two years of improvement in U.S. life expectancy "are attributable to lower emissions."

Similarly, the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency credited implementation of the Clean Air Act with "preventing hundreds of thousands of cases of serious health effects each year."

Indeed, a study this year of air pollution around the world by the World Health Organization found that U.S. cities fare much better than cities elsewhere in the amount of fine particle matter in the air, the best indicator of the level of health risks from air pollution.

The global agency found that, in general, large cities in the United States were likely to have much lower levels of particles measuring

2.5 micrometers in diameter or less floating in every cubic meter of air. A safe level is considered 10 milligrams per cubic meter.

New York's level was measured at 14 milligrams per cubic meter, Los Angeles' was measured at 20 and Chicago's at 13. Compare that with other major world cities such as Beijing's 58, New Delhi's 173 and Cairo's 73. European cities were closer to U.S. levels, with London at 16, Paris at 17 and Berlin at 20.

Several U.S. cities were below the 10-milligram level, including Durham-Chapel Hill, N.C., at 8, Raleigh-Cary, N.C., at 9, Miami-Fort Lauderdale, at 8, Sacramento, Calif., at 9, Wichita, Kan., at 9, Lexington, Ky., at 10, and Seattle-Tacoma-Bellevue at 10.

Cities that reported higher levels included Dallas-Fort Worth (12), Macon, Ga. (12), Kansas City (15) and Modesto, Calif. (15). One of the highest levels, 45 milligrams per cubic meter, was reported at Fresno, Calif.

Two world cities that ranked lower in fine particle pollution were Sydney, with a reading of 5, and Toronto, with 8.

Overall, the WHO estimates that 7 million people die annually worldwide because of air pollution, according to estimates released Monday.

"I'm afraid the figures are very dramatic," said Maria Neira, the WHO director for environmental and social determinants of public health. "Air pollution is one of the most significant health risks we are confronting today."

A study by the Paris-based Organization for Economic Cooperation and Development published in May estimated that air pollution costs the advanced economies plus China and India about \$3.5 trillion a year in premature deaths and ill health. The study warned that the costs will rise without government action to limit vehicle emissions.



Student Involvement Club Connects Students at YSU

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If you've been itching to get more involved in student affairs at Youngstown State University, but aren't exactly sure where to begin, there is a new club on campus just for you. The Student Involvement Club aims to connect and engage students who wish to participate in school events.

The new club went public on Twitter on Sept. 16, and has slowly been gaining followers. The group's origins came by way of the Peer Mentor Team.

Paul Farbman, club president and peer mentor, hopes the group will act as a hub for students interested in participating with campus life.

"The goal of this group is to connect students that would like to attend campus events, but don't know who to go with or what is offered," Farbman said. "We will be forming groups to attend at least two campus activities per month. Most of these activities are free with a YSU ID."

The group also plans on completing one community service project every semester.

Interested students can attend an informational meeting on Oct. 2 in Kilcawley Center's Easterly Room 2069 at 5:15 p.m. On Monday, Oct. 6, the club will be attending the Dana Jazz Ensemble Concert. The group will meet at 7:30 p.m. in the Chestnut Room in Kilcawley Student Center.

Rachel Davis, advertisement coordinator, says the main goal is to create a more welcoming environment to students who are new to YSU.

"We think that [organizing group events] makes it easier for students to meet new people and get acquainted," Davis said. "Also, for people who feel that they never have anyone to go with when they are interested in upcoming events, they now have a group."

Students can join Student Involvement Club on Symplicity, Twitter and soon find them located in Kilcawley Center.

Upcoming events include a homecoming tailgate, a jazz ensembles concert and a planetarium presentation.

Farbman says that as long as at least two people wish to participate in an event, the Student Involvement Club will send a group, and will enter the names of all students who attend events in a prize drawing.

"This group is primarily set up to be a starting point for those that want to be involved in college activities," Farbman said. "No dues are collected and the time commitment is as much as the student can offer. We hope that Student Involvement Club will improve the college experience for many YSU students."

For more information about Student Involvement Club, contact Paul Farbman at pffarbman@student.ysu.edu and follow the club on Twitter at @YSU_SIC.

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reach out and build a relationship with [the university]," Hewitt said.

Zetts said between the racino and the hotels opening around it, there are many opportunities for people in the hospitality management program.

"There are so many opportunities with the new growth in our market right now that we quite frankly don't have enough students with a lot of the needs that are out there," Zetts said.

Richard Rogers, a criminal justice professor at the university, said the criminal justice department has been adapting to meet an increased demand for security jobs as well.

"Private security is a growing area, and we actually have a private security track," Rogers said.

Penn National Gaming has predicted that the casino will bring in between \$9 million and \$11 million annually.

According to A.J. Sumell, an economics professor at YSU, when new entertainment options appear the money spent at them is typically diverted from other local sources of entertainment. People in the area will go to the racino, but they

will spend less at places like movie theaters and restaurants to compensate for that.

This means that the jobs and revenue the racino is expecting could be displaced from other entertainment options in the Valley.

"It's going to depend on how many people the racino brings to the area, that wouldn't otherwise have come to Youngstown," Sumell said.

Rogers said crime tends to go up in cities when you introduce casinos, but the new racino in Austintown may not have that problem.

"This may be a different situation because you're not really hanging out in the town. Casinos attract all kinds of things — people who are drunk, people who are looking for prostitutes, all of that kind of stuff — but I'm not sure what happens in this particular case because you're not really going to walk from the racino to your hotel. This is a very different concept that a lot of people are doing with the smaller casinos," Rogers said.

Rogers said the other casinos that have been developed this way are too new to have a good understanding of how they affect crime rates.

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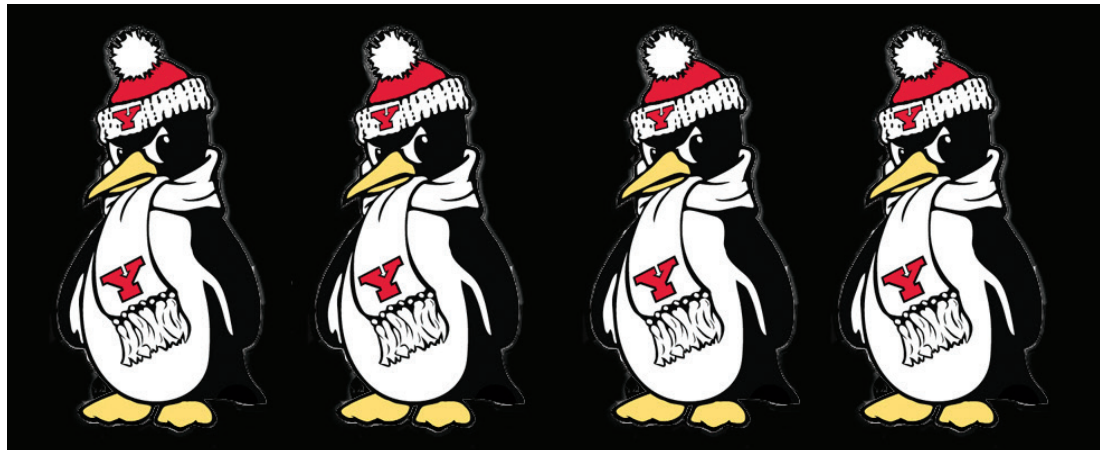
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Run Y-Town 10-Miler

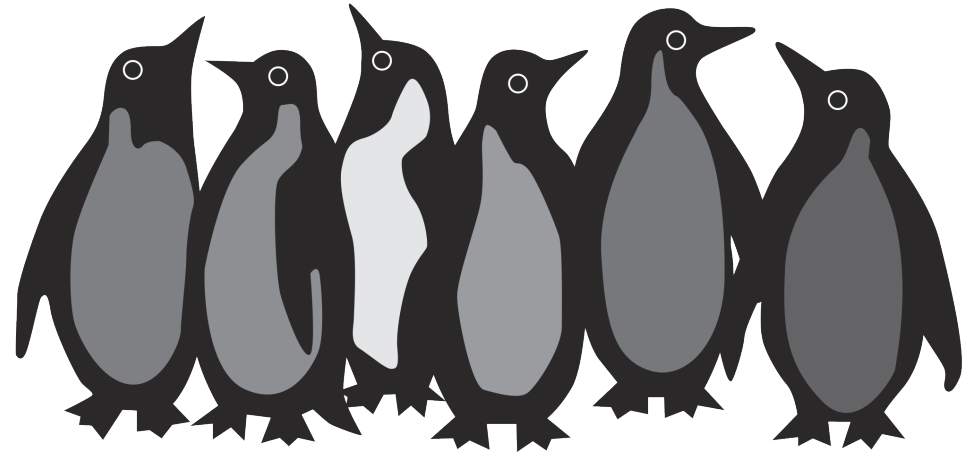
Second Sole in Boardman is hosting a ten-mile race on Sunday, Sept. 28 from 8:30 a.m. to 1 p.m. Registration ends Saturday, Sept. 27. Money raised will go toward local Alzheimer's Association research. For more information, call 330-758-8708.

Thomas Colloquium to be Given by TOMS founder

Blake Mycoskie, TOMS founder and New York Times best-selling author, is the featured speaker at the Paul J. and Marguerite K. Thomas Colloquium on Free Enterprise at 7 p.m. on Tuesday, Oct. 7, in Stambaugh Auditorium. The lecture is free and open to the public, but tickets are mandatory. Tickets are first-come, first-served and are available at the Stambaugh Auditorium Box Office and the Dean's Office in the Williamson College of Business Administration.

"End of Life" Conference to be Hosted at YSU

"A Journey through the End of Life: A Family's Perspective," a conference about end-of-life issues, will be presented at 8 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. on Friday Oct. 3. The cost is \$35 for registration. The student fee is \$10. For more information, contact YSU Metro College at 330-941-2465.



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The prom's inaugural run had an old-time carnival theme, embracing the image of the prom as a place where people could let their inner "freak" out.

"Everyone's a freak nowadays, and we wanted to celebrate that," Bortner said.

This year, the prom will feature a vintage Hollywood theme: a mock red carpet photo shoot for willing participants, movie themed decor, gift raffles and a live performance by Nashville-based musician Korby Lenker. Theater food, such as pizza and popcorn, will be available at the event.

While the event's primary purpose is to have fun and raise awareness, Christina Yovick, YSUnity vice president, also sees the prom as an opportunity to fundraise.

"Our goal this year includes using the funds raised at the prom to bring speakers and performers to campus to educate the YSU campus about LGBTQIA rights and issues," Yovick said.

Last year's prom was a success for YSUnity, selling over 100 tickets to the event, and quickly became one of the most important annual events for the organization.

"The prom has quickly become a top priority for YSUnity. The Diversity Prom serves as the largest YSUnity event over the academic year ... we anticipate roughly 250 people to attend," Yovick said.

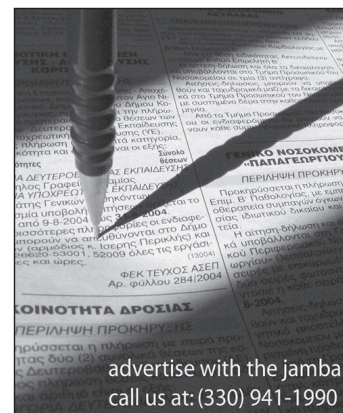
The Diversity Prom will be the final event for "Coming Out Week," a week of awareness focusing on LGBTQIA issues and culmi-

nating with National Coming Out Day on Oct. 11. YSUnity will welcome lecturers from regional and international non-violence and human rights organizations, as well as presenters from the transgender and bisexual community, run information tables and host interactive programs — such as the NOH8 photo shoot — as part of the week's events.

YSUnity hopes to grow the event in ticket sales and its cultural influence.

"I would love to see [the Diversity Prom] get bigger and bigger, and to see it involve more campuses," Bortner said.

Tickets to the Diversity Prom can be purchased online at YSUnity's website for \$5 or purchased at the door for \$6.



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Blake Mycoskie is the Founder and Chief Shoe Giver of TOMS and the person behind the idea of One for One, which has turned into a global movement. Since it began in 2006, TOMS has given ten million pairs of new shoes to children in need. The company also recently expanded its unique business model to include TOMS Eyewear, helping to save and restore sight to more than 150,000 people in need around the world.

TOMS humble beginnings happened unintentionally. While traveling in Argentina in 2006, Blake witnessed the hardships faced by children growing up without shoes. His solution to the problem was simple, yet revolutionary: to create a for-profit business that was sustainable and not reliant on donations. Blake's vision soon turned into the simple business idea that provided the powerful foundation for TOMS.

Over the course of its first five years, TOMS was successful enough in providing shoes for children in need, but Blake, having recognized other vital needs during his travels around the world, realized that One for One, could be applied to more than shoes. He developed the idea for TOMS Eyewear, where, for every pair of eyewear purchased, TOMS would help give sight to a person in need. One for One.

In the fall of 2011, Blake released his first book, "Start Something that Matters," offering his own amazing story of inspiration and the power of incorporating giving into business. He references other companies and individuals who have been motivated and inspired to integrate philanthropy into their profession as well as their personal lives. The book became a New York Times best-seller. More importantly, it is Blake's hope that "Start Something That Matters" inspires others to turn their passion and dreams into a reality.

From shoes to eyewear and now a book, Blake's unique approach to business has awarded him with numerous accolades. In 2009 Blake and TOMS received the Secretary of State's 2009 Award of Corporate Excellence (ACE). At the Clinton Global Initiative University plenary session, President Clinton introduced Blake to the audience as "one of the most interesting entrepreneurs (I've) ever met." People Magazine featured Blake in its "Heroes Among Us" section, and TOMS was featured in the Bill Gates Time Magazine article "How to Fix Capitalism." In 2011 Blake was included on Fortune Magazine's "40 Under 40" list, recognizing him as one of the top young businessmen in the world.

Before TOMS, Blake, a native of Texas who always had an entrepreneurial spirit, started five businesses. His first was a successful campus laundry service, which he later sold. Between business ventures, Blake competed in the CBS primetime series, "The Amazing Race." With his sister, Paige, Blake traveled the world and came within minutes of winning the \$1 million grand prize.

Blake is an avid reader and traveler. He is passionate about inspiring young people to help make tomorrow better, encouraging them to include giving in everything they do. His hope is to see a future full of socially-minded businesses and consumers.

Youngstown State University, through the income from an endowment established by Paul J. and Marguerite K. Thomas, began the annual "Colloquium on Free Enterprise" in 1981. Reflecting the Thomases' involvement in the business community and their interest in the community at large, the Colloquium fosters ideas that are conducive to the growth of the free enterprise system. It promotes free enterprise as a viable force in the U.S. economy. The aims of the Colloquium are to provide a series of outstanding lectures or workshops by recognized leaders in business, economics, and finance for both the public and the academic community, to provide a library for use by business people, students, and citizens of the community, to serve as a clearing house for the exchange of ideas to foster common goals of industry, business, and finance in the free enterprise system, and to stimulate the thinking and long-range planning of business, government, and individuals on ways to foster the growth of free enterprise.

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Tickets can be picked up Monday through Friday at the Stambaugh Auditorium box office between 9 am and 6 pm.

A shuttle will be available for students starting at 4:30 pm to take them from campus to Stambaugh. It will be on a continuous loop with stops at the letters at WCBA, McDonough Museum and in front of the Cafaro House. Return service will be available following the lecture.

For more information, call the YSU Alumni and Events Office at 330-941-3497.

Arrangements for Mr. Mycoskie's appearance were made by The GUILD Agency.



VIOLENCE DROPS IN MEXICO, BUT KILLING OF LAWMAKER SHOWS CRIME BOSSES STILL POWERFUL

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Consider it a case of dismal coincidence.

As President Enrique Peña Nieto touted to bankers in New York City earlier this week that criminal violence had fallen sharply in Mexico, armed commandos in the city of Guadalajara carried out a brazen daylight abduction.

Their target: a federal legislator.

Moving in three vehicles Monday about 5:30 p.m., the commandos cornered the blue Chevrolet Suburban of Deputy Gabriel Gomez Michel on a ring road near the airport. The next morning, the vehicle turned up in the neighboring state of Zacatecas with two charred bodies inside. On Wednesday, authorities said DNA tests confirmed that Gomez and his aide, Heriberto Nunez Ramos, were the two victims.

The brazen hit on a federal lawmaker underscored that in some corners of Mexico, organized crime still does what it wants on major thoroughfares in daylight with no fear of retribution — even if the overall homicide rate trends downward.

“It’s very worrisome,” said Jorge Chabat, a public security analyst. “We’re talking about very powerful criminals who have no fear of the power of the state.”

Closed-circuit security cameras captured the daylight abduction, and Jalisco state Attorney General Luis Carlos Najera said Wednesday that the group that snatched Gomez “is very well-structured, very well-organized.”

It is unknown which crime group wanted to kill Gomez, a pediatrician elected to the 500-seat Chamber of

Deputies in 2012 on the ticket of the Ecological Green Party of Mexico, a faction aligned with the ruling Institutional Revolutionary Party.

Gomez, a former semi-professional soccer player, was from the town of El Grullo in southwest Jalisco state near the coast. The head of a crime group known as the Jalisco New Generation Cartel, Nemesio Oseguera Cervantes, is believed to use the town as his headquarters.

“It’s a stronghold. It’s not like Guadalajara where you have a lot of groups operating,” said Tristan Reed, an analyst on Mexico for Stratfor, a global intelligence and advisory firm based in Austin, Texas.

Reed said he believes a rival of the Jalisco New Generation Cartel may have carried out the abduction and killing. The commandos drove Gomez three hours to Apulco, a town in Zacatecas state known for methamphetamine production under a faction of the Gulf Cartel.

Whatever the motive, the abduction was “an open challenge to the authority of the Mexican government,” Chabat said.

The abduction coincided with a speech Peña Nieto offered to The Economic Club of New York, a forum of top business and financial executives, in which he affirmed that “the homicide and crime rate in our country is clearly trending downward.”

Murders have fallen 29 percent since 2012, he said, and Mexican states bordering the United States have seen an average 40 percent fall in violent crimes.

“These results allow us to see that we are on the correct path ... the path to diminishing levels of violence,” Peña Nieto said.

Reed said the killing of the legislator marked a setback to Peña Nieto’s efforts to promote an improved

security panorama.

“Peña Nieto’s security strategy is as much about improving security as it is about improving the perception of security, and so this is very much a hit,” Reed said.

Gunmen killed another ruling party federal deputy, Moises Villanueva de la Luz, in Guerrero state in 2011. Crime gang henchmen also are blamed in the 2010 killing of the ruling party candidate for governor of the border state of Tamaulipas, Rodolfo Torre Cantu.

The public security panorama has shifted following the February capture of Sinaloa Cartel boss Joaquin “El Chapo” Guzman, tagged by the Obama administration as the world’s most wanted crime boss.

Mexican news outlets reported in late August that leaders of four organized crime groups met in the border city of Piedras Negras, in Coahuila state, in June to discuss forming an alliance after years of bloody inter-cartel warfare. Among those allegedly attending the underworld meeting was Oseguera, the Jalisco New Generation Cartel boss known by the nickname “El Mencho.”

Also attending were Vicente Carrillo Fuentes, head of the Juarez Cartel; Omar Trevino Morales, a leader of Los Zetas; and a representative of the Beltran Leyva organization, Fausto Isidro Meza, known as “El Chapo Isidro.”

Chabat said any pact reached among the crime bosses would not endure.

“That these groups would reach a pact is not unusual. They’ve done it in the past. But they don’t last long. Eventually, one group gets stronger than the others and it tries to impose its will,” Chabat said. “Eventually, they will return to violence.”

Eisenhower Memorial Design Passes One Hurdle, but Not at Finish Line Yet

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The Eisenhower Memorial Commission, under fire from lawmakers and critics over a controversial design to honor the nation’s 34th president, Dwight D. Eisenhower, decided Wednesday in an unusual email vote to proceed with a revised design by famed architect Frank Gehry.

The 8-2 vote means that the commission, which has been dogged by disputes over the design and funding for the last several years, will return to the National Capital Planning Commission with the revised design Oct. 2. Earlier this year, the commission, one of the memorial’s approving bodies, rejected the original Gehry plan.

The Eisenhower memorial, first approved by Congress in 1999, has barely moved off center since Gehry’s design was unveiled in 2010. Critics blasted the design, and the late president’s grandson, historian David Eisenhower, resigned from the commission, though he had been supportive of Gehry’s design.

The family, however, was split. David Eisenhower’s sisters, the former president’s granddaughters, Susan and Anne Eisenhower, emerged as vocal opponents of the original design. They now speak for the family, and in a letter Sept. 15 they said it would not support the revised Gehry design, either.

Congress has cut back on the memorial’s funding because of the ongoing controversy.

Nonetheless, Wednesday’s

vote may well give momentum to the world-renowned architect’s revised vision and jumpstart the process after critics had been arguing for a complete overhaul of his design. Gehry’s willingness to compromise with opponents has won over some of the stiffest opposition.

The modified design removes two of the metal tapestries that have been the center of controversy, leaving one large tapestry along the length of the memorial space and two bas-relief sculptures in the middle.

Gehry eliminated the two tapestries, which the planning commission said diminished the sight lines to the U.S. Capitol, and left two 80-foot columns to frame the four-acre rectangular space. The memorial is designated to be built on a tract on the National Mall across from the Smithsonian’s National Air and Space Museum and in front of the Lyndon Baines Johnson Department of Education Building.

Planning commission members were generally favorable to the revised design when they first saw it at an informational meeting earlier this month.

Rep. Darrell Issa, R-Calif., who is on the planning commission, had asked that the Eisenhower commission members consider an alternative that removed the remaining tapestry altogether and left only the so-called memorial core — a bas-relief of Eisenhower as supreme allied commander on D-Day, another of him as president, and a sculpture of him in the middle as a young cadet at the U.S. Military Academy.

However, the commission

rejected that option Wednesday, and it separately rejected an option to delay a decision until November, also by a vote of 8-2.

Drama over the memorial continued Wednesday when it was disclosed that Sen. Jerry Moran, R-Kan., one of the original commission members who had served since 2001, had resigned on Sept. 17, the day of the Eisenhower commission’s annual meeting.

At that meeting, there were not enough commission members for a quorum, so the staff proposed a virtual vote for Sept. 24.

Moran was a supporter of Gehry’s original design, which relied heavily on Eisenhower’s boyhood connection to Kansas. Eisenhower was born in Texas but moved to Kansas when he was very young.

“Senator Moran feels strongly about getting a memorial built for President Eisenhower and has been a staunch advocate for the state of Kansas to have a presence within the memorial design,” Moran’s communications director, Garrette Silverman, said in an email.

She said that Moran’s “ongoing support for the inclusion of Kansas has led him to conclude that this stance is blocking a memorial to President Eisenhower from completion. He hopes an Eisenhower Memorial is completed soon.”

With Moran off the commission, there were 11 members, but another commissioner, Sen. Jack Reed, D-R.I., did not vote.

Multiple-Victim Shootings Have Reached ‘An Alarming Rate,’ FBI Says

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Active-shooter incidents, in which gunmen try to kill people in a populated area, are becoming more common and more deadly, according to a first-of-its-kind FBI study released Wednesday.

In often chilling detail, the FBI study reveals that most of the 160 shooting incidents examined ended within just a few minutes and were almost always perpetrated by men. And each incident that occurs, officials add, can provide twisted inspiration for copycat killers down the road.

Between 2000 and 2006, the study found, an average of 6.4 active-shooter incidents occurred annually. Between 2007 and 2013, the average more than doubled — to 16.4 such incidents each year.

“It’s troubling,” FBI Assistant Director James F. Yacone told reporters. “They’re cropping up around the country at an alarming rate.”

The “copycat phenomenon,” added Andre B. Simons, of the FBI’s famed Behavioral Analysis Unit, “is real.”

The nation’s 18,000 law enforcement agencies, as well as fire and rescue departments, have been struggling to develop training and protocols for confronting active-shooter scenarios. Officials define an active shooter as “an individual actively engaged in killing or attempting to kill people in a confined and populated area.”

Some active-shooter incidents achieve lasting notoriety, as when 24-year-old James Holmes killed 12 people and wounded 70 at a movie theater in Aurora, Colo., in 2012. Holmes’ trial — he has pleaded not guilty by reason of insanity — has been set to start in December, though that could be delayed.

Other active-shooter incidents studied by the FBI remain primarily local tragedies, as when 42-year-old Laurence Jones killed two people, wounded two others and then committed suicide at a Fresno, Calif., food processing plant in November 2012; or when 42-year-old Pedro Alberto Vargas killed six people at an apartment complex in Hialeah, Fla., in July 2013.

“Many active shooters have a real or perceived, deeply held grievance,” Simons said, adding that the public shooting may give a sense of “omnipotent control plus notoriety.”

Vargas was subsequently killed by police in a shootout, an

encounter that the study further notes puts law enforcement officers at real risk of harm. Law enforcement “engaged” a shooter in 45 of the 160 incidents studied. In 21 of these incidents, officers were either killed or wounded. The numbers, officials say, drive home some life-or-death lessons.

“Law enforcement needs to be ready, and needs to be thinking ahead before they arrive,” said Katherine Schweit, program manager for the FBI’s Active Shooter Initiative.

Proper equipment and relevant training, officials added, are needed even in small, rural departments, where response times may lag. That could mean equipping more officers with improved body armor, helmets, rifles and compatible emergency radios, officials suggested Wednesday. They noted that only one of the 160 incidents studied were ended by a SWAT team.

“It is the line-level officer where the rubber meets the road,” said study co-author J. Pete Blair of Texas State University.

Researchers also found, though, that active-shooter incidents often end before police show up. In 21 of the 160 incidents, unarmed citizens confronted the shooter and ended the threat. In 90 of the incidents, the shooter either committed suicide, stopped shooting or fled the scene.

“Citizens need to be ready and think about what they might have to do,” Schweit said.

Thinking quickly, in particular, may be essential. In 64 incidents where duration could be determined, 44 ended in five minutes or less, with 23 ending in two minutes or less.

Nearly half of the incidents occurred in what officials called “areas of commerce,” as when Auburn Edward Blake killed a customer and then himself at a Wendy’s restaurant in West Palm Beach, Fla., in March 2008.

Schools, like Sandy Hook Elementary School in Newtown, Conn. — where Adam Lanza shot and killed 20 students and six adults in December 2012 — and other educational environments, were the site of about 24 percent of the incidents.

All but six of the 160 incidents involved male shooters, as when 48-year-old Jesse Ray Palmer wounded a woman at a courthouse in Girard, Kan., in September 2011 and then was killed by police.

“We’re susceptible to this type of violence, regardless of the size of the community,” said FBI Assistant Director Kerry Sleeper.

LA TO VISIT STAMBAUGH AUDITORIUM WITH R5



PHOTO COURTESY OF R5/HOLLYWOOD RECORDS

R5, a popular band touring nationally, will be making a stop in Youngstown on Sept. 25 at the Stambaugh Auditorium at 7 p.m.

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Tomorrow, Youngstown will be host to R5, a nationally touring band popular with teens and young adults.

The band formed in Los Angeles, California in 2009. The group consists of brothers Ross Lynch (lead vocalist, rhythm guitar), Riker Lynch (bass), Rocky Lynch (guitar), their sister Rydel Lynch (keyboard) and friend Ellington Ratliff (drums). R5 developed their name from all having R's to begin the band members' first or last names.

The group began gaining fans quickly and created a YouTube web series called R5 TV to keep their fans informed on everything they were doing. The channel helped launch their career and became a successful aspect in marketing the band, with over 4 million views to date. The band also got a boost in fans when Ross Lynch landed acting roles with the Disney co-operation, playing Austin Moon in the sitcom "Aus-

tin & Ally" and starring in "Teen Beach Movie."

With growing support for the band coming in at all angles, they released their first EP, "Ready Set Rock," on March 9, 2010. It did surprisingly well, becoming one of the Top 3 on the iTunes charts within 24 hours of its release.

The group later was signed to Hollywood Records in April 2012. In August 2013, Radio Disney began promoting their up-and-coming album, "Louder," by playing the single, "Pass Me By." The album later climbed its way up to number 2 on the iTunes charts.

Now, with their latest album, "Louder," out, R5 is making their way across the nation in their biggest tour yet. The group has a stop in Youngstown, and the venue is expecting a full house.

Kelly Geisel, the director of marketing and advertising at Stambaugh Auditorium, said that they are excited to host the up and coming band.

"Bringing a young ... band like R5 to Stambaugh Auditorium allows us to introduce a whole new audience into our iconic facility," Geisel said. "Building a relationship with a younger generation means that

they will have an understanding of the types of events we have to offer as well as an appreciation for this beautiful facility."

According to Geisel, Stambaugh Auditorium has been known for hosting events geared toward more mature audiences, such as organists and orchestras. Lately, the venue has been bringing in different stars — like Florida Georgia Line, Kelly Pickler, Lewis Black and Brian Regan — and having them fare extremely well.

Geisel said she is looking forward to hosting more shows geared towards all different audiences in the future with different acts like Kansas, Joe Nichols and The Newsboys all paying a visit to the facility.

Ticket prices vary for different shows, with many being free. For the 7 p.m. R5 show, the prices for tickets range from \$10-\$46 and some are still available for purchase.

A complete list of shows and events are available at stambaughauditorium.com or by calling the box office at 330-259-0555 or toll free at 1-866-516-2269.

Week of the Living Dead

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The Urban Gaming Club will be hosting the week-long Humans vs. Zombies event campus wide. This event started Sunday night with their opening ceremony after a mandatory meeting around 4 p.m. about the rules of the game.

The players are required to wear orange bandanas. The bandana placed on their head to designate players as zombies or around their arms if they are human. At the start of the game, all of the players but one are human. This one person is known as the original zombie.

Humans are armed with Nerf blasters, darts and rolled up socks — all effective weapons. Once the zombies are hit with a dart, they are stunned for a period of 15 minutes. The zombies are able to walk in the paths of humans at that time, but cannot attack until the 15 minutes are up.

The insides of buildings are considered safe zones for safety purposes. However, there will be zombies waiting around the doors waiting to get those who are unaware. It's every human for themselves.

Tyler Matthews, president of the UGC, and Vice President Michael Goldthwait, see this week-long as a game of tag where anything goes.

"We see everything from one guy running around with only one sock, to someone else



PHOTO BY ALAN RODGES/THE JAMBAR

Humans, armed to the teeth with plastic blasters and foam darts, march to square off with their perennial zombie rivals.

wearing every blaster known to mankind," Matthews said.

To Matthews and Goldthwait, the object of the game isn't to win or lose, it's a chance to have fun and meet new people. There have even been some cases of students that come from various campuses to join in the game.

Goldthwait has been in-

involved in the week-long series since the very first in spring of 2013. He later became a moderator. Those duties include making the rules and instead of the regulatory orange bandana, they are given a white bandana to designate their place in the game.

For the past three games, the zombies have beaten out

the humans. The zombies have conquered each of the final missions. The players have special night missions that give the humans a chance to run and catch the zombies without getting distracted and a chance to hide without their armbands or headbands showing, while interacting in a story created by the mods. Safe

zones are nonexistent during these missions.

Matthews said that the game is designed to be for students to come from all over campus to have some fun and establish lasting connections.

"It's nerdy, but it's something that really a lot of people can have fun with," Goldthwait said.

EDITORIAL

PAY YOUR UNFAIR SHARE

Imagine the following scenario: a recent college graduate — who works two part-time jobs while trying desperately to pay the bills and keep up on loan payments — gets pulled over for a traffic violation. A judge then issues a fine of let's say \$90.

Our college graduate is already having a difficult enough time making ends meet. Now that he has a fine to pay, he might need about 60 days to somehow come up with the needed funds. Maybe he picks up more hours at work, or perhaps he borrows the needed money. Either way, the fine has imposed a serious financial burden and has served a function — it punishes the offender and discourages future traffic violations.

Now imagine another scenario: an established middle-aged man — who owns a small business and has already paid off his car and house payments — gets pulled over for the same traffic violation. As he did for the college graduate, the judge issues a fine of \$90.

Unlike our recent graduate though, the well established middle-aged man need not work more hours or borrow money from a friend; he just writes a check that day, pays his fine and goes on his merry way. The fine does not adequately punish him; it neither imposes a financial burden nor prevents him from committing future traffic violations.

So, is there a problem with our legal system? Does it favor the wealthy over the poor? And, if fines are issued

as a form of punishment, do they successfully punish those that can afford to easily pay them?

Realizing that the poor and downtrodden take a more substantial fiscal hit when dealing with the legal system, we propose that our government consider implementing fines for traffic, parking and littering violations that are calculated based on a person's daily income, rightfully forcing someone who makes more to pay more.

While this may seem like a radical proposition, it's hardly an original idea. Countries like Finland, Sweden and Germany have already successfully implemented this kind of fining formula. And, this formula is not much different than our current taxation system — in which people are placed into tax brackets based on income. A fine, after all, is similar to a tax.

We realize that this editorial will surely be met with harsh criticism; some readers will invariably claim that The Jambar wants to punish those who have worked hard to make a comfortable life for themselves.

But we firmly believe that the process of committing a crime should not be a product that can be purchased — a product that some can afford and others cannot.

Though our current legal system suggests otherwise, we further believe that people's worth should never be determined by the money they have in their pocket-book.

F--k Censorship

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I am a huge book nerd — the kind of book nerd that reads other books to avoid reading books for class. There's just something about getting lost in a story that is not my own that really draws me in. And as long as it's not boring — like reading about the war of 1812 — I will pretty much read anything.

The topic of banned books is one that really hits close to home for me. Books are my family and beyond that, I have a real authority issue — I know, what a surprise — so being told what to do is not something I take lightly.

Taking away the right to read certain books by public libraries is a matter of censorship. Censorship began back in the days of Grecian dominance — though I suspect earlier humans also had certain ... methods of silencing opposition — with the belief that it molded “the character of the citizens,” according to viking.coe.uh.edu.

Athens executed the philosopher Socrates in 339 B.C. for filling the Athenians heads with beliefs contrary to that of the elites, and they wanted to nip that in the bud, by any means necessary.

Other countries like China and Israel used censorship as a way to instill correct morals and values of their people.

The American Library As-

sociation reported that as of 2013, there were 307 challenges to have books and other material removed from a school or public library. The most common reasons given were sexually explicit content and offensive language that the challengers found unsuitable for the age group.

Another popular user of censorship with books is everyone's favorite governing body — the U.S. Federal government. The U.S. Patriot Act allows the government to see who is borrowing what. Although this is not banning, it is a sure sign that the proverbial big brother is watching, perhaps censoring without actually censoring. They are intimidating.

Technology has evolved censorship from banning books to banning other forms of expression, such as playing video games and watching certain movies. Violent behavior has begun to be attributed to certain video games and movies — bringing out censorship of those as well.

In “State Lawmakers Again Trying to Justify Video Game Censorship,” published in November 2013 by The Huffington Post, Berin Szoka discussed yet another bill proposed to further the research of video games and violent behaviors and ultimately to enact restrictions on those that show a direct

link to actual violence among the gamers.

The results of most studies going on, however, aren't consistent — failing to meet the burden of proof. What advocates of video game censorship must prove is not only a direct link between game players' violence and the video game in question, but also multiple examples of it. The results of these studies are coming up inconclusive.

It can be argued that we are censored for our safety, safeguarding us from the horrors of society — the horrors of violence and other explicit material in video games, books and real life. But perhaps exposing us to such horrors and harsh realities of the world will make us aware, knowledgeable individuals. After all, it is our right to express ourselves and the banned authors and video game creators were doing just that. Who is to say what expression is “appropriate” — it should be the decision of the readers and, without consistent proof of the expression causing violence, the banning in question is out of the question.

And I am not alone in this sentiment. Potter Stewart, a Supreme Court Justice from 1958-1981, said, “Censorship reflects a society's lack of confidence in itself.”

Censoring us does not promote our safety, but violates our liberty.

Michelle Quinn: How Apple Watch Can Avoid Some of Google Glass's Pitfalls

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The unveiling of Apple Watch earlier this month was the moment the nascent wearable computing industry has been waiting for.

Apple's entrance legitimizes the category and ensures that wearables will receive a lot more attention from consumers, businesses and application developers.

But I was wondering what Apple has to get right with Apple Watch so that it doesn't run into some of the backlash that the other notable wearables out there — like Google Glass — have experienced.

To its credit, Google Glass has tried to expand how people experience the Internet. The company's starting premise has been: Are there ways of being online other than looking away from people and down at screens? But Glass has been subject to a public pillorying. Comedians have poked fun at the early adopters, and there have been recurring concerns from some people about being secretly recorded by Glass wearers.

“In many ways Glass might be too futuristic for where the mass market is right now,” said Barak Kassar, a partner at Rassak Experience, a digital branding consultancy firm. “Glass is a big leap for the wearer and those around him or her. That's great for an early adopter crowd but not the mass market.”

Here is what Apple should do to avoid some of Glass's pitfalls:

—Tell us how Watch will make people's lives better.

In their Apple Watch un-

veiling, Apple executives described a myriad of things the device will be able to do, but it was difficult to come away with one clear idea of how a person's life would greatly improve with the gadget.

Glass likewise offers a lot of uses but no one clear use that makes it critical to own.

“Google hasn't found a way to make Glass a product that turns you into a better version of yourself,” said Todd Balsley, marketing director at Forest Giant.

So what does Apple have to do? “Obsess over simplicity,” he said. “Adding bells and whistles won't separate them; simplicity will. They have to tell us as consumers what Apple Watch is meant to do, and tell us a story of how it will make our lives better.”

—Make Apple Watch more than a smartphone on the wrist.

When Apple CEO Tim Cook talked about Watch, he said it would be a mistake to try to put all the features of the iPhone on the smaller screen and into a smaller device.

Even though one will need to use Watch with an iPhone, Watch will need to be its own stand-alone device, said Redg Snodgrass, founder and chief executive of Wearable World, an incubator, events and media firm focused on the wearable and the “Internet of Things” sectors.

“If they took the features that make the iPhone the most convenient mobile device ever and found a way where a watch can deliver and enhance those specific feature sets, then they'll win big,” he said.

In fact, if Apple Watch succeeds, he said, Apple could disrupt the smartphone market again by making phones obso-

lete.

—Take great advantage of being on the body.

Apple has described how Apple Watch will connect with users through something called “haptic feedback,” which refers to physical sensations delivered by gadgets (a simple example is a phone that vibrates when a new message arrives).

Rather than simply beeping when an important text message arrives on the iPhone, with an Apple Watch, a user may feel different kinds of vibrations. This will enhance the personal feel of Apple Watch.

“The most interesting thing is the haptic stuff,” said Bob O'Donnell, the founder and chief analyst at TECHanalysis Research. “You can do more than make a wrist buzz.”

—Think about how humans communicate offline and what freaks them out.

With Glass, Google aimed to make people look at each other and their surroundings while having access to a suspended computer screen. But some of those around Glass wearers have complained that they don't know if the wearer is paying attention to them or even recording them.

“Apple Watch should emit clear signs of recording, such as a combination sound like a beep and light,” said Bryan Alexander, senior fellow for the National Institute for Technology in Liberal Education and a consultant.

Yes, Apple Watch will be yet another screen to look at. But it will live on the wrist, not the face.

That should mean that Watch owners will make more eye contact. That is, as long as the Watch interface isn't too engaging.



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Golf: A Way of Life for Emily Dixon



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Emily Dixon grew up around the golf course, having picked up the sport at the young age of three. She is now a major contributor to the YSU women's golf team.

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Junior golfer Emily Dixon knows her way around a golf course — perhaps better than most currently on the PGA tour.

That's because she grew up with the sport. Her parents own a golf course, which allowed her to start golfing at the young age of three and already log in many years playing competitively.

"We have the course right in the center of our town," Dixon said. "And, it's nice to be able to wake up in the morning and walk out and just play or practice whenever I want. I live right behind the ninth hole."

Dixon said her constant access to the golf course has allowed her to improve her game.

"Being able to go out every day and practice helps, because usually when I come home for the summer, I'm out on the golf course every day, either practicing, chipping or playing nine holes before dark," she said. "I

get a lot of practice."

All of this practice has seemingly paid off.

After finishing her junior year of high school as the 11th best golfer in the state of Ohio, Dixon began her collegiate golfing career at the University of Toledo, where she recorded a 54-hole low of 235 at the Hoosier Invitational in Indiana.

Last spring, Dixon decided to transfer to Youngstown State University. Since then, she has only continued to improve — she shot a 73 at both the Red Flash Invitational

and Horizon League Championship, earning a medal in the former.

Dixon made the decision to come to YSU following a visit to campus.

"The girls I met were just awesome," she said. "And, I really, really liked coach Nate Miklos. His methods and the way he coaches were just exactly what I was looking for and what I didn't get at Toledo. I had issues with the coach there."

Dixon also said she enjoys playing at the local courses like Mill Creek Park and the Youngstown Country Club.

"I shot a 69 at the YCC, and we just played there again last week," Dixon said. "It was awesome. I like that course. I've played pretty well there."

As for her goals for the rest of the season, Dixon said she intends to play competitively while concurrently having fun.

"I try to take it one tournament at a time and one day at a time with my golf game," Dixon said. "I'm looking forward to ... Oakland. It'll be fun."

The women's golf team plays next in Rochester, Michigan at the Oakland Golden Grizzly Invitational.

YSU Ties Wright State

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The Youngstown State University women's soccer team opened Horizon League play against Wright State University with a 1-1 overtime tie on Wednesday night. The tie brings YSU to 4-4-2 on the season.

Wright State struck first with a goal by Natalie Sedlock, giving the Raiders a 1-0 lead with 32:53 left in the first half. The goal was Sedlock's second of the season.

YSU struggled to get anything going offensively until freshman Abby Kenski was able to tie the game up at 1-1, after scoring her second goal of the season with 23:54 left to play in the second half. The goal was assisted by Chelsey Haney.

"I immediately jumped right in Chelsey's arms. I was so excited, it was pretty awesome," Kenski said.

Penguins head coach Will Lemke was also very proud of how his team was able to turn the game around in the second half after struggling in the first.

"We tried to retch up the pressure all across the field," Lemke said. "We weren't competing in the middle of the field very well, just allowing them to find the passes that they wanted when they were giving us pressure."

Although the Penguins were unable to pull out the win in overtime, Lemke believes there is a lot his team can take away from the game.

"To get the tie against



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YSU's Chelsey Haney races for a ball against Wright State's Bryce Hueber in Wednesday's 1-1 tie. The tie brings YSU to a 4-4-2 record for the season.

the best coach team in the league we can take something away," Lemke said. "While it wasn't our day and we didn't play well, I was really proud of the character of our team that we showed. We had to get some new players out there to provide a spark and yet we hung in there and found the equalizer based just on character and stamina. That is something that is the most important lesson we

took away from today."

While the team was happy with their second-half performance, the Penguins must continue to improve if they are to accomplish their goals this season.

"We just got to keep working hard. Obviously it's not easy," Kenski said. "This was definitely a tough game — we're going to have to keep practicing really hard to get better."

YSU is 15-1-2 all-time against the Raiders, with the Penguins' only victory coming in a 2-1 overtime win in 2012.

The tie kicks off a three-game home stretch against conference opponents. The Penguins take on University of Wisconsin-Milwaukee on Saturday, Sept. 27 at 1 p.m., and close out the stretch Saturday, Oct. 4 against Oakland University. Lemke said this

stretch of Horizon League games is key to his team's success this season.

"Every year it gets more and more compressed, where if the top doesn't come down, then the bottom comes way up," Lemke said. "Every game's going to be just an absolute slugfest. The conference has really stepped it up and everyone's got to be ready to play in every game."