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Jordan D. Uhl
NEWS EDITOR

What began as an attempt to convert nonbelievers ended in a ride to the Youngstown State University police station for evangelist Keith Darrell.

On Friday, YSU police officers apprehended Darrell after two calls to the station from students drew them to the middle of campus.

Darrell was standing between Moser and Cushwa halls and preaching his adaptation of Christianity when officers approached him from behind, grabbed him by the belt loop and pulled him aside.

"YSU's finest arrived at 3:15," Darrell said.

Darrell was charged with disorderly conduct and appeared in court for his arraignment on Monday.

Witnesses said Darrell was startled and felt the situation could have been handled differently.

"They came at such a bad angle," said junior Eric Jones. "[The police officer] didn't announce himself at all."

Limited to comment pending investigation, Sgt. Dennis Godoy of the YSU Police said Darrell refused to present identification to arresting officer Dominic Fabrizio.

"When you don't cooperate with police, then there's a problem," Godoy said.

As of 3 p.m. on Monday, the police report was still unavailable.

Darrell said he felt that his First Amendment rights, particularly freedom of speech,



Keith Darrell preaches at YSU on Friday about his religious beliefs. He was later arrested by YSU Police. Photo by Chelsea Telega/The Jambar.

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Drund drums on

Nayef Zarrou, vice president of Azork Technologies, looks forward to Drund's expansion through strategic business partnerships. Jambar file photo.

Youngstown's fledgling company fosters mainstream partnerships

Marissa McIntyre
ASSISTANT NEWS EDITOR

After eight months in operation, business partnerships are yielding promising possibilities for Youngstown's own cyber-based application management system, Drund.

Drund first launched in February, making users' need for jump drives and backup storage obsolete. The group of tech-savvy entrepreneurs first released their product to Youngstown State University students, then to the public for critique.

The company removed all existing user data from its system on Aug. 19. Drund sent an email to users advising the removal of any

files stored in the Drund browser.

However, the team assured the public that Drund is not shutting down.

"We are updating our system to handle distribution and feature requests with our strategic channel partners," the email said.

The email also stated that all existing users would receive a new invitation code to access a revamped, consumer-oriented version, scheduling a tentative release date within a year. The company is first setting its eyes on lucrative business options with Internet, cable and telephone service providers.

Eventually, Drund will be rereleased to the public with new features. For now, the team

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Moot Court celebrates Constitution Day

Darla Conti
REPORTER

Members of the Moot Court team at Youngstown State University took to the lectern to celebrate Constitution Day on Monday.

Participants argued a hypothetical case involving First Amendment and Fourth Amendment rights. The political science department sponsored the public event, which was held in the Presidential Suites of Kilcawley Center.

"It's a very practical, hands-on experience," said senior and third-year Moot Court member Kevin Hulick. "[Moot Court] gives us a model in which to work and gives

us the necessary tools."

At the event, Judge Mary DeGenaro of the 7th District Court of Appeals, encouraged students and attendees to "take up your responsibilities to educate yourself about the Constitution."

"We have to educate ourselves about the Constitution," she said.

Four members of the Moot Court team argued a fictitious case concerning a law professor's chat room, wherein controversial statements were made that could potentially harm the president of the U.S.

The team argued both sides of the issue as if in front of the U.S. Supreme Court. Mem-

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Engineering students put estimating skills to the test

Dustin Livesay
REPORTER

On Nov. 4, Youngstown State University students will compete in the third annual estimating competition directed by the Builders Association of Eastern Ohio and Western Pennsylvania and Carol Lamb, associate professor of engineering technology.

The competition is based on estimating building costs, unlike other competitions set up by the Ohio Department of Transportation that deal with estimating bridge or highway

projects. Most of the buildings are set aside for commercial or business use.

In estimating, a designer drafts plans for a contractor that, according to the drawing and other specifications, calculate material costs. Students then formulate a bid or cost.

In the weeks leading up to the competition, industry representatives will host seminars and presentations on techniques for estimating. Students are then assigned a team mentor, or a general contractor that

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Collections Cafe serves healthful variety on campus

Kevin Alquist
NEWS REPORTER

Filling the void left by Winslow's Cafe, Collections Cafe in the Butler Institute of American Art opened last week for breakfast and lunch.

"The first week went very well," said Greg Valent, general manager of Collections Cafe. "Everything has run smoothly, and [our] customer base is growing every day. We've been fortunate to receive a lot of attention from the local media."

The idea behind Collections Cafe is to provide value and variety while remaining focused on the food selection, he said.

Valent described the ever-changing menu in three words: fresh, gourmet and healthful. He noted that the cafe also features daily and weekly specials.

"We want to keep the food creative to stay in the spirit of the arts and the Butler community," Valent said.

Examples of that creativity are evident in the signature oatmeal bar (\$1.99 a bowl) and made-to-order macaroni and cheese (\$3.49), prepared with a choice of cheese.

Breakfast sandwiches — available for \$3.69 and made with bacon, egg and cheese, or ham, egg and Gruyere — are served on either Texas toast or a croissant roll.

Other sandwiches on the menu include ham and Gruyere, roast beef and provolone, a chicken melt and a tomato melt. All lunch sandwiches (\$5.49) are served toasted on a foot-long baguette.

Multiple combo options are available for both breakfast and lunch.

"We understand that people are sometimes in a hurry when they come in here to eat," Valent said. "Our toasted subs are served 45 seconds after the order is placed, so we can accommodate to students in a hurry to get to class or work."

If 45 seconds is too long of a wait, Collections Cafe also has fresh wrapped sandwiches and salads in its "Grab-n-Go" section. Examples include a Caesar side salad or a peanut butter and jelly sandwich, as well as bottled beverages and snacks.

Senior Kaleigh Locketti, who enjoyed a roast beef and provolone sandwich on Monday morning, said she thinks Collections Cafe is the best new restaurant option on campus.

"This may be the best roast beef sandwich I've ever had," Locketti said. "The bread was fresh and delicious, and it is all for a good price."

"[Collections Cafe] is a fresh taste for campus," said Cory Davis, an applied music major, in between bites of a chicken melt. "There is nothing



Youngstown State University students Kaleigh Locketti and Cory Davis enjoy a healthy afternoon lunch on Monday at the new Collections Cafe. Photo by Kevin Alquist/The Jambar.

else like it available for students. It is the perfect blend of gourmet and fast food."

Collections Cafe also serves Starbucks coffee — including made-to-order lattes and cappuccinos.

Looking ahead, the cafe may create an on-campus delivery service, Valent said.

"We are looking to find a specific on-campus demand and taste before a delivery service is put in place," he

said. "Hopefully, it won't be long before that happens."

Facebook and Twitter pages will soon be available to make followers aware of specials, sales and other promotions.

Students with meal plans will be able to use Pete's Points at Collections Cafe by the end of the week.

Collections Cafe is open Monday through Friday from 7:30 a.m. until 2 p.m.

Students react to soon-to-be satellite strike

Patrick Donovan
NEWS REPORTER

During the final weeks of September, Youngstown State University students should keep their heads up and be on the lookout for a 6.5-ton NASA satellite that will be rocketing its way back to Earth's surface.

In a Sept. 12 update, NASA announced that a decommissioned climate probe known as the Upper Atmosphere Research Satellite will fall from space, enter Earth's atmosphere and crash at an unknown location between Canada and South America sometime in late September or early October.

Although the satellite, about the size of a bus, is expected to break into pieces upon re-entering the atmo-

sphere, NASA estimated that 26 fragments would rain down wreckage with a footprint spanning approximately 500 miles.

NASA will not know the exact location and time of the impact until two hours before the event, but even this prediction will take into account up to "6,000 miles of uncertainty," according to Gizmag, a technology news website, and a NASA statement.

The satellite is the largest ever to make an uncontrolled descent to Earth's surface. Even so, John Feldmeier, assistant professor of astronomy at YSU, said there is a slim chance that a piece of the satellite will pose a risk to anyone on the ground.

"It's more likely that I'll get a date with Angelina Jolie than this is going to cause danger to a YSU student," Feldmeier said. "It's difficult to measure those odds exactly. ... I believe the risk

is small enough that it's not anything worth worrying about."

Throughout the 54 years of the Space Age, no one has reported being injured by falling debris from space.

"There are always a few satellites that re-enter the Earth's atmosphere. Most of them are going to fall in the ocean," Feldmeier said. "There have been a few things that have hit the ground, but it is very rare. A bigger issue is the junk that is left up in space, not the stuff that is falling to the ground."

The UARS launched into orbit in 1991 and was decommissioned in 2005. After fueling issues, NASA was forced to abandon the satellite and allow it to follow its six-year descent back to Earth.

YSU physics major Andrew Smith said he won't be walking around with his eyes to the clouds for the next few

weeks and isn't worried about the satellite's final plunge.

"If we got scared of everything falling on our heads, whether we know it or not, we would have to be scared all the time," Smith said. "It's just always happening. We either don't know it, or it's just so minor it burns right up."

Despite these sentiments, the fact remains that NASA estimates debris weighing a total of 1,170 pounds will actually fall somewhere on the planet.

NASA will be posting updates before the expected re-entry of UARS. Information will come from the Joint Space Operations Center at Vandenberg Air Force Base, Calif. The center works 24 hours a day to detect, identify and track all man-made objects in Earth's orbit, including space junk.

Obama outlines deficit plan, rejects 'class warfare' claim

Tribune Washington Bureau
(MCT)

WASHINGTON Over the summer President Barack Obama pushed a "grand bargain" that called on Republicans and Democrats to forge a compromise: each would agree to painful sacrifices that would slash the nation's deficit and shore up the social safety net for decades.

The approach failed to achieve a deal, angered many Democrats and coincided with a steady drop in Obama's prospects for re-election.

In releasing a new deficit-cutting plan Monday, Obama displayed a striking change in course. His shift in both substance and rhetoric amounted to a tacit admission that the strategy he had pursued from April through August had failed.

Gone was the effort to strike a deal with Republicans. Gone were the summertime proposals to consider raising the eligibility age for Medicare or to change the cost-of-living adjustments for Social Security. Gone, too, was the conciliatory language about finding common ground and challenging the orthodoxies of both parties.

In their place was a firm veto threat, changes in Medicare that would largely protect beneficiaries, a demand for higher taxes from the wealthy and a catchy slogan, the "Buffett Rule," designed to convey Obama's belief that people earning more than \$1 million a year should not be able to pay a lower tax rate than middle-income households.

"It is wrong that in the United States of America, a teacher or a nurse or a construction worker who earns \$50,000 should pay higher tax rates than somebody pulling in \$50

million," Obama said. "Anybody who says we can't change the tax code to correct that, anyone who has signed some pledge to protect every single tax loophole so long as they live, they should be called out. They should have to defend that unfairness."

The country faces a choice: higher taxes on the wealthy or deep, painful spending cuts, he declared.

"This is not class warfare. It's math," Obama said.

Even late last week, the degree to which the White House would shift course remained unclear. Administration officials were still weighing possible cuts in Medicare benefits when they held a closed-door meeting last week with Senate Democrats, who argued strongly against that, a message the White House apparently took to heart.

The 90-minute session went a long way toward shoring up Obama's support from his allies on Capitol Hill even if they disagree with specific aspects of his proposals, as several key Democrats certainly will.

Republicans, meanwhile, rejected Obama's proposals just minutes after he rolled his plan out in a Rose Garden speech.

House Speaker John Boehner, R-Ohio, said: "Pitting one group of Americans against another is not leadership."

Sen. Mitch McConnell of Kentucky, the Republican leader, dismissed the proposal as a "massive tax hike, phantom savings."

But those Republican rejections may not trouble the White House because Obama's new proposal was designed less as a solution to the deficit problem than as a political argument to put before voters. It frames what Obama's advisers hope will be a stark

choice for Americans: a Democratic Party that seeks a mix of tax increases and spending cuts to pare the deficit vs. a GOP that has ruled out tax increases of any sort, even on millionaires.

"The president put down a marker today and he did it more forcefully than we have seen before," Sen. Chuck Schumer, D-N.Y., told reporters after Obama's speech, reflecting the Democratic hope. "It makes the Republican position almost indefensible."

Despite his sagging position in the polls, Obama and his aides have some reason to believe their new approach could work. Most Americans tell pollsters they believe that those earning more than \$250,000 a year should pay higher taxes to reduce the deficit. And a solid majority support the president's call for ending the Bush-era tax cuts for the wealthiest families which, Obama reiterated again on Monday, were supposed to be temporary tax breaks.

"If Republicans want to go in a different direction from where the American people are, that is to their own political detriment," said Bill Burton, a former White House aide and co-founder of the super-PAC Priorities USA Action.

Obama's plan also could galvanize a Democratic Party that has been demoralized. A Bloomberg poll this month showed that 44 percent of Obama's supporters like him as much as ever, but 48 percent said they either no longer support him or their enthusiasm has dissipated.

Democrats, some of whom were distancing themselves from Obama as recently as last week, rushed to compliment him Monday, with statements of support also coming from groups

on the left that had been critical.

Moveon.org, for example, will air a 30-second TV ad this week touting Obama's "Buffett Rule." The spot urges people to call Congress and urge them to "raise taxes on millionaires and billionaires so all Americans pay their fair share."

On Monday, Obama appeared ready for a showdown with Republicans, vowing to veto any bill that cuts entitlement programs without also including revenue increases. "We are not going to have a one-sided deal that hurts the folks who are most vulnerable," Obama said.

Obama's deficit proposal now goes to the congressional super committee, a group of six Democrats and six Republicans charged with cutting at least \$1.5 trillion from federal deficits over the next 10 years. If the committee fails to come up with a proposal to send to Congress by Nov. 23, it will trigger automatic cuts to take effect in 2013, split between military and non-military spending.

Now that Obama has released his deficit proposal, he will quickly return to pushing the legislation that addresses the deepest of voter concerns: jobs. Obama's re-election hinges more on the unemployment rate, currently at 9.1 percent nationally, than it does on debt levels.

Even as he unveiled his much-anticipated deficit reduction proposal, the president worked in a plug for his \$447 billion jobs package, intended to boost hiring through a mix of federal spending to rebuild roads, bridges and schools; tax cuts for employers and consumers; and tax increases on the affluent.

"I'm ready to sign a bill," he said. "I've got the pens all ready."

Homecoming candidates 2011

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Mike Adamson

Organizations: Sigma Tau Gamma and University Scholars
Major: Chemical Engineering



Justin Butt

Organizations: Sigma Alpha Epsilon and Army ROTC
Major: Advertising/Public Relations



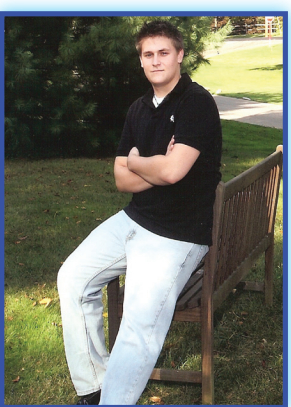
Justin Haught

Organizations: Emerging Leaders and Sigma Chi
Major: Middle Childhood Education



Mark Jones

Organizations: Student African American Brotherhood and Student African American Sisterhood
Major: Social Work



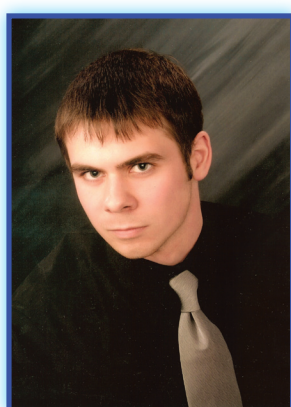
Michael Koziorynsky

Organizations: Greek Campus Life, Alpha Phi Delta and Interfraternity Council
Major: Hospitality Management



Jeremy McGhee

Organizations: Premier Poets Guild; InterVarsity Christian Fellowship; Collegiate, Black and Christian; Alpha Kappa Mu; and Sigma Chi
Major: English



Eric Sage

Organizations: Tau Kappa Epsilon
Major: Finance



Ashen Ward

Organizations: Student-Athlete Advisory Committee and YSU basketball
Major: Special Education

Queen



Kelly Chaffee

Organizations: Student Recreation Advisory Committee
Major: Masters of Business Administration



Caren Gaskins

Organizations: Alpha Xi Delta
Major: Psychology



Emilie Hall

Organizations: Zeta Tau Alpha and Panhellenic Council
Major: Biology and Psychology



Kirsten Kuffel

Organizations: Delta Zeta, Panhellenic Council and Up 'til Dawn
Major: Hospitality Management



Anjalia Lyons

Organizations: Zeta Phi Beta
Major: Food and Nutrition



Macey Norty

Organizations: Women's basketball and Student-Athlete Advisory Committee
Major: Public Health



Katie Petrosky

Organizations: Alpha Xi Delta and Up 'til Dawn
Major: Middle Childhood Education



Molly Rogers

Organizations: Youngstown Student Education Association and North Eastern Ohio Education Association
Major: Special Education



Susan Rowe

Organizations: Alpha Omega Pi, Sigma Alpha Lambda and National Society of Collegiate Scholars
Major: Graphic Design



Courtney Skiba

Organizations: Kappa Delta Pi, Emerging Leaders and GoodWill Good-Guides
Major: Special Education



Jenna Smaldino

Organizations: Catholic Students Association and Sigma Theta Tau
Major: Nursing

Voting will take place Tuesday, (8 a.m. to 8 p.m.) and Wednesday (8 a.m. to 2 p.m.) in Kilcawley Center across from the Home Savings and Loan Bank. Every 50th voter will receive a free T-shirt, courtesy of this year's homecoming committee and the department of campus recreation and student programming. All students voting can register to win two tickets to the upcoming Wiz Khalifa concert, courtesy of Penguin Productions.

NEWS BRIEFS

Dana announces September's Music at Noon performances

The Dana School of Music will hold its first Music at Noon performance of the semester at the Butler Institute of American Art on Wednesday. The performance, which will begin at 12:15 p.m., features the Dana Flute Studio Recital. Jazz Combos will perform Sept. 28 at 12:15 p.m. For a complete schedule, visit <http://web.yzu.edu/fpa>.

Campus flu shots available this fall

YSU students can receive a flu shot for \$15 at the Student Health Clinic on the first floor of Kilcawley House. The first clinic will be held from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. on Wednesday, and the second will be held from 8:30 a.m. to 1 p.m. on Nov. 1. YSU faculty and staff, along with friends and family, are welcome. Payment must be in the form of cash or check.

Shipka lecture series continues

The Shipka Speaker Series, sponsored by the YSU Department of Philosophy and Religious Studies, will feature David E. Campbell at 12:30 p.m. Thursday in a free lecture: "American Grace: How Religion Divides and Unites Us." The free lecture will be held at St. John's Episcopal Church, located at 323 Wick Ave., with a reception immediately following the presentation in St. John's Parish Hall. Campbell is a political science professor at the University of Notre Dame and founding director of the Rooney Center for the Study of American Democracy.

POLICE BRIEFS

Female student reports sexual harassment

On Sept. 11, a university police officer met with a female student who said that she was sexually harassed when she received a ride to her residence from a male co-worker. While in the car, the man asked the woman if she had been sexually active with her roommates. He also grabbed her side and groped her breast, according to the police report.

Resident describes roommate issues

On Thursday, a female resident of the University Courtyard Apartments reported a threatening assault to YSU Police. The resident told police that she does not get along with her roommate and that their problems may escalate in the future.

Student backs into employee's car in deck

On Thursday, a female student reported to YSU Police that she accidentally hit the car of a YSU employee in the M-2 parking deck. According to the police report, the student said she hit the car while backing into a parking space around noon. A university police officer took photos of the damage.

Roommate reports student's seizure

On Thursday, a male resident of the University Courtyard Apartments had a seizure, which was reported to YSU Police by the resident's roommate. When the university police officer arrived, the resident was conscious but confused, according to the police report. He was escorted to St. Elizabeth Health Center for further evaluation and treatment.

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bers were armed with the First Amendment and Fourth Amendment, as well as previously decided Supreme Court cases.

Constitution Day is observed nationally on Sept. 17, which is the date the U.S. Constitution was signed in 1787.

Attorney Ron Slipski, political science instructor and Moot Court adviser, said he feels Moot Court "teaches students how to think critically and logically, which is one of the most important concepts in law school."

The Moot Court team has been active for more than 15 years. Last year, two teams advanced to the final competition, held in New Orleans. Both teams placed in several categories.

This year, seven teams are poised and ready to compete in regional competitions, which will be held Nov. 18 and 19 in Wooster.

Eight regional tournaments are held. Subsequently, 64 teams are invited to the national competition, which will be held in Orange, Calif., in January.

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will oversee the entire project.

On the day of the competition, students are given an assignment or drawing that they have never seen before. They are then broken up into equal teams and given time to figure out material needs and construction costs. At the end of the day, each group will present its findings.

When all of the groups turn in their bids, they are judged to see who has the best construction estimate.

Panera Bread helps the competition by donating gift cards that will be given to the top-ranked teams.

"It gives [students] exposure to making estimates based on a drawing, which is what they will be doing further in their career," Lamb said.

Jeff Melik, a senior in civil and environmental engineering technology, has participated in the competition for the past three years.

"Not only are you building a personal relationship with possible future employers, the employers are also able to see how you handle the pressure of the work environment," Melik said. "Even if you don't get a job into the construction estimating technology field, the stuff you learn [through the competition] can be applied to many other fields as well."

Melik said networking is an important part of the industry.

"This career path is not only crunching numbers," he said. "You also have to be a people person in order to sell your bid in order to get the contract."

About 25 students get involved in the estimating competition each year.

Melik said he would like to see the competition grow.

"The one thing that would make this competition better is to have more student participation and involvement throughout the whole competition," Melik said. "They have been making the competition more challenging from year to year, which is a big improvement from the first year, because it makes the competition more realistic."

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were violated.

"It seems absurd you have to go through proper authorities to exercise free speech," Darrell said.

Darrell, a self-described "chronic traveler," said he was from Whitefield Fellowship, an organization inspired by 18th century evangelist James Whitefield.

Formerly, Darrell worked in finance in New York.

"I felt like I was wasting my life," he said.

Darrell then began traveling the country, witnessing to college students.

"I seek to be intellectually confrontational, not behaviorally," Darrell said.

Despite his mantra, Darrell caused a stir at Southern Illinois University Edwardsville in November, when his message agitated a large group of students.

Again, Darrell ruffled a few feathers, but the incident at YSU was the first time he ended up in handcuffs.

Bystanders said Darrell had been on campus since 10 a.m. on Friday and drew a crowd of up to 50 people.

He began his lecture by talking about his sinful past, how Christianity brings coherence to all things and the redeeming power of Jesus Christ.

"All of us deserve death for our sins. Jesus took his life, and we should do the same," Darrell said on Friday. "There are many martyrs in the world, but Christ rose on the third day."

Campus Connection

Should people be able to preach their beliefs on campus?



"It's a violation. I'm not a firm believer, but he has the right to express his religion."
- Justin Cutlip, freshman



"It's freedom of speech. I think you should be allowed."
- Nichole Hollabaugh, freshman

As the day progressed, his message began to change.

Eyewitnesses said Darrell sermonized on how homosexuals are narcissistic, comparing their lifestyles to bestiality and pedophilia; the generally poor standard of living of the college demographic; and "some pretty unpleasant things about women," said YSU graduate student Sarah Lowry.

"If you all live like garbage, you'll go in a trash heap," Darrell said to onlookers.

"There are lots of reasons to be upset," Lowry said. "It was definitely not appropriate."

Many were opposed to Darrell's message. However, some supported him.

"I think he's speaking the truth. I agree with what

he's saying, and I give him a thumbs up for doing it," said senior Jesse Kurz. "It takes a lot of guts."

"He's telling the truth. Not everybody knows everything about God," said Heather Livesay.

Some were more critical of his approach, rather than the content.

"It doesn't seem like he's talking about what he's gotten out of it. It's just what he disagrees with. He's just ranting," said junior John Vadala.

Darrell's pre-trial is scheduled for Oct. 31.

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The First Amendment makes five guarantees: freedom of speech, assembly, religion, association and the press.

As members of the media, we value the safeguard established by the framers of the Constitution.

Now Keith Darrell claims his First Amendment rights were violated when YSU Police arrested him.

In November, Darrell visited Southern Illinois University Edwardsville and was received there in a similar fashion.

"He took it a little too far," said Kari Williams, editor-in-chief of the SIUE student paper, *The Alestle*.

Darrell has every right to degrade women, compare homosexuals to pedophiles, bash opposing religions with self-sufficient logic and tell us we're going to hell.

Many of us probably won't see eye-to-eye with him. However, we all must respect his right to spew out what an SIUE column diagnosed as "diarrhea of the mouth."

Unfortunately, the actions of radicals — from pornographic magazine tycoons to racist Ku Klux Klan members — have pushed the limits of the First Amendment, and we should be thankful for at least the guarded Supreme Court interpretations of their ignoble actions.

Burning crosses (*R.A.V. v. City of St. Paul*), wearing clothes with expletives in huge fonts (*Cohen v. California*), supporting communism (*Brandenburg v. Ohio*, a de facto overruling of *Dennis v. United States*) and burning flags (*United States v. Eichman*) are all recognized as forms of free speech, and all are protected under the First Amendment.

So is the verbal venom many naysayers spewed back at Darrell.

The framers recognized the importance of an open forum, so much so that openly opposing the very government they established is permitted.

Yes, Darrell pissed a lot of people off, but it's his right to do so, which makes this country a model of freedom that other nations across the globe strive to emulate.

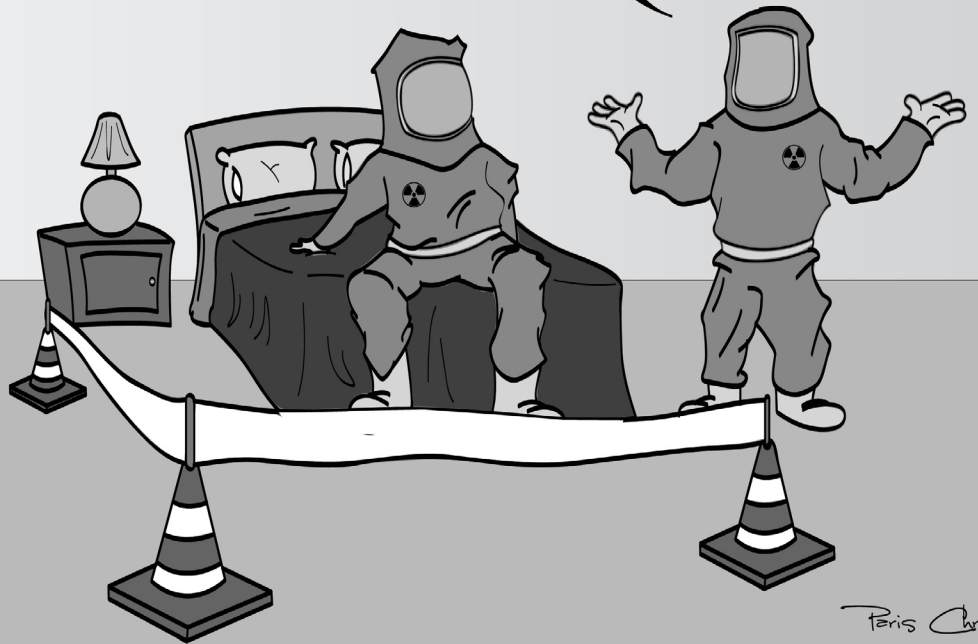
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The big picture Fornicators beware University receives spontaneous sermon

Jared Buker
COLUMNIST



On Friday, I was among many students who witnessed what I consider to be a mass insult session in the name of religion.

In the campus core, a Christian zealot originally from Canton dropped his Bible at his feet and began a two-hour diatribe about why his religion takes the holy cake.

This seemed like columnist cocaine, so I curiously watched as this man, Keith Darrell, spoke at agonizing length about the religious behavior of Youngstown State University and his spontaneous quest to cleanse us.

Like most people of his kind, he seemed to really enjoy the sound of his voice as he preached and preached without fielding too many questions.

His goal may have been to enlighten, but in his mission of purifying everyone in the name of faith, he peaked a level of pushiness that I found wildly offensive.

Before you think I would ever bash anyone who is proud and excited about his religion, absorb two of Keith's tidbits that I managed to pull down from his soapbox.

First, he said that homosexu-

als are flaming narcissists with the unique ability of falling in love with someone exactly like them, an ironic comment for someone literally trying to assimilate an entire college campus into one integrated way of life.

Second, he told me I had a "bad heart" because I am a fornicator. Well, as far as my personal religious beliefs go, there is only one person who will ever tell me I have a bad heart, and I'm pretty sure I have to wait a while to find out.

When the sermon finally ended, the police escorted Keith off campus after he refused to cooperate and show any form of identification. He probably did that in the name of religion too.

My problem isn't necessarily with what he chose to do, but with how he chose to do it. The message of forgiveness that should be the cornerstone of Christian dialogue seemed way too absent from his spiel.

Everyone listening to him seemed to eventually resent his theme because, rather than focusing on the "good word," he focused purely on the bad.

In my eyes, religion is the most

personal thing any man or woman can hold dear, even more than a husband or a wife. I believe this because it requires the same amount of trust and love — with the added element of faith in something we simply cannot prove or see.

This is precisely why I don't understand people who push religion onto others. I think anyone who does so is compelled by fear and not faith. These people try to recruit believers so they don't feel alone. If you need that kind of validation on your own faith, then you don't really believe.

Keith, you've got it all wrong. Maybe viewing the Bible so literally is the reason you are so outlandishly intolerant of fornicating homosexuals. In church, I was always taught to be tolerant and open, not to judge and to trust in God's willingness to forgive.

And guess what?

That's the message I'm going to stick to.

I have my own message: It's amazing how dark and hurtful religion can be when it's in the wrong hands.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Why do you preach on a college campus?

There are a myriad of reasons for my visit to YSU last Friday but primarily to proclaim "God's fame and glory," which is revealed in Jesus Christ. For many, including Christians, this may seem odd but public preaching is central to the life of the church. John the Baptist, Jesus and the apostles all preached publicly, and it is in the Scriptures: "God is pleased through the foolishness of what is preached to change men's hearts." So out of love for God and love for my neighbor, I am committed to preach the crucifixion, the burial and resurrection of Jesus Christ publicly because it glorifies God and, through it, God is pleased to change men's hearts.

In Acts 17, the Apostle Paul is in Athens and he reasons in the marketplace with those who are there. It says: "Athenians and foreigners did nothing but hearing and telling the latest ideas." In theory, a college campus is like Athens, so I seek to enter that forum and reason with those who gather.

To them, my message is 'righteousness', but not mine or theirs. It is the righteousness of God found in Jesus Christ. Jesus says: "I have not come for the righteous, but the unrighteous. I have not come for the healthy, but the sick." I go out because I too am unrighteous and sick in myself but made righteous and healthy in Christ through no work of my own. That is the good news.

Keith Darrell

Committed to YSU's continued success

Ohio Revised Code states that the Youngstown State University Board of Trustees "shall do all things necessary for the creation, proper maintenance and successful continuous operation of the university." As members of the board of trustees, we take that charge and our fiduciary responsibility seriously, and that is why we are writing this letter today.

With unresolved contracts and mounting financial challenges facing the university, these certainly are difficult and stressful times for all of us. Thus, it is sometimes easy to lose sight of the fact that more than 14,000 students are on campus, engaged in their classes, learning and succeeding. For more than 100 years, YSU has been and will continue to be a shining example of the Mahoning Valley's pride and perseverance, producing tens of thousands of graduates who have advanced to great success across the country and around the world.

The financial challenges before us now, however, are significant

and real. They reflect the ongoing reality of our international, national, state and local economy. Nearly three months into this fiscal year, YSU has a deficit of more than \$6 million, and that is after we reluctantly raised tuition by 3.5 percent this year. For several years, we have cut our operating budget. And the deficits only look to get worse in fiscal year 2013.

That is why these current contract negotiations have been so difficult. We are a personnel-intensive operation. For the university to address such large budgetary shortfalls, we must do so, unfortunately, by addressing personnel costs. In years past, when conditions were better, the board authorized incremental increases to salary and benefit packages for employees. In today's financial climate, and as trustees charged with the "successful continuous operation of the university," we can no longer afford to do so. We understand that a concessionary contract like the one we are negotiating now represents a major cultural shift on campus.

It is, to some, quite extraordinary. We would suggest, however, that these are quite extraordinary times.

We will not get into the details of the negotiations, but suffice it to say that the concessions in these contracts are imperative to the financial viability of the institution. And, as President Anderson has said before, the concessions are not limited to these contracts. All employees across campus will be expected to make financial sacrifices. In addition, the university will explore all options, including reductions in operations and programs, to address the continued financial challenges.

We are private citizens. We are volunteers. We are individuals who, like so many, love this university and are committed to its success. We have no political agenda. The faculty, staff, administration, trustees, alumni and community are all in this for a common purpose: to serve students. That is our job. That is our commitment.

YSU Board of Trustees

Balancing birth and books

Kacy Standohar
FEATURES EDITOR

Laurie Summerville is days away from giving birth to a child she thought she would never be able to have after five miscarriages, one of which resulted in the death of her son's twin.

Summerville, a 40-year-old nontraditional student at Youngstown State University, is on maternity leave from her teaching job at Warren City Schools. She said this pregnancy has not been easy.

Her situation differs from the experiences of most students. For instance, she is enrolled in online classes. Because of her past miscarriages, she was told this pregnancy was high-risk.

Summerville said this pregnancy came as a surprise.

"I had my first son two months early through in vitro fertilization. He was a twin and the other passed away. I was told I could not get pregnant again," she said.

Summerville was due at the end of October, but she has gone into early labor and will soon have another boy.

After being married for 10 years, Summerville and her husband are now divorced. She said the miscarriages definitely took a toll on the relationship.

"We tried for three years, and it took that long to find out that I couldn't get pregnant. It's been a hard, long road," Summerville said.

She said the miscarriages have been emotionally difficult.

"At one time, I was carrying quadruplets," Summerville said. "It was hard because I would tell my family and friends, get all excited and then that was it."

She said there were many complications, which made it even harder for her to carry a child.

"I have endometriosis, and I am prone to ovarian cysts. I also have had thyroid tumors and seven surgeries," she said. "My age was a factor and so was the huge tumor blocking my birth canal."

Summerville needed shots every day and said the process was expensive. She added that she is not planning to have any more children and was planning to get a hysterectomy right before she got pregnant.

Summerville is on bed rest where she completes her assignments online and watches "The Real Housewives of New Jersey." She said she made the right decision.

"For whatever reason, this was a miracle and was supposed to happen," she said.

Another YSU student, Shelby DeRubba, 26, is also expecting a baby girl and is due on Christmas Eve. DeRubba has been married for two years and this is her first pregnancy.

DeRubba said she is excited and nervous for her new baby to arrive.

"I wanted to ideally wait until next spring, but we are ready, and by no means is it a mistake," she said.

DeRubba added that she is working hard to juggle her classes with the pregnancy and her part-time job.

"I work at PNC Bank, and holding a job can be very difficult while trying to manage my classes with it," she said.

DeRubba is studying middle childhood education and said her professors have been supportive and accommodating.

"I talked to all of my professors and everyone is OK with me being pregnant. Everyone is letting me finish my assignments early or possibly taking an incomplete if necessary," she said.

During the spring, DeRubba was able to leave classes early or exit the room if she did not feel well.

DeRubba said she plans to finish school and earn her degree. She will have five classes remaining after this semester.

"I don't want to not finish just because I am pregnant. That is my goal," she said.

DeRubba recalled seeing information to assist expecting students on tables in Kilcawley Center during the first week of school.

Since then, she has not seen much on campus relevant to pregnant students.

"I know there is the free daycare center for mothers, and I haven't had to use the clinic in Kilcawley Center," DeRubba said.

However, DeRubba did receive a federal Pell grant to help pay for her books and said it was a huge help.

"My husband and I are trying to plan ahead. We have already started buying diapers. Two hundred

diapers cost \$45, and they only last about a month," she said.

DeRubba said she feels that she is at the right age to have a baby but added that it is not fun or easy.

"I saw a girl at Walmart who looked a little further along than me. She looked 15 to 16 years old, and I can't imagine going through that at that age. It's very emotional," DeRubba said.

Others on campus want to support soon-to-be mothers who continue with their coursework. Students Sarah Lowry and Molly Toth started the Ohio Lady Advocates over the summer.

"[We started OHLA] following a wave of legislation in our state and across the country that specifically targets reproductive health care access," Toth said. "It's a big problem, especially in lower-income areas like Youngstown, where many people can't afford health care and rely on free or sliding-scale clinics for general preventative health care."

"Our mission is to advocate for women and their partners and families, to increase awareness of how legislation may impact them and give guidance and resources to those who need it," Toth said.

Toth said mothers and expectant mothers who go to school is proof that they're taking steps to enhance the lives of their families and themselves.

"I can't imagine how stressful it must be to be both a student and an expecting mother, and I personally give a lot of credit to those women who juggle both," Toth said. "At the end of the day, we should be respecting and trusting the choices that women make regarding their families."



Shelby DeRubba has been carrying her unborn child, working at PNC Bank and attending school. Photo by Kacy Standohar/The Jambar.

Saxophonist, animal rescuer returns to Dana as instructor

Rachel Lundberg
REPORTER

"Kana from Dana" has returned to his namesake institution.

The school hired Dave Kana to teach a few courses when Dana School of Music instructors David Morgan and Kent Engelhardt cut down on this semester's teaching time to conduct research.

The job came at just the right time, Kana said.

The South Side of Youngstown native started classes at Dana in 1977 during the early years of the jazz studies program.

Although he graduated from a vocational high school, he was unable to find a job. After an apprenticeship

as a tool and die maker, he left vocational work to study saxophone at the Dana School of Music. During this period, Kana earned the nickname "Kana from Dana."

He vacillated between music education and jazz performance for four years before settling on music education. Kana spent seven years on his undergraduate degree, often taking the minimum course load to allow the maximum amount of time to practice. Eventually, he returned to earn a master's degree in secondary education and curriculum development.

"If I could do this, anybody could," Kana said.

He entered Dana with minimal ability to read music. If he auditioned today with the skills he had then, he said, he probably wouldn't have been admitted. "I was pretty much a musical monk

because I was playing catchup," Kana said.

But the practicing paid off.

Kana used the skills he was learning to play gigs, which is how he paid for school. Plus, he continues to perform and has also taught high school band and choir, gone on tour with the Benny Goodman Band and instructed at the Jamey Aebersold Summer Jazz Workshops for 23 years. He holds part-time positions at three colleges.

"I don't think there's one moment that I don't have a smile on my face," Kana said. "I'm feeling that this is my reward."

Additionally, for nearly a decade, Kana and his wife have rescued animals. Their haven has since grown to include almost 50 animals, including dogs, cats, llamas, horses, goats, sheep and alpacas. Their first rescued animal,

a lamb, was saved from being slaughtered for Easter dinner.

The couple said they have no expectation or desire to earn a living from this work. And, even though feeding expenses have increased in recent years, getting rid of the animals was never an option.

This is why the teaching job came at such a convenient time. The cost of feed was becoming burdensome, he said.

Morgan, associate professor at the Dana School of Music, had high praise about Kana. Morgan said he's been trying to get Kana at YSU ever since he first heard him play several years ago.

"I was just blown away by the energy of his playing, the spirit and just how proficient he is as a saxophonist," Morgan said.

Keeping it classy *The Champagne League revamps downtown*

Alyssa Italiano
REPORTER

Friday nights on West Federal Plaza shine bright from the lights of the bars, clubs and new convenience store. The wind carries the smell of the streets and traces of eclectic tunes to the velvet ropes of Downtown 36.

Partygoers walk into the soft glow of colored lights and are greeted by the faces of the Champagne League, a group of college students set to turn parties into a business.

For hosting and promoting College Days' Friday night parties at Downtown 36, the league gets half of the cover charge collected at the door. The league's members reinvest part of their earnings into promotion, priding themselves on their work ethic and professionally made fliers. Jimmy Westerfield, a senior at Youngstown State University, said he always makes sure they are "classy."

Westerfield, along with fellow YSU senior Michael Cylar and Noah Traylor from Kent State University, organized the first event at Club Entourage after making an agreement with manager Chip Banks. Since then, the group picked up JoAnne Tombo, another YSU senior, and set its sights on re-vamping downtown.

"Working with friends really helps. We all trust each other to pull our own weight. It's a team effort," Cylar said.

He said the Friday night crowd at Downtown 36 ranged from about 20 people to more than 300 on some nights. They stopped letting people in the doors at midnight during their last summer party on Aug. 26.

"The bar has gained a fresh, new group of people doing something not many other people in the area can pull off. We have awesome friends who are stylish, fun, diverse and loyal, and I think they are the ones we should thank for changing the Friday night scene," Tombo said.

The group wants everyone at College Days to feel comfortable and have a good time. That means making an effort to be personable and foster a "classy" atmosphere.

"We wanted to create an environment where people could



Partygoers at Downtown 36 enjoy a night out in Youngstown, courtesy of the Champagne League. Photo courtesy of JoAnne Tombo.

dress up. We wanted an upscale scene for a lower-scale environment," Cylar said.

Downtown 36's owner Joe Zumpella said besides being a fun group, the members bring a lot to the table. They are great for staying in contact with students. They're in with the YSU crowd, making it easier to get word out.

The young entrepreneurs do all of this in their spare time from pursuing degrees and working day jobs.

The men all work at the Southern Park Mall: Westerfield at Abercrombie & Fitch, Cylar and Traylor, who also blogs, at Finish Line.

Tombo, an art history major, works as the Ohio journalist for FrockOn, an online fashion magazine. She is also an official Miller Lite girl.

She is the Champagne League's photographer. When she's not snapping pictures, she is keeping all of the guys in line. As the only female of the group, she said the guys treat her like a princess.

"I like to call myself the head b--- in charge. Those guys are my brothers, and I always have their best interest," Tombo said.

She attended the first Champagne League party on her birthday. After Traylor saw some of her promoting and

photography work, he wanted her on board.

Cylar and Traylor got Westerfield involved after knocking on his door at the University Courtyard Apartments. They told him that they were "interested in taking over the summer."

The group added a new edition to their entourage: DJ Richie Tisone. Already friends, the three men pulled him into the mix. Tisone began DJing about a year ago.

"It's fun. It's good to see a lot of familiar faces having a good time. Having friends around while I'm doing it is one of the biggest perks," Tisone said.

The league members agreed they couldn't do it alone. They said they owe their success to the people who come out and support them. Partygoers help promote the events by spreading word through Twitter and Facebook.

As they enjoy their success, they always have eyes on the future. They're working on expanding their brand, which includes charity events. But even if career paths lead them in different directions, they'll still have their friendship.

"I could see me hanging out with these guys in a bar 40 years later, and that's all that matters," Tombo said.

Re-emerging photography group showcases new talent

Chad Travers
ARTS & ENTERTAINMENT
REPORTER

F(10), Youngstown State University's student photography organization, is kicking off the semester by filling the Bliss Hall Gallery with an exhibition of photographs taken over the summer.

After a hiatus of several years, F(10) has re-emerged to help promote fine art photography and organize opportunities for members to showcase their work both on campus and in the surrounding area.

Joy Christiansen-Erb, assistant professor of art, serves as one of two faculty advisers for the group. She said that the organization, which was founded by a student initiative in 2009, began to stagnate due to the motivated students and officers graduating and leaving a vacuum.

"Now we've got a really good mix of younger and older students," Christiansen-Erb said. "They're all very motivated. As the older students graduate and leave, we're hoping that the younger people will step in."

"We're all really hard workers and we get along very well. We collaborate well," said Kristen Gismondi, a junior photography major who serves as the group's president. "I think the organization was able to resurface this year largely because of how well we work together as a group."

As the organization re-establishes its presence on campus, the members hope to focus on fundraising opportunities that will enable them to travel to San Francisco and attend the Society

for Photographic Education's 2012 national conference.

"We've been brainstorming ideas to raise money," Gismondi said. "We may set up a booth at the zombie crawl to take pictures of people in their zombie attire that [they] could buy right there. We've also thought about doing photo shoots on campus for people who need headshots and things like that. We have a full photo studio here, so we could accommodate people who need to have professional photographs taken for any reason."

Maegan Bellino, a senior general studies major and F(10)'s vice president, also hopes to incorporate more student work.

"Some of our members are doing side projects like wedding photography and family photo shoots," she said. "We may try to set something up where we can take family photos at Mill Creek park to help us raise money for [the SPE conference] and to bring lecturers or exhibitions to campus."

The group's members are mostly photography and art students, but the organization is willing to open its ranks to anyone from the YSU community with a love of photography.

"We generally ask that you be a photo major or minor or at least in the art department, but we vote members in based on their love of photography. We haven't turned anyone away yet," Bellino said.

The exhibit, "My Summer 2011," which opened Monday at 4 p.m., will run until Sept. 30. It features 22 photographs taken by 10 of the group's 15 members.

Making 'smushing' safe

Safer Sex Week teaches students a safer alternative to sex

Chelsea Telega
ARTS & ENTERTAINMENT
EDITOR

This week, "smushing" and safety come together for Youngstown State University's "Jersey Shore"-themed Safer Sex Week, dubbed "Smush Week."

The Office of Housing and Residence Life sponsors YSU's Safer Sex Week. The activities are designed to teach college students the benefits of safe sex, as well as offer residential information.

First-year graduate assistants Alexis Hall and Breanne Romeo helped to plan the event.

"It's completely new to us, but we've had a lot of guidance so we know what's going on," Romeo said.

The events, open to everyone, kick off Tuesday when "Operation Keepsake Advice" will allow couples to gain helpful tips on how to maintain a healthy relationship from a guest speaker. The "Ask the Sexpert" event will give students a chance to ask anonymous questions, and the "Sex Scavenger

Hunt" will end the day.

Contraceptive advice will be given on Wednesday, as well as a self-defense class hosted by YSU police officers Donald Cox and David Benko. The class will teach students how to protect themselves against sexual assault.

A cherry ice cream social will start the day on Thursday. In the evening, a Spice of Life party will introduce self-exploration techniques and products. "Jersey Thursday" will allow students to watch an episode of "Jersey Shore" and mingle with one another.

Some students disagreed with the "Jersey Shore" approach to sex education.

"I think it's a bad theme. All they do is have sex, party and drink," sophomore Darrial Mickens said.

Others felt that the controversial show could raise awareness.

"Jersey Shore" is a popular show that exhibits poor sexual behavior, which is where the irony lies," Romeo said, adding that the show's demographics mirror YSU's population. "We knew that the taglines would grab their

attention."

The events of the week will conclude with "Sex Talk and Blow Pops," where students will have the chance to learn about sex myths and statistics. In the evening, students can form a team and compete in a volleyball tournament at the Andrews Student Recreation and Wellness Center.

There will be student giveaways that include food, T-shirts and condoms. The GAs encourage students to take advantage of the giveaways and information.

"It's free, so why not attend?" Romeo said.

Matt Gibbs, a resident assistant in Lyden House, said that the effort put into Safer Sex Week is beneficial.

"It's valuable information



Photo by Chelsea Telega/The Jambar

and a great way for students to meet people," he said.

Jacqueline Robertson, assistant director for residential education and development, has been overseeing the planning of the events and is pleased.

"What we would like is for the students to gain an understanding of who they are," Robertson said. "We want them to understand that there are a lot of options when engaging in sexual relationships or choosing to ab-

stain."

Planning for Safer Sex Week began a year ago. Robertson said that as soon as the week is done, the director and GAs evaluate its success and start planning for next year.

Romeo said she hopes that students get as much as possible out of the events.

"We hope that there will be high attendance for these activities, but mainly, we want people to be informed," she said. "Even though we are college students, some people aren't well informed."

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is working to customize features that will be driven by both consumers and businesses.

The new version will emphasize social networking and entertainment while maintaining storage and business capabilities.

The public beta version was shut down so that the Internet service providers, cable companies and telecommunication companies could have exclusivity while Drund builds its customizable package.

Nayef Zarrour, YSU graduate and vice president of Azork Technologies, the company that developed Drund, explained Drund's new goal to collaborate with existing companies.

"We give them the software, and it's white labeled. We take it to the Internet service providers, wherever,

and if they like it, they get to customize the package that they're offering to their customers," Zarrour said.

The "direct to consumer" version will be released within two quarters with additional features and a tightened focus on the user, Zarrour said.

This version will be different from what the companies are getting but will still be "consumer driven" and free.

"Rather than going to those locations, you're going to a central location, and those services are coming to you," Zarrour said. "It's the same focus, the same vision, just a different way of messaging it."

While Zarrour reserves his commitment to providing inexpensive software for the public, the company must move toward the private sector to generate revenue.

"We've always had our

main goal to start partnering up," Zarrour said.

Throughout the year, the company has presented at technology fairs like the Web Innovators Group in Boston and TechCrunch in New York City. It also sponsored others like the Cleanweb Hackathon in San Francisco. By doing so, the company has been able to expand its connections from coast to coast.

Lee Yi, founder of Drund, said these events provided beneficial networking.

"They can either be very critical or very helpful. It's something that you need to have," Yi said of the "big names" the company has developed relationships with.

"Techies are some of the most creative people out there," Zarrour said.

While the group has received praise and criticism

from the nation's most prominent technology companies, its creators haven't forgotten their roots.

"We will continue to support the community at large," Yi said.

Zarrour said that when the new features are ready for testing, the team would look to YSU to do a case study, with hopes that the new layout will be as beneficial. He said that Drund believes in continuing its relationship with the university.

"If not for the faculty and staff [at YSU], the first case study would not have happened," Zarrour said.

He said that the first case study went beyond expectations, when participants not only tested but also began using Drund.

Cheerleaders must cover up or can't wear team uniforms

The Orlando Sentinel (MCT)

ORLANDO, Fla. After decades of allowing cheerleaders to wear skimpy skirts and sleeveless tops to class on game days, some schools are cracking down and requiring the uniforms to meet strict dress codes.

In Lake County, Fla., cheerleaders with uniforms too skimpy for the code are being asked to wear long shorts or pants under their skirts and a T-shirt under the sleeveless tops, according to a district memo. Principals at two of Lake's eight high schools — Leesburg and Lake Minneola — aren't allowing the outfits in school at all.

Michelle Thomas, a varsity cheerleader at Leesburg High School, was disappointed when she learned she couldn't wear her outfit to school on game days.

"It shows that we're a team just like all the other sports," she said.

Most Central Florida schools allow principals to have the final say in spirit clothing. Schools in Orange, Seminole and Volusia counties allow the uniforms to promote school spirit. Even in Osceola County schools — where all students are required to wear uniforms — cheerleaders can wear the outfits during class.

But in Lake, neither varsity nor junior varsity cheerleaders get a pass on the dress code.

"During the educational portion of the day, they have to meet the dress code just like every other student," said School Board Chairwoman Debbie Stivender, who ordered the staff to bring the

outfits into dress code compliance.

School administrators elsewhere believe allowing the uniforms during class pumps up school spirit, which boosts game attendance and brings excitement into the classrooms.

"It develops and enhances school pride," said Gene Grace, director of the school safety office in the Seminole County school district. "When students are proud of where they go to be assisted with their education, then they respect the grounds, their instructions ... it develops a camaraderie."

Cheerleader midriffs are banned across the state by the Florida High School Athletic Association, but no state rules address cheerleader mini-

skirts. Sheila Noone, a spokeswoman with the cheerleading uniform company Varsity Brands, says the outfits haven't become more revealing over the last 10 years, but the short skirts are designed to help the girls jump and kick.

"Cheerleading is athletic," Noone said. "There's a lot of jumping, so you won't want a knee-length skirt that might hamper a toe touch."

Many parents are upset that some of the pricey uniforms — which can cost several hundred dollars when shoes and jackets are included — can no longer be worn during school.

"They're now banning it like it's a something inappropriate or pornographic," said Lisa Milligan, whose daughter cheers at Mount Dora High School. "If you're going to

allow them to wear them to the game, then why not allow them to wear them to school?"

Superintendent Susan Moxley said it would be unfair if cheerleaders were permitted to wear the short skirts and sleeveless tops during school while other students couldn't. Lake principals say they've never had complaints.

Most cheerleaders were sad to hear the news, but say they'll comply with the rules. Even male cheerleaders, whose pants and tops meet dress code, chose not to wear their outfits to show unity.

"I understand, because they are kind of short," said Holly Bishop, 14, a Lake Minneola High School cheerleader about her mini-skirt. "It would've been really, really cool to wear them to school."

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Sights from the game

Rule changes change the game

Caitlin Cook
REPORTER

Along with current academic regulations, football players will be required to pass nine countable credit hours this fall semester due to NCAA rule changes.

If a football player does not complete nine hours, he will be penalized with a four-game suspension. All other student-athletes must pass six countable credit hours.

"The feeling was [that] student-athletes need to be students at the time they're competing as well, and [the NCAA was] not happy with how poor a number of football student-athletes

were performing," said Elaine Jacobs, associate director of athletics/SWA at Youngstown State University.

Head football coach Eric Wolford said this new rule places more accountability on players and coaches to ensure that they are taking care of business in the classroom.

"It's obviously a change from the rule in the past, but I understand it," Wolford said. "We have to continue to emphasize to these kids how important it is to get an education. We've always had a policy that our assistant coaches go out and check classes regularly and correspond with teachers."

YSU uses a "truth statement" that players sign at the end of each week to track progress and accountability concerning assignments, class attendance

and grades received.

"Off the field, I expect our guys to be like every other student here, and that means being a part of our community, being an outstanding citizen, doing things right and treating people appropriately and respectfully," Wolford said.

The new legislation provides players with an opportunity to regain eligibility they may have lost due to poor fall academic performance.

A player failing to meet nine hours must pass 27 countable credit hours before the subsequent fall term to earn the right to play in the first game of the season.

However, a player who attempts the makeup hours and again fails to pass nine credit hours will be benched

the first two games of the following season.

"It's critical they meet nine," said Marilyn O'Bruba, coordinator of athletic academic advising. "There are opportunities for them to gain them back if they make other requirements, but my hope is that we're not going to have to deal with that issue."

Ron Strollo, executive director of intercollegiate athletics, said that, in some sense, the new rule is "really good."

"The data shows if you don't pass at least six or nine hours, your chances of graduating or staying on track with [degree completion] percentages to be eligible goes down dramatically," Strollo said.

Hess shines as Jambar Player of the Week

Joe Catullo Jr.
SPORTS EDITOR

Although there were many nominations for this week's player of the week, nobody stood out more than sophomore quarterback Kurt Hess.

On Saturday, against Illinois State University, Hess threw for 293 yards and four touchdowns, tying a school record. He also rushed for another score.

Hess hails from Dayton and attended Chaminade-Julienne Catholic High School. He earned a first-team Greater Catholic League North Division selection and Honorable-Mention Division III Southwest All-District selection as a senior. Hess threw for more than 5,000 yards — a school record — and 40 touchdowns in his career there.

His finest year came in 2007 as a junior. He went 189-310 with 2,322 yards and 23 touchdowns. He earned second-team Greater Catholic League and honorable-mention all-district selection.

Hess also played basketball and was a second-team All-GCL selection.

Going to Youngstown State University in 2009, he was placed as a redshirt freshman.

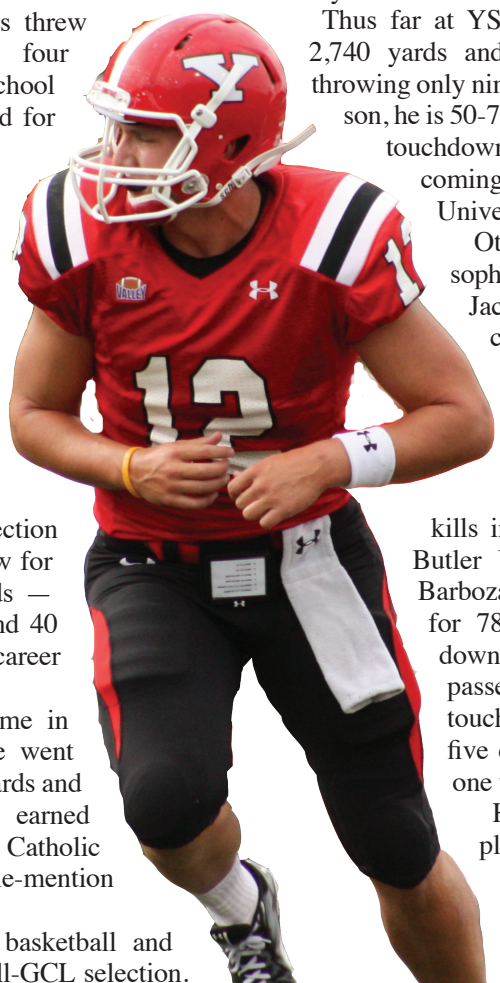
In 2010, Hess was named as the Missouri Valley Football Conference Freshman of the Year. He compiled 2,117 passing yards, the first freshman to do so in school history, and threw 12 touchdowns. He also became the first quarterback at YSU to throw for at least 200 yards in five straight games.

Thus far at YSU, Hess is 229-381 for 2,740 yards and 19 touchdowns while throwing only nine interceptions. This season, he is 50-77 for 623 yards and seven touchdowns with one interception coming against Michigan State University.

Other nominees included sophomore outside hitter Jackie Carlisle, senior receiver Andre Barboza, freshman receiver Christian Bryan and sophomore receiver Kevin Watts.

Carlisle posted 18 kills in a losing effort against Butler University on Saturday. Barboza nabbed three receptions for 78 yards and two touchdowns. Bryan caught five passes for 64 yards and one touchdown. Watts hauled in five catches for 68 yards and one touchdown.

Hess becomes the second player in 2011 to be chosen as Jambar Player of the Week. Sophomore running back Adaris Belamy earned the first.



Penguins play to learn in YSU Fall Classic

Joe Catullo Jr.
SPORTS EDITOR

The Youngstown State University softball team played Sunday in the annual YSU Fall Classic and will compete in three additional tournaments this fall.

YSU lost two games Sunday, 2-0 and 1-0, to Eastern Kentucky University and Saint Francis University. Although the games do not count toward the season, senior Jordan Ingalls said they do count for team morale.

"I can tell you everybody wants to win, even the coaching staff," Ingalls said. "We'll start with that attitude now and will probably carry over to the spring."

Senior Haley Thomas said winning would create momentum heading into the upcoming season.

"I think it sets a few tones for the spring," Thomas said. "Even though springtime is far away, it still gives us momentum. I think it will also help the freshmen out a lot to know they can come in right away and be successful."

Ingalls added that the fall helps to bring a team closer and take advantage of early opportunities.

"I think the fall is really nice because we've practiced for a couple of weeks and we're still getting to know each other," Ingalls said. "It's nice to see how we play together, and I think it helps you learn the people off the field as well. It brings the team together, and we all like playing, and we're all looking forward to it."

The team includes five freshmen: Samantha Troxell, Brooke Meenachan, Paige Miller, Kaitlyn Kite and Kayla Haslett. Head coach Brian Campbell said he wants to see what they can bring to the table.

"We want to put these younger kids in situations to see how they react differently in a pressured situation," Campbell said. "That stuff you can do in practices, you can do in scrimmages against each other, but it's nice to have the eight games for them to be in that situation."

Ingalls said the freshmen are encouraging her thus far.

"One of the best things about our freshmen is they are so pumped to play, which is awesome," Ingalls said. "It fits in with all of us who are enthusiastic. We try to help them out

Klysner takes over both tennis teams

Nick Mancini
SPORTS REPORTER

Mark Klysner was hired to coach the men and women's tennis teams at Youngstown State University this season, but that hasn't stopped him from achieving his team goals.

"As far as practice and training goes, it is not too different," Klysner said. "Scheduling has been a bit of a challenge, as far as getting the matches to coincide. One good thing will be the teams will be traveling together, which makes one tournament easy."

Klysner will serve as the only coach for both teams until the spring, and he said that is a major adjustment he's coping with.

Last season, Michele Grim coached the women but resigned after 14 years with the Penguins.

"Not having an assistant coach until the spring will definitely be a challenge," Klysner said. "It is going to be tough to be the only coach to carry the full load."

The men's team looks to build off its improvements last season: winning multiple Horizon League matches for the first time.

The Penguins also had a first-team all-conference performer, and their wins over Valparaiso University and the University of Detroit Mercy in the spring were their first league wins since 2005.

The men will have a young team coming back. The Penguins will be returning three sophomores, one junior and one senior. They also have an incoming freshman and a sophomore.

Leading the Penguins' at-



Freshman Dawoud Kabli practices on YSU tennis courts located next to the Watson and Tressel Training Site. Photo courtesy of Sports Information.

tack will be returning first-team All-Horizon League performer senior Tariq Ismail.

"Tariq is definitely who I am looking towards to lead the men's team," Klysner said. "He is my senior and captain,

so I know he will be able to carry this team."

Tariq Ismail posted a singles record and team-high 20 wins. He also picked up six more wins in doubles play. He became the first all-conference

performer for the Penguins since 2005.

Also returning for the Penguins are sophomores Rodrigo Campos, Max Schmerin and Zeeshan Ismail. They are looking to build on their fresh-

man campaigns.

Schmerin came in second on the team in wins with a record of 15-17 and nine more wins coming in doubles. He opened last season by winning his first five matches.

"I am really looking towards Max to have a great season," Klysner said. "Making the jump to his sophomore year, he should really be able to play more consistently."

Klysner also said freshman Dawoud Kabli has been making an impact since joining the team.

Returning for the women's team is back-to-back All-Horizon League selection junior Margarita Sadovnikova. She posted an 18-7 record for the season with a 6-2 mark in Horizon League play. Her 18 wins are fourth best in YSU history.

"Margarita is definitely our most experienced women's player," Klysner said. "She had a great season last year, and I know she is hungry to be even better this year."

Freshman Marta Burak is a newcomer. Klysner said he is looking for her to contribute immediately.

"Marta has really played well in practice," Klysner said. "She has been really excelling since she joined the team."

The men's team wrapped up play over the weekend at the Michigan State Invitational in East Lansing, Mich.

Schmerin topped Duquesne University freshman Richard Robbie in a singles match was one of the top marks of the weekend.

The men return to action on Friday at the Wright State/Dayton Invitational. The women's team opens the season on Sept. 30 at the Bucknell Invitational in Lewisburg, Pa.

Hamilton, Rupe lead cross-country at Penn State

Nick Mancini
SPORTS REPORTER

The Youngstown State University cross-country teams wrapped up competition Sunday in the Penn State University Spiked Shoe Invitational, both finishing sixth overall.

Head coach Brian Gorby said he was happy with his teams' performance.

"Overall, I was really impressed with how both teams competed," Gorby said. "We have been improving each week and keep getting better."

Junior Samantha Hamilton led the Penguins in the tournament, setting a new school record in the women's 6K race. She finished the event in seventh place overall, completing the course in 21:31. Her 3-mile split time of 16:55 is also a school record.

"With Samantha breaking the school record, there is no saying in how much she can improve," Gorby said. "If she stays healthy, the sky is the limit for her."

Coming in second was sophomore Anna Pompeo who finished the 6K at 22:53, a personal best and 10th best in school history. Pompeo finished 28th overall.

The Penguins placed several runners in the top 50 including junior Nelly Yegon and freshmen Christina Oles and Katie Heney.

Yegon finished with a time of 23:17, two minutes faster than her time on the same course two years ago. Yegon



Junior Samantha Hamilton broke two school records at the Penn State University Spiked Shoe Invitational. Records were set in the 6K race and the 3-mile split. Photo courtesy of Sports Information.

finished 36th overall.

Oles and Heney also ran personal bests. Oles ran 23:34 overall, good for 40th place. Heney crossed the finish line at 23:56 for 46th place.

"To have six girls run under 24 minutes compared to three last year is a testament to how hard they have been working," Gorby said. "They have been putting in more miles and intensity than previous teams."

Leading the men was sophomore Eric Rupe, finishing the 5.2-mile race at a time of 27:12. His 4-mile split was nearly 30 seconds faster than his previous, with a time of 20:38. Rupe finished 10th

overall.

Freshmen Austin McLean and Nick Gliha were next in line for the men's team, finishing 23rd and 28th respectively. McLean finished in 27:50, and Gliha was right on his tail at 27:58.

Gorby said the top three runners have been solid to start the year.

"Our top three runners have been running like seniors," Gorby said. "If we can improve on the other positions, we can really do some damage in the season."

Rounding out the men's top five finishers were sophomore Brandon Pasvanis and junior Aron Korir. Pasvanis

finished 42nd with a time of 29:05. Korir finished 53rd, crossing the finish line at 30:41.

Gorby said it would take some time for the men to come around after losing eight seniors last year.

"The men are kind of in a rebuilding mode, like the women were a few years ago," Gorby said. "But we are very excited on where this team can be down the road."

Both teams will have a two-week break from competition. The next competition, which begins Sept. 30, will be the Notre Dame Invitational in South Bend, Ind.

SPORTS BRIEFS

Volleyball begins Horizon League play

The YSU volleyball team opened Horizon League play Friday at Wright State University, dropping all three games. On Saturday, the team took on Butler University on the road and was swept again. The team stands at 1-12 on the season. The Penguins square off with Robert Morris University at 7 p.m. on Tuesday at Beeghly Center.

Soccer ties in Horizon League opener

Soccer opened Horizon League play at Wright State University on Sunday. The game ended in a 1-1 tie after two overtimes. The Penguins stand at 3-4-2 on the season, and their next game is Sunday at the University of Pennsylvania.

Women's golf finishes ninth out of 10 in weekend series

Women's golf wrapped up a weekend series at the Ball State Cardinal Classic, where the team finished ninth out of 10 teams. The Penguins are scheduled to participate in the Cleveland State Invitational, which begins Monday.

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as much as we can, but this is a learning experience. We all went through it. They're doing pretty good, though."

The Penguins have been practicing every Tuesday and Thursday since the beginning of the fall semester. Campbell said he noticed the veteran players' ability to mesh with the freshmen.

"For them to put their arms around some of the younger la-

dies and say, 'Hey, you're OK' or 'You'll get it next time,'" Campbell said, "[that] means a lot to the young ladies."

Thomas also likes what she has seen in the freshmen.

"I feel a lot of potential, which is always promising," Thomas said. "Obviously, we don't know what they can do yet because they haven't been in the game. Just based off of practice, they have a lot of po-

tential and can fit well with the team."

Campbell said he is also looking for leadership out of his veteran players. He said having that experience would help the freshmen.

"I think this year we have some more upperclassmen experience-wise," Campbell said. "In the past few years, we've been a little younger. That's the nice part about it,

to have experience like that. It really helps for them to guide the young ladies on the team."

Ingalls is modest about being one of the team leaders. She said each player leads in her own way, and her main focus is doing whatever she can for the team.

"One of the big things we talked about this year, and last year, is knowing your role on and off the field," Ingalls said.

"We did an awesome job at that last year. I wouldn't say so much I'm trying to be a leader. It just comes down to trying to do what you can for the team."

The Penguins will play six more games this fall. They will compete in the Robert Morris Tournament on Sunday, the Kent State Invitational on Oct. 1 and the Ohio State Tournament on Oct. 9.