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Kevin Alquist
NEWS REPORTER

Issue 1 is on the ballot this November and, if approved, will increase the maximum age allowed for an elected or appointed judge from 70 to 75 years old.

If approved, the amendment will take effect immediately.

Proponents of Issue 1 said the bill will keep experience, knowledge and integrity in the judicial system.

In a statement prepared by Ohio senators and representatives, legislators said the current judicial retirement regulations were voted on in 1968 when life expectancy was shorter.

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Jordan D. Uhl
NEWS EDITOR

Senate Bill 5's Yeshiva amendment could bring an end to faculty unions as a whole if Ohio votes "yes" on Issue 2.

According to an article in the Albany Law Review, which will publish in early 2012, the Yeshiva amendment prohibits university professors to collectively bargain entirely.

"We're not a union anymore [if Issue 2 passes]," said Julia Gergits, president of Youngstown State University's chapter of the Ohio Education Association. "We'll still have a gentleman's or gentleperson's club."

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Marissa McIntyre
ASSISTANT NEWS EDITOR

As the Affordable Care Act, signed by President Barack Obama more than a year and a half ago, awaits a constitutional argument in the U.S. Supreme Court, a battle over mandating and providing access to health care in Ohio has spilled onto the November ballot.

Passage of Issue 3 would effectively register Ohio as opposed to the federal health care act.

According to the proposed constitutional amendment, if the issue is passed, no rule or law "shall compel, directly or indirectly, any person, employer or health care provider to participate in a

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Two student-athletes dismissed, two suspended

Jordan D. Uhl
NEWS EDITOR

In the past two weeks, four Youngstown State University student-athletes have run into trouble, which has resulted in two dismissals from the football team and has two baseball players facing suspensions.

On Friday, Tim Taumoepeau, of Lockwood Boulevard and a member of the football team's practice squad, was arrested for assault after allegedly hitting a female outside the McDonough Museum of Art.

According to a police report, Taumoepeau, who was on crutches, bleeding from both hands and crying, told Sgt. Rosemary Marsco and Officer Deanna Bryant that he had punched his girlfriend and that he was sorry. However, the inci-

dent was incited by a disagreement of their relationship status.

"He's no longer with us," Trevor Parks, sports information director, said regarding Taumoepeau's status with the team.

Parks added that Taumoepeau would not be returning to the team.

Taumoepeau was arraigned on Tuesday on two counts of assault and entered a plea of not guilty.

On Saturday night, Jake Kucek, of Blue Heron Lane, and Nicholas Manuppelli, of Stonedged Court in Pittsburgh, both members of the YSU baseball team, were arrested for underage consumption of alcohol after YSU Police noticed the two entering the Uni-



TAUMOEPEAU



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versity Courtyard Apartments with beer.

Kucek and Manuppelli were arraigned on Monday and both entered pleas of not guilty.

Parks said they are suspended from the baseball team's season opener against Canisius College in February.

Head baseball coach Rich Pasquale said he had met with the players earlier this week to discuss the issue but wouldn't comment further.

Two weeks ago, Deonta Tate

was dismissed from the football team after violating team policies.

Head football coach Eric Wolford said they've had to make changes to team policies.

"You [need to] buy in and do exactly what the team needs to do to win, and that's just part of the team concept," Wolford said.

Chet Cooper, YSU's NCAA compliance officer, said these types of matters are typically handled internally, unless extreme, habitual offenses occur and demand the organization's attention.

"Student-athletes are held to the same, if not greater, stan-

dards than students," Cooper said. "They have to abide by the code, and there are expectations within the athletic department."

Lt. Michael Cretella of the YSU Police said the campus police and the athletics department work hand in hand.

"They don't want us to give them any special treatment," he said. "Even if they did, they wouldn't get it."

Cretella said he was unaware that Kucek and Manuppelli were baseball players but remained confident Pasquale would discipline them appropriately.

At the time, he was unaware of the arrests, but said it wasn't against protocol.

An attempt to reach Executive Director of Athletics Ron Strollo was unsuccessful.

EDITOR'S NOTE: Kucek's headshot was unavailable.

Tuition for all affords athletics for some

Rachel Lundberg
REPORTER

Fewer than 3 percent of Youngstown State University's students are athletes, but all students share the burden of funding the university's athletics program.

The athletics department receives 5.5 percent of the general fund, which consists of the university's revenue from tuition, state and federal resources, and investment income.

Dwarfed only by employee salaries, funding athletics costs more than any other individual expenditure in the fiscal year 2012 operating budget.

YSU's expenses for FY 2012 total \$158.7 million, \$8,799,129 of which is put toward athletics.

Along with support from the general fund, the athletics department raises \$2,907,541 from outside sources. Total resources are more than \$11.7 million.

Budget Director Neal McNally said it is standard procedure for a university to subsidize 75 percent of its athletics

program.

Some students have a different stance on how the university's money should be spent, though.

"We're a school, not a stadium," said Corinne Bocci, a sophomore Spanish major. "I don't participate in athletics, so I don't feel that such an extravagant amount of my tuition dollars should go toward it."

She added that putting the money toward educational purposes — like hiring more professors — would be a better use.

A Cleveland Plain Dealer article said Ohio State University is the only Ohio public university that funds athletics without subsidies.

Athletics — including football game attendance and student body diversification — is part of the college experience for many people, McNally said.

Athletics makes money through ticket sales, program and scoreboard advertisements, loge rentals and a number of other fundraising enterprises organized by the Penguin Club, the athletics

program's booster club.

About one-third of the athletic department's funding goes toward student scholarships, according to the FY 2012 operating budget.

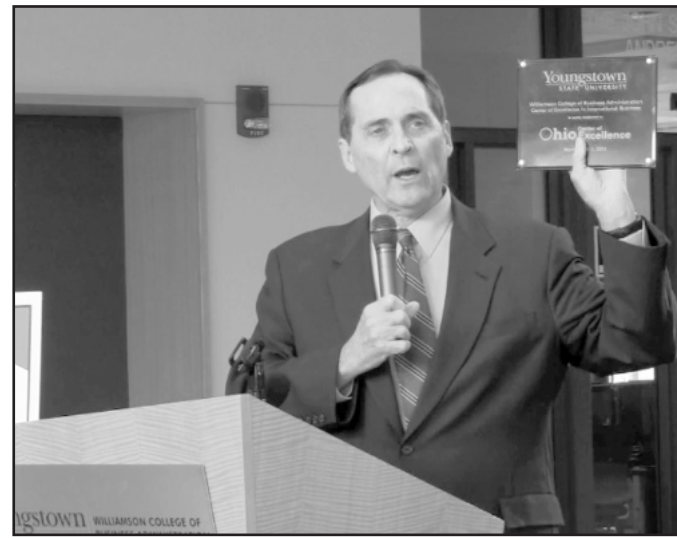
"Our budget's mostly scholarships for the student-athletes and personnel [salary]," said Ron Strollo, executive director of athletics.

Though student participation in the program is less than in many other programs on campus, Strollo stressed its importance as a form of community outreach.

The stadium is open for inexpensive rental by local schools. These schools would not have adequate fields on which to play, McNally said.

Compared to other schools, YSU's athletics program earns more than most, Strollo said.

"The reasons a lot of schools have athletics on campus is because it generates enrollment," Strollo said. "When you're generating enrollment, you know, a lot of those kids at the top of your list are paying their own way, but the only reason they're here is because we have intercollegiate athletics programs."



Ohio Chancellor Jim Petro speaks at a press conference Tuesday at the Williamson College of Business Administration. During the conference, he announced the WCBA as a Center of Excellence. Photo by Marissa McIntyre/The Jambar.

WCBA, YSU's newest Center of Excellence

Marissa McIntyre
ASSISTANT NEWS EDITOR

The Ohio Board of Regents recognized the Williamson College of Business Administration as a Center of Excellence during a press conference on Tuesday.

WCBA Dean Betty Jo Licata, Youngstown State University President Cynthia Anderson, Chancellor Jim Petro and business student Sarah Stafford spoke at the event.

Licata said the college is being recognized for its teaching research and outreach services in the business community.

Petro said he was delighted to announce the award, as it is the 50th designation in Ohio.

"This is the third Center of Excellence designation for Youngstown State, which is, I think, a great accomplishment," Petro said.

He said the honor is based on how the facility competes globally.

"Obviously the Williamson College really does compete," Petro said.

Licata said the goals of a Center of Excellence are to transform students into leaders, to provide research that advances knowledge in international business and to accelerate and expand connections with international business.

The college of business is comprised of the Williamson Center for International Business, the Emerging Markets Initiative, the Ohio Small Business Development Center and the new International Trade Assistance Center.

Stafford said her international experience at YSU would allow her to compete globally.

"As a student, having the opportunity to apply international research to real-world study is valuable," Stafford said.

She said the projects that come out of this are incredible.

"The most powerful connection is between the students and the real world," Stafford said. "These are not theoretical projects; they are real-life based."

"Programs like this have a benefit in retaining talent in the Mahoning Valley and in Ohio," Licata said. She said she hopes that Stafford's education and talents will remain in Ohio, even though she has the education to work globally.

Licata said this recognition will allow the college to increase its visibility on a national level, opening doors to more opportunities.

"I have high hopes for the future of the business college," Licata said.

NCAA rule change could assist athletes

Caitlin Cook
REPORTER

On Oct. 27, the NCAA Division I Board of Directors approved a rule that allows member schools to potentially provide athletes with full athletic scholarships and an additional \$2,000 each year.

The decision, made in Indianapolis, will affect schools across the country, including Youngstown State University.

Emily Haynam, assistant director of athletics at YSU, said her initial reaction to the rule was frustration.

"From a standpoint on the way this decision was made, it bypassed the normal legislative process that we have had in place for years to create and amend legislation," she said.

Typically, any conference in the country can create a legislative proposal through a legislative council.

Haynam likens the process to bill becoming law.

Once a proposal enters the legislative cycle, every conference has input. Then, the legislative council votes. Depending on how the council votes, the board of directors can overturn the result, agree with the result or send the legislation back through for comments and feedback.

"In this situation, essentially the NCAA president created several working groups, and those working groups have full authority to change the rule-book how they want to change it or change how the process goes," Haynam said.

The new rule will permit participating schools to award a full athletic scholarship and an annual \$2,000 stipend.

Haynam and others are weary of the additional money creating a larger divide in opportunities in Division I sports.

"I'm all for giving kids as much money as we can give them," Haynam said. "But if it's creating a competitive inequality, that's where my concern is."

Junior track runner Nicole Pachol earned a full athletic scholarship and said she uses her money wisely.

"I absolutely feel like the money I receive has been enough that I have enough options as far as food goes, and we're accommodated with good facilities as far as living, whether it's the dorms or the [University Courtyard Apartments]," Pachol said.

Though Pachol doesn't necessarily need it, she said she would welcome any additional money.

As a former full scholarship athlete at Ohio State University,

Haynam said she feels student-athletes have access to enough money, but they need to spend it more responsibly and appropriately.

"Any student would like more money, but I don't think it's necessarily going to solve some of the problems they hope it does," she added.

Bob Boldon, YSU head women's basketball coach, said he doesn't necessarily agree with the new legislation and feels student-athletes are compensated fairly.

"It depends on what we do," he said. "Obviously, the [Bowl Championship Series] schools are going to use it. If we don't use it, and other mid-major schools are going to use it, then it will hurt us. If we do use it and other mid-major schools don't use it, then it will help us," Boldon said.

Haynam said the athletic scholarship does the job it's intended to do.

"The athletic scholarship is meant to provide you with an opportunity to get a free education in addition to playing a sport while still feeding you and putting a roof over your head," she said.

However, YSU head football coach Eric Wolford welcomes the new rule.

"I'm excited about it," he said. "Any chance to help out your student-athlete, I think, is a good thing."

As the Nov. 9 first early signing period approaches, the athletics department at YSU will have to wait until both membership conferences adopt or reject the new rule.

"We're kind of in a holding pattern and have to wait and see what the Missouri Valley Conference decides to do as a conference and what the Horizon League decides to do," Haynam said. "Once we have that information, then we'll be able to figure out how we're going to incorporate that into not only the ones that we are signing but our current student-athletes."

Wolford doesn't see the new rule affecting recruiting in the future.

"Unless they come back and tell me we can't give them the money, but right now we anticipate giving them the money and doing everything we need to do to recruit like everybody else," Wolford said.

Haynam said the rule would take effect Aug. 1, according to reports received from the board of directors.

"We have to be sure our policies aren't tying the hands of our coaches, but at the same time, we have to make sure our policies are also lining up with trying to mitigate budget ramifications," Haynam said.

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"These judges are capable of working well into their 70s, and we think it is important to give the voters of Ohio a look at this issue and decide for themselves," Larry Obhof, R-22, said.

David Porter, a political science professor at Youngstown State University, said although many people are healthier in their 70s than they have been in the past, many still suffer from illnesses that prevent them from staying on the judicial bench.

"The questions that should be asked are, 'How long should these judges stay on the bench after they reach the age of 70?' and 'Are they capable of continuing their full-time position?'" Porter said.

Porter added that judges who retire are not necessarily incapable of continuing work.

"There are still opportunities for them after retirement," Porter said. "Many retired judges work as an attorney or a visiting judge."

Supporters of the issue also stated that judges are the only elected officials in Ohio that have mandatory age requirements.

Ohio Rep. Matt Huffman, R-4, said the issue is one of civil rights.

"These people that are able to work are being excluded because of their age," Huffman said. "We could eliminate the age limit, but I think changing it from 70 to 75 is a modest proposal."

Issue 1 still includes rigorous judicial accountability, meaning the state will not allow a judge to hold office with-

out being physically, mentally and intellectually able of carrying out required duties.

Ohio's constitution prevents an entrenched judiciary by holding elections every six years.

In a statement prepared by Ohio Reps. Tracy Heard, D-26, and Mark Okey, D-31, periodic elections coupled with reasonable age limits assure that the judiciary board remains efficient and productive.

They also stated that the current system has served Ohio well.

Opponents of Issue 1 said that Ohio's current system works. They argue that if something isn't broken, it shouldn't be fixed.

They also said the additional five years will burden the courts with judges whose best years are behind them.

"There are still opportunities for the judges to be of service as mentors or visiting judges," Heard said.

If approved, Issue 1 will also eliminate the General Assembly's authority to establish conciliation courts and governors' authority to appoint members to the Supreme Court.

Obhof said these provisions were packaged together in Issue 1 to clean up obsolete provisions in Ohio law.

"Both of the laws are outdated and have not been used in the state for well over 100 years," he said. "These laws were used in the 1800s and haven't been a necessary factor since then."

Opponents said these antiquated issues should be addressed separately.

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NEWS BRIEFS

Students, faculty from Brazil visit YSU

The 12th annual business-study tour sponsored by the YSU Williamson College of Business Administration has brought master of business administration students and faculty from Brazil's University of Sao Paulo to Youngstown for the week. The group, which will remain in Youngstown through Friday, will tour local businesses like Best Buy, Home Depot and Sam's Club. YSU faculty and representatives from the Regional Chamber will present seminars about business-to-business marketing, emerging trends in marketing communication and more. The tour is part of YSU's Center of Excellence in International Business.

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a health care system, ... prohibit the purchase or sale of health care or health insurance ... [or] impose a penalty or fine for the sale or purchase of health care or health insurance."

Youngstown State University junior Perry Salak said that with his knowledge on Issue 3, he is leaning toward voting "yes."

"I don't think the government has the right to tell anyone what health care they can have," Salak said.

Meghan Snyder, spokeswoman for Ohioans for Healthcare Freedom — a primary group that organized petitions for Issue 3 — said the issue is mostly geared toward the individual mandate.

"Issue 3 ensures that Ohio cannot be forced by the government to make anyone purchase health care," Snyder said.

She said health care is between doctors and patients, and one should have the freedom to make decisions.

Snyder said that those in opposition paint hypothetical situations that are not likely to happen.

Capri Cafaro, D-32nd, said opposition to Issue 3 would continue to make health care more affordable and accessible because working families will not be denied coverage due to any pre-existing conditions.

"If insurance is used more, it's going to cost the insurance companies more if you're more likely to use it," said Dr. Glenn Egelman.

He said, as an example, if someone had cancer as a child, he would be more susceptible to other forms of cancer as an adult. Even if the individual is cured of cancer at the time of applying for health insurance, the individual will be more likely to become costly for an insurance company and therefore denied coverage.

Egelman is a doctor at Vivature Health, which provides

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Bench stolen from apartments

On Monday morning, YSU Police reported to Building 100 of the University Courtyard Apartments after a property manager noticed that a bench was missing from the lobby hallway. She checked the security cameras and saw the unknown suspects take the bench outside the building near a fence. The bench was wet and had a cigarette burn on it.

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[but] we'll be de facto de-unionized."

Since its introduction in February, then SB 5 has been cultivating strong support as well as fierce opposition. The voices are outspoken, and now Ohio voters have the opportunity to repeal or retain the law, which has been headlined across the country.

At YSU, many have joined the ranks of the opposition forces.

YSU's Academic Senate passed a resolution in March before SB 5 was passed.

"Not having the right to collectively bargain will impact the academic environment," Chet Cooper, the organization's chair said.

This was touched on in the Albany piece, which examined university presidents' involvement with the legislative process during deliberations over SB 5. The article states that university presidents directed the evolution of the bill while claiming to remain neutral.

"The idea that they authorized [President of the Inter-University Council Bruce] Johnson to testify in favor of the bill, and now decline to take a stand, makes no sense whatsoever," the article's author, Sheldon Gelman, said.

Members of the IUC's connection and communication pertaining to the bill was collected and hashed out, and the alleged actions of YSU President Cynthia Anderson has, again, caused a stir among some faculty members.

"It's sobering reading because it verifies so clearly that we can't trust the Anderson administration to deal with us honestly or to view us as partners in this institution," John Russo said in an email.

Multiple attempts to reach Anderson were unsuccessful.

"[Anderson] has remained neutral on SB 5 since the beginning, and I think she's remained consistent on her neutrality," said Ron Cole, director of university communications.

However, Sherry Linkon

said in an email, "Anderson lied when she said she was neutral [on SB5]."

Confusion surrounds the central issue of the legislation, particularly what can and can't be collectively bargained for, while the implications for faculty at institutions of higher learning are much greater.

"I sacrifice all this time. I do my job. Now you're telling me I don't have these rights," Gergits said. "It feels like an assault."

Gergits said she worries about the future of YSU and similar universities and stressed how passing Issue 2 could make it much harder to attract new, prime faculty.

With Election Day on Tuesday, Issue 2 puts in jeopardy what opponents consider a right, but collective bargaining isn't the only thing subject to voter discretion.

If passed, Issue 2 will reform grievance and dispute procedures; alter health care, vacation, and paid and sick leave policies; change unfair labor practice procedures; tweak compensation and pensions; and create the Ohio Commission for Excellence in Public Service, according to the bill's official summary. "[Issue 2] would prohibit public employers from paying any part of the share of the pension contribution," Kasich said in a release. "I don't think many public employees think that they shouldn't have to pay some of this, but they've been told that this bill does far more than that and have never read the bill."

"[SB 5] requires state employees to pay 10 percent into their pensions and 15 percent into their health care benefits, right on par with those in the private sector," Evan Beil, a member of the YSU College Republicans, said.

He said he's voting "yes" on Issue 2 despite his membership in the United Food and Commercial Workers International Union.

"My grandpa was a Youngstown firefighter, and my sister is a year away from being

an elementary school teacher, but I support Issue 2 regardless," Beil said. "Unions built America's middle class and will always have their place. However, they are beginning to overstep their boundaries."

Josh Prest, chairman of the YSU College Republicans, said his Republican counterparts want public employees to pay more into their benefits and health care in order for the state to save money.

Students throughout the state have become vocal on the issue as well.

"Where unions are prevalent, so is poverty," Sam Bain, co-chairman of the Ohio College Republican Federation, said. "Unions are too often allowed to negotiate contracts that are simply unsustainable to local communities like Youngstown."

Gergits said many might look at faculty salaries and think they're overpaid; however, in a national context they're below average.

While Ohio is bracing for an \$8 billion shortfall in the biennial budget, Bain suggests voting "yes" will ensure fiscal solvency in Ohio.

"It's just important we win this. I mean if we don't win, it'll be a setback to economic growth. But I think we're going to win," Kasich said in a press release.

Gergits is expecting Ohio to vote "no" but in a closer vote than she'd feel comfortable with.

"Our area is kind of this little nest of pro-union, heavily democratic. So we get a false sense of what all Ohio is like; it's almost homogeneous [here]," Gergits said.

Above all, Gergits is fearful of what will become of the next few years of Kasich's term.

"Kasich isn't stopping. He's planning other ways to do what he thinks needs to be done," she said. "The only thing that would be a great relief would be when Kasich isn't there anymore and someone else is, someone who's a friend to the state of Ohio."



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'Jack of all trades' The Renaissance man can

Jessica Johnson
REPORTER

Ever wonder how many other students share the same major as you? In Craig Ziobert's case, no one does.

Ziobert has been studying organ performance since 2008 and is the only student in this focus area. As a double major, he is also pursuing a religious studies degree.

A senior at Youngstown State University, Ziobert does much more than fly solo through his courses.

Commonly referred to as a "jack of all trades," he is a modern-day Renaissance man. With numerous and varied interests, he said he makes time for each one.

Ziobert is the assistant organist at Our Lady of Mount Carmel Church, where he has played every Sunday since 2009.

He also has a passion for vocal music. Ziobert belongs to the university choir and the Saint Columba Cathedral Choir.

"Both are completely different," he said. "Saint Columba is all church music, whereas choir is a mixture of the two."

Ziobert said he loved being a part of the university choir's special performances, including shows for 9/11 and Christmas.

In Ziobert's favorite production, "Pop Series," the choir gets a chance to break away from the usual classical singing to perform modern-day pop songs.

As another pastime, Ziobert blogs. He manages three websites, two that focus on weather.

"I realized I liked weather as a child," he said. "I would always go outside and watch storms. I always wanted to be the one out there chasing the storms."

The police escorted Ziobert off Virginia Beach in 2004 because of his fas-

ination with Hurricane Alex.

"Everyone else was inside, and I was outside because I wanted to feel the water," he said. "There were like 55-mile-per-hour winds."

Ziobert said he plans to fulfill his childhood dream, without police escorts, of chasing storms in Kansas, Missouri and Oklahoma during tornado season in the spring.

Meteorology quickly became Ziobert's main fascination after he finished a weather course.

William Buckler, associate professor of geography, said he saw Ziobert's strong interest in meteorology and called him shortly after the course ended to see if he would be interested in assistant teaching.

Ziobert accepted the offer and has been an assistant teacher for the weather class and lab for two years.

"I enjoy interacting with the students and talking about weather," he said. "You can't really discuss weather with your friends without them getting bored."

Ziobert's main website focuses on Youngstown's weather and is linked to his Twitter account. The other site focuses solely on tropical hurricane weather, and the link was attached to a CNN article during the recent hurricanes.

"That was probably my busiest day [on the website]," he said. "I had over 1,000 hits."

Ziobert said he plans to earn a master's degree in meteorology. His hope is to have a full-time career in weather and a part-time job as a church director.

Students can also find Ziobert behind the customer service desk at the YSU Bookstore or selling merchandise while tailgating at YSU football games.

Ziobert said he plans to stay involved in each of his interests until his graduation in 2013.

"I have such a wide variety of interests, which has led me to become involved in so many different things," he said.



Senior Craig Ziobert sits behind an organ at Saint Columba Cathedral during the Dana Fall Choral Concert. Photo courtesy of Molly Sherer.

Flashback to 1849 City of Cambridge an outlet for time travel



The Bob Cratchit and Tiny Tim statue is one of many focal points of the Dickens Victorian Village. Photo courtesy of dickensvictorianvillage.com

Chelsea Telega
ARTS & ENTERTAINMENT
EDITOR

The imagination of Charles Dickens has come alive with life-size mannequins lining a five-block stretch of Cambridge, Ohio.

The 186 mannequins and 80 scenes depict images from Dickens' "A Christmas Carol" and include characters like Tiny Tim.

Each figurine's face was sculpted and painted by local artists, and the clothes were donated or found at thrift shops. High school students studying building at the local vocational school made each body.

Throughout the six years of the Dickens Victorian Village, the scenes have acquired new sculptures.

Visitors are able to explore historic architecture in the form of old-fashioned shops and restaurants, while also learning about England's history.

On Nov. 10, the Guernsey County Courthouse's holiday lights and music show will illuminate downtown Cambridge.

Also on Nov. 10, the Great Expectations Chocolate Walk will allow visitors to explore the world of chocolate. How-

ever, tickets for this event are sold out.

An old-fashioned pub crawl — which includes a tour of four taverns and beverages like ale and wassail — will take place Nov. 12.

Last year, four contest winners were chosen to have their faces sculpted and placed in the scenes.

Jonett Haberfield, committee co-chair for the Dickens Victorian Village, noticed a steady boost in economic development for the businesses as the project matured.

"The whole display has grown, but what has really grown is the number of visitors," Haberfield said. "It's very rewarding to see what it has done for our town economically."

Recently, the town has undergone a major renovation to its downtown area. New street signs and lampposts have been added throughout the area.

Founder Bob Ley envisioned the project after seeing the amount of tourists during a trip to Oglebay Park in Wheeling, W.V.

Ley originated sketches of each scene, proposed the idea to 17 people on a city board and received the approval of 16. The mayor started the project with \$1,000, and a committee was formed.

From adolescent to elderly, the participation rate in the development has been lofty.

"People take pride in it, and it has been a fantastic thing for the city," Ley said. "There are so many different ways that this affects people."

As a participant, Haberfield finds the whole experience exceptionally stimulating and is impressed with Ley's efforts.

"He wanted to revitalize and give people a reason to come to our town," Haberfield said. "It's very inspirational. All of us are volunteers, and it's brought so many people together."

Ley said the event has brought together community members.

"We see hundreds of families coming downtown to look at it together," Ley said. "It's just unbelievable to me how many people come."

Ley recalled a time when he saw about 10 children wrapped in blankets sitting in the bed of a truck. The family traveled to see the display.

The objective of the project, which is displayed until Jan. 7, is to bring the Christmas spirit to its visitors.

"Everybody understands Christmas and wants to feel that warm feeling," Haberfield said. "Being a part of this allows you to feel that."

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Thursday

Rookery Radio Fall 2011 Launch Party

Thursday, 9 p.m.
Inner Circle Pizza, YSU
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Thursday, 10 p.m.
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Friday

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Friday, 5:30 p.m.
McMenamy's

Esto Jazz

Friday, 9 p.m.
Five Points Wine & Bar

Saturday

Misook Yun Voice Studio Recital

Saturday, 8 p.m.
Bliss Recital Hall

Hern Brothers

Saturday, 9:30 p.m.
McMenamy's

Sunday

Eddie Vallus Band

Sunday, 2 p.m.
Bessemer Croatian Club

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Sunday, 8 p.m.
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Let's face it, Tuesday's ballot hinges on unions, budgets and the age-old dilemma of shrinking or expanding government.

We live in an area built on union labor. But that manufacturing base is fleeting.

The Mahoning Valley suffers fiscally. It also suffers from unemployment.

There are 28,000 residents unemployed in the Youngstown-Warren metropolitan area, according to the U.S. Bureau of Labor Statistics. The labor unions are losing traction, and the argument for job creation has become paramount.

We agree that employees should have a say in work conditions and pay. But the line has to be drawn somewhere.

Capping vacation days at six weeks is like using a cork to plug a hemorrhaging oil spill. The conveniences that unions have come to enjoy aren't feasible in today's economic climate.

We have to make a tough decision. Do we allow the state to dictate our public workers' livelihood? Or do we allow the unions to prey on a dying rust town?

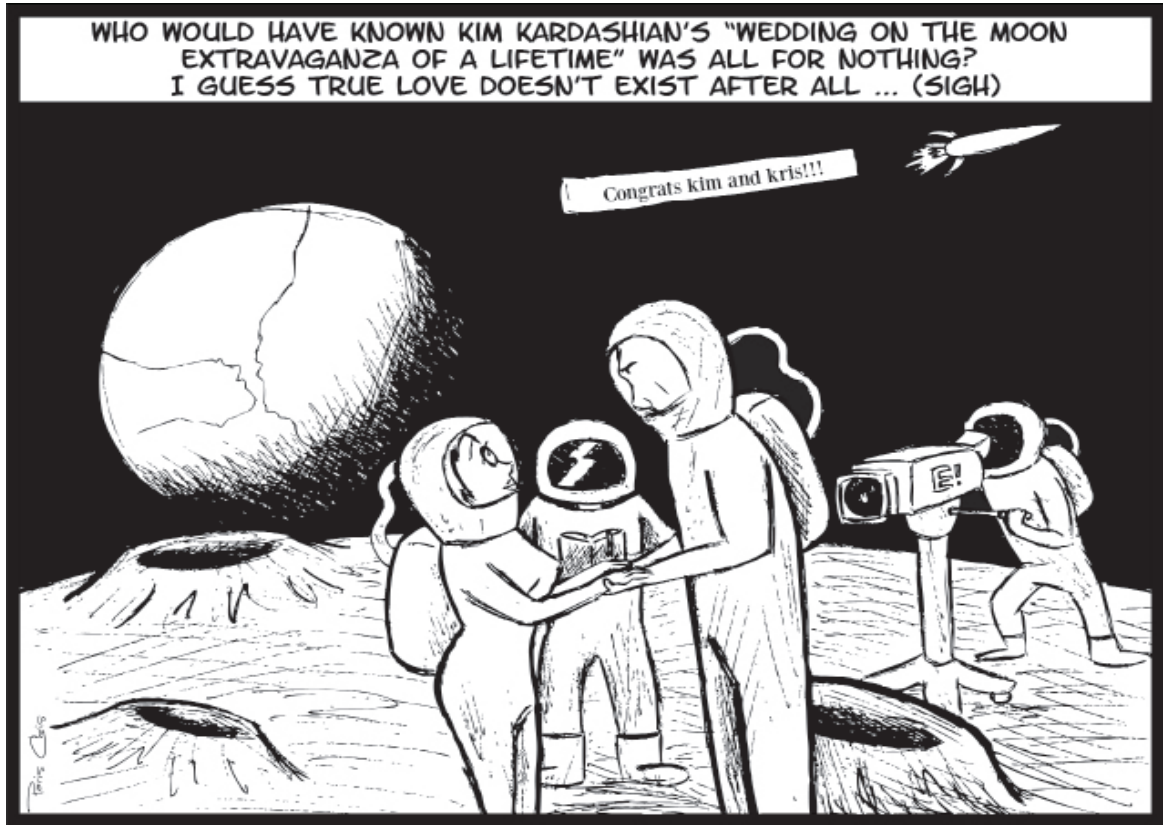
We leave the choice to you.

As the freedom of health care stands before voters on Tuesday, we can't forget the burden that mandating health insurance would place on small business owners. We also can't forget that 15 percent of Mahoning County and Trumbull County residents are uninsured, according to the Health Policy Institute of Ohio.

Voting for Issue 3 will send a message to Obama that we don't need the federal government telling us where and how we should spend our money. Voting against it will tell those who are uninsured that they have little hope for primary care.

They'll continue to flood our hospitals and emergency rooms. If nothing is done, Medicaid, already 20 percent of the state's expenses, will continue to bankroll our state.

The correct answer often seems the least likely. So be careful what you vote for. The decision you make on Tuesday may steer the most crucial decisions made in a non-election year — at least in our lifetime.



Cartoon by Paris Chrisopoulos/The Jambar.

LETTER TO THE EDITOR

SB 5 and nursing

As the election is just a short time away, I wanted to write in opposition to Issue 2, the repeal of Senate Bill 5. The general public at this point is aware that SB 5 was a successful attempt to abolish collective bargaining, or unionizing, in the public sector. The basis of this abolishment was to provide government with tools to balance the state budget; analysis has revealed getting rid of collective bargaining to balance the budget is like going after the Great Wall of China with an ice pick. All in all, I would like to share what SB 5 means to nursing in the public sector.

Outlawing discussions about safe nurse staffing levels is at the forefront of reasons nurses oppose SB 5. Research shows that patient outcomes are directly linked to the amount of nursing care patients receive while in the hospital. We would all like to believe that health care employers use such research in making nurse staffing determinations. Yet, more than any other issue, unionized nurses find themselves addressing substandard and unsafe staffing levels in the bargaining process.

As it relates to nurses, "staffing" is a difficult word to define because so many variables are at play. The number of nurses assigned to patients during a given

shift is certainly part of it, though not all or even most of what comprises staffing. All the patients must be periodically assessed by their caregivers to determine acuity, or how sick the patients are. The acuity must then be matched to the skill and experience level of the nurses on a given shift. The design of the patient care area and the ease with which nurses can deliver care should also be factored into staffing decisions.

The concept of staffing can best be understood by putting oneself on the receiving end of nursing care. As a patient, I want to know that my nurse has the skills and expertise to care for my condition, or else fluctuations in my condition might be overlooked or missed altogether. In most cases, I am not the only patient on my nurse's assignment. I want to make sure that there are not too many other patients, however, because that means my nurse does not have adequate time to spend at my bedside giving me the care I need to heal.

As cost pressures continue to press down on the health care industry, the unfortunate reality is that nurses are asked to take on more patients with fewer resources. Whether health care is delivered in a public or private sector institution, it is vital that the nurses who deliver care have the right to

address safe staffing practices. And the standard of care in one facility impacts the standards in the surrounding health care market.

This is only one of the multitudes of problems SB 5 promises for public sector nurses. It is so easy to get pulled into the rhetoric, but it is dangerous to rely on commercials as our sole source of information. Nurses rely on bargaining rights to advocate for safe staffing practices. Silencing these patient advocates is a dangerous proposition that will do nothing to improve health care delivery in our state.

Although I have never worked as a nurse in a collective bargaining hospital, I write this letter in opposition to SB 5 because it affects all nurses. The rationale for the bill was to balance the budget, and the bill does not. Nurses have an ethical obligation to advocate for the patient and to have knowledge of the well being of the community. It is my personal belief that, given the current economic environment, the middle class of our community cannot withstand much more of a burden.

Brennon Giles

Wheelersburg
Secretary,
Ohio Nurses Association

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Politics, money and taxes

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News Service
(MCT)

Mention "social welfare organization" and the last thing that comes to mind is a group that expends millions of dollars to influence a federal election. But Crossroads GPS, which spent more than \$17 million in 2010 to elect Republicans to Congress, claims to be a social welfare organization — which gives it tax-exempt status and allows it to conceal the identities of its donors.

Now two campaign-reform groups have written to the Internal Revenue Service challenging the right of Crossroads GPS and three other organizations to 501(c)(4) status. The IRS should initiate an investigation. In the aftermath of the Supreme Court's Citizens United decision, special interests can spend freely to influence elections; the least the public can expect is that groups such as Crossroads GPS identify who's providing the money.

Under the tax code, 501(c)(4)s are supposed to be either social welfare organizations or local associations of employees involved in charitable work. Among the examples provided by the IRS are an organization that erects homes for low- and moderate-income families or a group formed to advise individuals on how to solve their financial difficulties. A 501(c)(4) can engage in some political activity so long as it's not the organization's principal purpose.

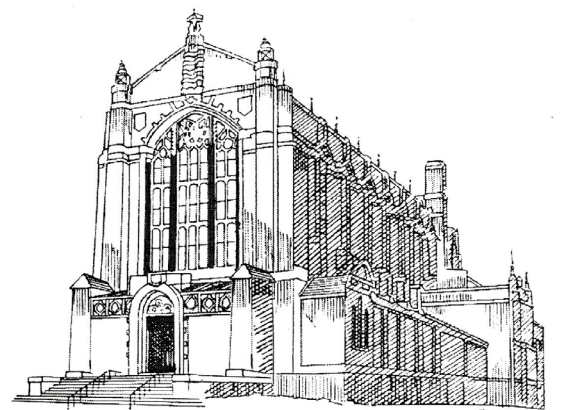
Crossroads GPS and similar organizations insist that they engage in significant social welfare activities in addition to their political activities, though Crossroads includes "issue ads" in that category. But the reform groups scoff at such claims, insisting that the organizations' overriding purpose is to participate in and influence elections. That is something the IRS should determine.

In addition to Crossroads GPS, the reform groups are asking the IRS to review the status of American Action Network, Americans Elect and Priorities USA, which was founded by two former aides to President Obama. The

abuse of the 501(c)(4) exemption is a bipartisan affair.

These groups should be allowed to make their case that they engage in sufficient good works to overshadow their political activities. But if the IRS is not convinced, it should force the groups to reconstitute themselves as so-called 527 organizations — which are allowed to spend in support of candidates but must identify their contributors. Disclosure is also a good work.

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'There's no success without any adversity'

Brown, Penguins geared to overcome hardships

Joe Catullo Jr.
SPORTS EDITOR

With 10 days before the 2011-2012 opening tip, junior forward Brandi Brown is hungry. During the off-season, she was served a Horizon League Preseason Player of the Year accolade.

That same day, another announcement was made that not even Brown expected: The Penguins were predicted to finish last in the Horizon League.

"I'm definitely disappointed that our team is ranked last," Brown said. "I think that we've been working really hard. I think that is really disappointing, but there's no success without any adversity."

Brown added that being last has her asking the waiter for another portion.

"As soon as you stop being hungry, that's when you get eaten," Brown said. "We're just planning on staying hungry. This just adds more motivation to the success we want to have for this program."

Youngstown State University head women's basketball coach Bob Boldon said Brown deserves the honor.

"Brandi is a very humble player," Boldon said. "She's a kid that never really aspired [to] being player of the year."

Brown led the conference in scoring last season.

"I think the most amazing thing ... is [that] she adapted to a completely different style of play from being in the post to moving in the perimeter," Boldon said.

Brown was also named Second-Team All-Horizon League last season. She became the first Penguin to earn all-league honors since Tiara Scott in the 2007-2008 season.

Brown said she faces added pressure as the best player.

"Even though I know I have a lot of work, I know at the end of the day that I'm going to play basketball," she said. "That's what I've been doing, and

that's what I'm going to keep on doing."

Brown compiled 597 points, 277 rebounds, 18 assists, 18 blocks and 43 steals last season. Boldon said he is most excited about Brown's 37 three-pointers.

"We think she's more dangerous outside, and that's usually where we use her," Boldon said. "The majority of the things she does is facing the basket. Being a post player allows her to use her quickness and mobility to get rebounds instead of just trying to out-muscle people."

Boldon said he is concerned, however, about keeping her fresh.

"We need to get her down to a manageable number," Boldon said. "I don't know what that number is, but 40 is too much. She's best when she's fresh."

However, there is another "40" Boldon said he's comfortable with.

"For us to be successful, she probably has to touch it like 40 times a game," Boldon said. "She doesn't need to shoot it 40 times a game, but Brandi gets a lot of attention. She makes pretty good decisions, and I think she's getting better at that every day."

Boldon added that Brown has little to improve on in her game because she has few weak points.

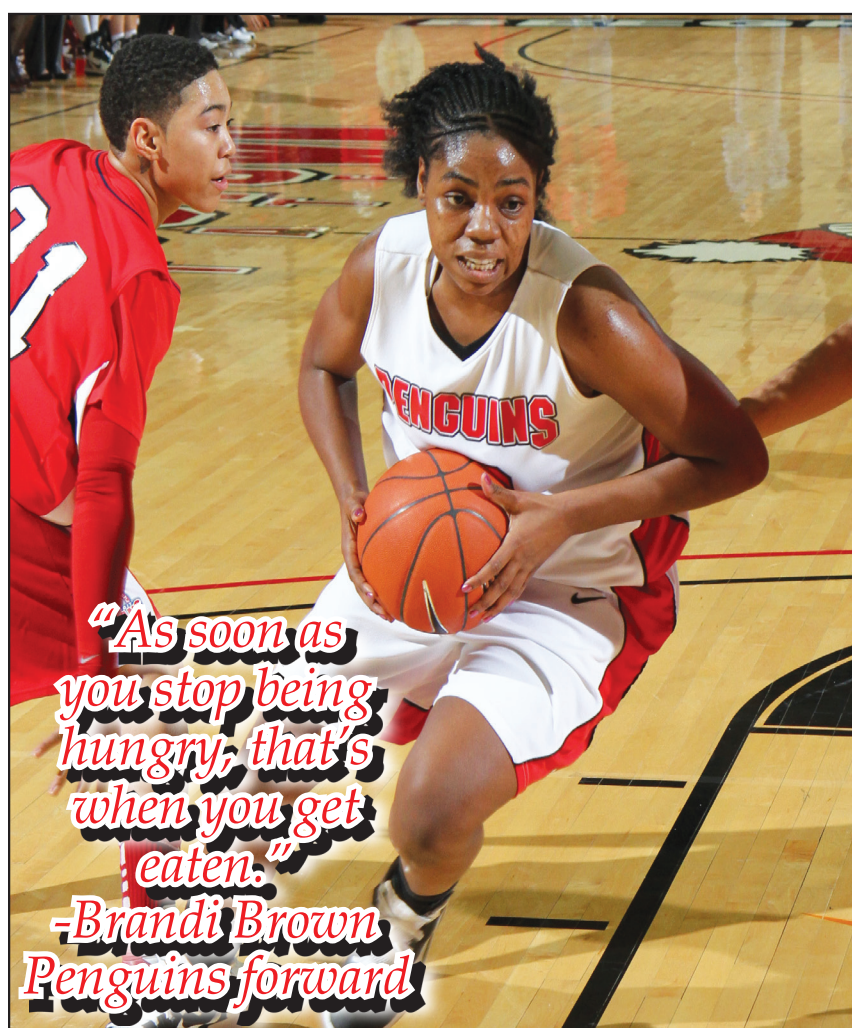
"I think some of her weaknesses might have been contributed to her fatigue," Boldon said. "We definitely want her to continue to improve like we do with all of our players."

Brown hails from Pomona, Calif. Her teammate, senior Macey Nortey, is also from California. Nortey said she was ecstatic to hear about Brown's accomplishment.

"It's nice to know someone is recognized on your team," Nortey said. "It's like a domino effect. When we're all going, it all works."

Nortey totaled 137 points, 83 assists, 39 steals and 49 rebounds last year.

Both players said all members of



Junior Brandi Brown received the Horizon League Preseason Player of the Year award on the same day the Penguins were ranked last as a team. Photo courtesy of YSU Sports Information.

the team are meshing, but Brown and Nortey have a different relationship.

"I think in some aspects me and Macy are closer," Brown said. "On the court, it's nice to know that we were on the same court at some point, and now we're here together. She knows what I miss."

Nortey said it's a unique relationship that can't be seen by others.

"Sometimes me and [Brown] have a different connection that people can't

understand or even see, so it's nice," Nortey said.

The Penguins finished last season with a 4-14 record, which included a 34-game losing streak.

"We're just going to fight more, grind it out each and every single day, [and] just realize what we're here to do," Nortey said. "Now it's time to show everybody what we've been working on. If they want to rank us last, OK. We just got to suck it up."



Sophomore quarterback Kurt Hess is greeted by teammates after he rushed for a touchdown Saturday against Western Illinois University. The Penguins' offense will go up against the fourth-ranked scoring defense in the Missouri Valley Conference. Photo by Sam Marhulik/The Jambar.

Joe Catullo Jr.
SPORTS EDITOR

The Youngstown State University football team (5-3, 3-2) ranks fifth in the Missouri Valley Football Conference, three games behind North Dakota State University, the number one team in the division.

"We said a couple of weeks ago we control our own destiny and take things one game at a time," head coach Eric Wolford said. "Standings-wise, I really don't know where we are. I know that if we take care of business, we'll be in good shape. That's all we worry about."

The Penguins travel this weekend to face the sixth-ranked team in the division, the University of Northern Iowa (6-2, 5-1). YSU last beat the Panthers in 2000.

Sophomore quarterback Kurt Hess, who has passed for 1,750 yards and 18 touchdowns this season, said he is excited to play there for the first time.

"Supposedly it's loud," he said. "I enjoy the loud environments like Michigan State [University] and Penn State [University]."

Hess added that since the loss to South Dakota State University on Oct. 8, the Penguins need to win the remaining six games in order to reach the playoffs, and they are halfway there.

Junior defensive tackle Aronde

Stanton echoed Hess' sentiments.

"If we don't win this game or any other games down the road, we might not make the playoffs," he said. "We try to be 1-0 every week regardless of who we're playing, what rank they are or anything like that."

Stanton enters Saturday's contest with 22 total tackles (three for a loss), along with one sack, interception and forced fumble.

The Penguins are riding a three-game winning streak with Western Illinois University as their latest victim. YSU won the game, 56-14.

The Panthers, who won the MVC last season, return home after a 27-19 loss, ending a six-game losing streak to NDSU. They rank second in the MVC.

"It's like going in and playing the Super Bowl champs," Wolford said. "We're just fighting and crawling right now."

One storyline in the game is the Penguins' offense against the Panthers' defense. YSU is averaging 40 points per game (second in the nation) while the Panthers are allowing 15 points per game (fourth in the nation).

"Every time I see them trying to tackle somebody, they're stripping the ball," Wolford said. "They create turnovers. They've gotten better in the red zone. The red zone offense is good, but their red zone defense is better."

UNI senior quarterback Tirrell Rennie, who may miss the game due to an

injury, leads the Panthers' "dynamic offense."

"He's a dynamic player," Wolford said. "I told [UNI head coach Mark Farley] last year that he should come out early. He'll play; there's no question. He's responsible for 250 to 275 yards of their offense."

Rennie has thrown for 1,455 yards on 107 completions with 10 touchdowns and one interception. He is also rushing for 553 yards and six touchdowns.

If Rennie couldn't suit up, freshman Jared Lanpher would fill in. He has completed 10 passes on 16 attempts for 114 yards and two touchdowns.

"For a freshman, he's had some success, [but] they're not going to change their entire offense for just one player," Wolford said.

Regardless of the starter, Wolford has his eyes on the Panthers' offensive line.

"They have one of the biggest lines in the conference," Wolford said. "They will be a test for us up front. It's going to be how we control the line of scrimmage. They're a good crew."

Hess said he doesn't consider this a rivalry yet.

"It's definitely our rival game this week," he said. "As far as a rivalry, they've had the better end of it so far. In order for me to consider it a rivalry, we need to go out there and give it all we got, which I think we will."

Women's cross-country team makes history

Nick Mancini
SPORTS REPORTER

For the first time in school history, the Youngstown State University women's cross-country team finished in second place at the Horizon League Championships on Saturday.

"Out of the 30-plus runner-up trophies, it stands as one of the most cherished," head coach Brian Gorby said. "I have been fortunate to coach 17 teams that have won team championship trophies and 32 teams that have been runners-up."

The Penguins had two runners finish in the top five, with sophomore Samantha Hamilton leading. She finished third with a 19:06.8 time.

Fellow sophomore Anna Pompeo finished 25 seconds behind Hamilton and placed fifth. Hamilton and Pompeo earned First-Team Horizon League selections.

"We had some bad weather, [and] the course was kind of a mud pit," Hamilton said. "But the girls came out and ran really good. We had another first-teamer, Anna, which was a huge contribution getting fifth."

Junior Nelly Yegon was able to grab Second-Team Horizon League honors with a time of 19:49, placing 13th.

Rounding out the Penguins' top 20 were a pair of freshmen. Christina Oles finished 18th with a time of 20:15.4, and Brittany Stockmaster was 19th with a time of 20:23.9.

Butler University won the women's title with 28 points.

"Having our top five in the top 20 is really a tremendous accomplishment," Gorby said. "These young ladies stepped up incredibly. It was a lot of fun to see all the hard work and training pay off big."

Pompeo said that with so many young runners, coming in second was a great accomplishment.

"This was really impressive," she said. "It's just really exciting."

Gorby agreed with Pompeo. "These ladies stepped up incredibly well to give YSU a history-breaking season," Gorby said. "With them all being underclassmen, we can keep improving. The future is bright."

For the men's team, sophomore Eric Rupe finished 20th with a time of 27:25.3. Freshmen Austin McLean and Nick Gliha were next in line for the men's team. McLean ran a 27:59.4 for a 27th-place finish; Gliha finished 31st with a time of 28:10.6.

Butler won the men's title with 25 points. YSU finished in seventh place.

"With all the freshmen and sophomores, just like the women's team, the future is bright for the men," Gorby said. "Both teams have really bright futures."

Both teams are preparing for the upcoming NCAA Great Lakes Regional Cross-Country Championships in Toledo on Nov. 12.