

# The Jambar

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(L-R) Junior Robert Lewis, senior Couri Johnson and senior Drew Kensinger socialize over a cigarette outside of DeBartolo Hall on Monday. Photo by Dustin Livesay/The Jambar.

## New smoking policy addresses SGA's concerns

Evan Houk  
REPORTER

Sophomore Phil Snyder takes a drag off his Marlboro Light outside Moser Hall. He ponders the campus smoking policy.

"What smoking policy? You mean 'smoke-free campus'?" Yeah, it doesn't really matter because no one enforces it, and everybody smokes nowadays," Snyder said.

Several other smokers responded in kind, stating that they knew about the policy but never saw it enforced.

Along with enforcement issues, Youngstown State University students say they're concerned about smoke-filled entrances and walkways littered with cigarette butts.

The Jambar randomly surveyed 38 students — 25 nonsmokers and 13 smokers.

12 nonsmokers and two smokers said that smoke outside the buildings offended

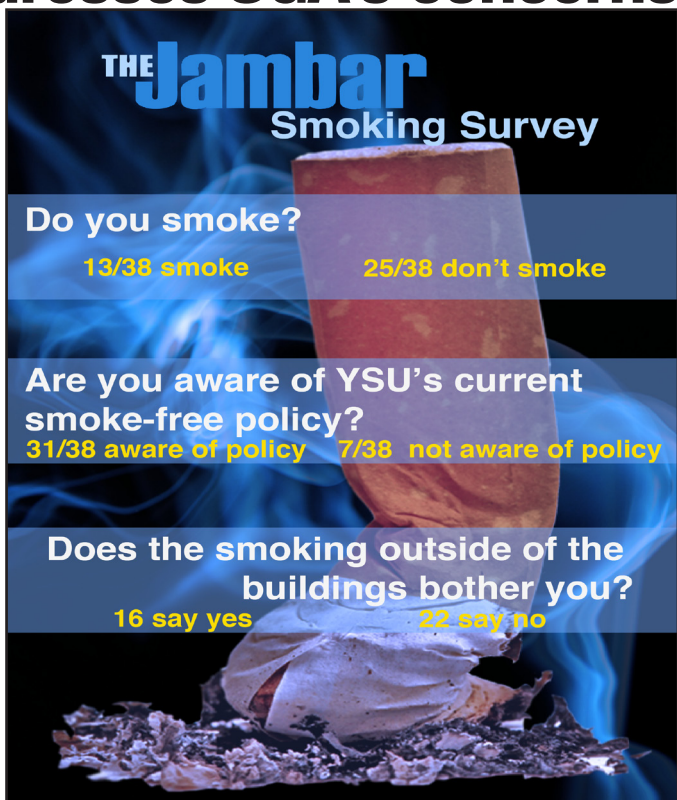
them. Most cited that the smoke made it difficult for them to breathe when they walk into a building.

A recent policy change has attempted to assuage these concerns, but most students haven't noticed a difference, as smoking areas are not clearly identified and YSU Police still have no way to enforce the smoking ban.

The new policy went into effect on Dec. 14 after it was passed at a December board of trustees meeting. This policy was last revised in November 2006 as a response to Ohio's statewide smoking ban.

One of the major changes in the policy is the allowance of smoking on campus, as long as it is at least 50 feet away from any building entrance. The previous policy stated a smoking ban on the entire campus, with two exceptions: "surface parking lots, and vehicular roadways or the areas

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The Jambar conducted a nonscientific survey of 38 students. Graphic by Paris Chrisopoulos/The Jambar.

## Forever Buckeyes program rewards Ohio grads returning home

Kevin Alquist  
NEWS REPORTER

The Ohio Board of Regents and university officials said they hope that a tuition-oriented provision in the fiscal year 2012-2013 budget will increase Youngstown State University's enrollment, expand the local workforce and keep Ohio high school graduates in Ohio colleges.

With the bill's passing, the OBOR implemented the Forever Buckeyes program. With it, in-state tuition rates will be extended to the graduate of any public or private Ohio high school that has left the state and returns to enroll in an Ohio undergraduate or graduate program.

Prior to the program, returning students were required to regain residency, which took 12 months, before receiving in-state tuition.

"If our economy is to grow, we must do everything we can to attract and retain students of all ages to Ohio," Ohio Chancellor Jim Petro said in a release statement. "The Forever Buckeyes program provides an incentive to attract these students back to Ohio to enroll in a wide range of educational opportunities."

Jack Fahey, vice president for student affairs and ombudsperson at YSU, said he would like to see an enrollment increase in Ohio universities and keep graduates in the state to work.

"It's hard to say how [the plan] will help us in terms of enrollment," Fahey said. "Our admissions director will be monitoring it closely."

Susan Davis, director of undergraduate admissions at YSU, said that fewer than 10 students have moved back to Ohio and enrolled since the fall.

"We haven't seen many students in that

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## Students avoid parking fees, pay fines

Cory Bartek  
REPORTER

While thousands of Youngstown State University students take full advantage of the university's parking system, some choose to just park on the street.

Although doing so saves students from purchasing a \$100 parking permit each semester, these commuters may be risking break-ins and parking violations.

Sophomore Alfred Coward said he "tries to be smart enough to come on time, right when people are leaving."

He plans his arrival to coincide with students who are leaving in order to find an open spot.

"By timing it right, it's easy to get a spot," Coward said. He's been ticketed in the past, but said he just deals with the \$25 fee.

Some see the parking permit as just another expense added onto the already steep cost of a college education.

Junior Bret Warrick said that paying for a parking permit is "stupid."

"You have the same walk without a pass as you do with one," he said.

Warrick has also been ticketed before, but the parking tickets haven't persuaded him to buy a parking permit.

"You would have to get a ticket four times [a semester] to equal the \$100 cost, and I don't think that's going to happen," he said.

Freshman Sharita Byrd said she purchased a parking permit, but is displeased with the cost.

Danny O'Connell, director of support services, said that while some students park without a permit, "they're really just saving \$5 [for a day pass] to pay \$25 [for a ticket]."

All funds accumulated from permits, day passes and tickets go directly to parking services for maintenance, operation and repair costs. Some examples are fixing potholes, keeping lots striped and plowing snow.

Each year, \$400,000 is allocated toward parking deck maintenance, while \$4.5 million was recently spent to renovate the M-2 parking deck.

Originally built as a temporary deck in 1971, M-2 will need to be replaced in about 15 years, O'Connell said. The cost of building a new deck that can accommodate 1,200 cars is approximately \$25 million.

"We are a complete auxiliary," O'Connell said, adding that parking services must prepare for future expenses by keeping enough funding in reserve. "We

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\$400,000 a year for deck maintenance  
\$4.5 million on deck remodeling  
\$25 million for a new 1,200 spot parking deck

Year-to-date numbers

|                              |          |
|------------------------------|----------|
| - Parking meters:            | \$9,000  |
| - Contracting permits:       | \$22,000 |
| - Daily permits:             | \$55,000 |
| - Special event parking:     | \$74,000 |
| - Parking violation tickets: | \$65,000 |

Parking passes purchased

|                     |       |
|---------------------|-------|
| - fall commuters:   | 9,133 |
| - fall residents:   | 403   |
| - spring commuters: | 8,482 |
| - spring residents: | 342   |

Spring semester appeals:

|                   |     |
|-------------------|-----|
| - total approved: | 165 |
| - denied:         | 124 |
| - denied:         | 41  |

Acceptance rate of around 75%

**APPEALS MUST BE MADE WITHIN FIVE (5) WORKING DAYS  
MORE INFORMATION ON BACK OF TICKET**

**VIOLATION**

try to keep prices as low as possible while still keeping parking safe."

In the fall, the cost of a parking permit rose from \$78 for each semester to \$100. The cost of summer parking swelled as well — from \$35 to \$51.

O'Connell attributes these increases to the rising cost of operating.

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# YSU plans to cut down on personal announcements

Christopher Kochera  
REPORTER

MyYSU personal announcements notify the campus community of events and news. But some students say that the emails clutter their inboxes hourly.

"It's not too bad when they're spaced out more, but when they send four in an hour, it gets tedious to see how many of them apply to you," sophomore Brittany Ondrey said.

Ondrey is referring to the rapid succession of emails that are pushed to smartphones and filtered as spam.

Though university officials say students receive an average of three emails daily, students say those emails have a tendency to bury more impor-

tant messages.

Ondrey forwards her Youngstown State University email to her Gmail account. Many personal announcements are sent out, and important messages from professors are often marked as spam.

"I'd like to see less announcements, or only the ones that apply to me," she said.

Freshman Pat Joyce also wants to see his inbox less cluttered with personal announcement emails.

"Every time I look in my emails, I have to go pages back to find what I need," he said.

Travis Battiest, the Student Government Association's vice president for university affairs, said the SGA continuously receives complaints from

students about the numerous emails.

"Students are concerned about what's going on with the email system," he said. "We've been receiving complaints for the last two to three years."

Ron Cole, director of university communications, agrees that too many emails are sent out.

"We are in the process of looking into how to resolve this issue," Cole said. "So many are going out that people are not paying as much attention to them as they should."

When the portal was launched, email announcements were sent out only when needed by staff members with access to the MyYSU personal announcement system. Cole said university communications is working on

a new announcement system.

"We are working on creating a 'true' campus calendar," he said.

Bob Tupaj, website manager and portal administrator, said a campus and public event calendar would eventually appear on the MyYSU Portal homepage.

"We feel that will offset the need for people posting events through the Banner channel," Tupaj said.

Until the new calendars are created, Tupaj suggested that YSU staff use the announcements channel on the portal rather than email.

Tupaj said the university is working on a new version of the MyYSU Portal, which will include campus and public event calendars, a new email host and mobile device compatibility.

# Search for police chief continues

Marissa McIntyre  
ASSISTANT NEWS EDITOR

The public scrutinized candidates for Youngstown State University's next police chief during open interviews last week.

A search committee is deciding among Michael Machon, a retired police chief; John Beshara, a captain at the Mahoning County Sheriff's Office; and Mark Hall, police chief of Clarion Borough in Pennsylvania.

The candidates are charged with protecting a campus in a city that saw 569 violent crimes and 4,143 property crimes last year.

Joseph Mosca, a member of the search committee and dean of the Bitonte College of Health and Human Services, said the interviewing process is complete, and the search committee is now conducting reference checks.

Mosca said the university will soon announce the successor to former YSU Police

Chief John Gocala.

Machon was born in Canton and retired as police chief of Milford, Ohio, in February 2011. He served there for six years and has been in the business for 30 years. He said he hopes to apply his experience at YSU.

"The university is about the education," Machon said. "We want [students] to feel safe while being educated."

Machon has also worked at Central State University, where one of the biggest problems was underage drinking on campus, he said.

There, Machon worked with the Wilberforce Police Department to divert the buses and shuttles that connected the university and the bars. He said eliminating the bus routes cut down on disorderly behavior and theft at night.

Machon said he brings technical and managerial expertise to the job.

He said he would use the YSU Police Department Facebook page to communicate and make the community

safer.

Machon also plans on being proactive in the community by further strengthening the partnership with the YSU Police Department to protect the community.

"Parents have assumptions that [if] they're sending their children to school in an urban setting, they're not going to be safe, and that's just not the truth," Machon said.

He added that his experience as a police chief makes him the man for the job.

"I know how to do the business of policing," Machon said. "I am very capable in terms of the technical side but also the management. I pride myself in keeping up with the technical side as well as the leadership side of the business."

Beshara, a Mahoning County sheriff, worked at the YSU Police Department for 23 years, and said he looks forward to returning to campus. He also attended the FBI National Academy.

He said his connections

and friendships made around campus would not interfere with his duties.

"The job comes first," Beshara said.

He said he believes his familiarity with the campus would benefit the community.

"I am very well versed on the geography of this university," Beshara said. "I know the staff and the administrators. I know all of the law enforcement officers downtown."

He would like to improve the department's technology by investing in scanners that can read license plates on moving vehicles.

Beshara said license scanners are "relatively inexpensive" and would be a worthwhile addition.

"This way, we would know who is going through campus 24 hours a day," Beshara said.

Beshara plans to ensure safety by communicating with various campus departments and working closely with Youngstown Police Chief Rod Foley.

"Rod is a very good friend

of mine, but first and foremost, he is a professional colleague," Beshara said.

He also said he knows every police chief in Mahoning County and would utilize those relationships.

"It's always a challenge to keep a campus safe," Beshara said. "I'm not going to wait for you to knock on my door; I'm going to be knocking on your door and asking what we can do for you."

Hall was unavailable for comment on Monday and refused to comment last week.

John Hyden, executive director of facilities, attended all three interviews, and said it's important for facilities to have a strong relationship with the police department.

"If they see something that we need to know about, they're responsive and vice versa," Hyden said.

He said that all of the candidates are qualified for the position.

"Each of them have redeeming qualities to bring to the table," Hyden said.

# Legislation seeks to assist middle-income students at Calif. public universities

San Jose Mercury News  
(MCT)

SACRAMENTO, Calif. — Jesse Yeh has resorted to limiting himself to one meal a day and borrowing textbooks to save on soaring costs he faces attending the University of California, Berkeley.

The third-year political economy student has avoided loans but has relied on his parents, who earn too much for him to be eligible for Cal Grants, to dig into their savings for his education.

He would be among the 42,000 University of California and 150,000 California State University middle-income students who would see their tuition and fees cut by two thirds under legislation unveiled Wednesday by Assembly Speaker John Perez, D-Los Angeles.

"I'm working very hard to not take out loans, though I might have to next year," said Yeh, 20. "My parents have been eating into their savings, and right now they can barely afford it. So it would definitely help me save a lot."

But Yeh said that given the politics

of the Capitol, he's skeptical he's going to see relief any time soon.

And he might be right.

To pay for the plan, Perez is seeking to close \$1 billion in loopholes for out-of-state corporations, an idea Republicans blocked last year. Raising taxes requires a two-thirds vote, which means Democrats need four Republicans — two from the Assembly, two from the Senate.

Last year, two Assembly Republicans did vote to close the loophole for out-of-state corporations in another bill that would have provided tax relief for other businesses. But Senate Republicans refused to offer a single vote.

And it's unlikely they will budge from their stance, even if supporting college students could help their sagging brand in the state, said Larry Gerston, a political science professor at San Jose State. California's Republican registration has dropped to 30 percent, while the registration numbers for Democrats and independents continue to rise.

"I see nothing to suggest that they have the goal of expanding their base, at least through raising taxes," Gerston

said. "Their mantra is they will do anything to avoid raising taxes. As far as they're concerned, the only way to deal with budget issues is to cut spending."

Senate Republican Leader Bob Huff, R-Diamond Bar, in a prepared statement, said Democrats should focus on lowering pension costs and balancing the budget — and "then we can better assess the need for changes in tax policy and higher education."

Under Assembly Bills 1500 and 1501, middle-class CSU students would be eligible for \$4,000 a year, or \$16,000 over four years. UC students would receive about \$8,200 a year, or nearly \$33,000 over four years.

Community colleges would receive \$150 million, to be distributed as they see fit by each district.

The scholarships would be available to families with an annual income below \$150,000 a year who aren't already receiving Cal Grant aid, as lower-income families are. Typically, families with income up to \$70,000 can apply for Cal Grants, though it can be up to \$90,000, depending on the size of a family.

"We already have a good financial

aid system for students at the lowest end" of the income spectrum, Perez said. But over the last eight years, fees have grown 191 percent at CSU and 145 percent at UC, putting a "real squeeze on the middle class, so we've decreased the affordability and ... access ... for a whole swath of kids."

A Pew Research Center survey, published Thursday, found that a wide majority believe it's more difficult for today's young adults than it was for their parents' generation to pay for college, find a job, buy a home or save for the future.

The \$1 billion in annual revenue would come from rescinding a corporate tax break approved in 2009 when a handful of Republicans agreed to vote for a temporary increase on other taxes. That tax break allows corporations to choose the cheaper of two formulas for calculating the taxes they owe.

The bill would require corporations to calculate what they owe based on their national sales solely in California. Right now, they are allowed to pick a lower tax burden after calculating a formula that includes sales, property and payroll taxes in the state.



# Birth control withheld at Jesuit-run university

L.A. Times  
MCT

NEW YORK — Emily moved from Los Angeles to New York for law school with more health worries than your average 26-year-old. She had lost one ovary to a tumor, had polyps cut from her uterus, and faced a greater risk of developing cancer in her remaining ovary unless she took birth control pills.

When Emily visited the student health services center at Jesuit-run Fordham University, however, she could not get her prescription filled.

The situation facing Emily, who did not want her full name used for privacy reasons, highlights the dilemma at religious-based institutions, which are caught up in the debate over whether health insurance should cover contraception.

On Friday, amid anger from Catholic leaders, President Barack Obama backed away from his vow to mandate that all employers' health

care plans offer free contraceptive care. Instead, the insurance providers for Catholic institutions will have to "reach out and offer women" such care, a tweak designed to mollify conservatives who oppose birth control on religious grounds.

But 28 states, including New York and California, already mandate that contraception be included in prescription drug coverage. In some of those states, such as New York, Catholic institutions that oppose birth control as a means of preventing pregnancy make it available only for medical purposes.

"That's routine. It happens all the time," said Fordham spokesman Bob Howe.

But Emily and other women at Fordham say it doesn't happen all the time.

At Fordham Law School, fliers advertising an off-campus birth control clinic held last November still hang from some lockers. On the website Collegeconfidential.com, one student accused Fordham of being "backwards and outdat-

ed" for limiting birth control. Others argued on the school's behalf. "I always marvel at people who apply to a Catholic Jesuit college and then expect them to change their long-standing policies and Catholic doctrine for them," one person wrote.

Fordham's website describes the institution as "the Jesuit university of New York," and Howe said the school's religious identity is featured prominently in recruiting material. "Our students come to Fordham knowing our Catholic mission and our Catholic identity, and that is central to what Fordham is," he said. "You'd be very hard-pressed to miss it."

Bridgette Dunlap, a Fordham student originally from San Jose, Calif., organized the November clinic to help female students who said they were having problems getting contraception through the school's health insurance.

Dunlap said she had heard from several young women with medical conditions that are treated with birth control

pills but who had been denied them at Fordham. "What these stories show is that even under a protective mandate, we still can't get affordable birth control," she said.

One second-year law student said she was given painkillers instead of birth control pills, which she had been on since the age of 14 for endometriosis. "I knew you couldn't get a birth control prescription normally, but I knew they supposedly had a health exception," said the student, who would have had to pay \$100 to find an out-of-network doctor to get birth control pills.

Other options include visiting off-campus clinics that offer free or discounted care, such as Planned Parenthood, but students say they pay too much for Fordham's health insurance — Emily said it cost her \$2,400 a year — to justify having to do that.

In addition, Emily, despite her problems, said she was uneasy going to clinics designed for women with more serious economic problems.

"I'm in a pretty bad spot, but there are so many people in far worse spots," she said.

Emily, like others, notes that Fordham embraces a range of beliefs and lifestyles. Emily herself is a lesbian who has been in a monogamous relationship for years, something she says should show skeptics that her need for birth control is not to prevent pregnancy.

Emily said she hadn't decided what to do but that she had let her birth control prescription lapse and is considering transferring to another law school. The student who was given painkillers is back on birth control, because a friend who is a doctor wrote her a prescription at no charge.

Fordham's Howe said the student health center did not turn away patients who need birth control for medical reasons. "In a minority of cases, students may have to be referred to an outside specialist ... but that applies to any medical complaint, not just hormone-related issues," he said.

## Health officials fret as hookah grows in popularity

McClatchy Tribune  
MCT

COLLEGE PARK, Md. — University of Maryland student Louie Dane was 18 when he first smoked tobacco with a hookah at a friend's house.

"There's nothing that's not great about it. You get to be with some friends having a good time," he said. "I personally think cigarettes are disgusting ... Hookah doesn't seem as bad ... (because) it's more of a social thing."

What Dane and most other fans of this increasingly popular method of smoking tobacco do not know is that one 25-minute hookah session is equivalent to smoking a pack of cigarettes, health officials said.

"People tend to inhale very deeply when they are using a hookah. They actually, in effect, get 20 times the amount of nicotine than when you smoke a single cigarette," said Donald Shell, who works on tobacco prevention efforts at the state Department of Health and Mental Hygiene.

Hookah — also referred to as a narghile, shisha or water-pipe — allows users to smoke flavored tobacco that is filtered through a liquid, typically water. The tobacco is placed in the bowl of the hookah and heated with a coal. The smoke is then pulled through decorative hoses after first passing through the liquid.

The practice originated in India and the Middle East in the middle of the last millennium and has since found its way into a growing number of college towns in the states.

As more hookah lounges open, health officials said they are worried users do not fully understand the risks associated with the pastime.

Cafe Hookah, which is set to open in College Park, Md., this month, will be the second hookah bar in the city. The cafe's owner, 29-year-old Abid Khan, said he chose to open the establishment because the "niche was available."

"I think that it will be unique in the sense that — aside from making money — it's run by young people that actually care about the students," he said.

Hookah tobacco contains many of the same harmful chemicals found in cigarettes and can cause similar long-term health effects, such as

mouth cancer, lung cancer and cancer of the trachea, Shell said.

"Hookahs are flavored and put in a nice setting when you are sitting and relaxing ... But that kind of socially attractive setting is really the vehicle for delivering a really potent dose of tobacco and carbon monoxide and other chemicals, too," Shell said.

"There is no safe level of tobacco to consume," Shell said. "If you find that once you start smoking hookah and you feel like you have to go back, that's kind of a red flag."

Matthieu Drotar, 20, said he first smoked hookah when he was 17. He now smokes hookah once every two or three weeks near the University of Maryland.

"People like to try new exotic things, and the hookah bars try to recreate the feeling of being in Lebanon, or somewhere else," Drotar said. "I don't know anywhere outside of a (hookah bar) that you can get that experience."

Despite knowing some of the health risks associated with smoking hookah, Drotar said he was not worried.

"If I were smoking every day I would be concerned about it," he said.

Isabel Slettebak, a 21-year-old student at the University of Maryland School of Nursing in Baltimore City, said she smoked hookah for the first — and last — time when she was 20.

"I guess I decided to do it 'cause I was over 18 and I could. It seemed like a cool, older thing to try out," she said.

"The place, it was way too smoky for me. After sitting for a while, it felt like I wasn't getting enough air. Then I tried smoking the hookah and it just felt like I had drank a cup of ashes," she said.



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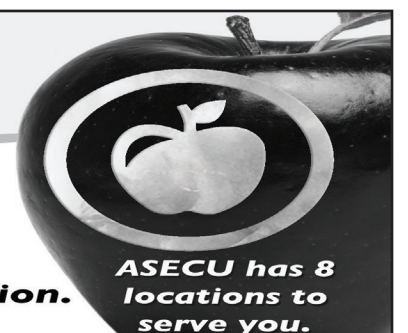
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**NEWS BRIEFS**

*YSU employee to win new car*

One YSU employee will ride home in a new Chevy Cruze on Monday. Sweeney Chevrolet Buick GMC will give a two-year lease to one lucky person for YSU's achievement in raising \$40,310 for the United Way of Youngstown and the Mahoning Valley. Other prizes are two Air Tran airline tickets, courtesy of Traveline Travel Services, and a 42-inch Plasma HDTV, donated by Semach's Northside TV. For more information, contact Tara Mady, director of marketing and communications for the United Way of Youngstown and the Mahoning Valley, at 330-746-8494 or at tmady@ymvunitedway.org.

*Penguins of the Year to be honored at banquet*

The YSU Penguin Club is honoring Dennis and Janet Haines, longtime supporters of YSU's athletic programs, as 2012 Penguins of the Year. They will be honored at the 22nd annual Scholarship Ring Banquet on Sunday at Mr. Anthony's in Boardman. All funds from the banquet go directly to YSU athletics. For tickets, contact Tom Morella at 330-941-2351 or Jim Morrison at 330-941-3270.

*Faculty exhibition opening Saturday*

The Biennial Faculty Exhibit at the McDonough Museum of Art will feature the works of three YSU art faculty members from Saturday through March 16. The exhibition will display selected pieces in various media by Charmaine Banach, Stephen Chalmers and Richard Helfrich. Admission is free, and the museum is open from 11 a.m. to 4 p.m., Tuesdays through Saturdays.

**POLICE BRIEFS**

*Student injured while dancing*

On Thursday, YSU Police responded to an injury inside The Hub in Kilcawley Center during a talent show/open mic night. A male student dancing to music tried to perform a flip but did not complete it, hitting his head, neck and back on a tile floor, knocking himself unconscious. YSU Police called for an ambulance, which transported the student to St. Elizabeth Health Center. The student was treated for a concussion.

*Man reports feeling short of breath during basketball game*

On Thursday, YSU Police responded to a 65-year-old man feeling short of breath at Beeghly Center during the YSU vs. Butler University men's basketball game. YSU Police and paramedics gave the man oxygen, and an EKG was done at the scene. The man, who had a triple bypass several years ago and has a pacemaker, checked out OK, but wanted to go back to the nursing home.

*Student catches potholder on fire*

On Thursday evening, YSU Police and the Youngstown Fire Department responded to a fire alarm activation inside the University Courtyard Apartments. A male student left a cloth potholder on an electric stove, catching the potholder on fire. The student extinguished the fire before firefighters and police arrived. No damage was reported.

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situation," Davis said.

Davis added that because many undergraduates are younger and still living at home, they have not been put in a situation that requires them to re-establish residency.

Kim Norris, communications director at OBOR, said the hope is that the plan will add to Ohio's available workforce.

"We know one of the direct links to business needs is to have a workforce that is available," Norris said.

Norris said the program gives individuals the opportunity to change or advance their career at a reduced rate without having to re-establish residency for an extended period.

Fahey added that YSU's strategic plan includes growing its graduate school, and he said he hopes the program will aid in that.

Angie Urmsen-Jeffries, coordinator of graduate recruitment and admissions, said the program has brought five students to the graduate school since August.

"It's still a new program," Urmsen-Jeffries said. "We hope to see more students from this in the future."

Urmsen-Jeffries added that the students from out of state pay only an additional \$8.76 per credit hour to attend YSU's

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immediately adjacent to the roadways (i.e., sidewalks)."

This change is the direct result of a letter drawn up by the University Affairs Committee of the Student Government Association that was submitted to President Cynthia Anderson last spring.

The letter was intended primarily to open a dialogue between SGA and YSU administrators about the ineffectiveness of the previous smoking policy, titled "Smoke-Free Environment," which is incidentally the same title as the new policy.

Student Affairs then held two meetings, Fahey said, which resulted in a draft presented to the board of trustees.

Included in the letter's list of concerns was the absence of any signs showing which areas are considered "designated smoking areas," and the need for "improved signage stating university policy, such as maps outlining designated smoking areas."

In the previous policy, smoking was permissible in only four places: the circle of benches by Cushwa Hall, on Elm Street behind Kilcawley Center and near Cafaro and Lyden houses.

There is a specific provision in the new policy to post "Smoking Prohibited" signs in accordance with the Ohio Revised Code, although these signs already appear in the doorways of nearly every building on campus.

The letter also listed the location and small number of smoking areas as a concern, as only the Cushwa spot is in the center of campus.

"Giving students, faculty and staff who smoke additional areas where they are allowed to smoke in the core of campus will go far to remove smoking from doorways and may elicit adherence to policy by our community members who smoke," the letter said.



Junior April Agne (left) sits with her daughter, sophomore Rachel Agne, for a smoke break between classes outside of Kilcawley Center on Monday. Photo by Dustin Livesay/The Jambar.

For many nonsmokers, smoking in doorways is bothersome.

The new policy adopted by the board of trustees attempts to address these issues by explaining first and foremost where students may not smoke, rather than the few places where they can.

Some of these restricted outdoor areas listed are places where "smoke may enter the building through an entrance, overhang, windows, vents, loading dock or other openings to a building or other structure" and "outdoor events with seating."

John Hyden, executive director of facilities, affirmed that cigarette litter is an apparent problem, but said that there is nothing the university can legally do to curb the litter.

"The law lets us place ashtrays in front of buildings only for people walking in to throw away their butts," Hyden said. "But the problem with that is, you get people who are going to stand by the ashtray and smoke if it's there."

Hyden said the ashtrays were removed and placed into

storage in December 2006 for fear of a lawsuit related to the new state law.

Hyden is not sure if he still has them in storage, but said that replacing the ashtrays and placing them 30 feet from buildings would only impede grounds crews from plowing walkways and cutting grass.

Another concern noted by the SGA is the lack of effective enforcement of the smoking policy, since "there is no mechanism in [YSU Police's] system to create or track citations of individuals for flouting the smoking policy," the letter stated.

Under the new rules, reports of violations can be brought to the attention of the vice president for finance and administration. Individuals who are found to violate the policy will then be issued a "university smoking prohibition warning, which could result in employee or student discipline."

However, no specific punishments are listed, other than the possibility of a fine of up to \$100 from the Ohio Department of Health if an individual is found to be in violation of state law.

**FAMU names experts to anti-hazing committee**

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MCT

TALLAHASSEE, Fla. — Seven experts, including a former judge, two college professors and a former president of the National Association of Black Psychologists, have been appointed to a committee charged with helping Florida A&M University figure out how to banish hazing from its campus.

At least two meetings are planned — one in Tallahassee and another in Orlando.

The seven members were named Thursday during a meeting of the university's board of trustees — an announcement met with concerns from a FAMU band member who questioned whether the committee would be able to address the type of hazing that's unique to the university.

"I think that two meetings will not eradicate what has been going on at Florida A&M University," said student Travis Roberts. After the meeting, Roberts explained that he was

worried the committee would not have the time to find a permanent solution for a long-standing problem.

The group is scheduled to meet in coming months to come up with a list of recommendations for helping the historically black university in Tallahassee prevent its long-standing problems with hazing. The experts will be looking at the best way to end the culture of hazing in the Marching 100 band, as well as how to get students in general to resist hazing.

FAMU, which has become the center of national attention since the hazing death of marching band member Robert Champion in Orlando last November, hopes to implement some of those recommendations by the fall 2012 semester.

The committee members are:

Stephen Craig Robinson: A former federal court judge from New York who also served as principal deputy general counsel for the Federal Bureau of Investigation.

David Starnes: The band

director at Western Carolina University and a founding director of bands at Kennesaw Mountain High School in Georgia.

Na'im Akbar: A clinical psychologist who is considered to be a pioneer in the development of an African-centered approach in modern psychology.

Elizabeth Allan: A professor of higher education at the University of Maine who was the principal investigator for a 2008 national study of student hazing.

Mary Madden: A research professor at the University of Maine who directed the 2008 national study of student hazing. Her work has also focused on hazing among adolescents.

Michael Bowie: A former president of the National Pan-Hellenic Council who is the director of recruitment, retention and multicultural affairs at the University of Florida.

David Brewer: A retired vice admiral of the U.S. Navy and a former superintendent of the Los Angeles Unified School District.

**New FAMU anti-hazing pledge in works**

*The Orlando Sentinel*  
MCT

ORLANDO, Fla. — Florida A&M University might start requiring students to fill out an online, anti-hazing agreement before being allowed to register for classes, university trustees learned Wednesday.

Since the hazing death of marching band member Robert Champion in November, FAMU has held safety forums on hazing dangers. Marching band members participate in anti-hazing workshops at the start of each school year. This new form would be meant to ensure every student understands FAMU's policy against hazing. The proposal will go before the board of trustees for review in coming months.

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## Dumbfounded

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YSU is positioned to make the switch to closed enrollment, a move that could bolster graduation rates and overall student success by cherry-picking high performing students.

Higher graduation rates and better student retention could increase revenue for the university.

But that's only part of the equation.

Closed enrollment could also eliminate a college education for many local high school students and forever shut the doors to prospective Penguins.

When asked if closed enrollment would negatively impact local students' chances to get a college education, our campus officials beat around the bush, citing great strides in fostering college students through programs like the Youngstown Early College and Upward Bound.

Sure, they both pull from Youngstown City Schools, but here's the catch.

YEC and Upward Bound are already packed with students who are already taking college-level courses and already have their eyes set on four-year degrees.

They're not your typical Youngstown City Schools student. They come to YSU to escape academic emergency.

They come from a district where nearly 90 percent of their classmates are economically disadvantaged and one in five students has a disability, according to Ohio Department of Education statistics.

So, after trudging through poverty and a school system that's still rebounding from last place, what will we offer them?

Will we tell them that their only shot out of here is a two-year degree at the Eastern Gateway Community College or a loosely accredited degree from a career and technical center?

We have a responsibility to lift up the community that has supported our university, and we can't shut the doors on them now.

It's easy to foster a college student when the student is willing.

Here's a challenge: Foster hope when the student is surrounded by misery.

## THE Jambar cartoon

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Cartoon by Paris Chrisopoulos/The Jambar.



## Catholic Church fights Obama over contraception

Jared Buker  
COLUMNIST

As part of Obamacare, employers are now required to provide various means of contraception for their employees through the insurance they provide.

That means the cost of condoms, birth control pills and even abortion will now be the responsibility of our bosses.

I see it as an excellent way to provide the option of birth control to women who choose to use it. In the midst of such inclusive and eclectic insurance reform, why not give women more options to choose from?

But the Roman Catholic Church has been up in arms over this, calling it a blatant overreach of presidential power and a direct violation of the religious values held in the Catholic faith.

So Obama offered a compromise: Catholic hospitals, schools and charities will not be required to provide contraception; instead, employees of these institutions will receive this coverage from the insurance company directly with no co-pay.

That wasn't enough; in fact, the U.S. Conference of Catholic Bishops said Obama's attempt to compromise the legislation was only "a first step in the right direction."

It seems now that the Obama administration won't bend much

further on this issue. The timing is very unfortunate, however, because the GOP has already begun using this to sway Catholic voters away from re-electing Obama.

I understand and respect the fervor being expressed by members of the Catholic Church in support of one of their highest values; however, it seems as if they believe their values are the only values to consider, both in the business sector and in the personal lives of Americans.

This chunk of Obamacare certainly is not designed to force women to use birth control; the intention is simply to provide the option.

One of the four cardinal virtues is prudence, meaning the ability to recognize right from wrong in a practical setting. If the teachings of the Catholic faith are being picked up by its followers, then the church itself shouldn't be worried about its people using birth control, because they should have the prudence not to.

Since religion is based around faith, then perhaps the church should have faith that its believers won't succumb to using birth control against their religious beliefs.

Are members of the Catholic Church actually mad about this heightened access to contracep-

tion? Or are they just upset that Obama has stepped on their toes?

I believe it is the latter, which is why they are being stubborn as Obama tweaks the mandate in their favor.

So now there appears to be a stalemate between Obama and the bishops and clergy of Catholicism.

The entire situation is also being accentuated by the fact that right-wing politicians are using it to further the notion that Obama is sidestepping the powers granted to him by the Constitution.

But lots of Democratic figures have supported a woman's right to do what she pleases with her own body. Obama is getting a much harsher backlash because he is simultaneously making businesses support that right, too.

The key word, however, is "option." All Obama is doing is taking contraceptive materials and procedures that have always been available to people and transferring the burden of cost to the employer through insurance plans.

I admire Obama for backing a policy that he most likely knew would rattle the cage of Catholicism, and I hope the Catholic Church works with the administration on finding a compromise that is kosher for both parties.

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## Raising a healthier generation of Americans

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MCT

As the United States moves toward rebuilding its economy and ensuring the long-term strength of our middle class, we're mindful of the wise words of President Harry Truman: "In the long view, no nation is healthier than its children." By that measure, we have some work to do, and we're tackling it head on.

Over the last three decades, obesity rates have tripled. Today one in three children is at risk for preventable diseases such as diabetes and heart disease due to being overweight. If left unaddressed, health experts tell us that our current generation of children may actually have a shorter lifespan than their parents. To confront this, the U.S. Department of Agriculture has taken significant strides to help make sure America's children are eating better and leading healthier lives.

In December 2010, a coalition of parents, teachers, advocates, school lunch professionals, doctors and even retired military leaders worked with Congress to help pass the Healthy, Hunger-Free Kids Act. The act is a huge win for millions of schoolchildren. It allows us to combat child hunger and obesity and improve the health and nutrition of

the nation's children with the most comprehensive changes to school food in decades.

Just three weeks ago, the department finalized the improvements to food served to 32 million American children every day in the school lunch program. The new standards — based on the most up-to-date science — will make the same kinds of practical changes that many parents are already encouraging at home. Students will be offered daily servings of fruits, vegetables and whole grains along with portion sizes and calorie counts designed to maintain a healthy weight. We'll reduce the amount of saturated fat, trans-fats and salt in children's meals.

The Agriculture Department has also been pushing schools to reinforce healthy lifestyles. We've worked with schools across the country, recognizing more than 2,100 with honors for meeting tough standards to expand nutrition and physical activity opportunities. And soon we will bring healthy choices beyond the lunch line to all foods sold in schools — including vending machines and the la carte line — so we make the healthy choice the easy choice for students.

The Agriculture Department is

working with parents, teachers and others to encourage kids to lead healthy, active lifestyles. Through our Know Your Farmer, Know Your Food initiative and other similar work, we are working to make it easier for families to access healthy food in rural and urban communities that may lack a convenient supermarket. We are teaching kids about healthy foods through school and community gardens.

First lady Michelle Obama has been an important partner in this effort. Through her Let's Move! program, famous athletes are stepping up by renovating playgrounds and school gymnasiums; community activists are bringing farmers' markets to underserved areas; and food-industry leaders have agreed to participate in our work to raise a healthier generation of kids.

At the end of the day, the strength of our communities, our economy and our national security depends on the health of our children. The administration is committed to leading the way so that, together with leaders and partners from across the nation, we can help feed every American child the nutritious food they deserve to excel, thrive and succeed in their lives.



## From engineer to information systems

# YSU student starts website design company

Chad Travers

ARTS & ENTERTAINMENT REPORTER

Like all college students, Matthew Sprankle is no stranger to long, late-night work sessions. The darkened room, the frenzied typing, the glowing computer screen, the desk littered with empty energy drink containers — it's a scene familiar to anyone who has ever had a paper due in the morning or an upcoming exam.

Sprankle will graduate from Youngstown State University this year with a degree in computer information systems, and while he spent his share of late nights studying at YSU, he spent many more designing and building websites for his Web-based business, Sprankle Tech.

Established in 2010, Sprankle Tech has created websites for Ohio North Hugh O'Brian Youth Leadership, a nonprofit leadership training and youth empowerment organization; Get'n Fit Women, a Youngstown-based fitness center for women; and T.R. Party Centre, a party rental and supply store in Boardman.

"When I was in high school, I thought I was destined for a career in mechanical engineering," Sprankle said. "Graduating with a degree in computer systems is one of the best shifts in my life."

Sprankle said the adjustment in his career plan occurred when he started at YSU as a freshman engineering

major.

Sitting in engineering classes, Sprankle said he quickly learned that he wanted something more out of life.

"Seeing the day-in and day-out lifestyle of an engineer, having to do paperwork and go to conferences, working for someone else, crunching endless numbers ... it wasn't for me. I decided that I could make my own rules and choose my own path," Sprankle said.

Sprankle was working with YSU professors to optimize content for their class websites. The professors started paying him for the work he was doing, and that is when he decided to branch out and design websites as a business.

Sprankle is working with the YSU Office of Marketing and Communications to help develop the new YSU website that is scheduled to be unveiled soon.

Mark Van Tilburg, executive director of marketing and communications, said Sprankle is a promising employee who has contributed greatly to the design of the new site.

"Matthew is one of the most talented student-workers we've ever had working for us," Van Tilburg said. "He's been instrumental in both the creative content and the

technical details."

Sprankle approaches the problem of Web optimization from an engineer's viewpoint, examining individual Web components and making sure that each part works with the others to enhance the overall experience.

Unique content, Sprankle said, is one of the hardest things to accomplish in this industry. He said he tries to go beyond colors and code.

"I analyze how a person experiences a website. It starts with just a quick glance, then dives into layout, presentation, navigation and adaptability, covering all aspects of user interaction," he said.

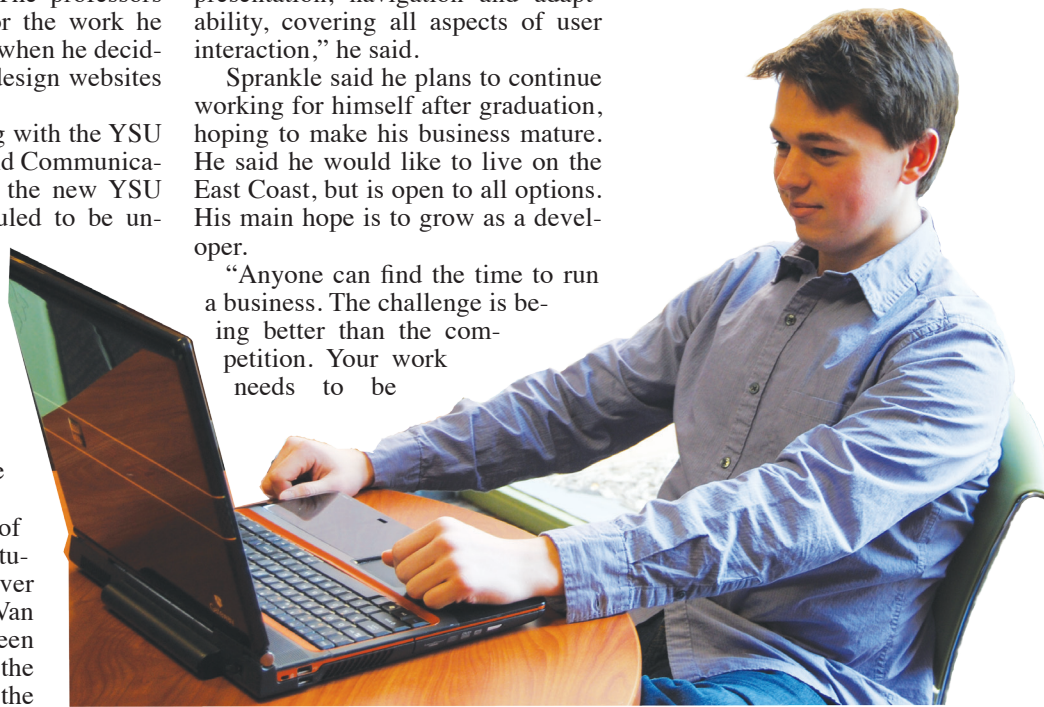
Sprankle said he plans to continue working for himself after graduation, hoping to make his business mature. He said he would like to live on the East Coast, but is open to all options. His main hope is to grow as a developer.

"Anyone can find the time to run a business. The challenge is being better than the competition. Your work needs to be

more than a hobby. It has to be a passion you are willing to sacrifice your personal life for," Sprankle said.

He said he tackles the time management and personal life problems by dedicating two nights a week to himself and friends. All of his other time is focused on expanding his business and improving the quality of his work.

"I cannot be still if I want to succeed," Sprankle said. "Being proactive is the only way to persevere."



# Son of soul artist to visit YSU

Chad Travers

ARTS & ENTERTAINMENT REPORTER

In May of 2011, communications professor George McCloud was traveling through China. A dust storm grounded his flight, stranding him at a Beijing airport with nothing to do for hours.

While waiting in line to change his ticket, McCloud struck up a conversation with the man standing next to him — another American, who was lecturing in China. McCloud quickly learned that the man he was speaking to was Ray Charles Robinson Jr., son of music legend Ray Charles.

The chance encounter and pleasant conversation got McCloud thinking about the Skeggs Lecture Series at Youngstown State University

"I'm always on the lookout for people that I think would be good speakers for the Skeggs lectures," said McCloud, who serves as president of the Skeggs board. "[Robinson] talked a lot about character and education and the work he was doing with his charity. I filed him away in the back of my mind as someone who would make a great Skeggs speaker."

The two men exchanged contact information before they parted company. McCloud contacted Robinson later that year to ask him if he would participate in the Skeggs Lecture Series at YSU, a request Robinson was happy to fulfill.

Robinson's father, Ray Charles Robinson, universally known by his shortened stage name of Ray Charles, pioneered the genre of soul music in the 1950s. His musical style fused elements of blues with gospel and helped define the stylistic niche he carved out for himself.

His most important contributions may have been his success with crossing the racial boundaries of the time and helping to integrate black music with mainstream music.

Robinson, the eldest son of Ray Charles, honored his father and namesake with the 2010 memoir "You Don't Know Me: Reflections of My Father, Ray

Charles," which won the 2011 NAACP Image Award for biography/autobiography.

The book takes an intimate look at the man behind the music from the perspective of someone who lived through all of Ray Charles' triumphs, musically and socially, and his tribulations with substance abuse, illness and blindness.

Robinson also founded the Ray Charles Jr. Foundation for America, a public charity with the mission of implementing meaningful social change for economically challenged individuals and communities across America.

He chose his father's name for the foundation, in part, due to the lasting effect Ray Charles' music has had on racial equality.

Robinson is scheduled to speak to YSU students and faculty as part of the Skeggs Lecture Series on Thursday at 7:30 p.m. in Kilcawley Center's Chestnut Room. The topic of his lecture is "Character, Education, Self-Reliance and Intellectual Independence."

Robinson will also attend a performance by the weekly ensemble of jazz students at the Butler Institute of American Art at noon on Thursday. All of the pieces to be performed are songs written or made famous by Ray Charles, but YSU students or alumni have arranged all of the versions.

Kent Engelhardt, coordinator of jazz studies and associate professor of jazz at the Dana School of Music, said he is looking forward to Robinson's visit.

"This is going to be a great tribute to the lasting legacy of Ray Charles," Engelhardt said. "They're going to play some of the songs that Ray made famous, but these versions are 21st century adaptations by modern jazz musicians. It's almost like they're playing YSU versions of Ray Charles songs."

Mark Higgins, a saxophonist and YSU music performance major, arranged "Georgia On My Mind," a Hoagy Carmichael song that Ray Charles made famous in the 1960s.

"I listened to Ray Charles a lot in high school," Higgins said. "So it's really exciting to get to meet his son and pay tribute to his music. My arrangement

retains all the original parts, but incorporates some modern themes and techniques."

Robinson is also an independent film producer. He co-produced several specials about his father and earned a co-producer credit for the 2004 film "Ray," starring Jamie Foxx.

Robinson will attend a screening of "Ray" at 2 p.m. Thursday in Williamson Hall's auditorium and will be available for a Q-and-A session after the movie.

He is scheduled to participate in a book signing at Williamson Elementary School in Youngstown at 10 a.m. on Wednesday. He will talk to students about the importance of character and community.

The Community Foundation of the Mahoning Valley has purchased 200 copies of Robinson's book for him to autograph for students.



ROBINSON JR.

# Students take advantage of technology in classroom

Shannon Watson

REPORTER

Textbooks, notebooks, pens and pencils are common items in most college classrooms. But some students are forgoing these bulky items for something lighter and perhaps cheaper: iPads, tablets and e-readers.

Sophomore Conor Mogg has an iPad, and said he considers note taking to be the best part of the device.

"I have terrible handwriting, and so the easy typing

makes my notes much more legible," he said.

Tablet and iPad microphones can also facilitate note taking.

One advantage e-books have over traditional textbooks is a lower price. Websites such as Chegg and Amazon offer e-books to students at significantly lower prices. The sites sometimes rent out the e-books at half the price of a new textbook.

With e-books stored in one place, students can access materials anywhere at any time. This also makes for less weight to carry around.

Disadvantages come with

e-book usage, however, which is why Mogg has stayed away from buying them.

"Regular books are easier to function," Mogg said. "I prefer going from page to page with the actual book [rather] than searching the entire e-book for a specific word."

Tablet experiments have been conducted in schools across the nation to see if students actually benefit.

Cleveland-area English teacher James Harmon found the students to be more engaged and excited about learning through various applications, as compared to those who did not use a tablet.

In a University of Notre Dame study, a professor loaned iPads to students for seven weeks, thinking they would be used mainly as e-readers.

But most students used the iPad for more than that, including brainstorming, collaborating and communicating.

The devices have presented few issues at Youngstown State University.

Most workers at the YSU Tech Desk said hardly any devices have been brought in for maintenance, with the most common problem being Internet connectivity.

YSU students wishing

to try out a device can do so through Maag Library's lending program. Students are allowed to check out Kindles and iPads for three days. To get the devices, students must sign an electronic device agreement.

Still, many students prefer to purchase their own, especially since tablet and iPad prices have been steadily decreasing.

Industry officials estimate that within the next five to 10 years, Kindles and iPads will soon be erasing the pencil marks made on the ruled paper and replacing them with virtual text.



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"The cost of parking passes is a necessary evil," he said.

At Cleveland State University, a daily pass is \$6, while a fall or spring semester permit runs \$205.25. University of Akron students pay \$150 per fall or spring semester, and \$110 for the summer. Permits at Kent State University run between \$30 and \$140, depending on lot preference.

"Our program is truly a more efficient program," O'Connell said.

In the fall, 9,133 com-

muter parking permits and 403 resident parking permits were purchased. In the spring, 8,482 commuter parking permits and 342 resident parking permits have been purchased — but O'Connell said such a decrease is to be expected, thanks to decreased enrollment in the spring.

Any student who receives a ticket is able to request an appeal. The appeal form must be completely filled out and sent in within five business days of receiving the ticket.

It will not be accepted otherwise. Students can also submit appeals via email.

If a first appeal is not accepted, students may request a second appeal in which they sit down and talk with O'Connell.

"If they have no prior tickets and have purchased a pass, then there is a good chance for a successful second-level appeal, simply by them coming in and taking the time to realize what they did wrong," O'Connell said.

So far this spring, O'Connell has approved 124 appeals and denied 41.

"If you don't have a pass, there's really no reason to accept your appeal," he said. "Your pass is your right to park."

O'Connell cautioned that merely throwing away a parking ticket is not a successful way to avoid paying it, noting that meter and disability parking violations are among the most common.

"They can look up your

license plate number to get your name, and it will show up on your bill," he said.

O'Connell said parking services is "fairly liberal," but said that a good portion of money comes from parking violations.

This year, parking tickets have brought in more than \$65,000, while meters have brought in \$9,000. Daily passes also raised \$55,000.

"It's not about the \$25. It's about safe and fair parking," O'Connell said.

**Lawsuit: Bus driver stood by while student was beaten**

*The Orlando Sentinel*  
MCT

ORLANDO, Fla. — The driver of a bus on which Florida A&M drum major Robert Champion was killed in November stood guard while he was being hazed by fellow band members, according to a lawsuit filed Monday in Orlando by Champion's family.

According to the lawsuit, bus driver Wendy Millette saw Champion vomiting in the parking lot of the Rosen Plaza hotel, then told him to get back on the bus — that he'd be OK. After he boarded the bus again, the lawsuit contends, he was subjected to more hazing.

The hazing took place after the Florida Classic football game in Orlando.

In the suit, Champion's family is contending that Millette contributed to the drum major's death by either participating in the hazing or allowing it to happen.

The charter bus company, Fabulous Coach Lines of Branford, Fla., was not immediately available for comment. But Ray Land, the company's president, said last month that he was disappointed the Champion family is targeting his company.

He stressed that Fabulous is not responsible for the conduct of individuals riding the charter buses. He also said Millette did not see any hazing aboard the bus on which Champion collapsed.

"If she would have seen that, we definitely would have stopped it," Land said.

According to the suit, however, the driver of another Fabulous Coach Lines bus saw the bus rocking from side to side and asked Millette what was happening. Millette then told him to ignore the activity and move on, the suit alleges.

Champion, 26, died as a result of blunt force trauma from the hazing, according to a medical examiner's re-

port. Attorney Christopher Chestnut announced in January that he planned to sue the bus company that transported the marching band.

The lawsuit, Chestnut had said, would give the Champion family an opportunity to discover more quickly key facts about the night Champion died. As part of the legal proceeding, the company and others will be asked to provide documents and testimony that could shed more light on what occurred.

According to the suit, Millette was frequently assigned to the infamous "Bus C," where hazings were known to occur, and told other drivers that she was part of the Bus C "posse."

Drivers, the suit alleges, had complained about hazing incidents before Nov. 19 incident and were told by FAMU administrators to ignore them — that "FAMU was paying for it and could do what they want."

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**2012 YOUNGSTOWN STATE UNIVERSITY AFRICAN AMERICAN HISTORY MONTH CELEBRATION**

**Proverb of the Month: "Rising early makes the road short." Wolof proverb, Senegal**

**Saturday, February 4**  
Noon-6:00 p.m., Chestnut Room, Kilcawley Center  
**THE AFRICAN MARKETPLACE**  
The Marketplace is one of the popular attractions of African American History Month at YSU. In the tradition of an African weekly market, vendors from the community and neighborhoods near and far beyond Ohio bring goods, artistic creations, clothing, books, jewelry and ancient artifacts from Africa and the African Diaspora. The festive and social atmosphere is enlivened by the music and dance performances of the versatile and dynamic Harambee Youth Group.

**Thursday, February 9**  
5:00 p.m. Reception, Bliss Hall Art Gallery  
6:00 p.m., Panel Discussion, The McDonough Museum of Art  
**RECEPTION AND PANEL DISCUSSION ON AFRICAN AMERICAN ARTISTIC DISPLAY THE ART OF LOUIS BURROUGHS**  
Louis Burroughs' art is motivated by current events and what he calls "the nation's obsession with religion, sports and global domination." Influenced by the paintings of Jean Michael Basquiat and Robert Colescott as well as the forms and shapes of African masks and sculptures, his art is rooted in the African American experience, dating from the sixteenth century to the present. The narrative represents the struggle of African Americans against oppression, servitude, subjugation and enslavement of any type.

**Saturday, February 11**  
11:00 a.m. St. Andrews A.M.E. Church, 521 Earle Avenue, Youngstown  
**AFRICAN FITNESS DANCE CLASS**  
Dance for a Cure is the initiative of Educe Group Inc., under the leadership of Eboni Bogan. Its goal is to raise awareness in the fight against breast cancer. Donations are \$10 for adults and \$5 for youth.

**Monday, February 13**  
7:30 p.m. Jones Room, Kilcawley Center  
**KEYNOTE LECTURE BY HEIDI DURO: THE BIRACIAL/MIXED EXPERIENCE**  
Heidi W. Barrow is a New York Times best-selling author of *The Girl Who Fell from the Sky*, a coming of age story of a young, biracial girl growing up in the 1980s in Portland, Oregon. Based loosely upon elements of Duro's own life, the story has captivated readers across the nation, landing on the Indie Bestseller List and receiving an NAACP Image Award nomination. In 2008, *The Girl Who Fell from the Sky* received the Bellwether Prize for literature of social change. Ms. Duro is a graduate of Stanford University, Columbia's Graduate School of Journalism, and the Yale Law School. A book signing and reception will follow the lecture.

**Saturday, February 18**  
7:30 p.m. The Chestnut Room, Kilcawley Center  
**ENTERTAINMENT BY GROUP FROM NEW JERSEY THE FACES OF BLACK HISTORY**  
The Prospect Theatrics of Newark, New Jersey is a drama group that has been performing all over the nation, bringing to life on stage the major contribution of African Americans to America from slavery to the first African American President of the United States. This live musical show salutes many well known celebrities, personalities and history makers in an entertaining and educational format for all ages. In an eclectic musical mix, this year's production includes a tribute to Michael Jackson and a salute to the Tuskegee Airmen.

**Tuesday, February 21**  
7:30 p.m. The Gallery Room, Kilcawley Center  
**LECTURE BY SHAWN WILLIAMS: "BLOGGING WHILE BLACK"**  
With the rise in visibility and popularity of a black presidential candidate in Barack Obama in 2008, African Americans learned quickly to communicate their concerns through blogging. Bloggers who were not used to seeing African American bloggers often misunderstood black bloggers' message, while others downplayed the significance or urgency of their concerns, while others perceived them as generally antagonistic. "Blogging While Black" conveys the experiences of the speaker and other online bloggers and provides tips for journalists who want to make inroads in their use of the social media. Shawn Williams is an outstanding journalist who has contributed to major newspapers around the country and participated in numerous bloggers' roundtable discussions. Williams is a graduate of Texas A&M University and a recipient of a President's Achievement Award for 1992-1996.

**Sunday, February 26**  
6:00 p.m. The Chestnut Room, Kilcawley Center  
**AN EVENING OF GOSPEL JAZZ**  
The precious gems of jazz and gospel, both of which are profoundly rooted in the rich heritage of the African American cultural experience, have been around for a long time. Join us as we explore these rich traditions through some of our most gifted and talented YSU students—and a special guest to be revealed that evening. This event is free and open to the public.

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## Tennis wraps up weekend action

Nick Mancini  
SPORTS REPORTER

It was a busy weekend for Youngstown State University's tennis teams.

The men opened the weekend by defeating Chicago State University on Friday at the Boardman Tennis Center.

"I thought we played well against Chicago State," said head men's tennis coach Mark Klysner. "We mixed up the lineup [on Friday] to see what could give us our best doubles and singles lineup."

The Penguins went 7-0 against the Cougars. Freshman Dawoud Kabli, playing in the No. 2 singles spot, defeated freshman Julio Chavez 6-2, 6-1. Klysner said he was pleased with Kabli's performance.

"I really thought Dawoud played well [on Friday]," Klysner said. "We played him at the No. 2, and he played more solid than our first match. I could see the things we talked about him doing being done in his match."

Klysner said Friday's match was the ideal time "to work on things we have been

practicing in the week."

"The guys came in comfortable after a good week of practice," he said.

On Saturday, though, the Penguins fell, 6-1, to the Xavier University Musketeers, with sophomore Rodrigo Campos picking up YSU's point in a three-set victory over freshman Freddy Abunku.

In doubles, YSU freshman Silviu Mistreanu and sophomore Max Schmerin defeated juniors Phillip Diaz and Brandon MacDon-

ald. "We had a chance to take the

doubles point, which would have been huge," Campos said. "We lost three tough matches against a good team."

Klysner said Xavier was the toughest matchup so far this year.

"It's not that we didn't play well, because I thought we did," Klysner said. "This was just a tough matchup early in the season. This was their sixth match to our third."

Klysner said his team "really fought hard this weekend."

"It was the best doubles play I have seen from them," he said.

Campos echoed Klysner's thoughts.

"We played pretty well overall this weekend," Campos said. "We played well against Chicago State, winning 7-0 and ran into a tough Xavier team."

On the women's side, the Penguins also fell to Xavier, 7-0.

Freshman Marta Burak lost her first match this season, losing 6-2

twice to junior Katie Pleiman. In the No. 2 singles, Carolyn Jesko lost a tough 7-6, 6-4 match to freshman Daniella Patton.

In doubles, Burak and Jesko fell 8-0 to Pleiman and freshman Kally Alkire. Senior Lauren Hankle and sophomore Gimena Puppo also lost their doubles match.

"Xavier was a really smart and experienced team," Hankle said. "We are still a very young team. We just need some more experience, and I think we will be playing even better."

In their final match of the weekend, the Penguins lost 7-0 to the University of Akron at the LaTuchie Tennis Center.

Klysner said he could not be happier with his team's performance in Akron.

"They really bounced back well and showed each other great support," Klysner said. "They could have given up, but they really fought hard."

Hankle said she was happy with how the team played as well.

"We played really well at Akron, especially with them being a nationally ranked team so often," Hankle said. "I know the results don't show it, but we have been improving every match."

Zips senior Zaruhi Harutyunyan defeated Burak in two sets, 7-6, 6-4. Hankle took freshman Olga Shkundina to three sets before losing the final set in a tiebreaker, 14-12.

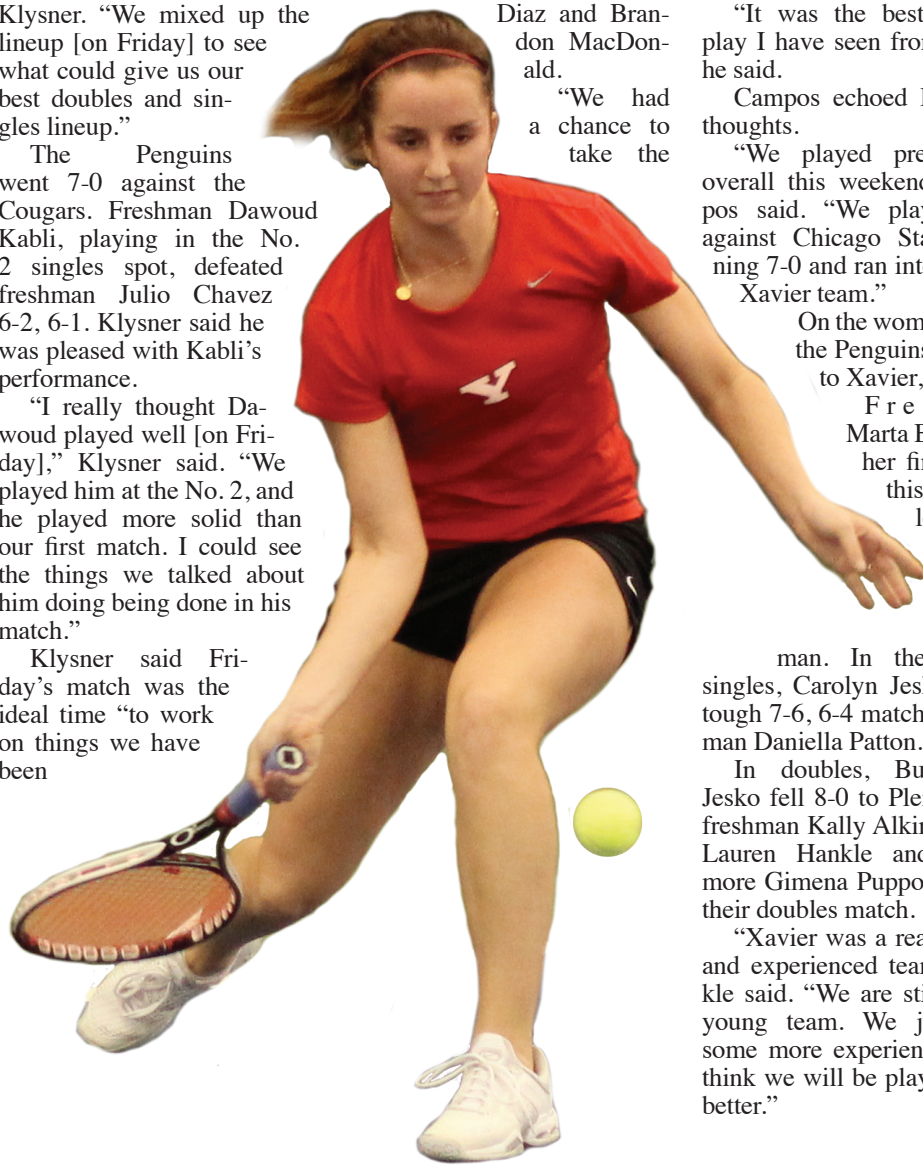
"Marta had the three-time MAC player of the year [Harutyunyan] on the ropes," Klysner said. "A few points the other way and it could have been a different outcome."

In doubles action, Hankle and Burak lost their match, 8-1, to Harutyunyan and junior Prang Pantusart. Puppo and Jesko fell in their match as well, losing to the team of junior twin sisters Angelina and Angelika Jogasuria.

Even though the results are not there yet, Klysner said he thinks they will be soon.

"I really see the girls improving every game," he said. "I know they have been discouraged with the results, but I am encouraged with the way they have been performing."

The Penguins return to action Saturday at the Boardman Tennis Center against Niagara University.



### Horizon League Standings

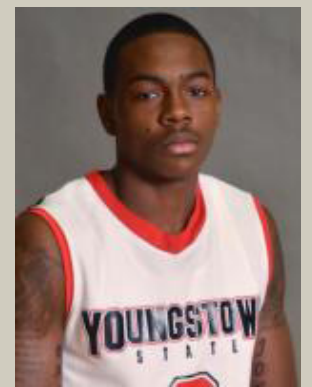
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### Penguin Spotlight



#### Kendrick Perry

Height: 6' 0"  
Weight: 160 lbs.  
Year: Sophomore  
Hometown: Ocoee, Fla.  
High School: Edgewater  
Position: Guard

After becoming the fifth YSU men's Horizon League Player of the Week, Kendrick Perry scored 23 points against Butler University on Thursday and Valparaiso University on Saturday. Perry ranks first in the conference with 16.2 points per game, third with four assists per game, second with 2.4 steals per game and 10th in free-throw percentage (69.5).

### Upcoming Matches

#### Men's Tennis

- Feb. 18**  
Niagara  
Boardman Tennis Center  
6 p.m.
- Feb. 22**  
at Duquesne  
10 a.m.
- Feb. 25**  
at Toledo  
8 p.m.
- Mar. 2**  
IPFW  
Boardman Tennis Center  
Noon

#### Women's Tennis

- Feb. 18**  
Niagara  
Boardman Tennis Center  
6 p.m.
- Feb. 26**  
Oakland  
Boardman Tennis Center  
8:30 a.m.

## Different mindsets, one common goal

### Basketball teams prepare for tough road ahead

Joe Catullo Jr.  
SPORTS EDITOR

As the season winds down, questions remain as to where the Youngstown State University men's and women's basketball programs will be after Saturday.

The men fell to Butler University on Thursday, 68-59, and defeated Valparaiso University on Saturday, 71-53.

Butler also defeated Cleveland State University on Saturday, 52-49.

Valpo ranks first in the Horizon League, while the Vikings rank second, the University of Detroit Mercy third, Butler fourth and YSU fifth, according to Horizon League standings.

YSU, Butler and Detroit have a 9-6 HL record, but head-to-head matchups break the tie, leaving YSU in fifth.

The Penguins lost to Butler twice. But Butler also lost to Detroit twice.

Even though YSU beat Detroit once, Detroit's wins over Butler place the Titans higher than YSU and Butler in the HL standings.

The Penguins play Detroit again in their final game of the regular season on Feb. 25.

YSU head men's basketball coach Jerry Slocum said in Saturday's post-game conference to keep an eye on Butler.

"It's going to be fun come playoffs because anybody can get it, and I'll say this now: Watch out for Butler," Slocum said. "Here they go. They're in their comfort zone."

If all falls right for the Penguins, they have a chance to stand alone in third place after Saturday.

They begin with a road trip to the University of Wisconsin-Green Bay on Tuesday and conclude on Saturday in a non-conference, ESPN Sears BracketBusters matchup with Austin Peay State University.

"If you don't bring your 'A' game in this league, you're going to lose," Slocum said. "I

don't care if you're home or away."

On the flipside, the women return home for the final time in the regular season. The Penguins square off with the University of Wisconsin-Milwaukee on Thursday and Green Bay on Saturday.

The women are on a three-game losing streak and have lost nine of their last 12 games. Head women's basketball coach Bob Boldon said in Monday's press conference that the energy level and morale is low.

"There's a lot of frustration, a lot of disappointment, and it's just something we've got to deal with to try and get ready before we play on Thursday," Boldon said.

Milwaukee ranks last in the HL, but the Panthers are 23-5 career against YSU and defeated the Penguins, 76-68, on Jan. 21.

"You want to make sure you're ready to go by Thursday," Boldon said. "We pretty much had a miserable weekend, and that's just something you've got to deal with."

The Green Bay Phoenix will arrive in Youngstown on Saturday. They rank first in the HL and No. 9 in the nation.

Senior Kenya Middlebrooks said in the press conference that it would be nice to end her career at home with a win over an elite team.

"We haven't beaten them yet since I've been here, so it would be pretty nice to get them," Middlebrooks said. "They hustle a lot, they're great on defense and they can shoot the basketball and put it in."

Boldon said he wants to take advantage of the rare opportunity to defeat a top-25 team.

"It's going to be our last this year against a ranked opponent, and those opportunities don't come around a lot for mid-major schools," Boldon said. "You want to make sure you're ready [and] try to take advantage of it."

Saturday's game will also feature senior day for Middle-



Senior Tiera Jones attempts a layup over Butler University on Feb. 4. Jones is one of three seniors who will be honored at Beeghly Center on Saturday. Photo by Dustin Livesay/The Jambar.

brooks, Macey Nortey and Tiera Jones.

"It's nice to see these three young players grow as much as they have since I've been here," Boldon said. "Just to see those three develop in such a short period is refreshing."

Middlebrooks said her collegiate career is moving fast.

"A bunch of spirals everywhere, but I wouldn't change it for anything," Middlebrooks said. "We've been through the rough parts, and now we're getting through the good parts."

Middlebrooks added that this

year is one of her finest. She is averaging 11.5 points per game and shooting 36.8 percent beyond the 3-point line.

"I wish it could've happened sooner, but what can you do?" she said.

The Penguins are tied for seventh place in the HL and are no longer eligible to win the regular season title. But they have a new goal: host a first-round game.

"We aren't mathematically eliminated from hosting a game, and that's something we're interested in," Boldon said.