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## Testimony from victim vividly describes weeks of abuse

A solemn Edward Robertson, far left, sits with his attorney, Scott Cochran. Lavell Sharp, far right, awaits his fate from Judge Elizabeth Kobly. All eight suspects in the hazing case had their charges sent over to the Mahoning County Court of Common Pleas, where they will await possible indictment from a grand jury. Photo by Jordan D. Uhl/The Jambar.

Jordan D. Uhl  
 NEWS EDITOR

Breyton Stubbs, 22, said he was always enamored with the Kappa Alpha Psi fraternity.

He had conducted independent research on the organization's ideals and philanthropy.

Yet, when he would head to a home occupied by its members, he said he was expecting to be physically abused.

Stubbs said he was struck nearly every night from Jan. 19 on, being hospitalized twice as a result.

Stubbs, a sophomore at Youngstown State University, testified that he endured this treatment while pledging the now suspended Kappa Alpha Psi fraternity. He took the witness stand Friday in Youngstown Municipal Court.

Defense attorneys for Trey McCune, Wade Hampton, Lavell Sharp and Edward Robertson, each charged with two

counts of felonious assault, attempted to have the charges reduced in a preliminary trial.

"This case is about hazing. It's about a misdemeanor-four hazing," said Dennis DiMartino, McCune's defense attorney. "That's what we have. That's what Trey McCune, at the most, what he did."

Attempts to reduce the charges were unsuccessful.

Presiding Judge Elizabeth Kobly sent the cases to the Mahoning County Court of Common Pleas.

"The evidence is sufficient to find probable cause that [all four defendants] committed the two crimes for which [they stand] charged," Kolby said. "Therefore, each of [their] felonious assault charges are ordered bound over to Mahoning County Court of Common Pleas for further action by the grand jury."

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## Fraternity suspended

Jordan D. Uhl  
 NEWS EDITOR

In light of hazing allegations, the Student Judicial Board at Youngstown State University has suspended the Kappa Alpha Psi fraternity for 15 years.

"The decision of the Student Judicial Board sends a clear message across campus and the community that YSU will not tolerate such behavior," Jack Fahey, vice president for student affairs, said in a released statement. "[YSU] will work to ensure that any student or organization or individual that participates in such behavior is removed from the university."

After the 15-year suspension, the fraternity

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## Law legacy lives on

Brothers' philanthropy continues to serve pre-law students

Kevin Alquist  
 NEWS REPORTER

The generosity of two brothers has enriched the lives of about 40 students over the last six years.

Judge Sidney Rigelhaupt and attorney Bert Rigelhaupt gave their lives to the law and their legacy to Youngstown State University.

"They were both wed to the law," said Mahoning County Probate Court Judge Mark Belinky. "Neither had a wife or children, and they lived for the law."

Belinky, who worked for the Rigelhaupt brothers for 22 years, said their legacy shows their devotion to the legal system and a continued desire to aid young people who choose to follow in their footsteps.

Applications are being accepted for the Judge Sidney Rigelhaupt and Bert Rigelhaupt Pre-Law Scholarship.

The scholarship is available to Youngstown State University students from Mahoning and Trumbull counties who intend to take undergraduate courses at YSU and go on to attend law school.

Each year, the scholarship grants a full ride for four to

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## Maldonado case continues in court

Marissa McIntyre  
 ASSISTANT NEWS EDITOR

Ivan Maldonado, former president of the Youngstown State University Association of Classified Employees union, appeared in the Mahoning County Court of Common Pleas on Monday.

Maldonado and his attorney, Gerald Ingram, were granted a continuance by Judge James Evans.

The trial is tentatively rescheduled for March 17.

Maldonado appeared in court for 24 counts, including theft, grand theft, falsification and tampering with re-



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for the ACE.

He took this position a year after he was indicted for 10 counts of theft, nine of which are felonies of the fifth degree and one misdemeanor of the first degree. Amounts total more than

records.

Upon Christine Domhoff's retirement in July, Maldonado took her place on the Ohio Education Association's board of directors in the higher education advisory council

\$20,000.

Brian Brennan, former president of the ACE, said he hopes the loose ends will be tied.

"Whatever the outcome, I hope that the union will move forward," Brennan said.

Despite not currently working for the university, Maldonado is still a dues-paying member of the ACE.

His term ends in August. Unless he is convicted of a felony, he would be able to run again as a YSU-ACE representative.

Lonnie Gentry, vice president of the ACE, refused to comment. Paul Trimacco, president of YSU-ACE, did not return phone calls.

## 'They deserve to have access to fresh food' Convenience store near campus to open in May

Sarah Perrine  
 NEWS REPORTER

Al Adi — owner of Downtown Circle, the deli and convenience store on West Federal Street — is in the process of opening a new store by the dorms.

In addition to supplying staple foods, Adi said the store will provide fresh produce and offer Mediterranean meals made daily.

Many Youngstown State University students think that healthful meal options on campus are limited — and want more than what's currently offered.

For the past five years, YSU student Dorlan Curtis has lived in the university's dorms and in apartments north of campus. He said a new campus dining option is long overdue.



Ibrahim Jafar rolls a gyro at the Downtown Circle. Al Adi is opening a new convenience store on Elm Street in May. Photo by Chris Cotelesse/The Jambar.

"The traditional concepts of fried foods, pasta, subs and pizza are pretty old and mundane," Curtis said. "But this introduction of the new store makes the dining experience modernized, healthier and more attractive to various consumers. ... Unfortunately, I wish that this dining concept

was initiated much earlier in my college career, because I have visited other university campuses around the area that already offer similar options."

Adi intends to address these issues with his new store.

"The dorms need something unique, clean and healthy. Up by Belmont has nothing. Fifth [Avenue] has nothing. Something needs to go in on that side of town," Adi said.

Adi has been in the business of serving Youngstown's North Side for the past two decades. He's previously owned gas stations, but the downtown convenience store is his first endeavor in the food service industry.

"I've been in Youngstown for a long time," Adi said. "I know all the people, and they deserve to have access to fresh

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YSU impresses at HL championships

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# A very rough road for community college students

Los Angeles Times  
MCT

LOS ANGELES — Foster Washington knows the odds are against him. The Los Angeles Southwest College student is a 20-year-old from a tough neighborhood in Watts where, he says, there was little encouragement or preparation for college.

Recent studies suggest that students like Washington are the least likely to stay in school, get a degree or transfer to a four-year university, hampering their future job prospects.

But Washington is determined to be the first college graduate in his family of 12 siblings. Southwest, part of the nine-campus Los Angeles Community College District, is trying to fulfill his goal through new programs focused on intensive tutoring, faculty training and helping students adjust to college life.

"I have no time to hang out on the street with my homies; I want to be at school every day," Washington said after a recent English class that he said is his favorite. "Coming here gives me a sense of worth."

He is eager and engaged, particularly when discussing the writings of Malcolm X and Frederick Douglass in the

all-male class. It is a remedial class aimed at students who need additional preparation before enrolling in college-level English; two tutors are on hand to supplement the instruction of the professor.

The class is part of a program geared to young men of color, but nearly all of the 8,000 students at Southwest have unmet social and academic needs, said Patrick Jefferson, dean of student services. About 96 percent need remedial math and English, and many are the first in their family to attend college. They grew up amid crime and poverty and graduated from local high schools that are among the lowest-performing in the state, he added.

"Our students don't leave those issues at the front door," Jefferson said. "But we're getting there."

The challenges facing Southwest and community colleges nationwide are borne out by a trio of studies released last week by the Civil Rights Project, a social science research group at UCLA.

The studies found that black and Latino community college students in Southern California are failing to advance because many have graduated from low-performing high schools that ill-prepare them for college work. These students then end up at

similar two-year institutions with poor transfer records.

One of the studies analyzed high school graduates and the transfer rates of students after six years at 51 community colleges in Ventura, Los Angeles, Riverside, San Bernardino, Orange and San Diego counties. It found that students who graduated from high schools with large minority populations, low test scores and low numbers of parents with college degrees were far less likely to transfer to a four-year institution.

The likelihood of attending a low- or high-performing high school was strongly related to race and ethnicity, the studies found. Patterns of high school segregation — by race, ethnicity and poverty — continued in the community college system because students typically attend the college closest to home.

The patterns have broad implications for long-term economic and social stability, the studies conclude, because nearly 80 percent of black and Latino students in the postsecondary system attend a community college and only about three in 10 transfer within six years.

"If we can't figure out how to revise the system in a dramatic way, we're going to be on a path downward," said Gary Orfield, who co-directs

the Civil Rights Project. "We have to face up to it if we don't want to have horrible economic and social consequences."

Southwest is nearly 70 percent black, and about 29 percent of its students transfer after six years, compared with 37 percent of students county-wide, according to the Civil Rights Project study. Southwest and other campuses in the district have embarked on a three-year effort to smooth a path for students before they stumble, said Yasmin Delahoussaye, the colleges' vice chancellor for institutional effectiveness and educational programs.

The nonprofit Achieving the Dream initiative, based in Maryland, provides coaches and advisors to more than 150 community colleges around the nation who help develop strategies to boost student outcomes. Early results from the Southwest program are expected in the spring.

California's budget crisis has led to soaring tuition and cutbacks at every level, with tens of thousands of students who can't get classes being turned away from community colleges. The governing board of the state's 112 community colleges recently approved a broad set of reforms intended to help students obtain associate's degrees and transfer to

four-year universities.

But Orfield and others say the proposals are not sweeping enough and fail to address the most pressing problems. They contend that the California Master Plan for Higher Education, adopted in 1960, should be rewritten to allow community colleges with strong programs to grant baccalaureate degrees. State Assemblyman Marty Block, D-San Diego, wrote legislation in 2010 to establish a pilot baccalaureate project at several community colleges that failed to move forward.

"We need to make sure that students who get to college get out" with a degree, Block said.

Motivated students like Washington will be a big part of any improvement. After graduating from Washington Preparatory High School, he moved from Watts to Redondo Beach to get away from an environment that could hold him back; and he has already set his sights on transferring to Morehouse College or Clark Atlanta University, two historically black colleges, he said.

"After that I want to come back to my neighborhood and help others, because I know where they're coming from and I've been where they've been," Washington said.

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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.

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.

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.

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.

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 Educare 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.

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.

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.

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## Students struggle without health insurance



Sophomore Bill Soldan, 30, who hasn't had health insurance since he was 18 years old, is uncertain about his health coverage in the future. Photo by Christopher Kochera/The Jambar.

**Christopher Kochera**  
REPORTER

On a September morning in 2011, Youngstown State University freshman Kylie Davis' life changed. Traveling to school on Warner Road near Vienna, she lost control of her car and struck a tree.

The accident broke her back and four ribs, shattered her wrist, punctured her left lung and left her in a coma for three days.

She didn't have health insurance. "We're still getting bills from it, and I don't know how much they are," Davis said. "I just know we're in debt."

She lost coverage when her mom lost her job as a hospice nurse at Sharon Regional Health System in 2009. Her family is slowly paying off the bill from her accident.

"It stresses me out a lot because I don't really know where to start with it yet," she said. "But I'm taking it one day at a time, trying to figure it out."

Davis, an employee of The Winner in Sharon, Pa., said she couldn't get health insurance through work.

A 2010 study by the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention reported that nearly 8 million 18- to 24-year-olds do not have health insurance.

Sophomore Bill Soldan, 30, said he hasn't had health insurance since he

was 18.

"I'm not in a situation where it is being offered to me," he said. Soldan works part time at the Andrews Student Recreation and Wellness Center.

He worked at Cobblestone Corner Concrete Ornamental in Boardman. Last year, the company gave him the option of a pay raise or health coverage. However, the coverage didn't include his wife, Rebecca.

"That was a really tough call," he said. "If it would have included my wife, I would have chosen it no question, but I was in the situation where I really needed the extra pay."

YSU offers a plan for students that is underwritten by UnitedHealthcare. It

costs \$1,755 annually and can also include a student's spouse and children.

Soldan has needed medical treatment several times. He said the visits were covered by his employer or paid by working out payments with St. Elizabeth Health Center.

"There's that little bit of pride where you don't want them to pick up the bill, and you wish you had insurance to cover it," he said.

Soldan said he plans to look into YSU's health insurance plan, but is uncertain about the future.

"Throughout my 20s, it was never a major concern," he said. "Hopefully, something will come along."

## Community forum targets fresh food famine

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(Left to right) Elsa Higby, Brandon Thomas, Pat Rosenthal and Danielle Harrell circle around the Grow Youngstown informational board at Saturday's food forum to discuss ways to bring locally grown food to the university and the Wick Park neighborhood. Photo courtesy of Gary Davenport.

**Sarah Perrine**  
REPORTER

A food forum was held Saturday at the First Unitarian Universalist Church of Youngstown to address the lack of nutritious foods available near campus and in the Wick Park neighborhood.

Representatives from Grow Youngstown CSA, Lake-to-River Food Hub, Wick Park Neighborhood Association, Mahoning Valley Organizing Collaborative and Youngstown State University Student Government Association attended the meeting.

The forum also focused on keeping food vendors in the community.

"Students at YSU, and residents on the North Side of Youngstown, both want safe and convenient access to healthy foods. It's our job to work together to make that happen," said WPNA President Gary Davenport.

Elsa Higby, from Grow Youngstown CSA, said "choosing to eat from our local food system means that we are keeping our food dollars local" and "eating seasonally," as well as "eating foods that are fresh and use less energy to produce and get to market."

"Will buying local food change the way we eat? Yes. Will it take more time? Yes. Will it affect our health? Yes," Higby said. "Food is the basis of community within families and between neighbors. Fix the food system, and we will also fix

our health, our economy and our community."

SGA President Elyse Gessler said more than 100 students voiced complaints about campus food.

Though YSU sophomore Ashley Perri did not attend Saturday's food forum, her concerns reflect those who did.

"The food on campus is so unhealthy, and any attempt they make to make it healthy fails," Perri said. "We need healthy options and fresh food; our bodies need it. I grew up eating organic food, and it's hard to find organic food here."

Several students have contacted Carrie Clyde, YSU's wellness coordinator, regarding the lack of nutritious eating options on campus.

But it's an issue that eludes the university.

"There's not a whole lot of healthy options," Clyde said. She advises students to "pack a lunch" to supplement the existing choices.

She added that Sodexo, the university's food service, has been trying "different things, especially for vegetarians."

"We are continuously

adding [options]," said Tom Totterdale, general manager of dining services. "We do have vegan and vegetarian options."

But having more options comes at a cost.

"People are continuously saying that there are no healthy options, but they're not buying them," said Edward Krol, dining services' executive chef.

Still, Higby and other officials at the forum said the university and the city could benefit financially and physically from local foods.

"Youngstown State University has an excellent opportunity to support the local economy by focusing the buying power of their dining services on locally grown and produced food," Higby said.

Krol said dining services' produce is purchased from "local area farms."

"We have a pretty solid plan in place, but we are always looking for ideas and healthier options," Krol said.

While the university works to address student concerns, area residents live in what concerned locals and community organizers, like Brandon Thomas, call a "food desert."

Thomas, an organizer with the MVOC, defined a food desert as an area that lacks access to food, typically within a half-mile from occupied homes. Thomas also said living in a food desert can be problematic for families who lack transportation or rely on public transit.

Area residents don't have a lot of food options, making healthful food difficult to obtain, Thomas said.

### Campus Connection

Did you know that a convenience store is coming to Elm Street, near campus? Would you shop there?



"I'll probably go to it. It will be easier if it's on campus instead of having someone drive me. We usually go to Walmart on Belmont."  
- Shelby Hansen, freshman



"I probably wouldn't use it. I don't really hang out up there. If it's cheaper than CVS, I would go there."  
- Sharita Booth, former student

food."

The new store, which will open on or before May 1, is at the corner of Madison Avenue and Elm Street, or where R & S United Family Foods was once located.

It will be roughly twice the size of Adi's Downtown Circle. The store, along with providing the traditional features of a convenience mart, will include a deli, juice bar and a large cafe area with free Wi-Fi.

Adi said he tries to keep his produce fresh and local, but he sometimes has to drive to Cleveland markets for fruits and vegetables. Adi said his food is never processed or frozen, and the Mediterranean meals — which include vegetarian dishes like hummus, tabbouleh, Jerusalem salad, grape leaves and falafel — are made daily.

He said he believes healthful eating options and fresh foods benefit students, many of whom have concerns about safety in the Wick Park area.

Students like Curtis say they avoid the area north of the dorms, or around Wick Park.

But Adi said he will do everything he can to make his store safe and add stability to the neighborhood.

The building's design will feature an all-glass front to showcase the "clean, renovated" inside. Outside, ample lighting and a "well-lit" parking lot will brighten the outskirts of campus.

Adi has already spoken with YSU Police and the city's police department about patrolling the area.

"When people see a well-lit, clean area with lots of security, it will make them think twice about doing anything unsafe near or around the store," Adi said.



## NEWS BRIEFS

*Swim team to give lessons*

The YSU swimming and diving team will host a "Learn to Swim Clinic" at the Beeghly Natatorium. Aimed at children between 3 and 10 years old, the lessons will be held from 6 to 6:45 p.m. on March 21, 25 and 28, as well as April 1 and 4. Lessons are \$50 per child, and all proceeds will benefit the YSU swimming and diving program. Registration is open until the first lesson on March 21. Participants should bring appropriate swimming attire and a towel; goggles are optional. For more information, contact assistant coach Kylie Gamelier at [kgamelier@ysu.edu](mailto:kgamelier@ysu.edu).

*WCBA to offer GMAT prep*

The Williamson College of Business Administration will offer two non-credit preparatory courses for the Graduate Management Admissions Test. YSU MBA program applicants must take either the GMAT or the Graduate Record Exam. The verbal course — which improves reading and comprehension, reasoning skills and the ability to correct written material to conform to standard written English — will be held from 8 a.m. to noon on March 24 and 31, as well as April 14 and 21. The quantitative section — which focuses on developing problem-solving skills in math and statistics — will be held on the same days from 1 to 5 p.m. The classes, which will be held in Room 2212 of Williamson Hall, cost \$155 each, or \$255 for both. For more information or to register, contact Monique Bradford, MBA coordinator, at 330-941-3069 or at [mrbradford@ysu.edu](mailto:mrbradford@ysu.edu).

*Dana faculty members featured in concert*

At 7:30 p.m. Thursday, the Dana School of Music will present Duo Allant, which consists of Dana faculty Kathryn Thomas Umble (flute) and Francois Fowler (guitar). The concert, which is free and open to the public, will feature music by composers from around the world. The performance, held in Bliss Recital Hall, will also include the world premiere of "One Dance, Many Dancers" by David Morgan and "Albatross" by Robert Rollin.

## POLICE BRIEFS

*Kilcawley House resident attempts suicide*

On Feb. 20, a university police officer reported to Kilcawley House in regard to a possible suicide attempt by a 19-year-old female student. She told YSU Police that she had taken 14 100-milligram Zoloft pills, adding that a friend gave her the pills. According to the police report, the female student appeared to be alert and aware of her surroundings; she was also able to walk clearly, although she reported being "a little dizzy." An ambulance transported her to St. Elizabeth Health Center for treatment.

*Woman cited for multiple driving infractions*

On Thursday evening, a university police officer on campus patrol noticed a white car with just one working headlight traveling south on Wick Avenue. The officer conducted a traffic stop in the parking lot of the Public Library of Youngstown and Mahoning County's main branch. The 47-year-old female driver said she knew the headlight was broken, and she added that the car belongs to her daughter. She was unable to produce her driver's license, vehicle registration and proof of insurance — and eventually admitted that she didn't have a driver's license at all. Although the woman repeatedly told YSU Police that her license was expired, not suspended, running her Social Security number through YSU Dispatch belied her statement; she had an active non-compliance suspension. YSU Police issued the woman two traffic citations — one for the missing headlight and one for driving under suspension. She was also given a mandatory municipal court date.

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seven students in the pre-law program at YSU.

The scholarship can be used only toward tuition costs.

The Rigelhaupt brothers, both deceased, created a trust exceeding \$1 million to provide funding for the scholarship.

"The generosity of the Rigelhaupt brothers has really helped the pre-law program at YSU and will continue to into the future, because we don't touch the principle given to us by the Rigelhaupt brothers," said Paul Sracic, chairman of the political science department and pre-law center.

Since the scholarship was initiated in 2005, the money has been invested to continue supporting students in the future. A different amount of money is available each year, depending on how well the investments do.

"We stretch the money as far as we can to help as many students as we can," Sracic said.

Sracic added that the scholarship has become highly competitive.

"YSU is truly grateful to the Rigelhaupt brothers, and the scholarship really shows their dedication to the students of the Mahoning Valley," Sracic said.

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The remaining four — Michael Charles, Jason Anderson, Jerome Justice and Jairus Ford — waived their hearing, opting to await pending indictments.

## Stubbs's testimony

A two-story white house sits at 942 Woodford Ave., on Youngstown's South Side. A calm gray sky casts a shadow on what otherwise looks like a typical house in a peaceful neighborhood.

The basement, however, was allegedly home to a living nightmare for lifelong friends ReSean Yancey, 20, and Stubbs.

"I didn't want to leave ReSean down there alone," Stubbs said in response to a defense attorney's question about why he kept going back. "When it first started, it wasn't as severe as it got the last two nights."

What started out as "getting wood," or paddling, eventually led to full-force punches and a night of being repeatedly thrashed with a metal hanger until drawing blood, Stubbs testified.

Stubbs also testified that the eight accused of violent hazing had repeatedly

punched them in their chests and arms.

"We were not knowledgeable that it was going to happen," Stubbs said about the severity.

Stubbs said that when he returned to the Woodford Avenue home after being hospitalized for bruised ribs, Kappa Alpha Psi members instructed him to put a red "X" on his shirt to avoid further chest injuries.

That didn't prevent them from hitting other parts of his body, Stubbs said.

During the last week of January, Stubbs was a lead performer in "Riff Raff," a play held in Bliss Hall.

The accumulated injuries allegedly sustained in the pledging process eventually took their toll. Nearing the finale of the last performance, Stubbs had to run off stage, where he collapsed due to exhaustion and trouble breathing.

Stubbs said cast members struggled to pick him up so he could return to the stage for the last scene.

Stubbs testified that the abuse continued until the end of January, when "things went

haywire."

While driving Yancey to the hospital for chest problems, Stubbs hit a pothole.

"He started convulsing. He started breathing heavily, foaming at the mouth," Stubbs said. "I didn't know what else to do."

## Neighborhood in shock

Chrystal Clark, 20, went to high school with Yancey. Though she didn't know him well, she recognized his name when the local media reported that he was an alleged victim.

"He didn't deserve that just to be a part of the group," Clark said.

She knows Ford, but wasn't aware of any potentially unlawful activity until she saw his name in the papers.

Clark said that swift justice is "crucial."

Bud Parrish's house is behind the Woodford Avenue home that Stubbs pinpointed as the location of the alleged hazing.

The 65-year-old said he had heard about the charges, but was shocked.

Despite claims of raucous, violent behavior, he said he's never heard any commotion emerging from the house.

## FRATERNITY PAGE 1

can return to campus, but will be on probationary status for the following 10 years. The first five years back, it must meet monthly with a review panel.

The action came after an internal investigation regarding the hazing that allegedly hospitalized two YSU students.

"The board determined that a YSU student was taken to St. Elizabeth's Health Center on Feb. 2 with injuries including contusions and a concussion after being the victim of an assault," the release stated. "A police investigation determined that the beatings were, in fact, part of hazing that occurred at a residence off campus."

A faculty member, administrator and student compose the board, which determined in a hearing on Monday that fraternity's pledges were "beaten and hazed over a continual amount of time leading to hospitalization of at least one pledge."

The statement said the board determined that the fraternity violated sections of the student conduct code, although the specific segments weren't mentioned.

"The board did its job and took those violations seriously," said Ron Cole, director of university communications. "I think that the board was very clear in its deliberations."

## Jury selection in Rutgers cyberbullying case set to begin

McClatchy Tribune  
MCT

NEW BRUNSWICK, N.J. — A judge excused about 100 potential jurors Tuesday from serving in the trial of a former Rutgers University student accused of invading his roommate's privacy by using a webcam to spy on him in an intimate encounter with another man.

Superior Court Judge Glenn Berman dismissed the jurors based on answers they had provided Friday on a 17-page questionnaire. The judge, prosecutors and attorneys for the defendant, Dharrun Ravi, 19, reviewed the survey responses of 188 potential jurors over the weekend and reconvened Tuesday to discuss jurors they wanted to serve or be excused.

By day's end, the pool had

been winnowed to 85 potential jurors who will face further questioning Wednesday. The jurors were not in court Tuesday.

Ravi, of Plainsboro, N.J., is charged in a 15-count indictment with bias intimidation, invasion of privacy and tampering with evidence.

He is accused of using a webcam on Sept. 19, 2010, to secretly view his roommate, Tyler Clementi, 18, of Ridgewood, N.J., in an embrace with a man. Two days later, Ravi allegedly tried to watch Clementi in a second encounter and posted to Twitter, inviting others to use iChat, an instant-messaging application, to view it, prosecutors said.

Clementi, who reported Ravi's actions to a resident adviser, committed suicide on Sept. 22, 2010, by jumping off the George Washington Bridge.

Berman said he would decide Wednesday whether 14 or 16 jurors would be selected. He said he was inclined to empanel 16 — including four alternates — because of the anticipated extensive media coverage and the possibility of jurors being exposed to it.

He also advised the attorneys to be prepared to make opening statements Wednesday.

Earlier Tuesday, Berman granted a motion to change a hindering apprehension charge from a third-degree crime to a second-degree crime. The charge was mistakenly listed as a third-degree charge in the indictment.

However, the judge, who discovered the error, said he might not treat the offense as a second-degree crime at sentencing if Ravi is found guilty of the offense.

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## Remain vigilant

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### HAZING PAGE 1

The Student Judicial Board's suspension of Kappa Alpha Psi is not only appropriate, it is more than we asked for.

"Fraternities that have a history of hazing may be nationally recognized, but our university has no obligation to ever make that same recognition," we wrote in an editorial earlier this month.

Jack Fahey, vice president for student affairs, sat in silence and disbelief at the hearing on Friday.

Afterward, Fahey had little to say, for he was still shocked about the allegations surrounding a group of YSU students and alumni.

President Cynthia Anderson has repeatedly and vehemently expressed opposition and disgust with excessive hazing methods, but the university's actions spoke louder than any of her words.

The administration, which has come down hard amid allegations of hazing, has stepped up to the plate and outlawed a fraternity with a sordid history.

We hope that university officials remain vigilant in the years to come. It's easy to forget, especially when it's so vital to remember.

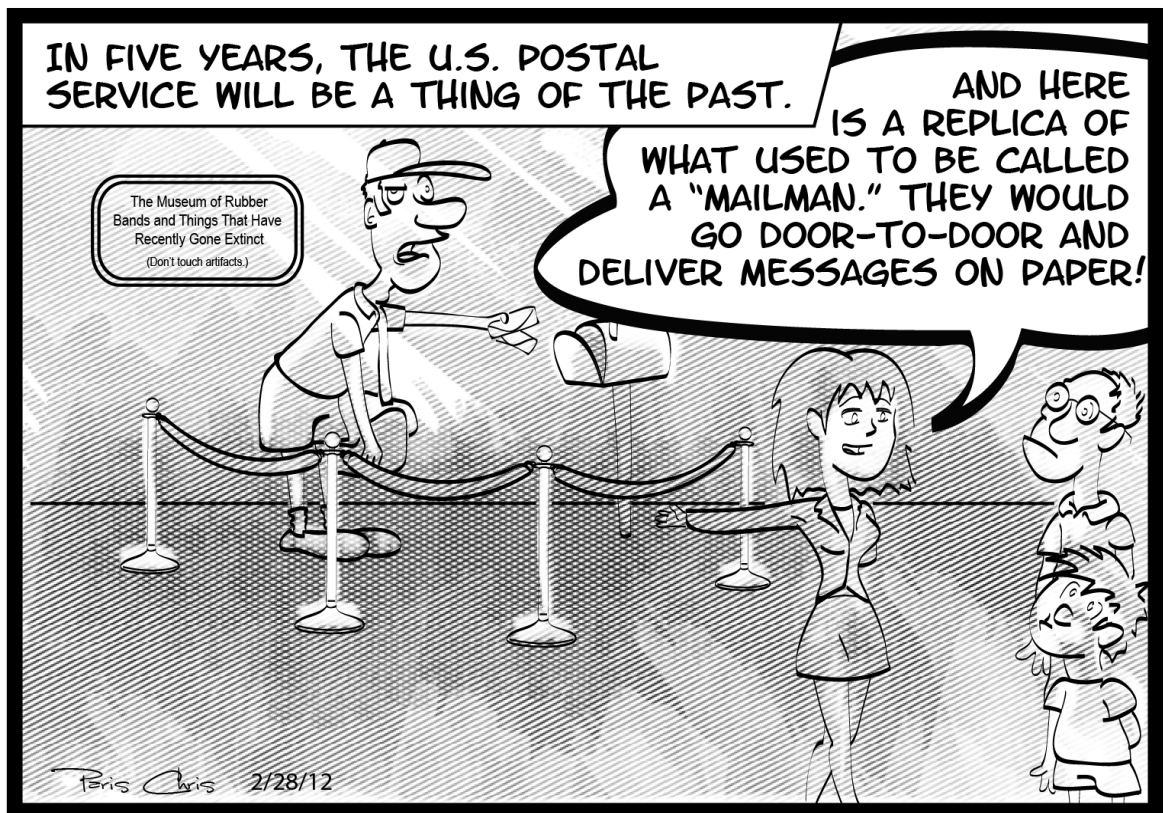
Two students have been hospitalized numerous times, according to a testimony in the trial charging nine YSU students and fraternity members.

The university must remain firm in its resolve.

A watchful eye on this fraternity for the next quarter-century is reassuring.

Students who are beaten or branded — even if they willingly allow it — should be protected and vindicated.

## THE Jambar cartoon



Cartoon by Paris Chrisopoulos/The Jambar.



Jared Buker  
COLUMNIST

## 'The Big Picture' A singer, not a saint

Last week, a helicopter collision over the California-Arizona line claimed the lives of seven Marines awaiting deployment to Afghanistan.

These were seven American heroes willing to give their lives for their country.

But the death of a drug addict has monopolized mainstream media so much that you may not have heard about the Marines.

In American culture, we glorify stories of celebrities who perish in a bizarre or untimely fashion.

In the case of Whitney Houston, who died in her hotel bathtub after consuming a dangerous cocktail of Valium, Xanax and alcohol, the media made it clear that the story will be milked for all it is worth.

The BBC aired a live stream of Houston's entire funeral, sparking complaints from viewers that the network was drifting from important news coverage to highlight an event that should have been private.

One viewer called the BBC's coverage "voyeuristic" and suggested the network return to "real news."

There is no question that Houston was a musical phenomenon. Guinness World Records lists her as the most decorated female artist in history, with 415 awards throughout her career.

But now, because the media chose to dwell on her cause of death instead of her famed career, Houston will be most remembered

for overdosing in a hotel bathtub.

And because Houston's death was both shocking and easy to understand, people pined for it and got distracted from the news that really means something in our everyday lives.

Consider how much you know about Houston's death. Then, consider how much you know about Iran's fight to retain its nuclear program, or its attempts to enact a gas embargo on European countries.

Hopefully, you are much more up to speed with the latter, but I doubt that's the case.

If we can agree that Iran's instability is more important than a deceased diva, then media coverage should reflect that.

Todd Franko, editor of The Vindicator, said stories relevant to the public need to be covered.

"When you look at Whitney Houston in the entertainment world, she definitely has a tormented kind of soul that people are interested in," Franko said. "When you cover it, is one day too much? Is one week too much? There really is no perfect amount of time."

In a perfect world, there would be no unsung heroes; the ones who perish fighting for their country, or die young due to an incurable disease, would always get the tribute they deserve.

But in such an imperfect existence — one where stories of bravery and tragedy often go untold — how much sympathy and attention should we give to a substance

abuser who sang songs and acted in a movie or two?

Sophomore Linda Borrelli followed the coverage of Houston's death and said it has been "over publicized" and "dramatized."

"Yes, she contributed a lot to the music scene, but she also contributed to her own death," Borrelli said. "It's sad seeing how caught up people get by a death of someone they don't even know."

Kudos to the producers of this year's Grammy Awards for altering the show on such short notice to accommodate a tribute to Houston's legacy; that is her arena, and there is perhaps no higher testament to her musical gift than the fact that the tribute was executed by performers she inspired.

Sad as it may be, all of the attention her death is receiving has clouded our perception of what events in the world are important to follow.

It is simply time to move on.

All of the memories we need of Houston are forever preserved through the music she made, not through the news coverage of her pitiable passing.

Maybe this is just born from America's obsession with the rich and talented, but the truth is, Houston squandered her talent in a Heath Ledger-Amy Winehouse form by abusing her body with drugs and alcohol. And with all the world's unsung heroes in mind, we must remember Whitney Houston was a singer, not a saint.

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### LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

There are so many open computer labs on the YSU campus, but many are taken over by classes. Subsequently, students using the computers for homework and research — or even as a place to kill some time before their next class — are kicked out of the labs for the entire hour.

I am all for the use of computers for classes, but why do they have to take one of the few open labs?

There are two classes that I know of for sure that take over the DeBartolo computer lab in the basement every week. They come into the lab minutes before the class starts and kick us out (and not too kindly, by the way). They are impatient as we scramble to save our work and print out what we have been working on, like we don't have a right to do our homework during a free period. Numerous other labs on campus are not being used at all.

I've been told to go to the library and use those computers, but the library is almost always full and crowded. Also, if everyone from the DeBartolo computer lab goes to the library, then practically none of us will be able to get into the lab (unless we make a mad sprint to the library clear across campus, which I think is impractical).

There are very few other open labs on campus in which to go.

Kilcawley's lab is very noisy and can also get crowded. I personally don't like to do my homework and research in a place where I can hear someone's iPod blaring music clear across the room, or people talking loudly to one another as if they were the only ones in that particular lab.

Other computer labs are closed to the students who do not share that major. I can get into several of those labs, but I always feel a stab of guilt when I use them. I don't feel that I should have to be reduced to feeling guilty over writing a paper or doing research for school, just because I am unable to stay in the same lab that I started in.

There are times when the lab assistants can be very rude to you, especially if they find out you aren't a business, nursing or education major. And sometimes, like on the second floor of Cushwa in the nursing computer lab, the lab assistant has to go to class, so instead of someone taking over for her, even for just an hour, she has to lock up the lab and kick me out, again. I don't understand why YSU can't hire more lab assistants when they are needed.

I pay a lot of money, money that as a working student is practically all I make in a single year, to come to this school and study. I pay the

lab fees, and I work religiously on my research and homework while in the labs. I should have the right to remain in the open computer lab that I start in and that is in the building of my next class, so that I don't have to move everything clear across campus. I should not have to scramble to save all of my research or to print out slides for one of my classes. I should not have to risk a failing grade on an online quiz because I am being forced to leave. Sometimes, this is the only time I can get to a computer to do my homework. I work, and I have other obligations.

YSU needs to seriously re-evaluate the way that classes are scheduled. There are plenty of closed labs that are free for classes to use. They may have to walk farther, but at least they wouldn't be disrupting the work of students. Or at least they can have more open labs for us to go to, instead of each department having its own labs, which literally nobody uses. That is a waste of money.

And then we don't have to feel guilty or risk losing our computer privileges because of some class kicking us out of a lab that is supposed to be open for us to use.

SARA KUTSKO  
ELLSWORTH



## The next 'Cool' thing

Josh Medore  
REPORTER

Josh Cool has a complex idea to simplify life.

In 2007, the former Youngstown State University student founded Jablu, a software development company with "multiple different departments merged into one."

A three-pronged business model, Jablu is Cool's first step to making user-friendly software even easier to use.

"What we try doing is ... [take] an idea that already existed, like a Microsoft Notepad, and transform it into something more complex, but easier for the user to use," Cool said.

One example is streamlining an HTML program to allow users to instantly see their work.

"Not even Dreamweaver lets you do that," Cool said, referring to Adobe's Web design software. "You still have to go 'File' and click a button ... and open it up in a browser."

Cool and his friends have already developed several applications and are working to sell them.

"We plan to have an online storefront this fall," Cool said.

Second is Jablu Press, which acts as both the company's home page and a blog site where Cool and his colleagues discuss technology news and promote podcasts.

Cool said he hopes to

launch a new Jablu design soon. The new site, Cool said, will allow users to register, download Jablu products and get "a better understanding of what Jablu is."

Cool said the third and final department will "change the whole education system."

Called Jablu Aspire, Cool's newest idea will allow students to "write and blog" class assignments. After an assignment has been completed and submitted, the teacher will post the assignment to the student's Web page on Aspire for review.

After an assignment has been posted, users will be able to look at similar works.

"The cool thing about it is, instead of being just homework, it's almost like they took the homework and put in on the refrigerator," Cool said.

Cool said the traditional idea of homework "irritated" him.

"I always wanted my work to be shown. So, I came up with this idea, and other students can publish it, and their parents can look at it, their friends can look at and they can link to it," Cool said.

What separates Aspire from YSU's Blackboard system is the ability to connect students from various schools through their published work.

The next step for Jablu Aspire, which is still being developed, is to get the product to

be used in schools.

"I'm starting with technical schools," Cool said.

Cool said he hopes the Ashtabula County Technical and Career Campus, or A-Tech, will be the first school to use Aspire. That's where Cool spent his final two years of high school.

Dan Jackson, the secondary supervisor at A-Tech, said Cool has not yet approached the school about his product.

"I remember [Cool] very well," Jackson said. "We haven't been contacted yet, but that's not to say we aren't open to it."

After spreading to high schools in northeast Ohio, Cool said he plans to bring Aspire into college classrooms and, eventually, to YSU.

"I really see this — especially Aspire — taking off in about three years," Cool said.

Cool transferred to Kent State University's Ashtabula campus due to financial issues after a fall semester at YSU.

"I had to take out a \$9,000 loan for the year just so I could attend for that year," Cool said. "I didn't want to walk out in debt when I'm finished with school. I need to save every penny for Jablu."

That doesn't mean Cool has forgotten YSU, though.

"I still love it here," said Cool, who lives in the Youngstown area.

Cool said he believes his product can succeed at all educational levels because of its wide variety of uses.

"There's technical writing, there's

podcasting ... and there's also going to be a way ... so [graphic design students] can upload and be recognized for the art that they made," Cool said.

Mohammad Jadun, an instructional technology specialist at YSU, says Cool's idea is a "very good strategy."

"Using something like Facebook, it will encourage students to share more," Jadun said. "You need to go to where the students are, and [social networks] is where they are."

One issue that Jadun foresees, however, is plagiarism.

"There has to be some kind of strict rules," he said. "There should be a moderator in it, and it should follow the etiquette of academia."

Jadun said he feels that "serious assignments," such as quizzes and tests, should not be posted, and that the site should be used "more for discussion and exploring topics."

Cool added that his Aspire program could be adapted to suit the needs of almost any type of class.

"I can take Aspire and re-form that educational platform that I built to [fit] any class," Cool said.

He added that he hasn't quite figured out how to make the platform work for classes like history or science, explaining that the product is aimed at subjects like writing and art.

As for the future, Cool has that worked out as well.

"I have notebooks just full of ideas," he said.

These ideas, he said, could last him 40 years.



## 'Swim, bike, run, giddy up!'

Exercise science professor simulates mini triathlon

Kacy Standohar  
FEATURES EDITOR

Nicole Mullins, an associate professor of human performance and exercise science at Youngstown State University, said she practices what she preaches.

The 39-year-old has competed in about 20 triathlons in the last four years, and she's sharing those experiences with her class on Tuesday.

Mullins teaches advanced physical fitness and exercise programs in addition to her normal curriculum.

She said it's not a class to get in shape, but to explore a variety of vigorous activities such as gymnastics, dance and strength activities, and interval or endurance exercises.

This semester, Mullins wants to emulate an actual triathlon.

The Giddy Up Triathlon begins at 4 p.m. on Tuesday during regularly scheduled class time.

Mullins said there is a lot more to a triathlon than just biking, swimming and running: It involves transitioning to and from events. The students will use helmets, swim caps, sunglasses and running numbers. Twelve exercise science volunteers are helping with the event.

The students will start in the Beeghly Center pool and then

run over to the Andrews Student Recreation and Wellness Center to get on the spinning bikes and the track.

Mullins said she wants to ensure everyone's safety. She also said she hopes all of her students attend the event to support one another.

"I want everybody there at once to cheer each other because some of these students are nervous," Mullins said. "They've never done this together. It's quite an accomplishment."

Mullins said she loves triathlons because of what they can do for a person regardless of their fitness level.

"It doesn't matter if you're out there to win it, or if you're out there and you're 50 pounds overweight and you just want to see if you can do it. I mean, it's so positive," she said. "I think that everybody involved is just going to enjoy it."

Mullins expects the volunteer students to employ what they are learning and eventually try a triathlon.

"I try to make it fun. When they're running slow, I always tell them to giddy up," Mullins said. "We used it after our work out the other day. We said 'swim, bike, run, giddy up.' So, I called it the Giddy Up Triathlon."

The only restriction the class faces with the triathlon is the lack of actual bikes. The Rec

Center's bikes don't have mileage markers, and the class will use spinning bikes.

"It's one thing to be able to run three miles, and it's another thing to do it after you've gotten off of a bicycle," Mullins said.

She said most of her students are worried about the swim, and that some of them can't swim very well. She gave them an option to use a kickboard. She said some of her students were motivated to learn how to swim.

Senior Alex Arnold said he plans to participate in his first triathlon in Cleveland after he completes the class.

"Just looking at her, she's always got so much energy," he said. "She's really fit, but even with age, you can be very active."

He said Mullins' presence and energy are inspiring.

"We've learned that exercise gives you energy, and you can totally see it through her and all of the exercise science teachers," Arnold said.

Mullins said she gave the students guidelines about nutrition and preparatory tasks. She also showed them triathlon YouTube videos, but when she showed them live in the Watson and Tressel Training Site, Mullins said her students had had more questions.

Mullins said it is crucial to plan, practice and remember to

hydrate before the event.

"It's all about getting good experiences with physical activity," she said. "When people have good experiences with exercise, they tend to do it forever. ... When someone has a bad experience, they choose to do something else. If the something else leads to inactivity for life, then we have the health problems that we have in America," Mullins said.

Exercise science major Samantha Wilson said the class is intense, but everyone supports one another.

"I'm so excited, but I'm very nervous because I'm not a swimmer at all, and 12 lengths is going to be a lot for me," Wilson said. "I love how she tells us to check our ego at the door because it is really important to make sure that you're not overpushing and overworking yourself."

Mullins said her best motivational tool is leading by example. She said she is passionate about exercise.

"I lead by example, and anybody who knows me and my students know very clearly that I exercise," she said. "I love exercise and what it does for any person. Not just the elite athlete, but for how it builds confidence and makes one more productive and more capable in the things that they do."

Mullins teaches classes in pedagogical aspects to exercise science and exercise testing and prescription. She said plenty of avenues for exercise science majors exist for after graduation, such as rehabilitation, corporate fitness, commercial and sports performance.

A graduate of the University of New Hampshire, Mullins has an undergraduate degree in exercise science. She completed her master's and doctorate degrees in exercise physiology at Kent State University.

While Mullins originally wanted to work in the U.S. Olympic Training Center, designing programs specifically for athletes, the Maine native said she knew that she wanted to teach after working as a graduate assistant at KSU. She began teaching at YSU in 2002.

"I love being in the classroom. I applied to both Akron and YSU, and I really love my colleagues here. After being here for nine years, it's not unusual for me to be here on a Saturday," she said.

Mullins said she continues to do what she loves, and shares it with her students.

"I have a heavy teaching load, but I do try to be productive with research," she said. "I do make sure I get my workouts in, or I wouldn't be practicing what I'm preaching."



# Attorneys present their sides during opening arguments at Ravi trial

The Philadelphia Inquirer  
MCT

NEW BRUNSWICK, N.J. — Hate crime or stupid teenage prank?

The future of Dharun Ravi, a former Rutgers University student charged with secretly viewing his roommate in a sexual encounter with another man, could rest on how jurors interpret his actions.

In opening arguments Friday at Ravi's trial, a Superior Court jury heard two versions of a case that gay-rights advocates say underscores the problems of harassment and bullying faced by homosexual teenagers. The story attracted international attention after Ravi's roommate, Tyler Clementi, 18, committed suicide by jumping off the George Washington Bridge days after learning that Ravi had used a laptop webcam to spy on him with a man.

"This isn't about Dharun Ravi having to like Tyler Clementi's (sexual) orientation," Middlesex County First Assistant Prosecutor Julia McClure told the jury. "It's about having the decency to respect it."

McClure called Ravi's actions "malicious and criminal," and argued that he set out to harass and intimidate Clementi because he was gay.

But Steven Altman, Ravi's lawyer, asked jurors to withhold judgment until they heard all of the facts, contending that the prosecution had put a "spin" on the case that was not supported by the evidence.

Ravi, who will turn 20 on Tuesday, is not a bigot and is not homophobic, Altman said.

At the time of the incidents de-

scribed in the criminal case, he said, his client was "an 18-year-old boy" beginning his first year in college.

"Don't rush to judgment. Keep things in perspective," Altman said during a 25-minute opening in which he used the word "boy more than a dozen times to describe his client, of Plainsboro.

Ravi "might have been stupid," Altman said, "but he certainly wasn't a criminal."

Dressed in a dark suit, white shirt, and tie, Ravi sat quietly at the defense table in the packed courtroom. His parents and friends sat two rows behind him.

On the other side of the room, Clementi's family — including his mother, father, and a brother — also sat with friends and relatives.

Both sets of parents declined to comment about the case.

Jane and Joseph Clementi, of Ridgewood, have become advocates for gay-rights issues involving teenagers since the death of their son. They have started a foundation in his name aimed at raising funds for programs that encourage awareness of the problems of bullying and harassment.

Ravi, who dropped out of Rutgers after being arrested in October 2010, has been charged in a 15-count criminal indictment that alleges he secretly watched Clementi and a man on Sept. 19, 2010, and attempted but failed to view them again on Sept. 21.

Tyler Clementi jumped to his death Sept. 22. His death is not connected to any of the charges in the case, but has been continually linked to it.

Ravi could be sentenced to up to 10 years in prison if convicted of bias

intimidation, a so-called hate-crime offense. He also faces charges of invasion of privacy, hindering prosecution, and witness tampering.

He turned down a plea offer in December that would have included six months' probation but no jail time.

Authorities allege that Ravi secretly set up his laptop webcam to spy on Clementi after Clementi asked if he could have their dorm room to himself on the night of Sept. 19 because he would be entertaining a visitor. The visitor, identified only as "M.B." in court papers, is expected to be called as a witness.

Altman, hinting at his defense, said in his opening that M.B. was a 30-year-old whom other students had described as "scruffy," "shady-looking," and a "creepy older dude."

Court documents indicate that Clementi met M.B. through a gay-oriented Internet chat room called Adam4Adam that summer and invited him several times to his dorm room in Davidson Hall on Rutgers' Piscataway campus.

Altman asked the jury to remember that "this was Dharun's room" as well as Clementi's, hinting at a possible defense that Ravi had set up the webcam because he was concerned about his property.

McClure, however, said Ravi's intent was clear from emails and text messages he sent to friends in which he mocked Clementi and invited others to connect to his live iChat Web stream to see for themselves. He tried a second time on Sept. 21 when Clementi again met with M.B., she said, but authorities said Clementi had turned off Ravi's computer.

McClure described Ravi as someone whose "bravado led to his downfall."

Altman said his client "thought Clementi was a nice guy" and never attempted to harass or intimidate him.

He said Ravi was a "technological genius" and a master with computers, but he emphasized that in September 2010 "he was a boy" who in many ways was "childish and immature."

"We've all done stupid things in our lives," he said.

The trial is expected to last for three to four weeks.

In addition to M.B., another key witness expected to be called in the trial is Molly Wei, who lived across the hall from Clementi and Ravi in Davidson Hall. Wei, who attended the same high school as Ravi, agreed to cooperate after being charged with invasion of privacy.

Authorities say Ravi first viewed Clementi and M.B. from a computer in Wei's dorm room on Sept. 19 and then invited others to view them. Wei has told a grand jury that viewing lasted "a few seconds."

In testimony later Friday, jurors heard from several Rutgers students, including Cassandra Cicco, Wei's roommate.

Cicco said she briefly viewed the live webcam stream on Wei's laptop and saw two men, one shirtless, leaning against a bed kissing.

"It was two people making out," she said. "It wasn't that big a deal."

Under cross-examination by Altman, Cicco said Ravi later told her "he didn't really have an issue with homosexuals. ... He had a really good friend who was a homosexual."



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# UCF, China discuss possible campus there

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The University of Central Florida and the Chinese government are discussing a partnership overseas — and possibly a UCF campus in the southern province of Hainan.

Chinese officials have expressed interest in establishing a program similar to UCF's Rosen College of Hospitality Management to help foster growth in the tourism and hospitality industries of

Hainan Island.

Chinese officials approached UCF for advice about training professionals in those fields, said Michael Weiss, a Rosen College spokesman. It's not yet known whether UCF would open a campus to serve Chinese students or if UCF simply will assist the Chinese government with the development of its own program.

Weiss said a small group of UCF representatives has been in China this week discussing options.

"No decisions will be made on this trip," he said.

"We'll have more information after the dean of Rosen comes back March 1."

It's not unusual for Florida public universities to establish campuses or programs in other countries.

Florida State University has permanent study centers in England, Italy and Spain and a campus in Panama. The University of Florida maintains a small office in Beijing.

If UCF opens a campus in China, it would be the university's first international campus. UCF, however, does already partner with other

institutions to offer study-abroad programs in numerous other countries, including Australia, Honduras and Sweden.

Rosen College students can spend a spring semester in China through a partnership with Hong Kong Polytechnic University.

Rosen College also has been offering its expertise to the South African city of Mbombela. It recently agreed to help with the planning of a convention center and tourist attraction there.

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# All or nothing

## Men's basketball begins tournament run at home

Joe Catullo Jr.  
SPORTS EDITOR

Sixteen road games, 10 conference victories and nine wins at Beeghly Center equal a No. 6 seed in the Horizon League Championship.

The Youngstown State University men's basketball program begins its run for a conference title, and a shot to participate in the NCAA March Madness, on Tuesday at home.

YSU head coach Jerry Slocum said in a press conference on Monday that the team is excited.

"We're playing one of the hottest teams in the league; there's no doubt of that," Slocum said. "They might be the hottest team in the league, but it's in our building."

The Penguins will face the University of Wisconsin-Green Bay. They defeated the Phoenix, 77-47, at home on Jan. 22, but lost at Green Bay, 71-65, on Feb. 14.

"We match up really well with them, and it's just a matter of going out there, playing defense, shooting our principles and executing our offense," said sophomore guard Kendrick Perry during the conference.

Slocum said the Penguins must know the details.

"When you're playing a team for the third time, your detail better be pretty good, because you know what you're going to see, and you better be able to slow those guys down," he said.

The winner of the game will face either Loyola University Chicago or the University of Detroit Mercy on Friday at Valparaiso University, the No. 1 seeded team, in a second-round clash.

If the Penguins win their first two games and advance to the semifinals, they would face Cleveland State University, the No. 2 seed, at Valpo.

"There is no bad games in tournaments because it is one and done," said junior forward Damian Eargle during the conference. "If we can give it all for 40 minutes, I don't think there's a lot of teams in the Horizon League that could compete with us."

The Penguins will have to face either the University of Illinois at Chicago or Wright State University in the championship game to return home.

"We can't take possessions off," Perry said. "We can't take minutes off. From here on out, every game starting tomorrow's got to be everything for 40 minutes."

The Penguins finished the regular sea-



Senior DuShaun Brooks attempts a shot over Cleveland State University on Jan. 28. Photo by Dustin Livesay/The Jambar.

son 15-14 overall, their first winning season since the 2000-2001 campaign under John Robic (19-11). It's the best record under Slocum since his first season at YSU in 2005. It is also the first time the Penguins finished with a winning record in the HL since joining in 2001.

In addition to preparing for the tournament, the HL awards were announced on Monday. Perry won first-team conference honors, and Eargle was named to the all-defense team.

"It means a lot, especially on the defensive end, because I really worked a lot during the offseason for defense, and it paid off," Eargle said.

Eargle finished first in the conference with 3.9 blocks and third in rebounding with 7.4 per game.

"That's a huge accomplishment for him," Perry said. "He prides himself on defense, he's a great shot blocker, so I'm happy that he got that."

Heading into the season, Slocum told Perry it would be a special one.

"I just want to credit all of my teammates, all of my coaches," Perry said. "Throughout the whole year, they kept me levelheaded. They kept me low when I had success, and they kept me high when I had failure."

Perry finished first in the HL in scoring, averaging 16.8 points per game. He also finished third in assists per game (3.9) and second in steals per game (2.4).

"I think the other thing that's happy with a coach is that is a sophomore and a junior," Slocum said. "I think both of those guys have had really solid years."

## YSU impresses at HL championships



Runners from the Horizon League competed in the conference championship on Saturday and Sunday at the WATTS. The YSU men finished third overall, while the women placed second. Photo by Dustin Livesay/The Jambar.

Nick Mancini  
SPORTS REPORTER

What started out as a track meet turned into a dance party, as members from different teams in the Horizon League got their groove on at the end of the indoor championships.

"How many times do you see kids having a good time and dancing in the middle like that?" said Brian Gorby, Youngstown State University's head track and field coach. "Other conferences are fighting in the middle of the field; in the Horizon League and Youngstown, they are dancing and having a good time."

The Penguins hosted the meet at the Watson and Tressel Training Site over the weekend. They performed well, with the women finishing second and the men placing third, only five points short of second.

The University of Wisconsin-Milwaukee won both the men's and women's divisions. Loyola University Chicago was second in the men's division.

"Overall, we had some tre-

mendous performances," Gorby said. "To host something like this, a lot of great kids stepped up big. One thing we didn't have against Milwaukee was the depth."

Senior Kaitlyn Griffith, the female field event MVP, won the weight throw and the shot put. Both of her distances were personal records.

"That was a good little birthday present," Griffith said, referring to breaking the weight throw record on her 22nd birthday. "In shot put, it was still a personal record, but it wasn't as big as I wanted it to be. But I did capture the school record."

Junior Samantha Hamilton was also a standout performer for the women. She finished second in both the 5K race on Saturday and the 3K race on Sunday, setting personal records in both.

Hamilton said she thought she was going to be able to catch Butler University junior Katie Clark in front of her, but came up just a little bit short.

"She had a little bit more than I thought," Hamilton said. "But when she separated and I

went, I was like, 'Oh, boy. This is either going to be the best decision that I have made or the worst.' Thankfully, it turned out."

Hamilton lost to Clark, who is ranked nationally. Gorby said Hamilton's performance would go down in YSU history.

"She goes second in the 5,000, and she went 9:27 in the 3K, which was a 20-second [personal best]," Gorby said. "She ran against a girl who was top two in the world in 19 and under."

Hamilton took the previous meet off, something she said really helped her performance.

"I really had two great workouts leading up to this, which I think came from not racing," Hamilton said. "I definitely think that was a very wise decision not to race last weekend. And they weren't so much of fast workouts, but confidence workouts."

For the men, junior Michael Davis was able to avenge his second place in the 60-meter dash from last year to come back and win it this year. He said it was a relief to be able to

take home the title.

"Last year, I swore I won, but he caught me at the last second," Davis said. "This is only the second time I have won something. Last year, I won the 200-meter outdoor. This is my first victory indoor, and it wasn't my fastest time, but it was only a hundredth slower."

Davis worked so hard in the 4x400 relay that he collapsed as soon as he crossed the finish line.

"Davis was huge," Gorby said. "The 4x4 at the end, that is not usually his event. When you have local kids like him and Hamilton running at this level, it is a credit to the coaches and them."

Since the Penguins hosted the tournament, they were able to relax a bit and avoid traveling.

"It was amazing, especially with the atmosphere, being able to have family and friends come and stuff," Griffith said. "Usually, it is out past Indiana, and to have them have to drive out there that far is hard."

Griffith said that before the WATTS, throwers had to do some improvising in order to practice. They would have to place wrestling mats and plywood in Stambaugh Stadium. Now, they have the advantage of practicing where they compete.

"To be able sleep in your own bed, that's nice," Davis said. "That's probably the best part. It only takes me about a half hour to get here. You get to relax and go home immediately when it is over."

Gorby said it was a lot of work to get everything in order, but it was well worth it.

"From everyone to the officials, to Ron Strollo, to Tim Stuart, it was just a great production," Gorby said. "We try to give the kids a great experience and make it entertaining. From a team standpoint, we want to make that next step and win it."

### Horizon League Standings

#### Men's Basketball

- 1 Valparaiso
- 2 Cleveland State
- 3 Detroit  
Butler  
Milwaukee
- 6 Youngstown State
- 7 Green Bay
- 8 Wright State
- 9 UIC
- 10 Loyola

#### Women's Basketball

- 1 Green Bay
- 2 Wright State  
Detroit
- 4 UIC
- 5 Butler
- 6 Loyola
- 7 Milwaukee
- 8 Cleveland State
- 9 Valparaiso
- 10 Youngstown State

### Penguin Spotlight



Ashley Dow

Year: Freshman  
Hometown: Houston  
High School: Clear Lake  
Events: Backstroke

At the swimming and diving Horizon League Championship in Milwaukee last weekend, YSU freshman Ashley Dow was named Co-Newcomer of the Year along with Amanda Walker from the University of Wisconsin-Green Bay. Dow also won the HL Player of the Week award for the week of Jan. 16-22.

### Jack Up the Rev



In Tuesday's episode, Sports Editor Joe Catullo Jr. sits down with Zach "Voice of the Penguins" Humphries to discuss the upcoming men's basketball Horizon League Championship. Cleveland Cavaliers TV broadcaster Fred McLeod also makes a special appearance.

Stay tuned for a special edition of "Jack Up the Rev" on Wednesday, recapping Tuesday night's basketball game between the University of Wisconsin-Green Bay and YSU.