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VP for university advancement post filled

Chris Cotelesse
EDITOR-IN-CHIEF

R. Scott Evans, vice president for institutional advancement at Lake Erie College, has been named vice president for university advancement at Youngstown State University — a position left vacant for two years.

Evans will assume his post on July 23.

“There was some rethinking and rejiggering of the advancement division,” said Ron Cole, director of university communications. “And that took some time for that to sort of all

settle in, and it took some time, too, to conduct the search.”

The division used to include the Office of Marketing and Communications, as well as WYSU, the university’s NPR affiliate. Evans will be responsible for the Office of University Development — the fundraising arm of the university — and the Office of Alumni and Events Management.

The division has been reporting directly to YSU President Cynthia Anderson through her executive asso-



EVANS

ciate, Shannon Tirone, since the previous vice president, George McCloud, stepped down in July 2010.

As Chief Development Officer Paul McFadden leaves YSU for the YSU Foundation, Anderson said now was “good timing” to choose McCloud’s replacement.

“[Evans] has a proven track record of fundraising, as well as working with the community at the other university where he has worked,” Anderson said. According to a press release issued

by the Office of Marketing and Communications, Evans helped to raise \$40 million in six years at Lake Erie College.

Cole said that since state funding has been declining in recent years, private donor funding is becoming increasingly vital, even to public universities like YSU.

“It’s important that we have in place a very robust and effective fundraising operation,” he said. “That’s not to say that we don’t already. Our hope is that Mr. Evans will be able to take us to the next level.”

Evans holds a bachelor’s degree
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Kilcawley Center manages campus lost and found

Rose Bonilla
REPORTER

Annie Markota was on a break between classes when she lost her wallet. She had been sitting on a bench outside of Kilcawley Center, got up to go to her next class and left her wallet behind.

Markota said she walked about 50 feet before she realized her mistake, but her wallet was already gone.

When items get lost or misplaced at Youngstown State University, they may end up at the info desk on the second floor of Kilcawley Center.

Daniel Procopio, manager of Kilcawley Center operations, maintains the lost and found system. Procopio and his staff inventory and tag each found item, and they collect descriptions from students who report missing items.

“We have a system that we plug everything into, so that if you came to lost and found and asked for something, we have your information,” Procopio said.

Because storage space is limited, Kilcawley Center donates most found items to the Rescue Mission of Mahoning Valley. More expensive items like electronics and flash drives are held longer and locked away, however.

Procopio has a plastic container filled with cellphones he’s gathered over the past six years. He said they’d eventually get recycled.

When someone goes to the info desk to claim an item, the process varies according to what was lost. To confirm that the collector is the owner of a cellphone, for instance, he or she must confirm the phone number, the background of the phone and other important details that the rightful owner would know.

Found YSU student IDs are sent to the university’s registration office, located on the second floor of Meshel Hall.

Not all items make their way to the lost and found collection, though.

Markota called her bank to have them restrict usage on her credit cards. Soon after, Markota’s bank informed her that 12 minutes after the credit cards were canceled, one was denied at the Sunoco on Fifth Avenue.

“I was just really disappointed that someone at YSU would not only take my wallet, but also run to the nearest convenience store to try and use my credit card,” Markota said. “It just is upsetting to think that people are so quick to think that finding a wallet or purse is good luck or something.”



(Above, left to right) Prospero Trenado, Jose Deciano, Justin Piland and Clint Farwell of University Loft Company in Indianapolis replaced approximately 80 beds on the fourth and fifth floors of Kilcawley House. Residents began complaining in January that the beds were unstable. YSU Housing and Residence Life negotiated, and the University Loft Company agreed to replace the defective beds at no cost to the university. Photos by Chris Cotelesse/The Jambor.

Metro College certifies students in shale

Kacy Standohar
NEWS EDITOR

The Shale Exploration Certification program, funded by the U.S. Department of Labor’s Energize Appalachian Ohio grant, will wrap up on Friday, preparing 15 Youngstown State University Metro College students to work on a hydraulic fracturing rig.

Steve Barnett, chief operating officer for Retrain America, said the students will finish the 80-hour course with CPR certification, along with a comprehensive understanding of drilling a well.

“The goal is to get these people to move up the ranks fast in real career advancement and not just job opportunities,” Barnett said.

After completing the course, students can find entry-level positions as truck drivers and roustabouts, or multifaceted manual laborers. Barnett said there is also room for advancement to managerial positions.

Brian Armour, the program’s instructor, has been working in the industry for more than 30 years.

“It’s about safety art and introductory use control,” Armour said. “It serves primarily as a prerequisite for entry-level positions in the oil industry.”

Students are learning about various parts of a rig and how each part works in the drilling process. Armour also teaches students about which types of equipment are most cost-efficient.

Ronald Chordas, director of the YSU

Metro College in Boardman, said the program has been successful thus far. He said the same program was adapted from Zane State College in southeastern Ohio, where 50 percent of participants successfully obtained jobs. The program was designed for well completions and servicing, gas and liquids processing, and gas compression and distribution.

“Chances are, they will find a job if they are willing to relocate,” Chordas said.

However, Barnett said this industry is still on its way to Ohio.

“Pennsylvania is very well positioned, with about 150 operating rigs. Ohio is still developing, with 20 rigs right now,” Barnett said. “But it’s important to be ready and lay the groundwork ahead of time.”

Dan Durfee, project director of Energize Appalachian Ohio, said the grant provides assistance to individuals working in a job where they need to improve themselves and their skill level. It targets unemployed, dislocated or incumbent workers.

Durfee said a similar program is expanding to the Eastern Gateway Community College’s Steubenville campus.

Michael Lorms, special projects coordinator for EGCC, said students will also learn about the culture behind drilling oil.

“They have to understand the intensive nature, safety focus and long hours away from home,” Lorms said. “It is not a standard workplace, and a lot of people come in with a preconceived Hollywood notion. Some shifts include seven to 14 days on with a few days off.”

Lorms said ShaleNET, a coalition of colleges that focuses on industry education, and EGCC’s curriculum include a heavy equipment orientation, where students will learn about the environmental remediation of the site and how to drive a forklift.

“We also train for construction because even though four to five people are actually working at a well site, 200 individuals support a single well,” Lorms said.

Barnett said a four-year degree is essential for some engineering positions, but most entry-level jobs don’t require one.

Richard Johnson, 24, said he had been pursuing a business management degree at YSU when he decided to try the Shale Exploration Certification program.

Despite an unfinished degree, Johnson said he felt the benefits in the oil and gas industry outweighed continuing in business.

“This came along, and it was just more for me,” he said. “There aren’t too many businesses that you can start out making \$60,000 a year. I could always go back for business, but this is happening now.”

Zach Landgraff, another student enrolled in the certification class, said he was eager to give the class a shot. Landgraff, 20, is looking forward to a hands-on learning experience.

“It’s going to be hard work, but it’s worth it,” he said. “There is a great starting pay for lower positions. There’s just not much else around here, and if this is coming here, I’m glad to be one of the first people employers look at.”

NEWS BRIEFS

'Crash' the campus on June 18

Anyone interested in attending YSU is invited to "crash" the campus from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. on June 18. During the first YSU Crash Day, students — as well as their friends and family members — can sit in on classes, tour the campus and participate in activities focused on learning more about the university and the college experience. Participants can also enter a drawing for three \$1,500 scholarships for first-year students. All activities, including lunch, are free. Contact the Office of the Registrar at 330-941-3178 for more information; to register, visit <http://crash.ysu.edu>.

Maag premieres new website

The William F. Maag Jr. Library at YSU recently launched a new website — located at <http://www.maag.ysu.edu> — designed to provide quicker access to information. Among the new features are a tab-formatted search box for books and articles, a slide show providing information and a set of navigation tabs for quick access to important areas. All pages of the website now feature an Ask a Librarian and a Library Webmaster Web form. The website is the result of more than 18 months of work by the library's webpage team.

POLICE BRIEFS

Guns found in car near Fifth Avenue

On Sunday morning, YSU Police noticed two men sleeping in a car off Fifth Avenue; a cocked and ready gun was found in plain view on the front passenger's floor. After the men were removed one at a time from the car without incident, YSU Police found another gun under the seat of the front passenger. Both weapons were confiscated by police, who cleared the scene once the area was deemed safe.

Man falls out of wheelchair, citizen helps

On Saturday evening, a YSU police officer on patrol near North Phelps Street noticed a concerned citizen who appeared to be attempting to help an elderly man who had fallen out of his motorized wheelchair. The officer asked the man if he was in any type of pain or was feeling ill; he replied that he just needed to be put back into his wheelchair. An ambulance arrived at the scene and helped the man. The man said that while he was operating his wheelchair, he had rolled off the sidewalk and onto the grass, which was on a decline, thus causing him to fall. He refused medical treatment and continued on his way.

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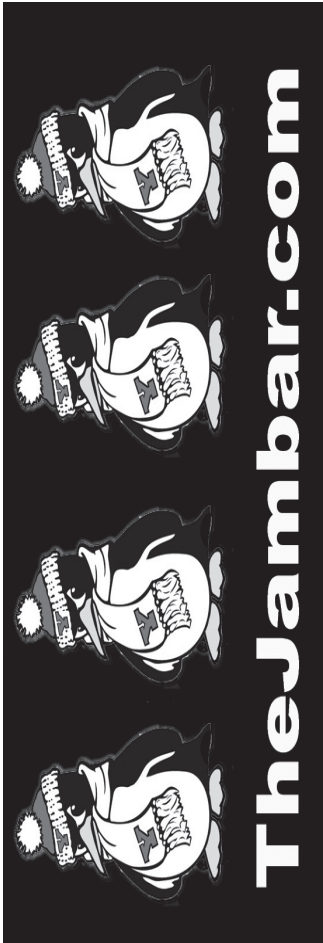
and a master's degree from Malone College (now known as Malone University) and Kent State University, respectively. His career spans 19 years, fundraising for organizations like the Northeast Ohio Medical University and the United Way of Central Stark County, in addition to Lake Erie College.

Evans said he is enthusiastic about working at YSU and is impressed with Anderson's vision for the university.

"As you look at the capital needs of the institution and the growth of academic programs and need for scholarship dollars, all of those things are very important for the institution to grow," Evans said.



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This infographic represents the summer hours of operation for campus services. Graphic by Bonnie Siembieda/The Jambar.

Ravi punishment should fit crime

McClatchy-Tribune MCT

Even the 30-day prison sentence given to a former Rutgers University student who used a webcam to secretly record his roommate having a romantic encounter with another man may have been too much.

Many legal experts agree that Dharun Ravi, 20, probably wouldn't have been charged with any crime had not his victim, Tyler Clementi, committed suicide two days after the September 2010 incident.

Even so, there was no evidence that Ravi's despicable act directly triggered Clementi's death. The assumption is reasonable, but Clementi's correspondence with a friend indicated he was despondent because of his mother's reaction to his recent admission that he was gay.

"Mom has basically completely rejected me," said the 18-year-old college freshman. Other notes left by Clementi suggested he wanted to stop rooming with Ravi, but there was no hint that he was contemplating suicide.

Ravi texted Clementi what he may have meant as an apology after the webcam incident, saying, "I've known you were gay, and I have no problem

with it. ... I don't want your freshman year to be ruined because of a petty misunderstanding."

That Ravi would suggest his invasion of Clementi's privacy was only a "petty misunderstanding" is outrageous. But his being cavalier is also what one might expect from an immature 18-year-old who just months earlier was in high school. His behavior was callous, but criminal?

A Middlesex County jury said yes. In March, it convicted Ravi on 15 criminal counts, including invasion of privacy, bias intimidation, and tampering with evidence. Judge Glenn Berman refused a defense request to overturn the verdict, saying it had been fairly reached.

But Berman put the case in better perspective Tuesday by sentencing Ravi to 30 days imprisonment, three years' probation, 300 hours of community service, cyberbullying counseling, and a \$10,000 probation fee. Those arguing Ravi deserved the maximum 10 years in prison forget that he could have avoided any jail time by agreeing to a plea bargain offered earlier by prosecutors.

The jury was told it shouldn't connect Clementi's suicide to the bias charges against Ravi, and that's what the rest of the

world must do, too.

It would be easy to lump this case in with heinous crimes where there was no doubt that the victims' deaths were calculated by homophobic predators. But the tragic consequences of Ravi's obvious insensitivity toward Clementi appear to have been unintended.

That may not satisfy Clementi's family, which must live with the fact that he took his own life. It may not satisfy those persons who actively and necessarily seek to draw more attention to the bigotry and violence that continue to be a fact of life for homosexuals. But it's what's right.

In a recent Newark Star-Ledger oped column, former Gov. Jim McGreevey, who shocked the state with his 2004 announcement that he is gay, said it would be counterproductive to the gay-rights movement to make a scapegoat of Ravi. "Homophobia was replete in Clementi's government, church and culture, not just Ravi's stupidity," McGreevey said.

The culture is changing, but it wasn't fast enough for Tyler Clementi. His death is not in vain, though. Even as the sentencing of Ravi is debated, people are also acknowledging that much more must be done to stop the biased treatment of gays.

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Gas Valley?

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You can't swing a cat in this town without hitting some reference to a time when "Steel Valley" was spoken with pride rather than nostalgia.

Youngstownians of the mid-20th century had good reason to praise the steel industry. In 1977, manufacturing accounted for about 39 percent — more than 81,000 jobs — of all employment in the Youngstown-Warren area, according to data collected by the Ohio Bureau of Employment Services.

When those jobs left, the industries that serviced them soon followed, and the rest is history. If we're not careful, that history could repeat itself with natural gas.

"We put all our eggs in one basket," said Bert Cene, executive director of the Mahoning and Columbiana County Training Association. "Hopefully, we've learned from the past."

If we're not careful, that history could repeat itself with natural gas.

Earlier this year, the Ohio Shale Coalition released a study projecting that more than 65,000 jobs and \$3.3 billion in labor income will be added in Ohio by 2014 as a direct result of shale gas in Ohio.

That's not chump change.

The gas industry has the potential to restore Youngstown's economy along with much of Ohio. And everyone's clawing to get his or her piece of the pie.

Educational institutions like Youngstown State University, Eastern Gateway Community College and Zane State College have jumped on the bandwagon by offering curriculum to prepare students for the industry.

But the coalition's study may be counting chickens that haven't hatched. Another study sponsored by the coalition estimates 15 trillion cubic feet of recoverable natural gas in Ohio's portion of the Utica shale play.

These projections are based on industry estimates. But God's honest truth is no one really knows how much gas sits beneath our feet or how long it will take to bring it all up to the surface.

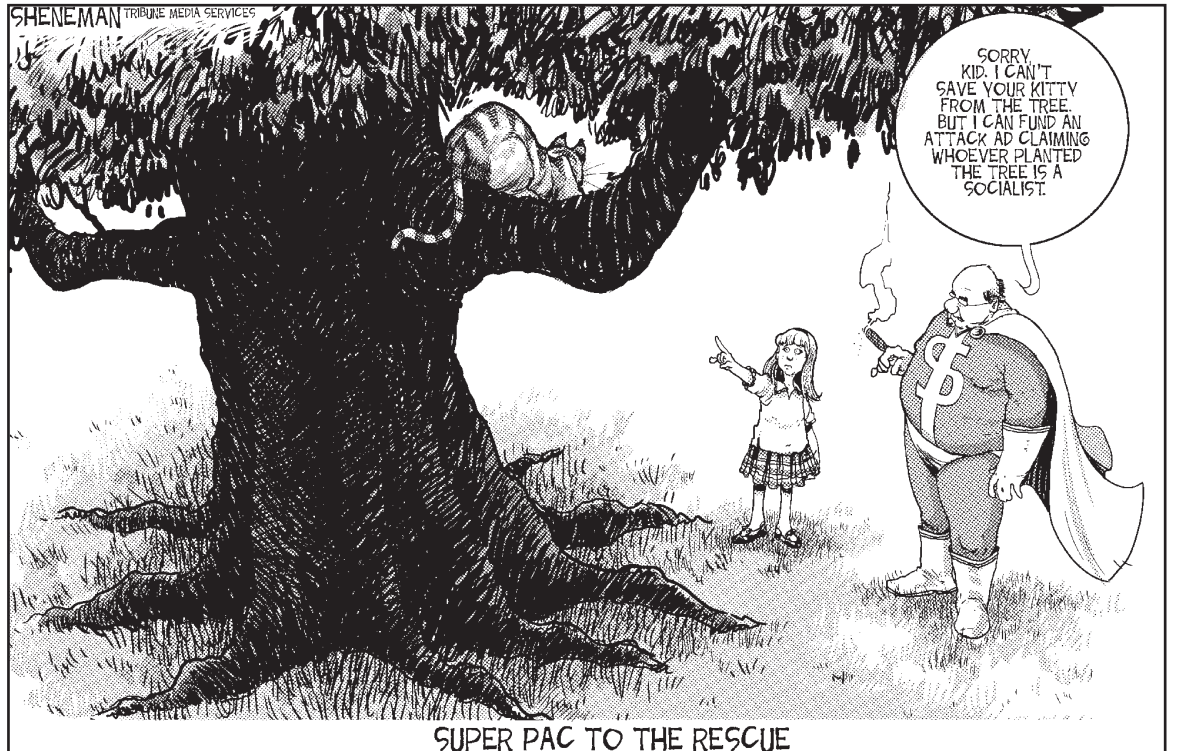
One fact is written in stone, however: Natural gas is a limited resource. Once it's gone, it's gone for good.

We'd do well to invest in infrastructure like pipelines, rail and commercial trucking that can carry us through the shale boom and the potential bust.

The main reasons steel and manufacturing thrived in Youngstown were, first, the area is rich in natural resources used in the processes, and, second, location, location, location!

Youngstown is halfway between Pittsburgh and Cleveland, and New York and Chicago. Anyone traveling between Point A and Point B would find himself or herself in Youngstown along the way.

Both are still true. But if we don't look before we leap, we could earn the name "Gas Valley" and become just another dusty old cliché.



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Protect student loans

McClatchy-Tribune
(MCT)

Like many disputes in Congress, the standoff involving a hike in student loan rates is deeply partisan. Unlike some others, this one carries high stakes. It directly affects the pocketbooks of millions of households throughout the country with one or more students receiving subsidized federal loans to get a college education.

Stafford loans are a popular form of federal student aid. If the issue tied up in the Senate is not resolved by July 1, the interest rates for low- and middle-income undergraduates who received subsidized Stafford loans will go from 3.4 percent to 6.8 percent.

Even at that, the rate may sound low, but it makes a college education that much harder to attain. Coupled with all the other increases for tuition, books, dorms and so forth, it puts the cost of college out of reach for many at a time when a higher education is more than ever an indispensable tool for compet-

ing in the global economy.

Do the math: If the rates on these loans are doubled, at least 7 million students will pay about \$1,000 more this year. Freshmen will feel the biggest hit. If rates remain at 6.8 percent for four years, it means an additional \$4,600 in interest for students taking out the maximum \$23,000 in loans.

Seniors this fall would pay roughly \$9 per month more in interest over the standard 10-year loan repayment period, or \$1,080.

The impact would be significant. The increase would almost certainly add to the loan-default rate, which already stands dangerously high thanks to the difficulty of finding a job in an economy struggling to overcome a recession. Yet without the degree, it's nearly impossible to obtain a good job.

College students are getting squeezed by every other expense affecting education, not merely the cost of loans. Dramatic jumps in tuition or fees have made it harder, coupled with a retreat by lawmakers that has siphoned money away

from higher education.

Total fiscal support for higher education nationwide declined by 7.6 percent from fiscal year 2011 to 2012, according to a survey by Illinois State University.

The figure for Florida is worse — a decline of 12 percent. Tuition for public colleges and universities in this state remains one of the best bargains around, yet students are having a harder time graduating.

The issue goes beyond student loans. Other nations are pulling ahead of this country by graduating more students better prepared to face the challenge of the 21st-century economy. Without a national strategy to improve higher education, we will continue to lag.

With Washington hopelessly divided, however, that seems like an impossible dream. We'd settle for not making the problem worse by adding to the student loan burden.

Both parties say they want to avoid a rate hike, but they don't act like it. They should find a compromise before the increase kicks in instead of creating another barrier to obtaining a college education.

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McClatchy-Tribune
(MCT)

The second anniversary of the Deepwater Horizon disaster passed with little fanfare last month. But with our government on the brink of allowing the oil industry to explore in America's remote Arctic Ocean this summer, it is worth revisiting some of the lessons learned from the biggest oil spill in the nation's history.

Stopping that spill took three months, even though it occurred in the relatively calm waters of the Gulf of Mexico near Coast Guard stations, cleanup equipment, and abundant shoreside support. Subsequently, I was asked to chair a panel of federal, state, industry and environmental experts to review our nation's response. Our recommendations are especially important for the Arctic.

The Arctic Ocean has one of the harshest climates on Earth. Even in the summer, conditions are volatile, with sudden, violent storms and shifting sea ice. The shoreline is sparsely populated, with no roads connecting the eight main villages to each other or to the rest of Alaska. The nearest major seaport is 1,300 nautical miles away; the nearest Coast

Guard air station is 950 air miles. A spill cleanup effort could take weeks to mount and then could suffer endless delays because of foul weather.

Although preventing and containing an oil spill in these extreme conditions is the priority, we must also have a plan for response. After the Gulf, we witnessed firsthand that the middle of an emergency is not the time to come up with one. Fully developed and detailed procedures, agreed to in advance, are essential to an effective response. These must address the impact of a spill on environmentally sensitive areas and species, as well as on local economies. This requires a great deal of scientific research along with full and early consultation with indigenous peoples. After all, it is their livelihood that is at risk.

Even then, response plans are only as good as the men and women who will implement them. So it is critical that they provide for an adequate number of trained personnel and proper equipment to deal with a worst-case scenario.

If this was a problem in the early going of the Gulf spill, imagine what a challenge it could be in the Arctic.

Finally, such contingency plan-

ning must be tested in real-life conditions. Although we learned from the Gulf disaster what is needed for an effective spill response plan, we are on the brink of drilling in a much more remote and extreme location without these hard-won lessons in place.

Important habitat and key subsistence areas in the U.S. Arctic Ocean have yet to be set off-limits. The U.S. Coast Guard's two heavy-duty icebreakers — needed for search-and-rescue missions and to support oil spill response and recovery — have outlived their original life span; the only remaining ice-capable vessel was built for scientific research and is not adequate for heavy icebreaking.

No agency has yet required Arctic-specific standards for drill rigs, booms, skimmers and other equipment. To date, no one has tested such operations in the Arctic Ocean's extreme conditions. The fact is that we do not know how equipment, personnel and chemicals will work in these harsh, ice-laden seas. We all hope that nothing like the Gulf spill will ever happen again. But to ensure that, we need to be ready.

And as the Deepwater Horizon disaster taught us two years ago, hope is not a plan.

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YSUPD enforces seat belt use

Rose Bonilla
REPORTER

A national seat belt campaign called Click It or Ticket began Monday and will continue through June 3. During these two weeks, local, state and national law enforcement officers will demonstrate a zero tolerance policy for drivers who are not wearing their seat belts.

The Youngstown State University Police Department will be actively enforcing the policy for those driving on campus, as well as on adjacent streets in Youngstown.

The annual campaign focuses on traffic safety to further educate and alert the public on the dangers of not using safety restraints. Click It or Ticket is also concerned with reducing traffic injuries and fatalities by increasing seat belt usage.

The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention reports that motor vehicle crashes are the leading cause of death for Americans between the ages of 5 and 34.

Seat belts reduce serious crash-related injuries and deaths by about 50 percent.

William Mays, a YSU police officer, is spending time on campus to pass out materials that offer information about safe driving. These resources include pamphlets, posters, magnets and coasters.

"The primary purpose of the Click It or Ticket campaign is to educate the general public, particularly here at the university, where we'd like to educate our students, staff and visitors about the potential dangers of not wearing your safety restraint," he said.

On Wednesday, 75 people visited Mays' information table.

"People have a lot of questions about the law," Mays said. "They have a lot of inquiries, so I helped explain and clear things up for them."

An observational seat belt survey conducted by Miami University of Ohio found that 69 percent of Mahoning County drivers wear seat belts. This number has dropped from 76 percent in 2010.

Ohio's seat belt goal is 85 percent, and the goal for Mahoning County is 81 percent.

Along with distracted driving, impaired driving also takes lives.

According to the Ohio Department of Public Safety, for every 139 licensed drivers in the U.S., one is arrested for driving under the influence.

"Our department has several officers that are on the Mahoning County OVI Task Force, so we actively take part in those checkpoints. We are constantly looking to enforce the seat belt regulation," Mays said.

It is illegal to drive in Ohio without a seat belt. Mays said drivers are responsible for their passengers.

"The driver can also be cited with allowing the passenger to not wear a seat belt," Mays said.

Oftentimes, people drive distractedly when a cell phone is involved. Mays said the Click It or Ticket campaign could counteract this problem.

"We want people to be just a little more cognizant of the rules and laws," he said.

'It's a great accomplishment by the young ladies'



The Youngstown State University softball team recently completed one of its best seasons to date. Senior outfielder Haley Thomas set a new single-season hit record with 70 and earned the title of Horizon League Player of the Year. Photo courtesy of YSU Sports Information.

Softball finishes record-setting season

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With 29 victories, the Youngstown State University softball team wrapped up one of its best seasons to date.

The 2012 campaign resulted in the second-highest win total for a single season, ultimately producing an overall record of 29-21-1. This propelled the Penguins to a fourth-place, 12-10 mark in the Horizon League.

Nine team and individual records were established this season. The Penguins drove in 279 runs, shattering the old record of 220 set in 2003. In addition, the team was able to rack up 244 RBIs, becoming the first team in school history to drive in more than 200 runs. The Penguins also destroyed the 198 RBI mark set in 2011.

In addition, they finished second in the HL with 64 dou-

bles, 55 stolen bases and 1,369 at bats, and third with 36 home runs.

As a team, the Penguins excelled, but this is partially attributable to several standout players that led them to victory.

Haley Thomas, a senior outfielder, was named as 2012 HL Player of the Year and made First-Team All-HL. She set the YSU single-season hits record with 70.

Thomas was one of two players batting above .400 with an average of .443, earning her a leading rank in the HL. She also had a slugging percentage of .631, the third-best in the league.

Senior outfielder Jordan Ingalls joined Thomas with a First-Team All-HL designa-



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tion. Vicky Rumph, junior catcher and infielder, was selected for Second-Team All-HL honors, while Kayla Haslett, freshman pitcher and infielder, was picked for the HL All-Newcomer Team.

Ingalls completed her season as third in the HL with a .409 batting average and second with 67 hits. She also had 34 RBIs and a .530 slugging percentage, which ranked her 10th in the league.

Rumph ranked seventh for her 35 RBIs and tied with teammate Ingalls for her .530 slugging percentage.

Haslett went 7-7 overall with a 3.47 earned run average and 31 strikeouts. She was the first YSU pitcher since 2004 to be named to the

All-Newcomer Team.

Brian Campbell, head softball coach, earned 2012 HL Coach of the Year honors, but he forwarded all praise to the team.

"Overall, it was just a different feel this year, and it's a great accomplishment by the young ladies," he said.

Campbell has been with YSU for four seasons, and he led the Penguins to their most overall wins since 2004, when they earned 28.

In 2011, the team placed eighth in the league with a 5-16 HL record.

Campbell was able to guide the team to fourth place in the 2012 season, which was four spots higher than what the league's coaches had predicted.

Campbell said he doesn't make predictions about the seasons, however.

"But, I will say this," he said. "The girls are coming back, working just as hard as last year."

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