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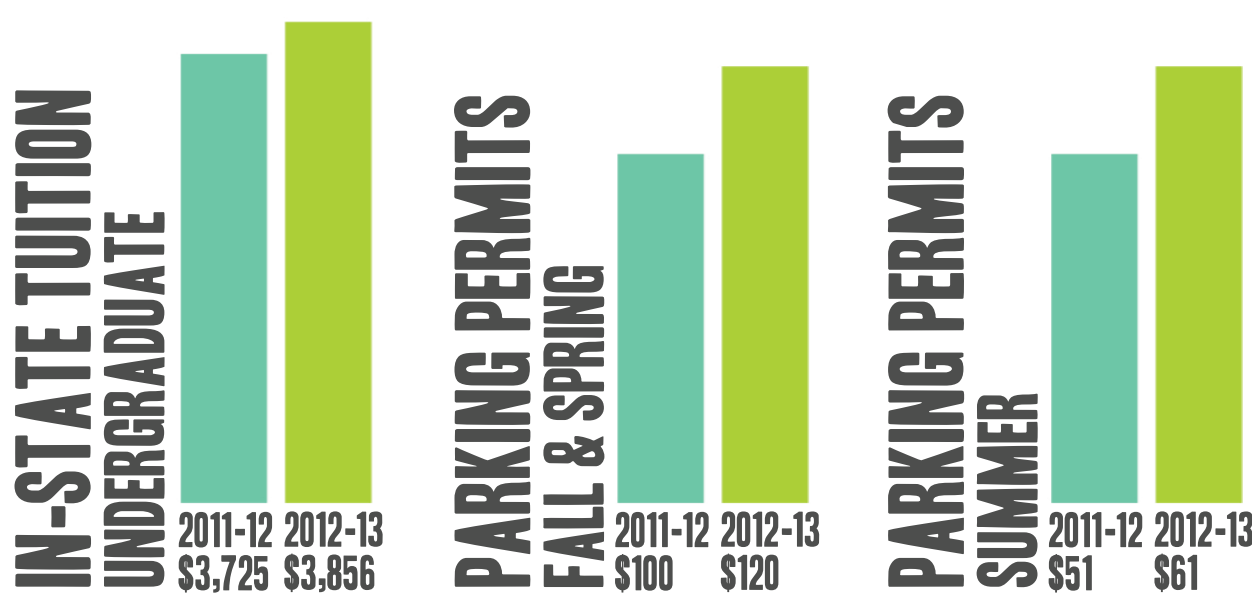
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Tuition, parking passes more costly

PROJECTED PRICE INCREASES



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Jordan D. Uhl
MANAGING EDITOR

Youngstown State University may raise tuition this fall by 3.5 percent — the maximum allowed by state law — for the third consecutive year.

The board of trustees' finance and facilities committee carried the motion at its meeting in Tod Hall on Tuesday. The added costs will be approved should the board formally adopt the measure on Wednesday.

An additional \$130 will bring in-state undergraduate tuition costs to \$3,855.96 per semester, or \$7,711.92 for an academic year. Regional and non-regional students will also see tuition increases of \$130.

Graduate students' tuition would be raised by \$173. Ohio residents would pay \$5,128.44 per semester.

Since fiscal year 2010, undergraduate tuition has jumped from \$3,360 per semester to \$3,725, a 10.8 percent increase. Neal McNally, budget director, attributed the increase to the fifth consecutive year

of state funding reductions.

In 2001, state subsidies nearly matched tuition revenues at YSU. In fiscal year 2013, tuition must carry around 75 percent of the weight.

Based on tuition rates, YSU is still the most affordable four-year, comprehensive public university in the state. Shawnee State University and Central State University charge less for tuition but receive additional subsidies because they serve more specific demographics.

The trustees also carried a motion to raise parking permit prices by \$20, to \$120 per semester. An additional \$10 will be added to summer passes, making them \$61.

University administrators were initially considering a mandatory \$100 transportation fee for all students, but Cynthia Anderson, YSU president, said it was difficult to justify a mandatory transportation fee when some students don't utilize parking facilities or services.

"We're not completely throwing it out," McNally said. He added that future financial problems may arise that could be solved by the fee.

The university estimates nearly

\$200,000 in additional revenues from student parking permits, a 10.5 percent increase.

McNally also unveiled the fiscal year 2013 operating budget at Tuesday's meeting, which the board carried unanimously. The university's operating budget will shrink by 1.3 percent, totaling \$178.65 million.

The general fund will be supported largely by student tuition; an expected 72.4 percent of \$156.3 million will come solely from tuition.

However, these figures assume that enrollment levels will remain steady. A projected 1 percent enrollment increase during the last fiscal year became a 3.4 percent official decrease that fall semester, resulting in a \$7 million operating deficit.

Contingency funds were set aside to soften the financial impact. McNally said a 1 percent change in enrollment equates to roughly \$1 million in additional revenues or deficits, depending on the direction.

Scott Schulich, trustee and chairman

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Fiscal rating drops

Chris Cotelesse
EDITOR-IN-CHIEF

The Ohio Board of Regents downgraded Youngstown State University's financial rating to its lowest point since 1999. YSU's score of 2.3 out of 5 is a composite of three ratios that measure debt, cash reserves and total expenses.

State lawmakers instituted the practice in 1997. YSU's scores for 1997, 1998 and 1999 were 1.8, 2.6 and 2.2, respectively. If any state university receives a score of 1.75 or less for two consecutive years, its board of trustees is suspended and a governor-appointed conservator takes over.

Dave Cannon, vice chancellor of finance and data management for the regents, said increased debt and a \$10 million decrease in net assets for fiscal year 2011 drove down the latest score.

"It's a snapshot of their financial condition," he said.

Katrena Davidson, director of general accounting for YSU, said the university anticipated the score.

"A lot of it has to do with the timing of our business activities," she said.

The university spent more than \$5 million in early retirement buyout programs for faculty and staff, but Davidson said money would be saved in future employee salaries.

Another \$3 million relates to the acquisition of the University Courtyard Apartments from the University Housing Corporation.

YSU bought the apartments from UHC for more than \$17 million. But because UHC exists to support YSU, the company is considered to be a component unit of YSU, according to the Governmental Accounting Standards Board.

UHC built the apartments in 2002 for \$14 million. When YSU acquired them in FY 2011, the university recorded that original value as fixed assets. The difference counts as a decrease in assets, though it's officially termed a contribution of capital to UHC.

University debt increased by more than \$16 million from FY 2010 to FY 2011. This debt comes in the form of bonds issued through the RBC Bank to pay for new property and renovations to existing structures.

Among other projects, more than \$21 million in bonds issued in 2009 built the new Williamson Hall and renovated the Pollock House.

In 2010, about \$7.5 million went to the Watson and Tressel Training Site, while \$10 million upgraded buildings around campus.

Bonds issued in 2011 paid for the University Courtyard Apartments.

YSU issued more than \$60 million from FY 2009 to FY 2011.

Neal McNally, YSU budget director, said the university has already to control costs.

The Early Retirement Incentive Program and the Faculty Severance Plan are projected to save money in the long run. A 3.5 percent tuition increase and a 2.75 percent fee on credit card payments on tuition will bring in more revenues.

"The most important step we've taken is there are no plans to issue more debt in the immediate future," McNally said.

Editor's Note: The financial ratings for 2000 through 2011 are available on the Ohio Board of Regents' website. The scores for 1997, 1998 and 1999 were provided by John Charlton, an OBOR spokesman, who said that the scores appeared to be accurate, but he could not verify them.

YSUPD protects students on and off campus



YSU police officers have concentrated more of their efforts on the campus core in a community-focused initiative from Chief John Beshara. Photo by Rose Bonilla/The Jambar.

Rose Bonilla
REPORTER

When Youngstown State University Police Chief John Beshara took command in February, he identified a need for officers to focus more attention on the campus' inner core, especially around high-traffic areas like Kilcawley Center and Maag Library.

Although Beshara sends marked police cars out to patrol the campus borders in an effort to discourage crime, officers are also spending more time on their feet to closely monitor the areas within.

University police officers have long patrolled on foot, but the initiative to refresh the importance of such patrols began in May.

"You can't walk through a building if you're in a car," Beshara said.

Officers interact with people to build connections, learning who belongs on campus and who could create problems. They make periodic stops around campus to stay familiar with the landscape.

"We patrol all of YSU's campus," Beshara said. "No matter where it's at, we patrol it all."

Beshara said he has received much positive feedback from officers. They enjoy the interaction with students and staff. Foot patrols also provide officers with a fresh perspective on keeping campus safe and give them mobility, allowing them to walk freely through buildings on campus.

Officers modify their patrol techniques according to activity on campus and the needs of students.

"If we know kids are going to have a party up on the north end, we provide that information to the officers working,"

Beshara said.

Lt. Mike Cretella said the department tries to balance security on campus with student safety off campus.

"A lot of our student athletes, they live between Fifth Avenue and Ohio Avenue," he said.

Beshara said YSU Police has a contract with the Youngstown Police Department, which grants officers the authority to go as far north as Crandall Avenue and as far south as the Mahoning River. The extended patrol ensures that those living in nearby areas are also being protected.

NEWS BRIEFS

Public art project calls for submissions

The Summer Festival of the Arts at YSU and Art Youngstown Inc., are collaborating for the third time to create a public art project known as "Twenty-Two Flags." This year's project requires artists to design flags that will be displayed during the Summer Festival of the Arts, which is scheduled for July 7 and 8 on the YSU campus. The 2-by-3 flags, which will be displayed vertically on tree trunks around campus, should feature original designs that best represent each artist — or the artist's family, state, country, school, university, feelings, organization, etc. Artists are encouraged to use recycled or repurposed materials. Art Youngstown, Inc., will supply the canvas, and there is no cost to participate. Artists must be at least 16 years old, and they must pre-register by contacting Lori Factor, festival coordinator, at lafactor@ysu.edu or 330-941-3105. Materials may be picked up from 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. Thursday and Friday in Bliss Hall near the University Theater Box Office.

WCBA to host MBA info session

At 5:45 p.m. Monday, the Williamson College of Business Administration will host a Master of Business Administration Information Session in Room 3418 of Williamson Hall. YSU's MBA program is accredited by AACSB International, and students can pursue degrees either full time or part time. For more information, contact Monique Bradford, MBA coordinator, at 330-941-3069 or mrbradford@ysu.edu.

POLICE BRIEFS

Student shows signs of seizure at police station

A male student appeared to have signs of a seizure on Friday while YSU Police were conducting roll call at the police station. The student was conscious, but had trouble following directions and answering questions. An ambulance reported to the station, and the student agreed to further medical treatment. He was placed on a stretcher and transported to Northside Medical Center.

Damaged phone line may have caused 911 call

On Sunday, YSU Police reported to the University Courtyard Apartments after an open line 911 hang-up call was made from an emergency help line in the parking lot. A university police officer searched the area, but found no suspicious or threatening activity. Later, YSU Police discovered that a phone line damaged during repairs might have caused the malfunction.

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Union files grievance

Kacy Standohar
NEWS EDITOR

Youngstown State University's Association of Classified Employees union has filed grievances relating to the university's hiring practices.

The union experienced a drop in membership this summer due to early retirement buyouts for university faculty and staff.

ACE President Paul Trimacco said union members noticed that certain departments have hired student employees to temporarily fill those positions.

"Some grievances have been filed after we found out students were using bargaining unit work," he said. "Although we understand students need employment, there is bargaining unit work that has to be protected."

Trimacco said he hopes ACE members soon fill the positions that were lost.

Martin Bramlett, director of labor relations, said grievances involving complaints from ACE members are still being evaluated.

"It's an active grievance, and other people need to weigh in on what the alleged claim is," Bramlett said. "I can say that the work that these students are doing is the same work they have historically done."

The Early Retirement Incentive Program allowed 84 university employees to retire early. The Division of Student Affairs was left with more than 20 vacancies because of the fiscal year 2012 shortfall.

Kevin Reynolds, chief human resources officer, said department chairpersons and university administrators re-

viewed those positions for efficiency.

"Some positions have been eliminated due to reorganization of the work unit," he said.

ACE still has about 360 members. A hiring freeze has kept numbers relatively stable, but those positions, too, are being re-evaluated.

"Some of the positions that were initially frozen have been resubmitted and have been approved for re-posting, filled or are in the process of being filled," Reynolds said.

But Bramlett added that "hiring freeze" isn't necessarily the right term to use.

"It's not really a hiring freeze because not all positions are being left vacant," he said. "It's more of a hiring fog going on because they are hiring positions with importance or strategic value."



Emeritus Status



Name	Title	Department	Years of Service
Frank Castronovo	Chair/Professor	Theater and Dance	41
Gregory Claypool	Professor	Accounting and Finance	25
Joyce Feist-Willis	Associate Professor	Teacher Education	27
Michael Finney	Professor	English	34
Madalyn Janosik	Clinical Instructor	Nursing	25
Hong Yung Kim	Professor	Teacher Education	25
Donna McNierney	Professor	Educational Foundations, Research, Technology and Leadership	28
Nancy Mosca	Professor	Nursing	30
Michael Moseley	Professor	Art	34
Louise Pavia	Professor	Human Ecology	18
Clement Psenicka	Professor	Management	35
Gary Salvner	Chair/Professor	English	35
James Schramer	Professor	English	23
William Slocum	Professor	Dana School of Music	40
Melissa Smith	Professor	Foreign Languages and Literatures	26
Daniel Suchora	Chair/Professor	Mechanical and Industrial Engineering	36
Ronald Tabak	Professor	Physics and Astronomy	36
Michael Theall	Professor	Teacher Education	10
Homer Warren	Associate Professor	Marketing	34

Faculty emeritus is an honorary status given to retired faculty members who have left a lasting impression on the university. They may continue to implement some of their prior duties and tasks. Oftentimes, faculty members who receive emeritus status can return to the university, where they may be provided with office space, if applicable. These professors will receive this honorary status at the board of trustees' meeting on Wednesday. Graphic by Bonnie Siembieda/The Jambar.

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of the finance and facilities committee, said he is concerned over the size of the contingency fund, and the board would be more comfortable if additional plans were in place in case the university experiences another surprising enrollment decrease.



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The Jambar
EDITORIAL BOARD

Because of a policy change, students who pay their tuition by credit card will pay more than \$200 in added fees next year.

The YSU Board of Trustees will undoubtedly increase tuition again by \$130, or 3.5 percent, per semester — the maximum allowed by state law.

These extra charges are meant to help the university cope with revenue shortfalls and to fix an Ohio Board of Regents financial score that's in the toilet.

The administration borrowed more than \$60 million in three years to build the new Williamson Hall and the Watson and Tressel Training Site, renovate Pollock House and buy the University Courtyard Apartments.

They've squeezed all they can out of the unions. Non-union employees pledged more than \$350,000 to the budget in December, but that won't be enough.

Now, it's time for the students to take another hit.

YSU's tuition is still among the lowest in Ohio, and we believe there are plenty of opportunities for quality education here.

But administrators and the board of trustees should at least acknowledge their role in the university's distressed financial situation. Instead, they blame OBOR and the state's continued reductions in appropriations.

State funds comprised 50 percent of YSU's general fund in 2001. Twelve years and two wars later, YSU students' tuition dollars make up three-quarters of the whole.

Economies expand and contract. After every few good years are a few bad ones lurking around the corner. YSU shouldn't have gambled lofty goals for expansion on state funding.

Maybe the trustees should trim some of the fat in the university's bureaucracy. Administrators don't need multiple assistants.

YSU is so far in the hole that administrators have to do everything they can to climb out — including tuition hikes. But if students don't demand accountability, our ever-expanding tuition rates will be used to build more gaudy buildings and less financial security.

Editor's Note: Because of a limited summer staff, members of the editorial board had to report on the issues herein. We considered the matter carefully, and though we risk a perceived conflict of interest by editorializing, we believe remaining silent would be a disservice to the students of YSU.

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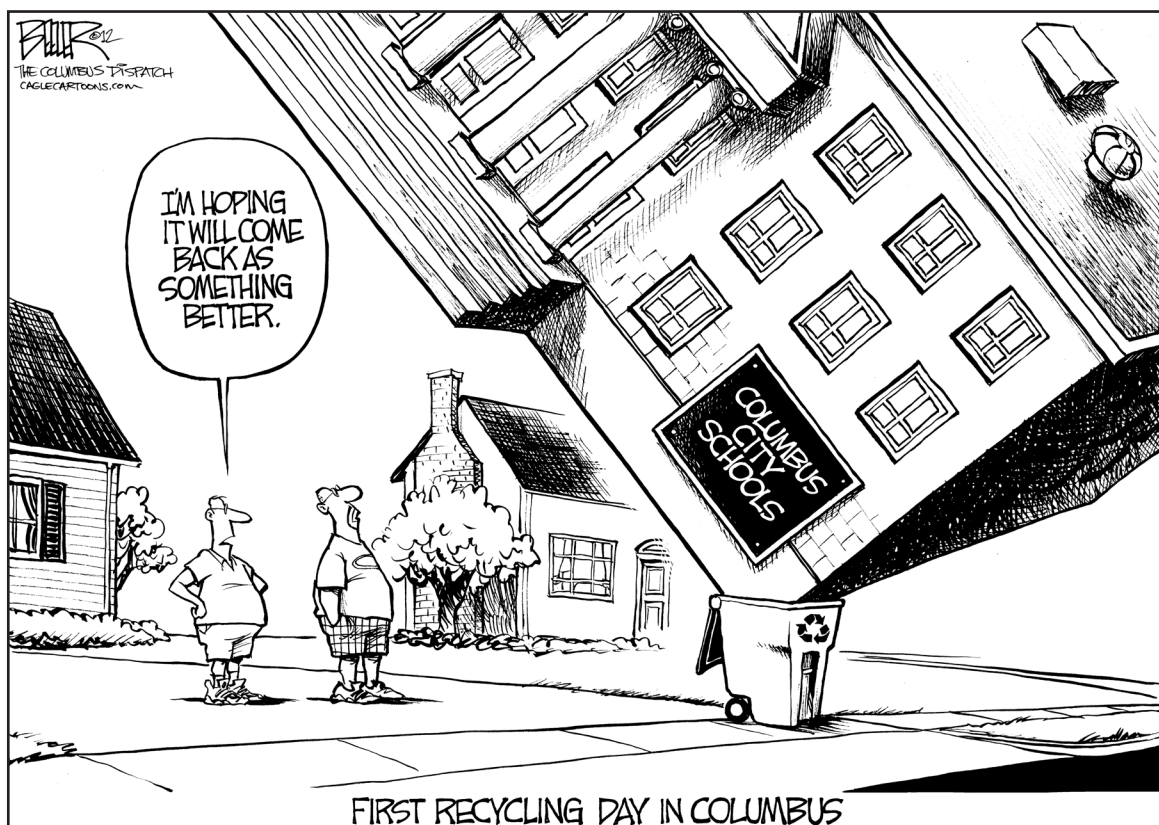
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Conservation, campus by campus

Peter Goldmark
NEWSDAY

Picture a university official sitting at his desk. He is graying, his face lined, his desk is piled with papers requiring attention. He squints at the person sitting opposite him.

That person is a young man in his late 20s. When he asked for this meeting some time ago, he told the official's assistant that the subject was sustainable energy at the university.

The young man's name is Mark Orlowski. He has come to tell the official, respectfully, that the university is wasting energy and money and at the same time endangering the environment. He proposes that the university create a revolving fund from its own cash reserves and use it to make simple, commonsense improvements to its physical plant, like installing light bulbs that use less energy and insulating buildings so they require less heat in winter and less air-conditioning in summer, and that the university use the money it "earns" from lower utility bills to repay the revolving fund and continue the process across the campus.

The proposition seems strange at first to almost all the universities to whom it is made. Some hesitate and procrastinate. While Orlowski

and his team are not above organizing student pressure on campus to help concentrate the minds of the university administrators pondering their proposal, they basically want to work "in the suites, not in the streets." They understand that their biggest enemy is not opposition, but inertia.

As of today Orlowski's organization, called the Sustainable Endowments Institute, has persuaded 35 institutions to make energy-efficient investments totaling \$83 million. Buffalo Niagara Medical Campus is the only one in New York so far. Orlowski and his colleagues call their campaign the Billion Dollar Green Challenge. I'm betting they'll reach that ambitious goal.

The virtuous cycle of investment, efficiency, competitiveness, clean growth and jobs represented by the Billion Dollar Green Challenge is key to our future economic success as a nation. Conventional energy will keep getting more expensive. Fossil-fuel use is frying the planet. We need to be greener and more efficient than our competitors. And the largest untapped source of clean energy — a source totally under American control — is efficiency.

This is not a dream. Electricity use per capita in most parts of the country has doubled over the past

30 years, but there is a state where electricity use stood still — even while its economy grew dramatically. It's California.

How did they do it? California employs a range of methods, from energy codes for new buildings to new lighting standards. But the key was changing the way private utilities were regulated, through a combination of state law and Public Utilities Commission regulation. Instead of letting utilities make more money for selling more electricity, California set the rates for utilities so they could only make bigger profits if their customers used less electricity. The utilities moaned and groaned, swore it would be a disaster, predicted brownouts and job losses. But when the state insisted, they buckled down and made it work. The utilities offered their customers incentives to use less electricity, from home insulation packages to loans for new energy-efficient refrigerators. And it worked.

That's why Orlowski and his team are on the right track.

I asked him if he'd thought about another kind of institution that ranks high among energy wasters — hospitals. His eyes sparkled. "We're starting to work on that," he said.

Wish him luck. This is a path the whole country needs to get on.

New soda wars: infringement on freedoms?

Philadelphia Daily News

We have problems with New York Mayor Michael Bloomberg's proposal to ban large-size sugary sodas. But like our beef with Philadelphia Mayor Michael Nutter's attempt to tax sugary drinks back in 2010, our objection is mostly based on practical considerations.

Bloomberg wants to ban the sale of sugary sodas over 16 ounces in restaurants, theaters and other outlets. But anyone wanting a bigger gulp in one sitting merely has to buy two cups of a lesser amount — and we're betting manufacturers are already gearing up production of 15.5-ounce cups. Nutter's proposal was also logistically problematic, since only the state, not the city, can impose an excise tax on a specific product; the mayor's tax would have likely led to a price hike on all beverages, not just sugared ones.

But most of the objections to Bloomberg's proposal are not based on logistics; they're based on "freedoms" and the "nanny state." Two comments on the New York Post website sums up much of the outcry: "This is about lib-

erty. ... Simply put, what Bloomberg is doing is un-American and freedom-loving people need to inundate the statist creep with protests."

Here's another: "Seriously? So it's up to you and Bloominie to decide for me and my children via the Nanny Police state? This is supposed to be a free country. And it used to be."

It's fun to pretend that we live in a time unequalled in government interference, and even more fun to pretend that we remember a time the government was far less intrusive. To that, we have two words: Oliver Cromwell.

The 17th-century "Lord Protector" of the British Commonwealth, Cromwell was said to have banned mincemeat pies because they were, essentially, too tasty and led to louche lifestyles. That's not the earliest incident of a "nanny state," but only one point on a long timeline of government banning things it thinks are dangerous — like cigarettes, or cocaine, or beef from mad cows. The rationale is that government must bear the cost of the bad effects of these things. And in the case of sugar, that cost is huge, in obesity and its many related illnesses. In

fact, earlier this year, a team of scientists argued that sugar is so toxic it should be considered a controlled substance.

Those fretting about the "nanny state" claim that the government has no right to tell us how to behave, and those who must have their 32-ounce big gulps are exercising their personal freedom. Really? We believe the decision to drink a quart of unhealthy soda is less tied to individual will and more tied to the billions that soda giants Coke and Pepsi spend on enticing us to want their product.

This battle isn't about Bloomberg and freedom-loving Americans. It's really a battle between the marketplace and government. You may think the marketplace is a benign provider of only good things that should be free of government interference. You may think you want a giant soda because you're "free," and not because Coke's advertising might have manipulated you to consume as much of their addictive product as possible. In which case, you are not crying over the loss of your human rights. You're crying because someone is taking your bottle away. In which case, you may need a nanny, after all.

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Cafe works to improve city



Jacob Harver, owner of the Lemon Grove Cafe, is expanding his restaurant into the space formerly occupied by the Rosetta Stone Cafe and Lounge as part of his mission to improve the quality of life in Youngstown. Photo by Shee Wai Wong/The Jambar.

Shee Wai Wong
REPORTER

The Lemon Grove Cafe will expand this summer as part of its mission to improve the quality of life in Youngstown and the surrounding areas.

Jacob Harver, founder of the Lemon Grove, bought the former Rosetta Stone Cafe and Lounge, located just two doors away from the Lemon Grove's current location.

Harver has a plan for the five floors of the new building, including the basement. Each

floor is twice the size of the 122 W. Federal St. location.

He said the extra space will permit more variety in activities and functions, such as art galleries and concerts. Harver also added that there will be conference rooms for meetings and private events. In

addition, a larger kitchen will be available for more catering jobs.

Harver also has a plan to turn the basement of the new building into a performance venue.

A Youngstown State University alumnus, Harver said

the Lemon Grove has helped to build a bridge between the downtown and the university — and he hopes the new location will continue to bring YSU students closer to the Youngstown community.

Harver said he has also worked to provide a platform for local musicians and artists to exchange creative ideas. For example, the Lemon Grove allows artists the chance to sell their artwork and provides concert venues for musicians.

He said he wants to make Youngstown a cultural center.

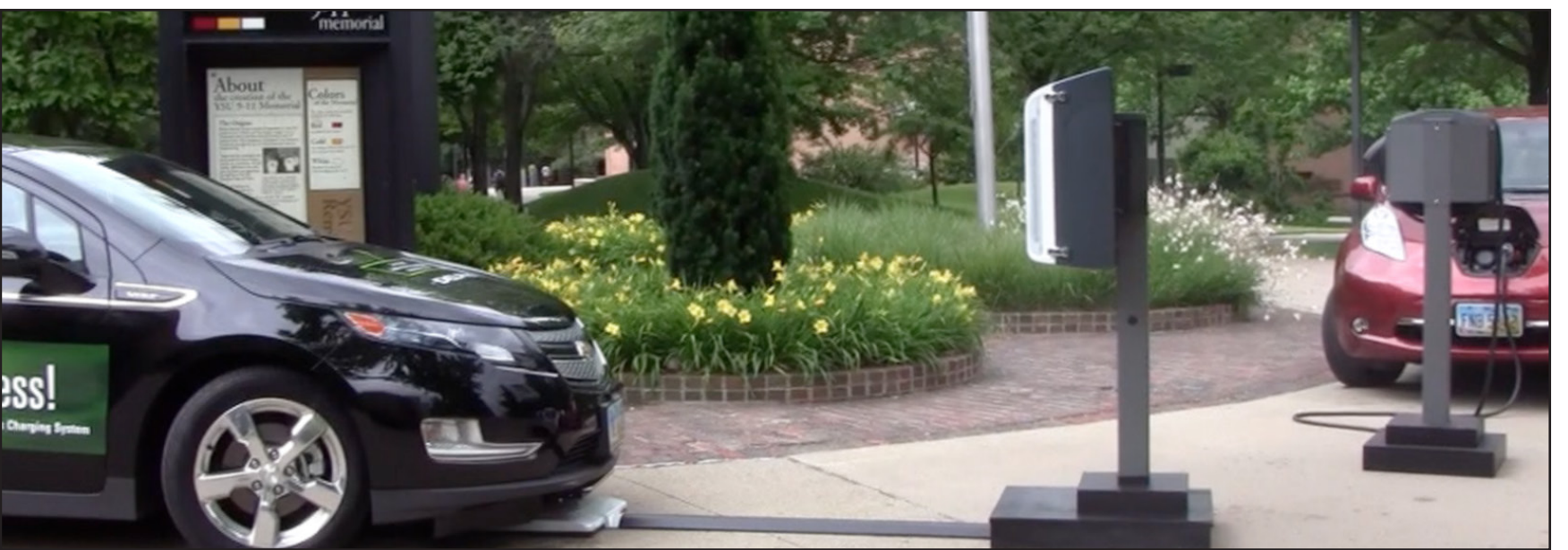
Lyndsey Hughes, the city's director of downtown events, said Harver is trying his best to improve the city. She said the Lemon Grove's expansion will likely attract more business to the area.

"It is all positive," Hughes said. "It is unique to downtown; you can find all different kinds of people in the restaurant. ... The Lemon Grove is a cultural hub of downtown."

The Lemon Grove also supports local food sources, and Harver is planning to work with the Youngstown Neighborhood Development Corporation's Iron Roots Urban Farm.

"Lemon Grove supports local products," said Liberty Merrill, YNDC program coordinator. "I am looking forward to working with Jacob and Lemon Grove as customers and partners."

Energy forum fosters collaboration



YSU recently hosted the fourth annual Sustainable Energy Forum, which showcased new green technologies and allowed area professionals to explore new initiatives while cultivating a spirit of collaboration. Photo by Alexis Burger/The Jambar.

Alexis Burger
REPORTER

Youngstown State University hosted the fourth annual Sustainable Energy Forum on Monday and Tuesday.

The Sustainable Energy Forum featured technologies that optimize energy use for industrial, commercial and residential purposes — and are now ready for the public. The focus is even more narrowed to such technologies that are currently and successfully used in the region.

One of the main objectives

of the forum was to build collaboration among attendees. As a result of past forums, students and faculty were able to team up with entrepreneurs to attain sponsored research funding.

On Monday, the forum featured a series of presentations conducted by both regionally and nationally known speakers.

Marc Kodack, project manager for the Office of the Deputy Assistant Secretary of the Army for Energy and Sustainability, spoke about net zero energy.

Kodack emphasized the importance of understanding

that what we do now affects our future.

Daniel Frakes, General Motors manager of vehicle, fuels and advanced technology policy, spoke about GM's advanced technology strategy.

When it comes to alternative energy, "GM believes there is no single solution or silver bullet," Frakes said.

"Electric-driven vehicles are the best long-term solution," Frakes said.

It would cost electrical vehicles 3 cents per mile, compared to 10-13 cents per mile using gas. GM also offers cars with hydrogen fuel cells that don't need charged overnight

and don't exhaust greenhouse gases.

The forum displayed cars powered by alternative fuels. Members of Delphi, who also promoted a wireless charging system for electric models, brought the electric-powered cars.

Electrical vehicles save both energy and money, but can only be driven for approximately 100 miles before they have to be recharged.

In addition to the setup of cars, attendees of the forum heard a variety of presentations, with topics ranging from cleaner applications of fossil fuels to energy management

and systems.

Bruce Bille, president of Technical Staffing Professionals, attended the forum for the third year. His company is a supplier and recruiter in the advanced energy industry.

"[The experience] was very strong," Bille said. "There was renewed interest in manufacturing in the energy industry. We are seeing an upsurge in hiring, and [we] met some good contacts, reconnected with some existing contacts and saw new things coming out. We have very high hopes for the future here in the Ohio area."

YSU drops Pasquale

Shee Wai Wong
REPORTER

After one of the worst seasons in Youngstown State University baseball history, head coach Rich Pasquale will not be returning next season.

Executive Director of Intercollegiate Athletics Ron Strollo recently announced a national search to replace Pasquale. For most YSU sports, including baseball, coaches are on a year-to-year contract, meaning simply that they're signed to a one-year contract each year.

"I appreciate what Rich has done with our athletes and the community, but, unfortunately, our decision is based on the athletes and the competitions," Strollo said. "He is part of our family, and he surely will be missed."

Pasquale joined the YSU

baseball program in October of 2007. He directed the Penguins to two wins and a third-place finish at the 2012 Horizon League baseball championship. However, the Penguins slated a 9-42 record this year — the most losses in school history.

"I enjoyed my time at YSU," Pasquale said. "There are a lot of people that care about YSU athletics. I also appreciate the opportunity to coach and work with some amazing people."

Pasquale added that he and his family enjoyed getting to know the YSU community, especially members of the Penguin Club.



PASQUALE



Phase two of renovations for Kilcawley House began in May. Photo by Chris Cotelesse/The Jambar.

Kilcawley House updates rooms

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The second of three planned phases of renovations to Kilcawley House began on May 14 and is scheduled to be complete on Aug. 10.

This second stage of the renovations, which will com-

pletely remodel the dormitory's second and third floors, will cost about \$400,000. The entire project is estimated to cost approximately \$1 million.

The ceilings will be raised approximately six inches. In addition, the second and third floors will boast new carpet, new paint and new light fixtures. The rooms'

fixed furniture will also be replaced.

"The building is 40 plus years old, and so it has not really had a lot of attention given to it. This is our way of doing something to that building, which modernizes it a little bit, brings in a new look, a new feel that it hasn't had for a number of years," said Harry Meyer, associate director of housing.

Kevin Linger, a junior telecommunications major, had noticed the declining conditions in Kilcawley House prior to the makeover.

"The rooms are small, and the furniture is old. The walls and carpet are dingy at best, and the elevator breaks almost regularly," Linger said. "Living on the seventh floor was generally uncomfortable."

The third and final phase of renovations will involve making the same changes to the sixth and seventh floors of the building. It is set to begin sometime next year.