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## CRIME SCENE CONDO

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NEWS EDITOR

Josh Rivers, a junior majoring in criminal justice, approaches the sturdy yellow door of an office in Youngstown State University's Cushwa Hall. The frame is crisscrossed with yellow caution tape when he enters the bedroom and finds a half-naked figure bent over the bed and stabbed in the neck.

It looks like a rape and murder scene.

"But we don't want to make any assumptions yet," Rivers said. "We still have to gather as much information as we can."

The scene is a simulation used to give students in the forensic science investigation course a hands-on experience.

The department of mathematics and statistics moved from Cushwa Hall to the Lincoln Building, leaving space to be used for crime scene re-enactment scenarios.

The office space was transformed into a five-room condominium, complete with a kitchen, bathroom, master bedroom, child's bedroom and living room.

Susan Clutter, assistant professor of forensic science at YSU, said the department has tried in previous years to find a dedicated space. She said a basic laboratory space wasn't going to cut it in the world of crime scene analysis.

The classes were previously forced to use hallways, the

Cushwa Hall lobby area and spaces outside.

Clutter said she felt that it made students uncomfortable working on a fake crime scene in public.

"Sometimes it's laughed at, and sometimes it scares people," Clutter said. "I think people thought there was a real crime that had occurred."

She said the private space is beneficial because it doesn't offend or scare anyone anymore.

"We tend to set these bodies up as if they don't mean anything," she said. "We're looking at it as a scientific experiment, but if we were to take these same bodies and throw them onto the front lawn of Cushwa, it takes on a whole other connotation."

Although the department worked diligently to use the Thompson-Sacherman House on Lincoln Avenue, Clutter said it would have cost hundreds of thousands of dollars to renovate the building and remove lead used in the older paints.

Joseph Mosca, dean of the Bitonte College of Health and Human Services, decided the former department of mathematics and statistics would make an effective crime scene condo.

Clutter said the Thompson-Sacherman House was demolished and the department worked to furnish the condo space during the summer.

The problem was that Clutter and the department had to

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Students John Disch, Josh Rivers and A.J. Kissos examine a victim in the crime scene condo on Wednesday afternoon. They are required to number and photograph the evidence, assess the scene and make a determination as to what happened. Photo by Kacy Standohar/The Jambor.

## YSU, UHC offering new, improved health care



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source: United Healthcare

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**Kevin Alquist**  
ASSISTANT NEWS EDITOR

With her father's job in jeopardy, junior Chelsea Chizmar said she's interested in applying for the new insurance plan offered to Youngstown State University students through United Healthcare insurance.

"I think offering this to students is a good idea because I do not know where else I would go to get coverage," she said.

On Aug. 17, the Student Injury and Sickness Insurance Plan was made available to students after it had been stalled by the U.S. Supreme Court's decision on the Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act, upheld in June.

Since the ruling, Matt Novotny, executive director of student services, said UHC worked as quickly as possible to make the details of the insurance plans available online for

interested students.

Undergraduate students enrolled in nine or more credit hours, along with graduate students enrolled in six or more credit hours, are eligible to purchase one of two updated insurance packages, Plan 1 and Plan 2.

Students who purchase an insurance plan will see increased annual costs of \$198 for Plan 2 and \$63 for Plan 1 from previous models.

With the increase in out-of-pocket cost comes an increase in emergency coverage. The new policy provides between \$1 million and \$2.5 million in coverage, up from a limit of \$100,000 on the previous plan.

Students eligible for the plan may also insure their dependents, including spouses and dependent children under the age of 26.

While 65 students were enrolled under last year's plan, 33 students have registered for the

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## Penguin Shuttle reroutes, still faces complaints

**Liam Bouquet**  
REPORTER

The Penguin Shuttle adjusted its route this semester in response to student grievances about the lack of parking near Williamson Hall. But the changes may be just as unpopular.

Previously, the two campus shuttles traveled the same route around campus, albeit in opposite directions. The first shuttle drives a similar route this year, circling clockwise around campus from the dorms to Wick, Lincoln and Fifth avenues.

The second shuttle is now primarily designated for transporting students to and from Williamson Hall and the M-1 parking deck.

Anna Kolar, a sophomore majoring in computer forensics, was a shuttle regular last year, but the new route has left her walking more often than not.

"Every time I try to get on the shuttle, it is heading in a direction I don't want to go," she said. "The shuttle changes have definitely been inconveniencing me."

Chris Madamba, one of

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## Website highlights student achievements

**Kara Pappas**  
REPORTER

This fall, Youngstown State University has unveiled a new means of showcasing and sharing the success stories of its students.

Readabout.me releases personalized news updates about student accomplishments such as making the dean's list, studying abroad or winning a scholarship, which are then distributed to hometown newspapers.

Each student receives the news releases via email

and is encouraged to share them through social media. Each student also receives a readabout.me achievement "badge." Once the badge is received, students can claim their profile, which creates an online readabout.me portfolio that includes news releases highlighting their achievements and their badge.

William Woodruff, a junior majoring in music recording, said it's a good promotional tool for students and the university.

"I think giving us a way to show off in a sense is an

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# Vegans hunt for food

Kacy Standohar  
NEWS EDITOR

The Youngstown State Environmental and Animal Rights Coalition, along with other vegan students at Youngstown State University, are foraging for new food options on campus.

Edward Krol, dining services' executive chef, worked with YSEARC to address complaints from last fall.

For instance, during KC Food Court renovations, vegan items on the menu were overlooked but were quickly added, Krol said.

Christman Dining Commons now has a "Green Cuisine" station featuring an array of options such as hummus, tofu and tempeh; the station is open for lunch and dinner.

At Jump Asian Express in the KC Food Court, Krol has added a vegan stir-fry option. At Pete's Place and Penguins, a vegan meatball sandwich is now available, along with vegetarian soups and a vegan cheese and pepperoni pizza.

Krol also said the Simply to Go locations and the Cushman Cafe feature fruit, vegetable cups, portobello burgers and Tofurkey sandwiches. The university will also hold an annual vegan Thanksgiving feast.

"We're trying to make sure we use local and organic products as much as possible," Krol said.

YSEARC President Michelle Gbur said Christman's "Green Cuisine" station is not entirely vegan, but that it is a step in the right direction.

"Christman's has not abolished any of the old food options



Illustration courtesy of MCT Campus.

that were available, but simply moved them to a different area in Christman's, or offer them on different days and times," Gbur said. "Students and faculty have been raving all good things about the changes made regarding healthier options on campus."

Dining services recently added cue code labels to some vegan options, so students can scan the label from a smartphone; doing so will show ingredients and caloric intake.

Gbur said YSU Dining Services has improved labeling for students with allergies and for gluten free, vegan and under 500 calories requests.

"YSEARC is hoping all vegan items can be labeled, so vegans can know with confidence what is made without animal products, and students will actively look for the labels to

choose what they want to eat," Gbur said. "YSU is looking to add vegan desserts and sides that are normally made without animal products, so it benefits everyone — vegans and non-vegans. This is why the labels are important since desserts offered at YSU are typically non-vegan."

These YSU herbivores have made progress after 2,402 student signatures and help from PETA2, a youth division of People for the Ethical Treatment of Animals.

"It's great to see more and more students looking for humane and healthy vegan options in the dining hall," said PETA spokeswoman Shakira Croce. "Going vegan is the best thing you can do to help animals, and Youngstown State is making it easier for students to choose meals that are better for the en-

vironment, the animals and their health."

Ryan Huling, PETA's manager of college campaigns and outreach, said YSEARC's concerns indicate a demand and a larger national trend.

He said he dealt with a tremendously sympathetic group at YSU. He expects dining services to work with students to keep these vegan options around.

"YSU students are horrified to learn that cows have their throats slit while they're still conscious, and that chickens are scalded to death in boiling hot water before being turned into McNuggets," Huling said. "It's simply not the kind of industry that students want to support, and thanks to the many delicious vegan options available nowadays, they no longer have to."

Huling was pleased volunteers took a moment to sign the petitions. He said it is important to remember that vegan options are popular among all students — not just those who are vegan.

"According to a study by food-service provider Bon Appetit, the number of college students who identify themselves as vegetarian has risen by 50 percent since 2005, and the number of vegan students has more than doubled during the same period," Huling said.

Although she's not a vegan, freshman Tori Francioni said she is not opposed to trying vegan options on campus.

"I'm really committed to not gaining the freshman 15," Francioni said. "I would try these new meals."

However, some students living in Cafaro House who frequent Christman said they feel like non-vegan options are diminishing.

"It's OK for them to have options, but I feel like they are taking away what we have because [vegans] aren't even close to the majority at all," said sophomore Ashley Smith.

Sophomore Mary Smrek said she was disappointed that dining services removed the "Red Hot Chef" station at Christman and replaced it with the "Green Cuisine" station. "Red Hot Chef" offered tacos and fettuccini alfredo, among other menu items.

"They took away the one time we got specials. It's just the little things," said sophomore Emily Andriko. "I tried vegan food, and it's not terrible, but I don't appreciate it being there."

## Telling the untold stories

### Jewish Film Festival celebrates 10 years

Marissa McIntyre  
ARTS & ENTERTAINMENT REPORTER

This year marks the 10th anniversary of the Youngstown Area Jewish Film Festival.

Throughout the month, screenings of various documentaries will be shown at USA Cinema, Temple El Emeth and DeBartolo Hall at Youngstown State University.

Faculty and students at YSU, along with members of the Youngstown community, help make the film festival happen every year.

Former YSU events coordinator Pam Palumbo is one of the founders of the film festival — but she isn't Jewish.

After her retirement in 2008, Palumbo continued to serve on the Judaic and Holocaust studies committee and said she is happy to see the film festival evolve over the decade.

"I'm interested in diversity, and I'm very interested in history," Palumbo said. "I've learned so many things about history just from serving on the committee."

Myra Benedikt also serves as co-chair of the film festival.

"With anything that's new, we didn't know what to expect in the beginning," Palumbo said.

Benedikt watches more than 30 films and passes her favorites to Palumbo.

They then narrow the choices down to 10 and have a screening committee who choose the final six films.

The screening committee of 12 community members aims to choose films that will appeal to a wide audience, tell the untold stories and show a variety of Jews in different areas around the world.

Shanna Chasebi, a YSU alumna, served on the screening committee. She isn't Jewish, but said she is interested in the storytelling and filmmaking aspects of the festival.

She encourages everyone to attend, even if they're not of the Jewish faith or heritage.

"Basically, if you have an interest in film or history, it's a great way to see all of that in one place," Chasebi said.

One of the films that stands out to her is "Brothers," which is a film with conflict, religion and drama.

"That film has drama, it has great writing and really has relevance to the Jewish audience as well," Chasebi said.

"Brothers" is a film about two Jewish brothers whose values and religious differences drove them apart.

"Kaddish for a Friend" is another film that Chasebi enjoyed.

"Kaddish for a Friend" is about a World War II Russian Jewish veteran who befriends a Palestinian teenager raised to hate Jews.

"This is a movie for all ages, and that's why it was chosen," Chasebi said. "Ash and Smoke: The Holocaust in

Salonika" is another film being featured. It tells the untold stories of the Holocaust in Greece. This film took longer to complete than World War II itself.

Saul Friedman directed this film. Friedman founded the YSU Center for Judaic and Holocaust Studies in 1969. He had to call on fellow YSU staff members to complete the film because of his battle with Parkinson's disease.

"It's a fitting tribute to feature him," said Bob Ault, serials and microforms librarian at YSU.

Ault co-directed and co-produced the film when Friedman approached him with the pieces, but needed the puzzle put together.

Ault said it's important to show films like these to better educate the public on untold stories.

"[The Greek Jews'] story wasn't as widely known, but it was a great tragedy," Ault said.

He said commemorating Friedman is fitting since this was the last documentary he worked on, and is the founder of the program.

Palumbo said this is a special feature for the 10th anniversary.

Helene Sinnreich, director of the Judaic and Holocaust studies program, said YSU has the second-oldest Judaic studies program in the country.

She has been involved with the film festival for seven years.

"Every year, we try to bring some-

thing unique. This is the biggest event that we put on," Sinnreich said. "It's important for the community at large to bring these films to the area."

She said it would be one thing to bring in a speaker to talk about the issues that appear throughout the films, but it leaves a greater impact on the audience if they see it.

Palumbo said she couldn't choose a favorite of the films being featured this year.

"I think they are all excellent. I like them all for different reasons," Palumbo said.

She said in the future they would like to see more involvement from YSU students.

Veronica Wesley, a junior, is interning with the film festival and doing advertising.

"I thought it would be a great opportunity," Wesley said.

Wesley is a communications major with a minor in public relations. She said this internship has taught her a lot. She contacted radio stations and worked on their the film festival's website, a new feature.

"We're very excited to add the website," Palumbo said. She said the public can also print tickets from the website, <http://www.yajff.org>.

Palumbo said she hopes the audience will walk away more knowledgeable.

"A lot can be learned from these films," Palumbo said.

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furnish the space without any financial resources. The condo was furnished by shopping around at local yard sales and asking for donations.

Clutter also worked with YSU's re:CREATE program, in which old furniture from one department is given to a department in need.

"But we're a can-do department," said Patricia Wagner, chairwoman of the department, as she commended the staff's creativity. "The condo is a great alternative for making due with the university's scarce resources."

The condo will also be used for first responder training.

It was designed to be a multiple-use space in case the classes should ever set up a mock mass shooting or chemical spill. Clutter said she hopes students in the classes will respond, clear the dangers, and start to document and recover evidence from the scene.

Clutter said the condo will serve as a realistic, hands-on experience for stu-

dents, providing them with a variety of scenarios in classes such as crime scene investigation, fire arms investigation, trace evidence examination and forensic laboratory.

"The problem is the reality. Unless you actually walk into a crime scene, it's very difficult to have a picture or video," she said. "We're adding all of the scientific curriculum in with our training. Hands-on training is easier for the students to learn, but it's also easier for us to teach instead of showing PowerPoint after PowerPoint of photos."

YSU is only the fifth university in the U.S. that has a dedicated crime scene space, Clutter said.

"We're cutting edge as far as that goes," Clutter said. "We're trying to prepare students for graduate school or a start in the workforce."

On Wednesday, students in forensics science CSI used the condo for the first time. Students were split up into groups

and told to investigate a particular room in the condo. Groups photographed and marked evidence with number cards.

Sophomore Cody Sankowski said she was excited to be on scene and had anxiously awaited the condo's completion.

"Knowing that I'm actually getting started into what I'm interested in doing was the best feeling," she said. "You want to make sure that you get every detail because it is detrimental to your case."

The new space has been beneficial for safety reasons as well.

Clutter recalled an incident when her students were doing a mock rape scene investigation behind the Beat Coffeehouse on Lincoln Avenue. She said students found materials that were not planted for the mock scene, which were dangerous to pick up with bare hands.

"We really had some sensitivity issues. The Beat Coffeehouse is clean, but we went in the back, and one of my students found a pair of boxer shorts and

a used condom," Clutter said. "That's problematic when you have students finding things that they're not supposed to be finding."

Robert Wardle, assistant professor of criminal justice, said he thinks it was a safety hazard to introduce students to a fake crime scene outside.

"We don't want contamination, and it's much better in a controlled environment," Wardle said.

Clutter said she thinks students will soon wonder how the classes operated without it. She said misconceptions about this job are often direct results of watching unrealistic shows such as "Law and Order," "NCIS" and "Criminal Minds."

Clutter and Wardle said they hope the experience will show students how much time it takes to work on a crime scene and recreate some of the emotions that come into play.

"This condo gives students a firsthand experience, rather than the first day in the workplace," Wardle said.

**POLICE BRIEFS**

*Girl escapes ex-boyfriend's car*

On Aug. 30, a man abducted his ex-girlfriend outside of her home during an argument. She got into his car to avoid being watched by her roommate, and he reportedly sped off. She reported that he was yelling, punching her in the back of the head, pulling her hair and biting her left hand. She was able to exit the car in Girard. Her ex-boyfriend tried to get her back in the car until she flagged down a Girard police officer.

*Drunk driver hits police car*

Early Saturday, a man driving a Chevrolet Impala struck a YSU police cruiser at the intersection of Wood Street and Fifth Avenue. After striking the cruiser, the driver kept traveling north on Fifth Avenue. YSU Police followed, then pulled over the driver; he was arrested on the scene. Later, police recorded a blood alcohol level of 0.245. The man admitted that he was "f---ed up" and asked to be let go. He was issued multiple citations, along with a court date.

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**NEWS BRIEFS**

*YSU Wind Ensemble releases 'Old Wine in New Bottles'*

The 52-member YSU Wind Ensemble, the premiere performing group in the wind band program at YSU, recently released its latest CD, titled "Old Wine in New Bottles." The CD is part of NAXOS' Wind Band Classic Series, which is devoted to presenting the best in symphonic band music. The YSU Wind Ensemble is conducted by Stephen L. Gage, a YSU music professor, and it consists of the top wind and percussion students in YSU's Dana School of Music. It was the first Dana musical ensemble to perform in New York's Carnegie Hall.

*Dana praised for faculty, students and curriculum*

The National Association of Schools of Music voted this summer to reaccredit the Dana School of Music for an additional 10 years — meaning that the next review of the program will be conducted in the 2020-2021 academic year. In addition, the nationwide accrediting agency found that the school boasts excellent faculty members and engaged, highly qualified students. Dana was founded in 1869 as Dana's Musical Institute in Warren and became the Dana School of Music at Youngstown College in 1941. The school has been accredited by NASM since 1947.

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the shuttle's several drivers, said he's noticed a drop in student passengers. "Last year, I would have 120 students on an average day, and this year, I have four students each day if I am lucky," he said. Madamba added that the area around the M-9 parking lot is busy only at the beginning and the end of each day. He questions whether revenue is wasted by keeping the shuttle on these routes, especially at midday. Danny O'Connell, director of parking services, said he believes that student turnout will improve. "Like with any change, we expect a buildup,"

he said. "Especially when the weather worsens." O'Connell said students may be unaware of the route changes. Information will soon be added online, in Williamson Hall and across campus, he said. Furthermore, O'Connell said construction on Walnut Street has apparently been significantly slowing down the shuttle. When the construction is cleared up, the shuttle will stick to a tighter schedule. O'Connell said his department is keeping an eye on reactions of disabled riders. Parking services can return the shuttles to the previous schedule if necessary.

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awesome idea, especially if we can get that recognition out on social media," he said. Ron Cole, director of university communications at YSU, was looking for a new way to broadcast students' achievements to help in their search for recognition and job placement. His main goal for this semester is expanding YSU's involvement in readabout.me and increasing public awareness about this new spotlight for student success. He is trying to meet with student organization leaders and faculty chairs across campus in an attempt to gather more students'

stories and achievements. "We are limitless in terms of how much we can handle and process. I challenge this university's population to overwhelm me," Cole said. Megan Gabel, a senior majoring in social work, said she is happy for the exposure that readabout.me can give her and fellow social work majors. "Social work isn't really a major that gets a whole lot of spotlighting. I am interning in the spring, and to have somebody recognize that would go a long way with prospective employers," she said. Cole has already met with Bryan DePoy, dean of the College of Fine and Performing Arts, who has expressed interest in participating. "It's a great opportunity for students whose successes may get overlooked to really get their achievements out into the spotlight," DePoy said. YSU faculty and staff play a major role in gathering and sharing student achievements. They can contact Ron Cole and submit a template, including the student's full name, email address, hometown and a brief summary of the achievement for which they will be recognized.

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plans since they were updated last month. Novotny said that number fell short of his expectations. "I was expecting to enroll at least the same number as last year," Novotny said. "With the late start, that was probably unrealistic." Wendy Thomas, registered nurse at the YSU Student Health Clinic, said she is excited about what the new plans have to offer. "For the little increase in payment, students are getting a lot more out of the new plans," Thomas said. Details are available on UHC's student resource website, <https://www.uhcsr.com>, or by calling UHC's customer service at 1-800-767-0700.



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## YSU celebrates Hispanic heritage



Xochiquetzal-Tigun dancers from the Veracruz region of Mexico perform during the Hispanic/Latino Heritage Day in the atrium at the Anchorage Museum on Oct. 3, 2010, in celebration of National Hispanic Heritage Month. (Bill Roth/Anchorage Daily News/MCT)

**Sarah Perrine**  
REPORTER

Anita Gomez, a nontraditional student who manages a family and a restaurant, held back tears while talking about Hispanic Heritage Month.

Gomez recalled how much comfort she felt during Hispanic Heritage Month when she first came to Youngstown State University four years ago, and how it helped her connect with both the university and the community.

This year's celebration of Hispanic Heritage Month will kick off at 12:15 p.m. on Sept. 13 at the Mahoning County Courthouse, located in downtown Youngstown. The event will feature a flag ceremony representing the 22 Hispanic countries, along with dancing and opening remarks.

"We are proud to be from different countries and proud to be here," Gomez said.

Yulanda McCarty-Harris, director of the YSU Office of Equal Opportunity and Diversity and chairwoman of the Hispanic Heritage Month planning committee, described the mix of cultures.

"We invite them in, and they're very much a part of our group, and they all bring their own different perspectives and ideals to the Latino experience," McCarty-Harris said.

The celebration's planning committee, made up of community members and YSU faculty members from various departments, has been preparing for Hispanic Heritage Month since February.

YSU's Hispanic Heritage Month has evolved from a Cuban festival that spanned just a weekend to a weeklong Hispanic heritage confer-

ence that embraced all Hispanic cultures. Ever since 1972, though, the university's celebration of Hispanic Heritage Month has followed the nationally designated dates of Sept. 15 to Oct. 15.

McCarty-Harris noted that last year's celebration might have featured more events, but that this year will include "some very key events."

"There is a lot of history we are presenting this year," she said.

The Hispanic Heritage Celebration, scheduled for Oct. 6, is the month's largest event; it's a day of entertainment, dance and food, and will feature animals from the Cleveland Metroparks Zoo, dancers from Fred Astaire and a Zumba dance lesson. The event, which will be held in Kilcawley Center's Chestnut Room, begins at 11 a.m. and continues until 3 p.m.

In addition, Jose Galvez, the first

Mexican-American photographer on staff at the Los Angeles Times to win a Pulitzer Prize, will present a lecture and display his photos on Sept. 19.

McCarty-Harris said she challenges YSU students to step outside of their comfort zones and learn about Hispanic culture, even by attending just one event.

"It's about educating. I think the celebration shouldn't just be all Hispanic people coming together; I think it should be about everyone coming together to learn about the history," McCarty-Harris said.

Gomez said attending the Hispanic Heritage Month events are "a must" for her two daughters.

"They have to be proud of their culture and keep their traditions," she said. "It is a family event. They have to go. ... We work hard throughout the whole year. It's a lot of work and dedication."

## Beats, bugles and Bluecoats

**Karen Bell**  
REPORTER

Jake Page remembers seeing the Bluecoats Drum and Bugle Corps perform in Pittsburgh with his father, and he recalls feeling the sound of the music while sitting in the stands. After that performance, the then 13-year-old Page decided he would someday join the corps.

Page, a junior music education major at Youngstown State University, finally made it: He spent the summer of 2011 as a Bluecoat. This past summer, Page and fellow YSU junior Sara Loney spent their break marching alongside more than 120 of their peers as part of the corps.

David Glasgow, executive director of the 40-year-old Bluecoats, said people from all over the world come to audition for the opportunity to be a part of the corps.

"We look for the best of the best in marching band performers," he said.

The Bluecoats performed three to four shows during a normal week, Page said. On rehearsal days, they practiced all morning and then performed at night, but on non-performance nights, they practiced for nearly 12 hours a day.

Loney said that even though the long practices hurt and she often found herself thinking of how nice sitting in

the air conditioning would be, she never had "an I'd-rather-be-doing-something-else moment."

Although she's still undecided about which direction she wants to take her music education, Loney said she believes her time spent with the Bluecoats staff will definitely help her develop an ability to teach and work with others.

"There is no way to live with 120 people for three months without learning how to work with them and cooperate. It's give a little, take a little," she said.

Another challenge involved the commitment that the show must go on, regardless of the weather. Over the summer, the Bluecoats found themselves putting on a show in the pouring rain.

"It was different because it was not the competitive side that we usually do. It was more fun, and [we] let it all go," Page said. "It was fun to give the full emotion and to give it all to the audience."

Both Page and Loney said they plan to audition for the Bluecoats next summer and continue to improve their musical abilities.

"Ultimately, the whole time you know what you are working for. You want to be there, and you want to be doing it ... and it's fun," Loney said. "You can feel yourself getting better every day. It is enjoyable every day."



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## Proud Penguins

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It's a good week to be a Penguin. By now, you've probably heard about how the football team upset the Pittsburgh Panthers. In a monumental victory, the 'Guins caught many by surprise, leaving Heinz Field with a 31-17 victory and \$400,000.

With that said, it's time for us to eat a large slice of humble pie. We doubted our team. Sure, we didn't rule out the possibility, but it certainly seemed to be a long shot far out of YSU's reach. Never, we thought, would they pull off a victory, let alone a landslide.

Some of us were there. A few predicted a YSU win; others weren't so optimistic. However, all of us left with a great sense of Penguin pride.

The team deserves more credit than they received from the national media, but hopefully the passing glance from ESPN will fuel the already doubted team to achieve even greater things this season.

Unfortunately for them, they've already set the bar pretty high. So, let's learn from our mistakes. Let's decide now to stare in the face of opposition with unrelenting hope. In every obstacle, big and small, is the opportunity to rise to the occasion.

That's what the Penguins did on Saturday. They were expected to lose by just about everyone, but proved triumphant.

Thank you, boys. You've taught us a valuable lesson.

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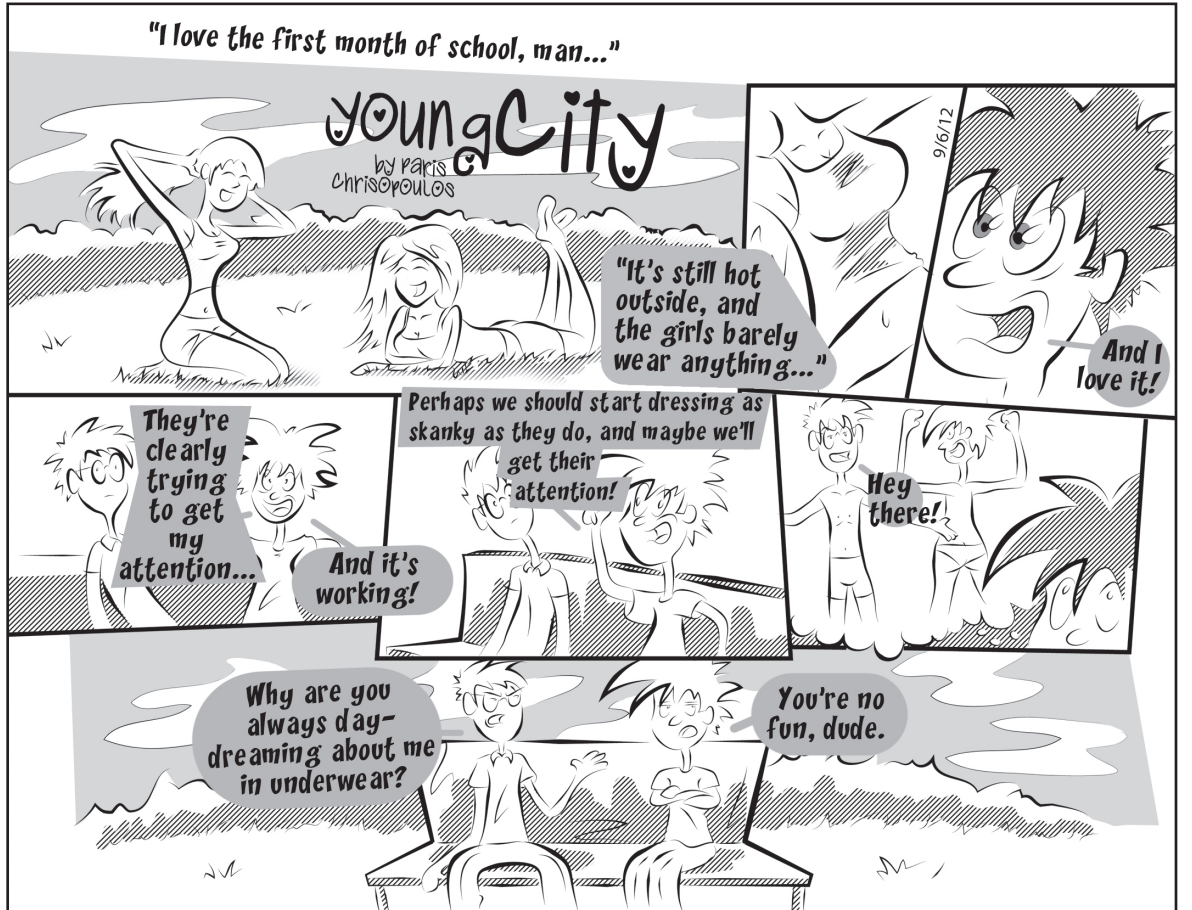
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## No asterisk to the 14th Amendment

McClatchy-Tribune News Service (MCT)

For years, New Jersey barred U.S.-born college students from receiving state financial aid if their parents were in this country illegally. Last week, a state court of appeals put an end to that misguided policy, finding that education officials had wrongly denied aid to an 18-year-old student born and raised in the United States because her Guatemalan mother is an undocumented immigrant. Though it is binding only in New Jersey, the ruling should serve as a warning to other states — such as Florida, where U.S.-born residents are required to pay out-of-state college tuition simply because their parents are undocumented.

The 14th Amendment states:

"All persons born or naturalized in the United States and subject to the jurisdiction thereof, are citizens of the United States and of the state wherein they reside." Moreover, the Supreme Court in 1898 specifically elucidated the significance of that language when it held that a Chinese man born in San Francisco to Chinese parents nonetheless was an American citizen by virtue of his birthplace. There is no asterisk in the 14th Amendment or the high court's jurisprudence that grants states the authority to create a two-tier system of citizenship. Beyond flouting well-established law, the only thing such discriminatory policies achieve is to discourage many young people from attending college. That's not good for anyone. This country needs more doctors, scientists and high-tech workers, not a less-

educated workforce that struggles to compete globally. Americans are divided over how to address the issue of illegal immigration. Some take a particularly hard line and have tried to change the definition of who is and isn't a citizen. That has led to some egregious falsehoods — notably that undocumented immigrants are coming across the border to have "anchor babies" who will secure citizenship for their parents. Here is a fact: A child born in this country can't request any immigration benefit for a parent, such as a green card, until he or she turns 21, and even then many face long delays. Trying to control immigration by punishing children born in this country is unconstitutional and dumb. States should drop those efforts before the courts force them to.

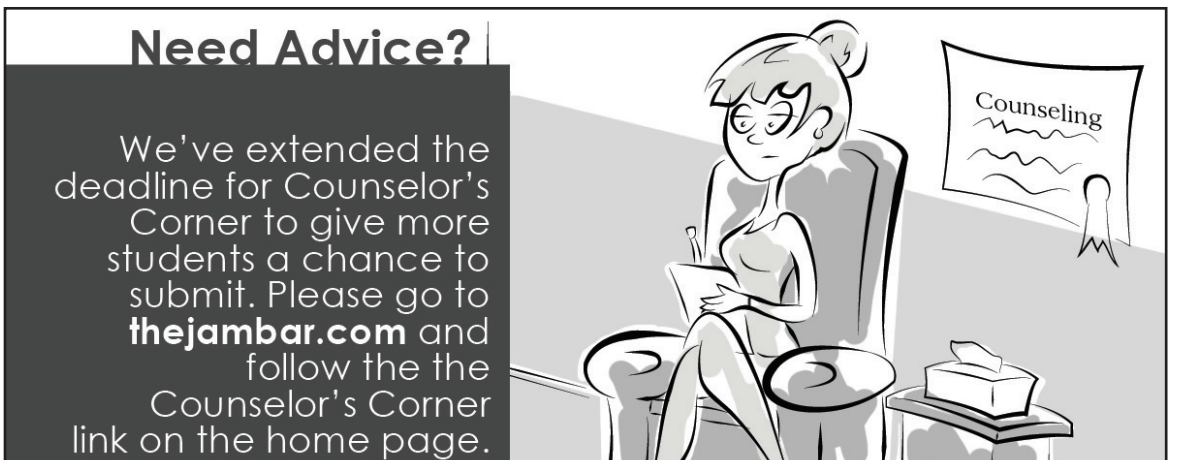
## Poverty, not bad teachers, is what plagues our schools

Newsday (MCT)

Are American schools the best in the world? The answer is a resounding maybe — which is good news indeed for this back-to-school season. Beating up on public education is practically our national sport. I often do it myself. But overlooked in the ongoing assault is strong evidence that U.S. schools actually are worldbeaters — except for the problem of poverty. When it comes to reading, in fact, our schools may well be the best in the world. As Stanford University education professor Linda Darling-Hammond points out, U.S. 15-year olds in schools with fewer than 10 percent of kids eligible for free or cut-rate lunch "score first in the world in reading, outperforming even the famously excellent Finns." This 10 percent threshold is significant because, in high achieving countries such as Finland, few schools have more poor kids than that. In other words, if you look at American schools that compare socioeconomically, we're doing great. But wait, it gets better. U.S. schools where fewer than 25 percent are impoverished (by the same lunch measure) beat all 34

of the relatively affluent countries studied except South Korea and Finland. U.S. schools where 25 to 50 percent of students were poor still beat most other countries. These results are from the 2009 Programme for International Student Assessment, a widely followed effort to compare educational outcomes. PISA scores inspire a good deal of hand-wringing in this country — overall, we were 14th in reading — but I suspect we've been taking away the wrong message by not adjusting for poverty. That's odd, because most people know there's a connection between poor families and poor school performance. The link is reflected in various sources, including the SAT, the National Assessment of Educational Progress, and the Trends in International Math and Science Study. So the connection, which exists in most countries, is clear. But somehow the implications haven't been, and now that school is again upon us, it's worth thinking this through. If American kids who aren't poor are doing so well, maybe our problem isn't bad teachers or inadequate school spending or indifferent parents or screen-besotted children. Maybe the problem is simply poverty — and the shameful fact that we have so much more of it than any comparable country.

How much child poverty are we living with? A study this year by UNICEF found a U.S. child poverty rate of 23.1 percent — way beyond any other economically advanced nation except Romania. In Spain, which is in a depression, the figure was 17.1 percent. In Canada it was 13.3. In Finland, 5.3. If poverty is the problem, families in middle-class school districts needn't worry much about their kids' schools. But they should be worried about the society in which they live, for even if we have hearts of stone, we do not have heads made of the same material. Economic growth — to say nothing of a healthy democracy — depends on an educated citizenry, and we cannot afford to let a large segment of the populace embark on adulthood seriously underschooled. Some education reformers, such as Diane Ravitch, understand poverty's effects on our schools. Geoffrey Canada has launched the Harlem Children's Zone Project to provide poor children with a comprehensive set of programs addressing both poverty and education. It's an effort well worth watching. If the problem with education in this country really is poverty, it will not be easy to fix. Yet that is no reason for kidding ourselves about what's actually wrong.



## Riding high, staying focused *YSU doesn't want to look past Valpo*

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The Youngstown State University football program has been in this situation before.

Following last season's 27-24 upset victory at North Dakota State University, the number one team in the country at the time, the Penguins returned home for a game they were favored to win.

Hosting Missouri State University — with a 1-9 record — the Penguins were defeated, 38-34.

"I think we kind of got a big head after beating [NDSU] and went into the [MSU] game expecting to win," said running back Jamaine Cook at Tuesday's press conference.

So when the Penguins — fresh off a 31-17 upset of the University of Pittsburgh at Heinz Field — welcomes Valparaiso University to Stambaugh Stadium on Saturday, the team will not overlook the Crusaders, who they defeated, 77-13, in 2011, said head football coach Eric Wolford.

"I'm hoping we learned our lesson," Wolford said of the MSU loss. "We have to focus on what we can control and being ready to play every week. The opponent is not the factor. It's about us."

The matchup against Pitt was certainly all about the Penguins. In arguably one of the biggest wins in school history, YSU not only defeated the 18-point favorite Panthers, but also dominated them in various statistical categories.

"It was a great win," Cook said. "But we have to have a short-term memory and forget about it. We've got Valpo this week."

Riding the excitement from the season-opening victory, Wolford said he expects the Ice Castle to be filled at 4:05 p.m. against the Crusaders.

"It's obviously exciting,



Youngstown State University players celebrate with fans after their 31-17 victory against the University of Pittsburgh on Saturday at Heinz Field. Photo by Dustin Livesay/The Jambar.

and this is a chance for our community to come out and show support for our football program," Wolford said. "We have an exciting brand of football to watch. I think our kids, players and program deserves a full house."

With the way tickets have been selling, it should be a crowded home opener. The athletics department — which opened ticket sales early — reportedly sold more than 1,000 tickets on Monday alone.

"It's great to have the community behind us, selling that many tickets in one day," said tight end Will Shaw. "We look forward to having so many fans behind us at Stambaugh Stadium."

Valpo's 2011 trip to Youngstown proved to be a record-setting day. On their way to a school-record 77 points, the Penguins also set records

in total yards (657), points in a quarter (35) and first downs (34).

"I think they'll be anxious to come here and play us with the opportunity to show they've improved since last year," Wolford said.

The Crusaders are coming off a rough week, losing 36-34 to Division II Saint Joseph's College at home. Still, Cook said the Penguins know they cannot overlook Valpo.

"They have some players returning," Cook said. "But we're confident whatever they run or do, we'll be able to execute offensively and defensively."

For their victory against Pitt, the Penguins have reaped the benefits. Up from 18th, YSU is now ranked 10th in the Football Conference Subdivision coaches' poll. They also move up to sixth in the Sports

Network Top 25, where they were 13th last week.

"We don't even talk about that," Wolford said of the rankings. "We never will. The only poll we'll worry about is the one after [the champion-

ship game]."

While there's still a long way to go before that, Wolford has a simple request for Saturday's opener.

"I want to come out to a full house," he said.

Will the football team win a national championship?

#YSUspeak



## Rec Center to host 2012 Penguin Olympics

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SPORTS REPORTER

The Andrews Student Recreation and Wellness Center is honoring the 2012 Summer Olympics by hosting its own games: the Penguin Olympics.

Nicole Haralambopoulos, a fitness and wellness programming intern, said she's excited about the workout incentive program, which will begin Monday and run through Nov. 4.

"It gives our patrons an incentive to work out and be fit," she said. "Students can take full advantage of what our facilities have to offer while also giving them health benefits."

The Penguin Olympics is the first buddy-system incentive program the Rec Center has hosted. Participants will partner up and select a country to represent them on a first-come, first-served basis.

"Don't be deterred from signing up just because you are by yourself [because] we can find you a teammate to pair up with," Haralambopoulos said.

Brittany Stout, a senior exercise science major, decided that she and her partner would represent the island country of Seychelles. Stout is a regular at the Rec Center, working there five days a week while working out four days a week.

"We mapped out our way to the top," Stout said. "Between working out and seeing the competition, we both will push each other to keep going to the Rec Center."

The goal is to accumulate the



weekly minimum number of points, which is 50, to receive 15 bonus points. The number of points awarded will vary depending on the activity that is completed.

For example, one point is awarded for 15 minutes spent lifting weights, using the cardio machines or running on the track. Two points will be awarded for 15 minutes spent playing basketball, racquetball or volleyball.

Climbing the rock wall and swimming for 15 minutes will result in three points being awarded. A half hour spent in a Group X class earns six points, while 45 minutes equals nine points and one hour awards 12 points.

Members of intramural teams are

allowed to use one game a day to acquire six points. Intramural games, regardless of the sport, will count toward 30 minutes of cardio activity.

Participants will be in charge of logging their own points, but a Rec Center staff member will have to sign off at the end of the workout. Log sheets will be located in the strength and conditioning area, at the front desk where students swipe their IDs and at the Beeghly Center swimming pool.

All workouts must be completed in either the Rec Center or the Beeghly Center pool.

Participation is free. Those interested can sign up in the administration office, located in the Rec Center's front lobby.

The deadline to sign up is Sept. 24, which is two weeks after the event begins.

"With the two-week grace period for late entries, we hope to have over 100 participants," Haralambopoulos said.

The first 10 percent of countries are awarded a gold medal, the second 10 percent are awarded a silver medal and the third 10 percent are awarded a bronze medal.

Individual medals will also be given out to the top 20 participants who earn the most individual points.

Stout said she believes the program will be successful.

"It's always nice to win prizes after you put in the hard work," Stout said.