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## Bracelets for Brandy's bench

Kacy Standohar  
NEWS EDITOR

The morning that Youngstown State University junior Krysti Horvat learned her former neighbor, 20-year-old YSU student Brandy Stevens-Rosine, had been murdered, she knew she wanted to help in any way she could.

Since Stevens-Rosine's death in May, Horvat has been selling bracelets in order to purchase a granite bench in her memory, which would be located in either Boardman Park or on YSU's campus. The bench would cost around \$2,000.

So far, Horvat has raised around \$650 through the sale of colorful bracelets.

Horvat started small, ordering only 100 wristbands. Demand grew quickly, and she ordered more.

"The response is strong, and I don't see it lightening up any time soon, especially with

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Holding a banner are the loved ones of Brandy Stevens-Rosine, who was murdered in May. Kevin Gold stands with his two daughters (left; Carrie Rosine, his girlfriend and Stevens-Rosine's mother; and Stephanie Rosine, her sister. Photo courtesy of Krysti Horvat.

## Voter apathy on the rise

Justin Carissimo  
Sarah Perrine

Young voters helped put President Barack Obama in the White House in 2008, but enthusiasm among young adults has suffered this election cycle.

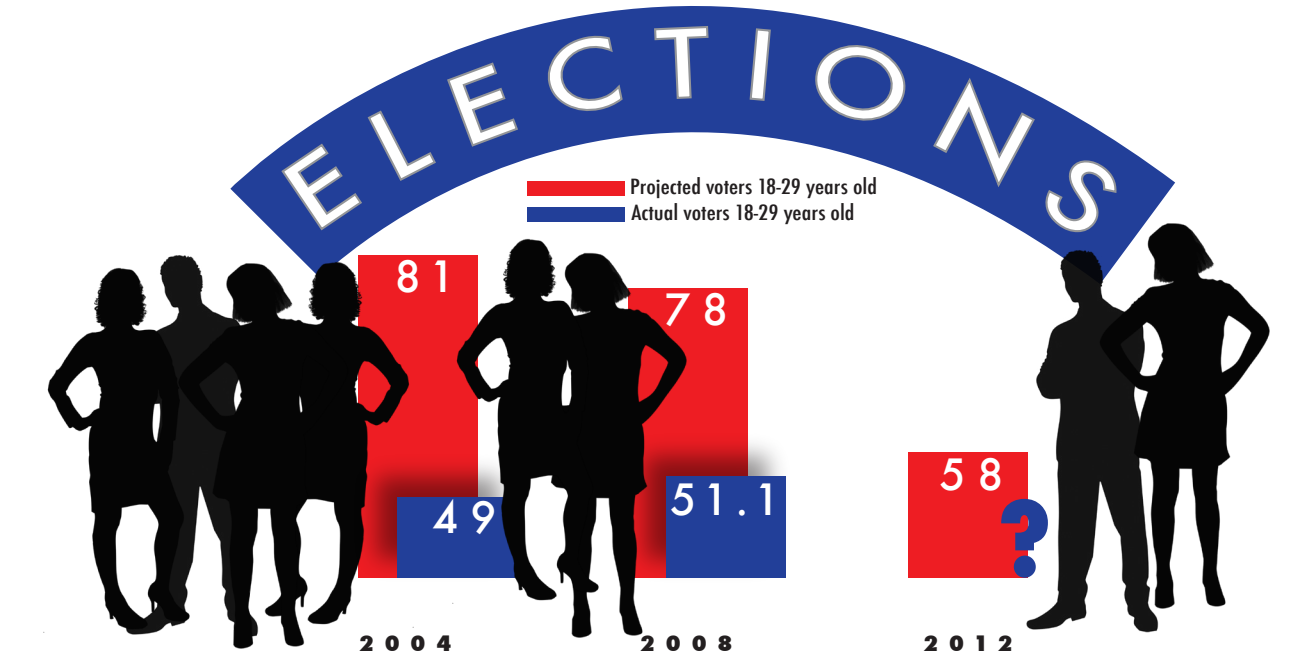
According to a Gallup poll released in July, 58 percent of voters between the ages of 18 and 29 say they will "definitely vote" this November, compared with 78 percent in 2008 and 81 percent in 2004.

Josh Prest, a senior at Youngstown State University and president of the YSU College Republicans during the 2010-2011 academic year, said he doesn't see excitement among students for the upcoming election like he did in 2008.

"I think the reason behind that [lack of excitement] is there are no individuals that are popular with the people," Prest said.

Even with the high percentage of those intending to vote, only 51.1 percent of 18- to 29-year-olds turned out to vote in 2008 and only 49 percent in 2004, according to the Center for Information and Research on Civic Learning and Engagement.

Political involvement has suffered a decline at YSU as well. The YSU



GRAPHIC BY KEELEY BLACK/THE JAMBAR.

College Republicans, once an active student organization, no longer have a registered presence on campus.

The YSU College Democrats have been in Kilcawley Center, DeBartolo Hall and other buildings on campus since the end of last spring working hard to register students to vote.

Senior Anthony Nwankwo, president of the YSU College Democrats,

is even working on a plan to shuttle students from campus to the polls during election week.

"We're trying to make students more excited for the election, and we have some stuff in the works, but it's a lot of work to be done," Nwankwo said.

Drew Webster, a senior majoring in political science, remembers a more

politically active campus when he came to YSU in 2010.

"I know young Republicans would go down to the Republican headquarters in Columbus. [It was the] same with the Democrats," Webster said. "Locally, each chapter would visit their closest representative."

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## \$335,000 disbursed in scholarships

Rachel Lundberg  
ASSISTANT NEWS EDITOR

The College of Science, Technology, Engineering and Mathematics awarded students nearly \$335,000 in scholarship money from the Choose Ohio First Scholarship Program this fall.

Starting off with only 17 scholarship recipients in 2008, this year's number has increased, as approximately 90 students were awarded.

Scholarships are first presented based on merit. The amount awarded is decided by need, where the minimum is \$1,500 and the maximum is \$5,200.

Originally, the scholarship

program was funded by grant money from the Ohio General Assembly. Now, the grant has run out, and each year the program must prove its value to be renewed.

Stephen Rodabaugh, associate dean for academic programs and outreach for STEM and head of Choose Ohio First, said the scholarship now serves as a challenge as well as an opportunity.

"Under the four years of the grant, we built the program that is now being continued on a post-grant basis, only more money," Rodabaugh said. "Even in these hard times."

In its early days, students did not have to apply. Seniors

Samantha Rovnak and Scott Brandy never applied, but received unexpected letters of acceptance.

Rovnak, a mechanical engineering major who joined the Choose Ohio First Scholarship Program her sophomore year, said it looks good on a resume and that she's improved as a presenter during her time in Choose Ohio First.

There are about 90 Youngstown State University STEM students participating in the program this year.

"If they agree to take the scholarships, then they're agreeing to be enriched," Rodabaugh said.

Being enriched means attending meetings with other

scholarship students and working on research teams to present at multiple conferences.

"It gets good research experience and really helps you get to know what life is like as any STEM major," Brandy said.

The program also has an outreach aspect.

YSU partners with area schools every summer to prepare students for higher levels of math through the Bridge Program. Students who have participated in the Bridge Program and qualify for the scholarship upon graduation are given preference in the application process.

For four weeks in June,

qualifying students who are accepted into the Bridge Program go through math "boot camp" with YSU professors and partner teachers from their schools.

The program was recognized in spring 2011 as an Ohio STEM Demonstration Program, as the Ohio Board of Regents felt it exemplified the outreach it was seeking in awarding the grant.

One of the main focuses of the scholarship program is keeping Ohio residents studying and working in Ohio pre- and post-graduation.

Brandy said the program brings in speakers from

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## YSU professor launches online book

Lee Murray  
REPORTER

Christopher Barzak, an assistant professor of English at Youngstown State University, explores surreal fictional worlds and the surrealist art scene that created them in a new book on the virtual shelves.

"Birds and Birthdays," released on Aug. 20, is available directly from the publisher or online bookstores including Amazon.com.

The book includes three stand-alone short stories that follow the fictionalized self-discovery of female surrealist painters. The book is less grounded in reality than his previous works.

"With these stories, they start out fantastical right from the beginning," Barzak said. "There's not a push and pull between what is real and what is imaginary."

The collection also includes an essay that explores the inequalities that those women faced in the male-dominated art scene of the

first half of the 20th century. The stories, Barzak said, were heavily influenced by these artists' visual artwork.

Barzak's previous works include two novels: "The Love We Share Without Knowing" in 2008 and "One For Sorrow" in 2006.

He said that "Birds and Birthdays" differs from his other books because it is much shorter. The book is published through Aqueduct Press. It is a smaller publishing company than Random House, the corporate publisher that launched his two novels.

"This is a collection of three short stories and an essay, which doesn't have what a lot of people would call



BARZAK

commercial viability," Barzak said. "It's not the kind of thing a large publisher would be interested in."

Aqueduct Press serves a very specific market. They promise "challenging, feminist science fiction" in their

mission statement, and Barzak said his new book fits that bill exactly.

"It's a press that is interested in publishing fiction, nonfiction and poetry that speaks to feminist concerns, and this book is very much concerned with women," Barzak said.

Timmi Duchamp, publisher and editor at Aqueduct Press, met Barzak at a feminist science fiction convention in Wisconsin. Barzak asked Duchamp to read his initial writings that eventually grew to become "Birds and Birthdays."

"He knew that I like his work," Duchamp said. "Being familiar with the kind of work we publish, [he] had the idea of asking me if I'd

be interested in considering the stories in 'Birds and Birthdays,' which he'd written for his thesis."

Duchamp read the stories and advised Barzak to expand the essay at the end of the collection.

Barzak remains busy at YSU. He is on a research fellowship and teaching one graduate class this semester. He advises the Student Literary Arts Association and "Jenny," the biannual online student literary magazine. He is also involved with the Students Motivated by the Arts, or SMARTS, program.

"Being a distinguished fiction writer is probably the most public part of what Chris does," said Julia Gergits, chairwoman of the English department. "But he is also incredibly good with the students at the graduate and undergraduate level. He's worked really closely with student organizations to try and help them and create their own venue for all kinds of writing, not just fiction."

## One step closer to YSU 2020

Kevin Alquist  
ASSISTANT NEWS EDITOR

In May, the Youngstown State University Academic Senate passed the first step to transition from open enrollment to a conditional admission policy, which is part of the 2020 strategic plan.

Advisers have been identifying and will identify students who need closer attention based on previous academic performance. These students are required to work closely with the Center for Student Progress and have their attendance records and grades monitored.

Jack Fahey, vice president for stu-

dent affairs, said the administration doesn't want to rush into a campus-wide policy just yet.

"We're going to see how many conditional admissions students we can help before making any changes," Fahey said.

Currently, 389 students have been identified by advisers and are receiving support from the CSP.

Though it is too early in the semester to gauge the long-term effects of the admissions policy, Fahey said so far it is being enforced effectively.

"After several semesters, we will be able to gauge the overall student success, and we will move forward," Fahey said.

Ikram Khawaja, provost and vice president for academic affairs, said active student participation is central to making the policy a success.

"Student academic success is the driving force behind the adoption of the conditional admission policy," Khawaja said.

Without students taking the initiative, Fahey said, the conditional admission policy will not be successful, and stricter standards for enrollment will be established in the future.

"We are doing some people a disservice by letting them enroll, borrow all the necessary money and watch them not reach their goal," Fahey said.

With a 7.6 percent decrease in enrollment over the last two years, the choice to turn students away becomes more difficult.

"State funding has increasingly held universities more accountable for student performance," Fahey said.

But increased state funding for high student performance does not make up for the decline in enrollment YSU has faced in recent years.

Fahey said it is important for the university to maintain a balance between giving its students the quality of education they signed up for and running the university as a successful business.

## 100 days till Mayan apocalypse?

Peter Mucha  
THE PHILADELPHIA  
INQUIRER  
(MCT)

PHILADELPHIA — Thought we'd give you a heads-up.

In case you had affairs to get in order, amends to make, Super Bowl tickets on your shopping list, or plans to view an entire TV series on Netflix.

Thursday — or Friday — marks 100 days till the end of the world as we know it. Assuming we make it through the presidential election.

On Dec. 21, or maybe the 23rd, a very long cycle of the Mayan calendar will run out, and that means, reports and other rumors have it, it'll be time to kiss your grass goodbye.

Unless you can outride

earthquakes like Jon Cusack in the Mayan apocalypse movie, "2012."

Actually, the wild claims reveal more about American culture than Mayan, says Elin Danien, a consulting scholar at the University of Pennsylvania Museum. The museum's exhibit, "Maya 2012: Lords of Time," explores the controversy, and confidently expects to continue through Jan. 13.

"I'm planning to have a very good New Year's Eve party," Danien said.

The claims of predictions are, well, baloney.

"It has nothing to do with reality," she said. "... They weren't in the business of predicting things."

Basically, a couple of calendar artifacts just stop at the end of a cycle. No image of a fiery collision with a rogue planet. No invitation to Earth's going-away party.

If the Maya believed in a max-disaster date, it would appear on thousands of relics, not just two, said museum scholar-in-residence Ricardo Agurcia, who hails from Honduras.

"I don't know why but Americans are fascinated by destruction" and legends like

Atlantis, Danien said.

Rolling crystal balls seem to gather momentum.

"Once a fantasy takes hold, there's no stopping it," she said.

At least until the world doesn't end.

By the way, British bookmaker William Hill accepts bets on dates we're all due for extinction.

"The end of the world is the one betting subject for which we permit customers to name their own odds," said spokesman Graham Sharpe.

"The odds we have offered range from very short to 1,000,000,000 to 1!"

Those wagering mostly want the betting slips for an artwork or a conversation piece with friends, Sharpe said.

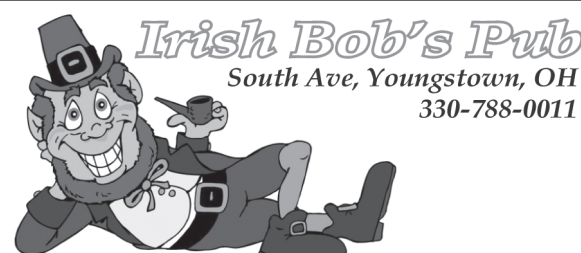
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*Steel museum announces workshops*

On the third Saturdays of September, October and November, the Youngstown Historical Center Archives/Library, located at 151 W. Wood St. in downtown Youngstown, will host workshops from 1 to 2:30 p.m. The cost is \$10 per person. The first event, titled "The Recipes of Family History," will be presented by Martha Pallante, chairwoman of the YSU History Department; it is scheduled for Saturday. The second, titled "Capturing Your Family's Oral History," will be presented by Donna DeBlasio, a YSU history professor; it is scheduled for Oct. 20. The third, titled "Your Immigrant Ancestors," will be presented by Pallante and DeBlasio; it is scheduled for Nov. 17.

**Free Music at Noon concerts return**

YSU's Dana School of Music will resume its Music at Noon concerts this month and continue them through Dec. 5. Performances will be held on Wednesdays at 12:15 p.m. in the Butler Institute of American Art. The concerts are free and open to the public. September performances include Brass Chamber Music on Wednesday and Jazz Combos on Sept. 26.

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**POLICE BRIEFS**

*Car scratched, thanks to Romney bumper sticker*

On Sunday, YSU Police responded to Cafaro House after a report about an 18-inch horizontal scratch on a car. The reportee's car was parked on Elm Street, just south of Madison Avenue; she said she believes her car was scratched because of the "Mitt Romney for President" bumper sticker on the car's rear.

*Kilcawley House resident handcuffed for Facebook photo*

On Monday, YSU Police were notified about a Facebook picture of a man standing in Lyden House with what appeared to be a handgun in his waistband. Police handcuffed the man and checked his bags. No weapon was found, and the man said the handgun in question is actually a soft pellet gun that belongs to someone else. Police told the man, who lives in Kilcawley House, that it isn't smart to post such pictures on Facebook; he immediately took it down.

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the trial likely to happen next April or May," Horvat said.

Jade Olmstead, 18, and Ashley Barber, 20, were charged with the murder.

Horvat's family donated \$100, but close friends and family aren't the only ones touched by Stevens-Rosine's story.

A stranger in California contacted Horvat after a pre-trial hearing in June, when she saw the story on the Huffington Post. The woman donated \$45.

Horvat has been asking for \$3 for each wristband, or two for \$5, but others have been much more generous.

"I've had people hand me \$20 and tell me they just want two wristbands," Horvat said. "The wristbands are flying out of my hands."

Horvat said Stevens-Rosine grew up in the house behind her father's. They were friends for seven years.

"She graduated with my little sister, and Brandy's 16-year-old sister is my youngest sister's age as well," Horvat said. "Our families meshed very well. Brandy became like a little sister to me."

Stevens-Rosine was cremated, so both Horvat and Stevens-Rosine's mother, Carrie Rosine, would appreciate a memorial bench or gathering space.

"I know family and friends need a place to gather to remember her in their own way," Rosine said. "Brandy and many friends used to gather in different areas around YSU, in between classes or just to visit with each other. They do not have a place to visit her, be it to cry or just talk to her."

Horvat has a difficult time coping with the loss of her friend.

"I try not to focus on the negatives, but the positives

that can come of it — like Carrie's decision to start a scholarship fund in Brandy's name," she said.

Fliers, the blog and word of mouth are Horvat's way of promoting the bracelets with Brandy's name on them. Horvat also hopes to take part in this year's Oktoberfest in Boardman Park with the Victims of Violent Crime.

Horvat and Rosine are planning a spaghetti dinner benefit and a night with several local bands that Rosine-Stevens knew to help raise money for the memorial bench.

"Sometimes I still feel like it's a nightmare that I am going to wake up from," Rosine said. "It's horrific. I cry every day. I talk to her every day, and I feel her hands on my shoulders guiding me, telling me, 'Mom, I'm still here and all right.' I just want her memory to live on."

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Paul Sracic, chairman of the political science department at YSU, said voter apathy is the likely result of the aftermath of the last presidential election.

"In 2008, people thought things were going to change after the election, and they didn't, and by some measure they've gotten worse," he said.

Sracic added that disappointment in the presidential race shouldn't discourage people from voting; there are other issues at stake.

"We place focus so much on the presidential election, but Congress has more power," Sracic said. "And beyond that, the state Legislature affects your life more. Your votes do count."

Senior Anthony Diana may skip the voting booth this year to spend time working

on making a more tangible difference in his community.

"I'm not sure if I want to vote, but students can find other ways to impact the community: Volunteer at soup kitchens, Habitat for Humanity and other nonprofits," he said. "There are plenty of ways to make an impact that can be much faster than voting."

Sracic, though, emphasized the importance of voting and civic engagement to the success of government. Despite the low projections for this year, he's not ready to give up on the current generation of voters.

"What it takes is a few really motivated students who are really interested in getting support up and organizing this, and I think other people will follow," Sracic said.

**CORRECTION**

*The Jambar misquoted a university official in Tuesday's issue. Budget Director Neal McNally was interviewed for the story "The magnitude of the issue is manageable."*

*He was quoted:*

"It sounds like a big number, and it is, but the figure is less than 2 percent of the university's general fund," McNally said. "The magnitude of the issue is manageable."

*Half of this quote was paraphrased. It should have been attributed as such, but the quotation marks were misplaced.*

*The quote should have read:*

"It sounds like a big number, and it is," but the figure is less than 2 percent of the university's general fund, McNally said. "The magnitude of the issue is manageable."

*We deeply regret the error, and will remain vigilant to ensure accuracy and fairness.*

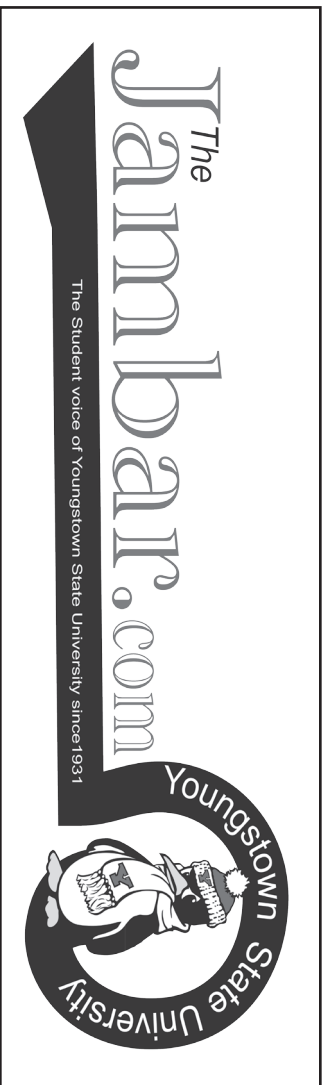
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different fields in the fall.

Rodabaugh said one way to convince students to stay in the state is to set them up with valuable internships. STEM students average \$14 to \$22 an hour in internships.

"These firms, they view it as a bargain," Rodabaugh said. "They view it as a really protracted interview process."

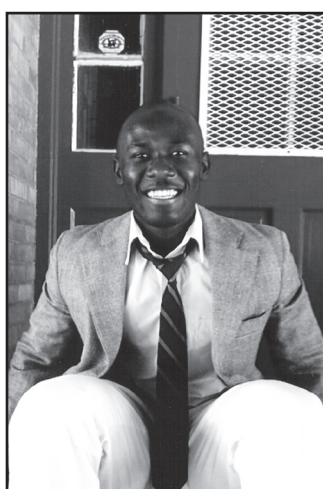
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## Nominees for Homecoming King



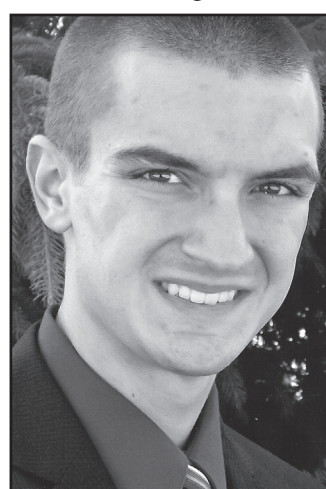
**Kingsley Ansah**

Organizations: African Student Union  
Major: Marketing Management

Professional goals: I plan to open a gym back home in Ghana for my family to run. I have plans to later branch a vitamin store with the gym within two years of the gym and its opening.

Personal goals: I'm working to obtain my U.S. citizenship before graduation and then it is my goal to get my MBA in Accounting.

Nominated by: African Student Union



**Michael Brand**

Organizations: Catholic Student Association, Beta Gamma Sigma, National Society of Collegiate Scholars, Student Government Association, IMA, Emerging Leaders

Major: Accounting  
Professional goals: Earn my CPA certification and work for a CPA firm.

Personal goals: Complete a marathon and raise a family.

Nominated by: Catholic Student Association



**Craig Dudek**

Organizations: Tau Kappa Epsilon Fraternity  
Major: Hospitality Management

Professional goals: I hope to make a positive impact in my community through my expertise and my passion for helping others.

Personal goals: I would like to travel the world, make new and lasting friendships, expand my network and give back to the community.

Nominated by: Tau Kappa Epsilon Fraternity



**Kurt Hess**

Organizations: Varsity Football, Student Athletic Advisory Committee (SAAC), Fellowship of Christian Athletes (FCA)

Major: Early Childhood Education

Professional goals: I would like to win the FCS National Championship, be drafted and play in the NFL and become a teacher or school administrator.

Personal goals: Have a family, coach and swim with dolphins and/or sharks.

Nominated by: Student Athletic Advisory Committee



**Stephen Horn**

Organizations: Student Recreation Advisory Committee, Penguin Productions and Marketing Chair for NIRSA Student Lead On 2013 Conference

Major: Business Management

Professional goals: To build a career in sports and recreation.

Personal goals: To compete in a fit body competition.

Nominated by: Student Recreation Advisory Committee



**Eric Lillie**

Organizations: Sigma Alpha Epsilon Fraternity, Housing & Residence Life

Major: Criminal Justice  
Professional goals: Graduate and gain a position as a corrections officer.

Personal goals: Never give up on anything I want to do in life.

Nominated by: Sigma Alpha Epsilon Fraternity



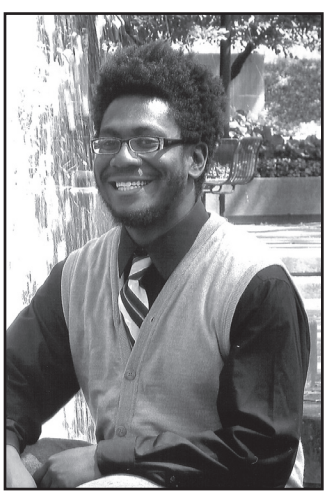
**James Mszanski Jr.**

Organizations: Sigma Chi Fraternity

Major: Exercise Science  
Professional goals: I would like to obtain my master of public health degree or my Ph.D. in physical therapy. I would like to work for a sports team or as a public health professional.

Personal goals: I strive to eventually get my Ph.D. and teach in college. Also, I would like to continue to volunteer my time and donate money to charitable causes.

Nominated by: Sigma Chi Fraternity



**Tyterion Wright**

Organizations: Sigma Tau Gamma Fraternity

Major: Exercise Science  
Professional goals: I would like to be a health fitness specialist and/or an athletic trainer.

Personal goals: To finish school, stay this awesome and always be the best man that I can be.

Nominated by: Sigma Tau Gamma Fraternity, Panhellenic Council and Greek Campus Life

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# Homecoming

## Nominees for Homecoming Queen



**Kayla Boye**

**Organizations:** University Scholars, Student Nonprofit Leadership Organization, Alpha Psi Omega, University Theater, Dance Ensemble, Phi Kappa Phi, Clarence P. Gould Honor Society, National Society of Collegiate Scholars, Student Government Association

**Major:** Professional Writing and Editing

**Minor:** Nonprofit Leadership

**Professional goals:** After an expected graduation in May 2013, I plan to pursue a career in theater or nonprofit organization management.

**Personal goals:** My versatile passions, including a love for the arts and creative expression, have allowed me to embrace amazing opportunities and meet great people at this university. With a strong YSU foundation, I am ready to pursue my dreams in life.

**Nominated by:** YSU Uni-



**Amber Cappitte**

**Organizations:** Her sorority, Exercise Science Club

**Major:** Pre-Nursing

**Minor:** Psychology

**Professional goals:** I would like to become a nurse in some branch of the military, either the U.S. Navy or U.S. Air Force.

**Personal goals:** My personal goals would be to finish college, start a family and move out of state.

**Nominated by:** Her sorority, Panhellenic Council



**Elyse Gessler**

**Organizations:** Zeta Tau Alpha Sorority, Phi Kappa Phi, Alpha Lambda Delta, Student Government Association

**Major:** Communications

**Minor:** Public Relations/Advertising

**Professional goals:** To pursue my M.A. in communications and a career in marketing.

**Personal goals:** I want to travel the world, have a family and live life to the fullest. But for now, I plan on having an amazing senior year.

**Nominated by:** Zeta Tau Alpha Sorority, Greek Campus Life, Student Government Association



**Therese Stevens**

**Organizations:** Society of Women Engineers, American Institute of Chemical Engineers, Phi Sigma Rho, Swim Team

**Major:** Chemical Engineering

**Minor:** Chemistry

**Professional goals:** I would like to have three summers of internship experience before I get a professional job in chemical engineering. I also would like to get my M.S. in chemical engineering before age 25 and to be chief product engineer for a major chemical company before age 30.

**Personal goals:** I would like to be involved in a volunteering event at least two times a semester, achieve personal best times in swimming and to break a school swimming record before my undergraduate career is over. I would also like to be able to master juggling five clubs before I graduate.

**Nominated by:** Society of Women Engineers



**Mikenzie Clark**

**Organizations:** Delta Zeta Sorority, Panhellenic Council

**Major:** Social Work

**Professional goals:** I would like to work for Ohio Children Services and eventually continue my education and receive a master's and Ph.D. in social work. I want to make a difference in families and children's lives.

**Personal goals:** I will work for Ohio Children Services at least a year after graduation and after that, I would like to keep my mind and options open for the future.

**Nominated by:** Delta Zeta Sorority



**Jill Grove**

**Organizations:** Student Organization for Respiratory Care, Athletic Department-Cheerleading, Zeta Tau Alpha Sorority, Sigma Alpha Lambda

**Major:** Respiratory Care

**Minor:** Psychology

**Professional goals:** I plan to graduate with a bachelor's degree in allied health and science and respiratory care. I would like to work at a children's hospital as well as work with adults in sleep diagnostic testing labs.

**Personal goals:** I would like to further my education at YSU in the master of respiratory care program and work at a local children's hospital.

**Nominated by:** Student Organization for Respiratory Care



**Marnie Cram**

**Organizations:** Residence Hall Association, Colleges Against Cancer

**Major:** Psychology

**Minor:** Social Institutions

**Professional goals:** I would like to enter the world of politics or own a business.

**Personal goals:** I would like to expand my horizons as an artist, drive out to New Jersey to visit my brother and pursue my M.A. in political science.

**Nominated by:** Residence Hall Association



**Rachelle Houy**

**Organizations:** Youngstown Student Education Association, National Society of Collegiate Scholars, Phi Kappa Phi Honor Society, Kappa Delta Pi Honor Society

**Major:** Integrated Language Arts and Social Studies

**Professional goals:** I want to teach English or history at a local high school. One day, I hope to earn my Ph.D. and teach at a university.

**Personal goals:** I want to make a positive impact on the world around me.

**Nominated by:** Youngstown Student Education Association



**Sarah Gabel**

**Organizations:** Student Athletic Advisory Committee, Food and Nutrition Students, Delta Gamma, Phi Kappa Phi Honors Society, Academy of Nutrition and Dietetics, YSU Softball

**Major:** Dietetics

**Professional goals:** After completing the Coordinated Program in Dietetics, my goal is to pass the registered dietetics exam, possibly get my M.S. and become a successful dietician.

**Personal goals:** Graduate from Youngstown State University in the Coordinated Program with high honors, win a Horizon League softball championship my senior year and then eventually become a successful dietician, helping my patients and others around me improve and live a more healthy, happy life.

**Nominated by:** Student Athletic Advisory Committee



**Samantha Marscio**

**Organizations:** Alpha Omicron Pi Sorority, Order of Omega

**Major:** Early Childhood Education

**Professional goals:** I would like to pursue a career as an early childhood teacher with the hopes of staying in the area, as well as obtaining my ABA in order to work with children that have behavioral problems.

**Personal goals:** My personal goals moving forward through and beyond my college career would be to graduate and become a kindergarten teacher. I would also like to have a family, be a varsity soccer coach and always exceed the expectations of those around me.

**Nominated by:** Alpha Omicron Pi Sorority



**Callie Garland**

**Organizations:** Ohio School Athletic Association, The Mahoning Valley Council of the International Reading Association, YSU Honors Program

**Major:** Early Childhood Education

**Professional goals:** To help mold and inspire young minds.

**Personal goals:** To always have fun with life!

**Nominated by:** Student Recreation Advisory Committee



**Veronica Wesley**

**Organizations:** Sista's With a Vision, Zeta Phi Beta Sorority, Inc.

**Major:** Communications

**Minor:** Advertising/Public Relations

**Professional goals:** My professional goals are to become a public relations specialist in the entertainment industry.

**Personal goals:** My personal goals are to develop the confidence and skills I need in order to succeed in life.

**Nominated by:** Zeta Phi Beta Sorority, Inc.

Voting for this year's Homecoming king and queen will take place on Tuesday from 8 a.m. to 8 p.m. and Wednesday from 8 a.m. to 2 p.m. in the lower level of Kilcawley Center between Home Savings and Loan and ComDoc Printing.

There are eight candidates for king and 12 candidates for queen. The top five in each category will vie for top honors.

During halftime of the YSU vs. University of South Dakota game on Nov. 3, the finalists will be presented and the winners then crowned.

For more information, please visit <http://www.ysu.edu/homecoming>, or call the YSU Student Activities Office at 330-941-3575.

## Jonesfest celebrates five years

Marissa McIntyre  
ARTS & ENTERTAINMENT  
EDITOR

Youngstown band Jones For Revival is hosting its fifth annual Jonesfest at Nelson Ledges Quarry Park. This year, the band decided to expand the usual one-day event into a weekendlong experience.

"This is our biggest deal of the year," said Jim DeCapua, the band's guitarist and lead vocalist.

Jones For Revival is made up of DeCapua, Jay Stephens on keyboard, Youngstown State University student Gino West on drums and Dave Lynn on bass and backup vocals.

On Friday, the band will pay homage to the Grateful Dead by playing cover songs from 8 to 11 p.m., as well as kayaking earlier in the day. Saturday activities begin with yoga at 11 a.m. with instructor Samantha Grbinick, followed by a 5K run at noon and a hand-drum clinic at 1 p.m., which will be taught by West. The music will begin at 1:30 p.m.

West, a food and nutrition major, said band members chose The Grateful Dead because a lot of their fans are "Deadheads" as well.

"We thought, 'Why not learn a few Grateful Dead songs and put the Jones twist on them?'" West said. "We could do two nights of Jones, but we wanted to put an added kick and give the audience something different to listen to. But they're still getting Jones both nights."

DeCapua said they wanted to expand the festival by incorporating physical activities as a way to stand out from other festivals, as well as to promote physical well-being.



Youngstown band Jones for Revival has been practicing for the fifth annual Jonesfest. The band has expanded the usual one-day event into an entire weekend including physical activities and a hand-drum workshop. Jonesfest starts Friday and ends on Sunday. Jambar file photo.

"These aren't happening at other festivals," DeCapua said. "We want to show people that it's easy to make life changes; you just have to try."

He said he hopes attendees are inspired to make life changes after the festival.

"I'll admit I've never done yoga before, but it's something I'm interested in, and, hey, maybe after, someone else will be inspired to try something new as well," DeCapua said.

West wanted to incorporate the hand-drum clinic as a way to bring everyone together.

"People have shown interest, so we're doing the hand-drum clinic just to show people how to execute playing in a circle," West said. "The idea is they leave feeling good in mind and spirit."

On Saturday, the opening bands begin at 1:30 p.m. and include Cosmic Circle, Dr. Fresh Butter, The Bees Trees

and Moser Woods.

DeCapua said he is excited for Jonesfest every year because the band gets to play a longer set.

"We all love to play and are excited to play for six hours this weekend," DeCapua said.

West said keeping the energy and stamina alive during a long performance is exhilarating, and feeling the audience's energy makes the time fly.

Jones For Revival often incorporates improvisation in their live show, which also makes the performance time enjoyable.

"We play and feed off of each other's energy, and that allows us a lot of room to take chances and keep it fresh," West said.

The band's biography on their website states the "power of music can help change lives," a motto DeCapua fully embraces.

"From my seat, it's inspir-

ing to look out into the audience and see people enjoying themselves and forgetting about the things that stress them out," DeCapua said. "I'm thinking, 'What can I do to make sure they have as good a time as they can?'"

He said their fans are as much a part of Jones For Revival as he and his bandmates are.

"When someone comes to our show, I just want them to feel the way I did when I picked up a guitar for the first time," DeCapua said.

The festivities end on Sunday following another 11 a.m. yoga session.

The band hopes to have more festivals each year, and members are already brainstorming ideas for next year's Jonesfest.

The cost for Jonesfest is \$30 for a three-day pass or \$20 for a Saturday and Sunday pass.

### YO CALENDAR

#### FRIDAY

*Free Master Class with David Breitman*

Dana School of Music  
Friday, 2:30 p.m.

*"Living As Form (The Nomadic Version)"*

11 a.m.-4 p.m.  
McDonough Museum of Art

*Polka Jam*

5:30 p.m.  
McMenamy's

#### SATURDAY

*Jimmy Buffet Night*

8 p.m.  
Quaker Steak and Lube

*Cosmic Bowling*

9 p.m.  
Mahoning Valley Lanes and Strikers Lounge

#### SUNDAY

*Hipp Night with Name That Tune*

8 p.m.  
O'Donold's Irish Pub and Grill, Austintown

*Karaoke with Shadow*

9 p.m.  
Sammy's Great American Bar

#### MONDAY

*Happy Hour*

3 p.m.  
Vintage Estate Wine & Beer

#### TUESDAY

*Yoga*

9:30 a.m.  
Fellows Riverside Gardens, \$10

*Open Mic*

9 p.m.  
Up A Creek Tavern

*Open Stage*

10 p.m.  
Barley's

*Ultimate Karaoke*

10 p.m.  
Utopia

#### WEDNESDAY

*Lemonaoke*

10 p.m.  
The Lemon Grove Cafe

## IPad fundraiser benefits Rich Center

Marissa McIntyre  
ARTS & ENTERTAINMENT  
EDITOR

Kyle White, a Youngstown native, grew up watching his aunt struggle to raise her son with autism.

He said people would often give looks him in the grocery store when his cousin had an episode.

"People around just didn't understand that this was the only way he had to communicate what he wanted," White said.

White recently teamed up with Jimmy Westerfield, his high school friend and a Youngstown State University student, to host the iPads for Autism fundraiser; all proceeds benefit the Rich Center for Autism.

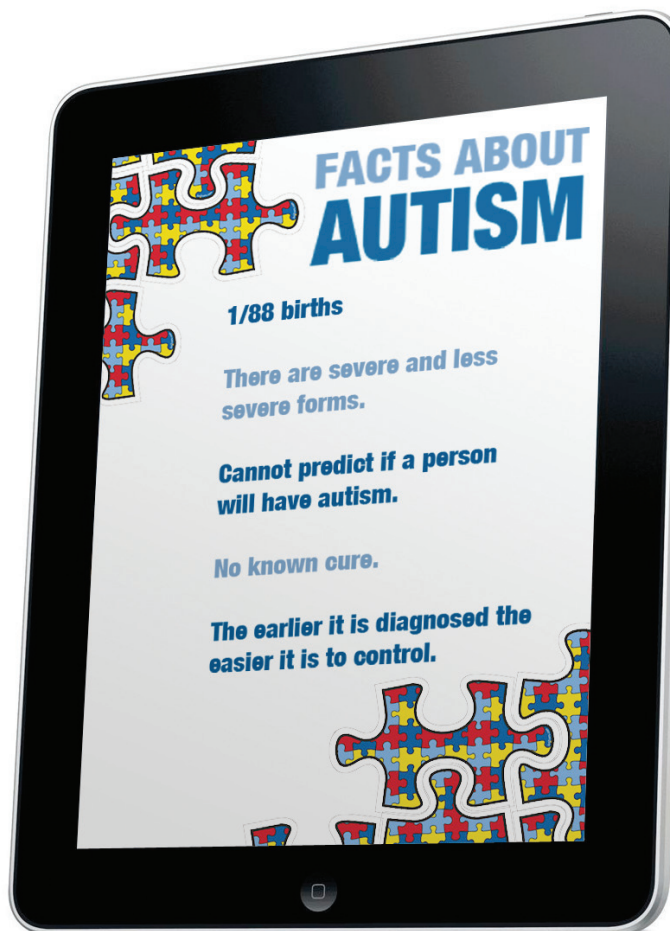
Westerfield, a junior, approached Tricia Perry, event coordinator for the Rich Center, and said he wanted to do this fundraiser. She said she was more than happy to help.

"We didn't look for it; he came to us, which is a blessing," Perry said.

She said the Rich Center is primarily funded through donations and fundraisers. Students receive a \$20,000 Ohio Autism Scholarship, but Perry said it takes double that amount for them to serve the students.

"It's wonderful that the community recognizes autism and comes to us wanting to help us serve these kids," Perry said.

Westerfield has promoted events for Entourage Night Club, Pal Joey's and 9ine Lounge and wanted to host



GRAPHIC BY KEVIN BUCKTHE JAMBAR

a fundraiser. He got the idea while watching a "60 Minutes" special on how those with autism communicate effectively with an iPad.

"These kids, once they see an iPad, their eyes just light up because they see this big screen," Westerfield said.

In the "60 Minutes" special, they showed how those with autism used the iPad's touch screen — instead of flash cards or cut-up bits of paper — to communicate.

White said his cousin uses an iPad to communicate and that he has seen growth in him ever since.

"I got to see my cousin grow up with autism, and the iPad has just given a voice to these kids who re-

ally had no way of communicating before," White said. "Now, instead of screaming in the store, he can use the iPad."

Perry said children with autism often do not have a language. They like to use iPads at the Rich Center to communicate, and the students respond well to them.

"Before, we would use pictures the kids could point at to let us know if they wanted to go outside," Perry said.

White and Westerfield wanted to combine their passion for promoting and do it all for a good cause.

"We couldn't think of a better organization," White said. He said even though he

goes to school at Washington and Jefferson College in Pennsylvania, his heart is with Youngstown.

The two called upon friends and fellow students to perform at the fundraiser, including Killa Karz, KeilyN, SirRokk, The Bad Apples, Veronica Skowron and Ralph Rich.

iPads for Autism is taking place at Happy Hour Bar and Grill in Boardman on Saturday.

There is a cover charge of \$5 with 100 percent of the proceeds being donated to the Rich Center to buy iPads for its students.

Westerfield is a bartender at Happy Hour, and he will also donate all of his tip money from the fundraiser.

## We're all out of change

RELATED STORY  
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Much of America was swept along a tidal wave of hope and change during the 2008 presidential election cycle.

Four years later, some still struggle to identify the differences between now and then.

Whether President Barack Obama really is a socialist Muslim out to ruin America, or he's an honest guy getting stonewalled by his opposition, polling data indicates that the American electorate may be tuning out civic engagement.

Youth voters are 25 percent less likely to vote this fall.

Paul Sracic, chairman of the political science department, blames the politicians. He said that young people are less interested because candidates have less to offer this time around.

It's an evolving problem.

Nielsen ratings showed a 41 percent drop in ratings for the Republican National Convention. The Democrats experienced a 34 percent drop as well.

Sadly, we live in a society where Honey Boo Boo's viewership rivaled Bill Clinton's speech.

With heightened fiscal circumstances and key social issues up for debate this election, the last thing we the people need to do is turn a blind eye.

Remember: These are the same elected officials who repealed Glass-Steagall; cut miles of red tape, thus enabling a nearly unregulated financial sector; and allowed partisanship to interfere with progress while we plummeted into the worst financial crisis in decades.

No change will come if candidates only see an apathetic electorate.

College students receive sparse attention from the political parties due to anemic turnouts on election days, and nothing will change if things only stay the same.

You say you want a revolution? Let your ballot be your pitchfork.

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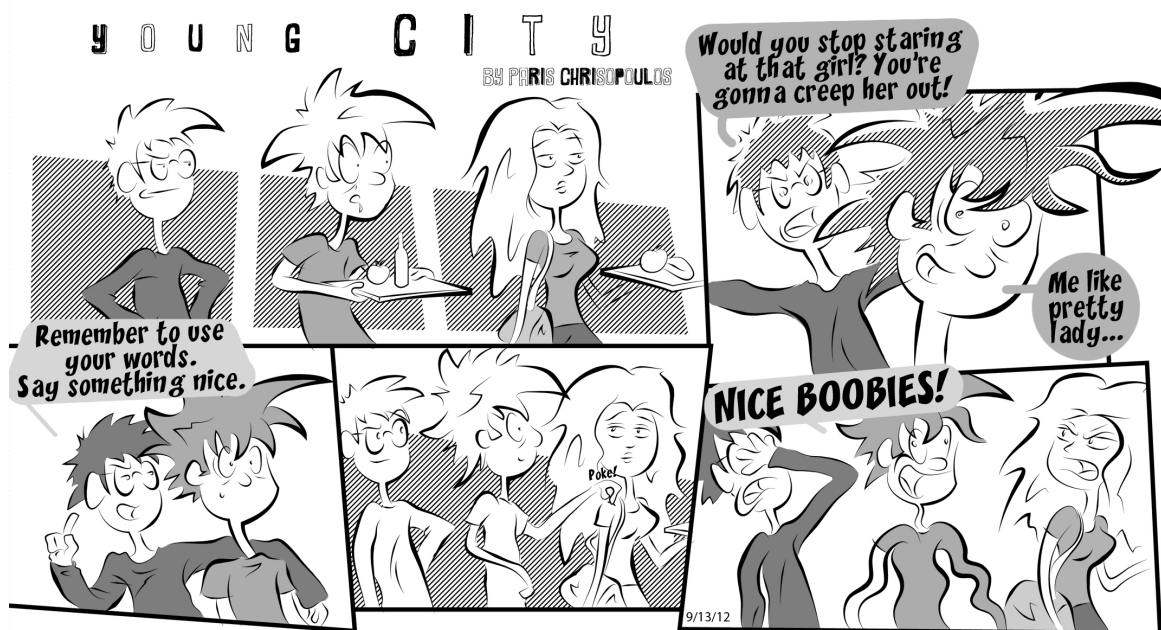
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### LETTER TO THE EDITOR

To Whom It May Concern:

There was some apparent misunderstanding on the article that featured forensic science students in the crime scene condo. In fact, The Jambar did not stage the crime scene; I did. The staging was one of six crime scenes that were featured during an actual laboratory assignment. However, several mannequins were found "alive" by first responders and removed from

the crime scene before The Jambar arrived to take photographs. Yes, sexual assault is a horrible crime, but unfortunately a relatively common one for CSIs to respond to. Shootings and murders are equally common and, I assure you, just as senseless and shocking, whether it be a male or a female victim. It is my sincere hope that one day I will not have to train future law enforcement on how to document and recover evidence from these

crimes, but until then, I take full responsibility in making sure our responders are prepared for the worst.

Respectfully,

Susan Clutter  
Assistant Professor,  
YSU Department of Criminal  
Justice and Forensic Sciences

### LETTER TO THE EDITOR

Enrollment is down. Again.

For the second straight year, YSU must cope with a lower enrollment than expected. Full-time equivalent enrollment is down by 4.3 percent from 2011 and 7.6 percent from 2010. The result is that the university will bring in \$4.5 million less in tuition revenue than it had projected in the annual budget.

The loss of revenue must be reconciled because the university can only afford to take money out of its "rainy day" fund for so long. More than likely, these cuts will come in some form that harms students. Or, worse, this bad planning will lead to a lack of improvements for students. (Kilcawley Center still hasn't been renovated.)

The view of the administration that this enrollment decline and subsequent budget problems were inevitable is absolutely false. The fault of this problem lies in many of the individuals in the YSU administration, all of whom fail to take blame for this now huge problem. The blame really falls on all of them as a collective whole.

One of the main reasons that YSU currently is in this fiscal hole is that enrollment for fall 2012 was expected to remain flat, i.e., no rise or fall. However, this problem was foreseen but not acted upon by the

administration.

As The Jambar reported, Ron Cole said, "There were times over the summer where it looked like it was going to be in the 7, 8, maybe 9 percent range." Jack Fahey admitted to The Jambar that in the summer, enrollment numbers were down from the same time the year prior. So, we foresaw a huge decline in enrollment but still planned for a flat enrollment number?

Despite indications that enrollment was dropping, YSU had faith that the numbers would recover to be equal to the prior year. Now, I am an optimist but that is way more than optimism. Despite these indications, projections remained for a flat number, a budget was drafted for a flat number and a budget was approved for a flat number. The fault here is in all three entities that made these decisions: student affairs, budget committee and the board of trustees. Fault exists, but there is no accountability for these actions.

Students should be even more upset over the excuses given for the enrollment decline. Many have cited the improving area economy as a reason for enrollment decline, which is true, but it should have been planned for, as the economy in this area has been recovering for a number of years. Addition-

ally, the budget should have been made more conservatively, not on a "we'll-cross-that-bridge-when-we-come-to-it" attitude toward a potential enrollment decline. More advertising and more recruitment, especially from farther away, could have helped offset the enrollment decline.

Not every university in Ohio has faced a decline. Ohio University and Miami University have both experienced increased enrollment. Marketing and communications has understandably been handcuffed by YSU's \$450,000 budget compared to Kent State University, which spends \$1.5 million. However, more money can be allocated for marketing YSU to more people, and a marketing scheme more focused on the best things YSU has to offer. (I have never seen an advertisement featuring YSU's Honors Program, Engineering program, or business school, all of which can attract people to YSU.)

So, students should take a good long look at those making decisions with their money and make sure that they are held accountable.

Kevin Snyder  
Youngstown

## Mitt Romney wants to cut taxes and keep revenue the same. Can that really be done?

Los Angeles Times  
(MCT)

Republican presidential candidate Mitt Romney insists that his plan to cut tax rates by 20 percent across the board wouldn't increase the federal deficit because he'd eliminate some of the loopholes used by the wealthy. Those changes, combined with faster economic growth, would keep government revenue rising at its current rate, Romney argues.

Whether that's actually possible is a subject of intense debate among economists, who've been left to guess which tax breaks Romney would seek to end for whom. Unfortunately, when Romney was asked in a television interview Sunday to explain how his plan would work, he responded with the same vague outline that he's offered in the past. Details matter in tax policy, and if Romney is going to make his economic plan the centerpiece of his election bid, he should stop punting on the specifics.

Lawmakers from both parties

have called for simplifying the tax code by ending some exemptions and deductions, and President Obama has said he'd like to do that eventually. In the near term, though, there's a crucial difference between what the candidates want to do on taxes: Obama wants to raise revenue, and Romney doesn't. In particular, Obama has called for couples earning more than \$250,000 to pay the same income tax rates that they paid before President George W. Bush's cuts in 2001 and 2003. Romney wants to slice rates 20 percent lower than Bush did, without reducing the amount the government would collect.

Voters know exactly what would happen to their tax bill next year under Obama's proposal — and economists on the left and right can have a vigorous debate about its effect on the economy — because all the necessary details are on the table. The same can't be said of Romney's plan. Although he's been clear about his goals, Romney hasn't shown even by way of illustration how they could all be achieved. Instead, he would leave it to lawmakers to translate those goals into legislation.

Even with the blanks left unfilled, some economists argue that Romney's plan couldn't do what he claims. A 20 percent cut in rates reduces revenue so much, they contend, that it would be impossible to cover the shortfall just by eliminating tax breaks for the wealthy. Granted, Romney appears to be intimately familiar with the loopholes and exemptions available to that group; he paid taxes at a lower rate last year than millions of middle-class families did. But even so, he needs to show that his numbers add up and that he could eliminate breaks without undermining the tax cuts' ability to boost the economy. Romney's pledge not to reduce the tax burden on high incomes would seem to conflict with his goal of promoting growth by inducing entrepreneurs and small businesses to hire and spend more.

Some conservative scholars argue that if you start with a different set of assumptions, you can cut rates without reducing revenue. But economists on both sides are just guessing, which is the best anyone can do unless and until Romney makes a more detailed case for his plan.

# Obey the 'Rule'



Head football coach Eric Wolford celebrates as Ricardo Dixon recovers a blocked punt against Valparaiso University. The Penguins beat Valpo, 59-0, and play host to the University at Albany on Saturday. Photo by Dustin Livesay/The Jambar.

**Steve Wilaj**  
SPORTS EDITOR

Hang around the Youngstown State University football team, and you'll likely hear many mentions of a certain rule.

It's the "24-Hour Rule," created by head football coach Eric Wolford.

The rule, as defined by Wolford, is, "Win or lose [the game], we'll either enjoy it or mourn — whatever the case may be — for 24 hours. Then, we have to move on."

Apparently, the YSU football players have taken a liking to the rule. More often than not, the rule is referenced by whichever player is speaking at the weekly press conference.

"The coaches put a big emphasis on reflecting for 24 hours, win or lose, regardless of what it is," offensive tackle D.J. Main said during Tuesday's press conference. "You

watch film, learn from it and move on."

Wolford, who spent 12 years as an assistant coach at the Division I level prior to joining YSU, said his rule is original.

"I don't remember working with anybody who ever said, 'We have a 24-hour rule,'" Wolford said. "It's something that I believe in.

"I think it's important that when you're building a program, you have to have the ability to put the past behind, whether it's a success or defeat. That's part of the process [of getting better]."

Under Wolford's leadership, the Penguins have done just that. From 3-8 in his first year in 2010, 6-5 in 2011 and currently 2-0, the results speak for themselves.

"I think you treat every game the same," Wolford said, further explaining his rule. "By saying that, you have to be able to dismiss [a bad game] and move on."

Saturday's home opener was anything but bad for YSU, as the Penguins defeated Valparaiso University, 59-0. But if the Penguins remain true to form, they've been focused on the University at Albany since Monday.

"You can't look past this Albany team," offensive tackle Andrew Radakovich said.

The Great Danes will come into Saturday's matchup at Stambaugh Stadium with a 2-0 record. Their coach, Bob Ford, is entering his 40th season with Albany; he led the Great Danes to the playoffs in 2011.

"They'll present an interesting challenge for our football team," Wolford said. "They're going to come in here ready to play [us], and I think we're going to get a great effort from them."

Offensively, Albany features running back Drew Smith, who has compiled 237 in the first two games.

"They like to run the football," Wolford said. "They do

run some similar schemes we run on offense, so there will be some carryover there for our defense."

The Penguins defense, fresh off of its first shutout since 2009, has been a pleasant surprise through two games. Wolford credits much of the progress to defensive coordinator Joe Tresey.

"Improvements always start with leadership, and Joe brings that," he said. "We're also more accountable, and we've significantly improved our level of talent in the secondary."

Dale Peterman, a first-year starter in the improved secondary, attributes this year's success to last year's experience.

"The experience has definitely been a big factor from last year to this year," Peterman said. "Coach Tresey got us right through camp, mentally pounding us. I think the coaches have our mental aspect really prepared."

## SPORTS BRIEFS

### Women's golf finishes second in Detroit

The YSU women's golf team participated in the Detroit Titans Fall Classic on Monday, finishing in second place. YSU had a two-round score of 619, led by Allison Mitzel, who shot a 152. Aislynn Merling and Sarah Heimlich each shot a 155, finishing in seventh place.

### Baseball adds seven recruits

The YSU baseball team announced on Tuesday the addition of seven new players to the roster. The group includes catchers Dan Poppio, Jonas Wellan, and Josh White; first baseman Kris Moules; outfielders Mike Accardi and Devin Higgins; and pitcher Jared Wight.

## PENGUIN SPOTLIGHT

### Ali Viola



**Height:** 5'8"  
**Hometown:** North Huntingdon, Pa.  
**Position:** Goalkeeper

Off to a 4-1 start this season, the YSU soccer team is anchored by goalkeeper Ali Viola. Through the first five games, Viola has allowed only four goals in 453:38 minutes while collecting 20 saves. Viola, a criminal justice major, is in her junior season.

## FOOTBALL RANKINGS

- 1 North Dakota\*
- 2 Sam Houston State
- 3 Montana State
- 4 Old Dominion
- 5 James Madison
- 6 Northern Iowa\*
- 7 Appalachian State
- 8 **Youngstown State**
- 9 Wofford
- 10 Georgia Southern
- 11 Eastern Washington
- 12 Montana
- 13 Lehigh
- 14 Delaware
- 15 Towson
- 16 Stony Brook
- 17 Illinois State\*
- 18 New Hampshire
- 19 McNeese State
- 20 Central Arkansas
- 21 Maine
- 22 Norfolk State
- 23 The Citadel
- 24 Harvard
- 25 Eastern Kentucky

\*Upcoming YSU opponents

# Referees please

**Cory Bartek**  
SPORTS REPORTER

Youngstown State University alumnus Ryan O'Lear has the answer for students that want to earn income and stay active during the school year.

O'Lear is conducting a class for individuals who are interested in becoming basketball officials.

"I wanted to give students at my alma mater a chance to sign up for my class," he said.

O'Lear has been licensed by the Ohio High School Athletic Association since 1998 and by the NCAA since 2004.

Along with refereeing in multiple college conferences and various high school games, O'Lear has also officiated for the NBA Development League tryouts, a Cleveland am-pro summer league, and a premier basketball league.

O'Lear said the biggest game he ever officiated was when No. 1-ranked Oak Hill Academy of Virginia took on No. 7-ranked Mater Dei High School of California in a cross-country battle. The high school game was televised on ESPN and more than 17,000 people were in attendance.

O'Lear said although that was a significant game, he treats all games equally.

"Every single game is huge because you never know when a kid is going to have a huge game," he said.

He admitted that while a Newton Falls High School versus Jackson-Milton

High School game might not generate the publicity that a Canfield High School versus Poland Seminary High School game does, it's just as important.

"As officials, we have to have an open mind and treat all games the same," O'Lear said.

O'Lear said the best part of being an official is staying connected to the game and working with great people, while the worst part is missing a call.

"When you make an incorrect call, you have not only let yourself down, but you have also impacted the game incorrectly," he said.

O'Lear said he encourages those interested to take his class and sign up to be an official, as there is a need for more referees. He also hopes that with all of his experience, he can be a better educator.

"I've been to over 85 referee camps and spent an excess of \$20,000 on basketball education," he said. "A \$110 payment to OHSAA gets the student about 30 hours teaching and includes the two required tests."

Passing the certification enables students to become officials for this season and qualifies them to referee from grade six through the junior varsity level. To register for the course, students need to register with the OHSAA at <http://www.officials.myohsaa.org>.

The class will be held at Newton Falls High School and is scheduled to start on Monday. Those interested can contact O'Lear either by calling 330-931-7059 or by email at [drumpet44444@gmail.com](mailto:drumpet44444@gmail.com).

