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## Only food or drink in The Library, please

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The Lemon Grove, located in the Knox Building downtown, will now be known as The Library at the Knox, and is undergoing numerous renovations.

Brent Furrie, local bar owner and promoter, has taken over The Library project. Furrie said he hopes his business venture will serve the community by adding a more diverse and cultural experience for downtown Youngstown.

Renovations to The Library have started, and will continue over the next few months. Furrie said he wants to utilize all five floors of the Knox Building and expects renovation costs to exceed \$100,000.

"I love having a building that is five floors. My goal is to get all five floors opened all with different themes," said Furrie.

While these themes have not yet been determined, Furrie said a game room featuring pool tables, arcade games and

darts will occupy the building's basement.

Jacob Harver, owner of the previous Lemon Grove, will run an art gallery out of the Knox Building.

"I am very happy with how things have gone. We have a diverse crowd, and it has been a great time so far in this partnership with Brent," Harver said. "My main passion is to evolve this building. There is a lot of promise for how much can happen."

The Martini Brothers will be taking over the kitchen, with their featured menu item, the Knox Burger. It comes topped with lettuce, tomato, onions and cheese.

"The Martini Brothers Burgers will have everyone in love," Furrie said.

Wraps, salads, steak, pasta and pizza will also be featured on the new menu.

Furrie and Harver said they are working hard to make the Knox Building student friendly. The library will accept Pete's Points and will also give 10 percent off menu items to students with

Youngstown State University IDs.

"I want YSU to feel at home here," Furrie said.

Jessica Lunt, a senior at YSU and employee at V2, a neighboring restaurant, is supportive of The Knox Building renovations.

"I am open to all new places downtown. If it weren't for new bars opening, none of us would be successful," Lunt said.

Doug Starr is a student who will be the DJ on Thursdays and Fridays at The Library.

"I'm excited to see where things will go, it has been a fun experience so far," he said.

Starr commented on the nightlife changes he has seen since Furrie has taken over.

"The crowd has improved immensely, it has been packed every weekend," he said.

The Library is located at 110 West Federal Plaza in downtown Youngstown. The restaurant and bar will be open seven days a week. The Library will serve all ages until after 10 p.m. when it will switch to 21 and over.



Photo by Joanne Tombo/The Jambar.

## Interest rates stay low for students

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Earlier this month, President Barack Obama signed a bill into law that will lower interest rates on student loans for this school year, an action that impacts Youngstown State University students.

On July 1, interest rates on federally subsidized student loans temporarily doubled, jumping from 3.4 percent to 6.8 percent on new loans. By the end of July, Congress agreed to retroactively lower these interest rates by passing the Bipartisan Student Loan Certainty Act of 2013, which was signed into law on Aug. 9.

While interest rates on these loans are subject to change in the future because they will fluctuate with the health of the economy, under-

graduate rates on federally subsidized Stafford loans for this academic year are locked in at 3.86 percent.

While the passage of the Bipartisan Student Loan Certainty Act garnered much attention from the media, James Stanger, associate director of technology and support in the YSU Office of Financial Aid, said some of this attention is unwarranted.

"I am stressing that a lot of this headline news is politicians playing politics," Stanger said. "It's positive that they kept rates low, but it is not solving a crisis."

Stanger indicated that interest rates are only one factor that contributes to student debt. He encourages students to avoid future financial trouble by being responsible borrowers.

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FIRST DISBURSED WHEN?	UNDERGRADUATE SUBSIDIZED STAFFORD LOAN	UNDERGRADUATE UNSUBSIDIZED STAFFORD LOAN	GRADUATE UNSUBSIDIZED STAFFORD LOAN
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Figures from American Student Assistance.

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### CORRECTION

In Tuesday's edition of The Jambar, the story "Robberies around campus" was not published in its entirety. The full article is available at thejambar.com/news. We deeply regret the error.

## Surveying the Campus

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According to a survey of 586 Youngstown State University students, faculty and staff, the YSU campus is considered safe, and the YSU Police Department is operating efficiently.

Of those polled, 92.5 percent felt that YSU is a safe campus, while 89.9 percent stated they were satisfied with the response time of the YSU officers. Additionally, 91 percent said they were content in the way their call was handled.

Participants that claimed to feel unsafe, said they felt so at night due to the lack of lighting and police visibility in the parking decks and on the campus core.

This is the first survey conducted under YSUPD Chief John Beshara's term.

"I think YSU is a very safe campus, and the actual statistics show that. It is our duty to post crime statistics to the public. We do a very efficient job posting the crimes that do appear here on the university," Beshara said.

YSUPD officer Donald Cox conducted the survey in conjunction with the YSU Criminal Justice department.

"I personally feel these results say a lot about the campus police, their professionalism and the way in which they interact with the campus community," Cox said.

Beshara said positive safety statistics are at least partially the result of an updated Emergency Alert System — which was at no cost the campus. The

alert system has the capability to reach out to individual buildings and students to alert of crimes and emergencies.

YSU also has a campus emergency callbox, student security aides and YSU Parking Services to further ensure safety.

Kim Bennett, a forensic science major, believes that the YSU Police Department demonstrates the satisfactory results of the survey.

"They do a great job. Whenever I have an encounter with any of the officers they are always kind and understanding," she said.

Bennett has been living on campus for two years and said she has always felt secure, even during late hours.

"I feel safe because I see the police patrolling around the housing facilities when I come home at night," she said.

Kevin Ragan, an intermittent police officer, provides security for university housing and events. Ragan ensures that unauthorized people do not gain access into the dorms and that unauthorized items do not enter the building.

"YSU students have the privilege of having a professionally trained, full-time police department available whose sole responsibility is the protection of university students, staff and property," Ragan said.

Ali Macioge, mathematics major, said that the survey results are beneficial to the YSU community.

"Youngstown has a bad reputation and I think if more people saw this they wouldn't be so nervous about going to YSU," she said.

# It's your money, and you need... to *build* your credit score

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Upon entering college, most students become closer to financial independence. With this increased independence comes increased financial responsibility.

Bill Hardekopf, CEO of LowCards.com and a frequent contributor to Forbes magazine, said the most important step in becoming financially stable is to start to build a good credit score right after graduation.

"Build your credit score as high and solidly as possible," he said. "Students have been dealing with test scores their whole lives, but now the most important score they're going to get is a credit score."

Hardekopf explained the importance of credit scores and how they can affect college students in the future. He said that a credit score could determine what kind of interest rates someone can get on a car or house loan.

"Employers also look at your credit score to determine whether they want to hire you or not," Hardekopf said.

Hardekopf focused on some of the ways that graduating students can build a good credit score. He said that students might want to put some bills or a credit card in their name and then make the payments for those items when they are due. He said that the next step is to save up for an emergency fund and to pay off their debts as soon as possible.

"There are so many college kids in debt. About 40 percent of people under 30 have outstanding student loans,"

he said. "Don't wait to pay on a loan. Interest will accrue on a student loan — whether it is by the year, month, or day, depending on what kind of loan a student took out."

James Stranger, financial associate director at Youngstown State University extended his own advice on student loans. He said students should get in contact with their loan servicer after graduation.

"Student loan servicers will be in contact via mail or email leading up to their first payment, and students should be aware of who is servicing their loans and what their loan debt amounts to," he said.

Stranger said that students have a six-month repayment period after their last semester of classes to start paying money back on loans, and that students

should find out who that service may be.

"Students enter repayment six months after they graduate or leave school — which is six months after their last semester of attending at least half-time. Multiple repayment plans are available and the student can work with their servicer to find the plan that works best for them," he said.

Aubri Warminski, a business major at YSU, said that she feels that she spends her money wisely and will not be in financial trouble.

"Once I get a stable job and actually dive into my career, I'll be able to start paying back my loans," she said. "As for right now, I'm just focusing on getting through college first."

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"We advise students from the first time they borrow to be proactive. The responsibility as a borrower begins the day they secure a student loan. Not the day they begin to repay it," Stanger said.

Stanger suggested that students only borrow what they need, know their balance and be familiar with their loan servicer.

Some YSU students expressed relief that interest rates on their student loans will remain low for the coming academic school year. Devin Cowher, a chemistry major in her second year, described herself as a responsible borrower who benefits from low interest rates.

"I think it's a good idea [to

keep interest rates on student loans low] because I don't have to pay as much later on," she said. "I continue to keep my grades good, and I go to school every day, and I maintain a job."

Lindsey Fisher, a senior integrated social studies major, said keeping interest rates low on student loans will benefit young adults.

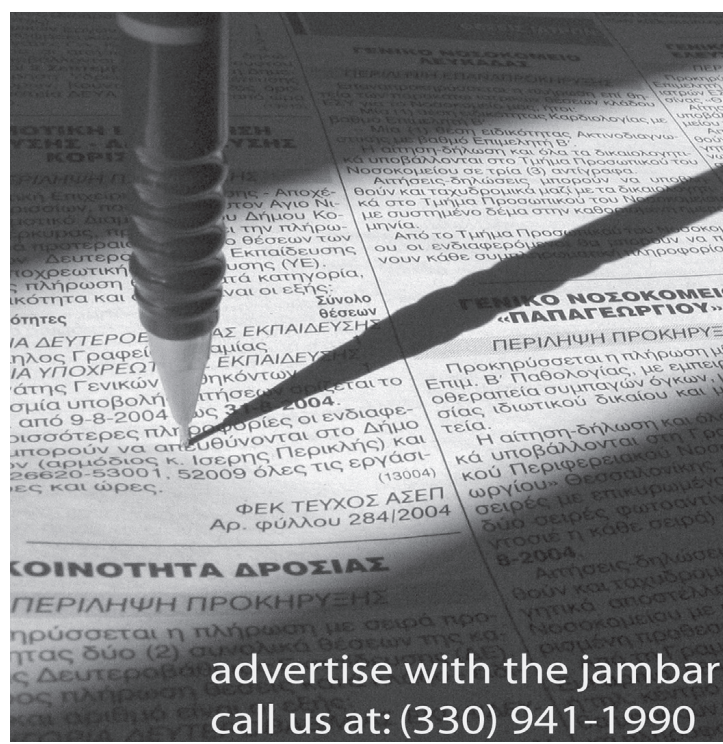
"I followed the story very closely, and when I was a graduating senior in high school, I compared the different loans and interest rates because I wanted to try and graduate with the least amount of debt as possible," Fisher said. "I am thrilled that congress has decided to not put that burden on its youngest and newest members of society because that would just be completely unfair. ... Most other countries don't handicap their

most abled producers so early in life."

Other students were not as certain about their feelings regarding the passage of the Bipartisan Student Loan Certainty Act.

Gina Gilmore, a junior business management major, said she does not think about her future finances.

"I know I am going to have to take [loans] out and probably be in debt for the rest of my life, but I think that the degree is worth it," Gilmore said. "With the interest rates, I am glad that they are lower, and I won't have to pay back more, but I'm really not much of a future thinker. I do what I can now and get what I can now."



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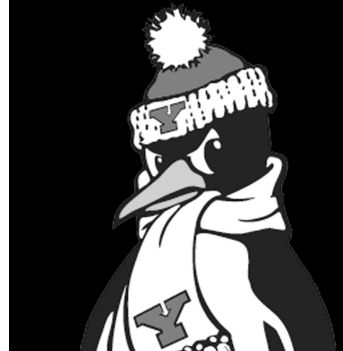
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**NEWS BRIEFS**

**YSU swimmers to hold clinic**

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**WCBA to host entrepreneurship seminars this fall**

Four "Business Start-Up Basics" seminars are being held at Youngstown State University's Williamson College of Business Administration this fall. The seminars are offered by the Ohio Small Business Development Center at YSU for anyone interested in entrepreneurship. They are also a prerequisite to receive business assistance and counseling from the YSU SBDC. The sessions will be Tuesdays, from 5:30 to 8:30 p.m. on Sept. 17, Oct. 15, Nov. 12, and Dec. 10.

**POLICE BRIEFS**

**Meshel trespasser**

On August 12, two officers were dispatched to the women's bathroom on the first floor of Meshel Hall in regards to the presence of a suspicious man. The man was placed under arrest and was charged with criminal trespass and disorderly conduct.

**Arrest at Smith Hall**

On Aug. 23, at 5:25 a.m., an arrest was made at the southeast doors of Smith Hall on a subject who had a warrant.

**Fire under bridge**

On Aug. 24, at approximately 5:53 p.m., a patrolling officer observed a small fire smoldering under the pedestrian bridge on Wick Avenue.

**Allergic reaction**

On Aug. 25, an officer was dispatched to Lyden House at 1:12 a.m. in response to a female subject that had an allergic reaction to shellfish.

**Fearing US missiles, Syrians flood neighboring Lebanon**

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MASNAA, Lebanon — The main border crossing between Syria and Lebanon was thronged Wednesday with Syrians intent on fleeing what many locals believe will be a series of American-led airstrikes against Syrian government targets over the regime's alleged use of chemical weapons last week against rebels.

Lebanese media outlets — which tend to employ hyperbole on refugee matters — said tens of thousands of Syrians had used the Masnaa border crossing in the past 48 hours to flee the more than 2-year-old rebellion that has killed more than 100,000 people and threatens to enter a new phase of Western involvement. Lebanese security sources put the numbers substantially lower but said they were believed to be in the thousands.

Lebanon already has seen the arrival of what some groups — including the United Nations — estimate are more than 700,000 Syrians fleeing the fighting. The refugees already have stressed the resources and economy of Lebanon, with a pre-Syrian war population of about 4 million religiously diverse and politically fractious people.

Millions of Syrians have been displaced by the fighting throughout that country and at least 2 million, accord-

ing to the U.N., have ended up in neighboring Lebanon, Turkey and Jordan. But the announcement by the U.S. administration that it would strongly consider airstrikes in response to an alleged chemical attack by the regime last week that killed hundreds of people sparked a new round of evacuations.

"Syria could be on the edge of an abyss. This war has resulted in a humanitarian calamity without parallel in recent history," U.N. High Commissioner for Refugees Antonio Guterres said from Iraq, which is serving as host to at least 200,000 displaced Syrians. "When a war sweeps up a nation, there can be nothing more important to its people than open borders."

Many of the Syrians waiting in the reasonably orderly queues to enter Lebanon — Syrians and Lebanese can cross each other's borders without a visa — appeared to be wealthy and middle-class representatives of Damascus' mostly pro-regime merchant class. And many appeared to already have had their families flee before them.

"I'm just coming to visit my family in Beirut," said Abu Rami, a regime supporter and businessman from Damascus who only gave a partial name, as he waited on line to enter Lebanon. "They've been here since last summer while I run my business. But with this news, I decided to come visit them for a bit."

When asked how long he planned to stay, he was non-

committal.

"Ask Obama," he joked.

With tensions already stratospherically high in Lebanon after a series of car bombs alternated between pro- and anti-regime neighborhoods earlier this month, the authorities appeared willing to take soft measures to deter as many Syrians as possible. Local media reported that any Syrian with any sort of irregularity in their paperwork would be denied entry at the normally fairly lax border crossing.

Security officials denied that Syrians were being targeted but said the stream of refugees was large enough to persuade authorities to "ensure all procedures are properly followed," in the words of one official who declined to give his name.

Many Lebanese blame the 1975-1990 civil war on hundreds of thousands of Palestinian refugees who fled to Lebanon in the 1940s and 1960s, and their continued presence in semi-autonomous camps around the country remains politically controversial.

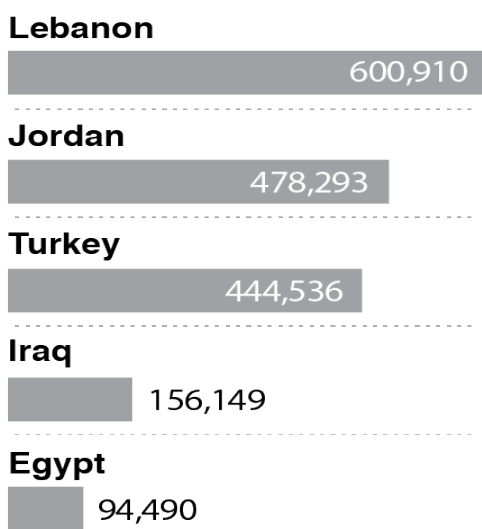
But even as rents rise amid a housing shortage in Beirut and some working class Lebanese begin to compete with cheaper Syrians for jobs, many Syrians despair of any other option.

"My house and life were in Homs," said Abu Muhammed al-Homsi, a refugee in northern Lebanon. "But my house and city have been destroyed by shelling and my country is now hell. I can't return to nothing."

**Exodus from Syria**

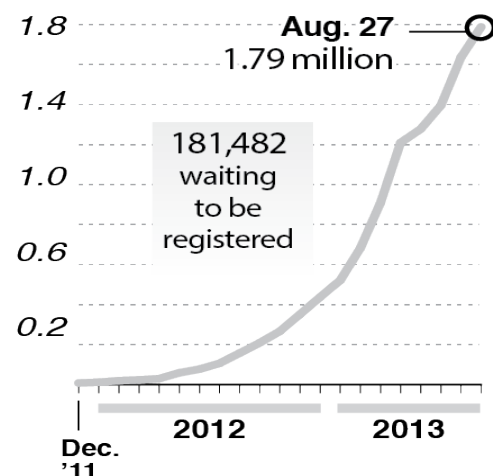
Syrian refugees registered with the U.N. as of Aug. 27, 2013, total almost 1.8 million.

Refugees by host country



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How the crisis has grown  
Registered refugees by month, in millions



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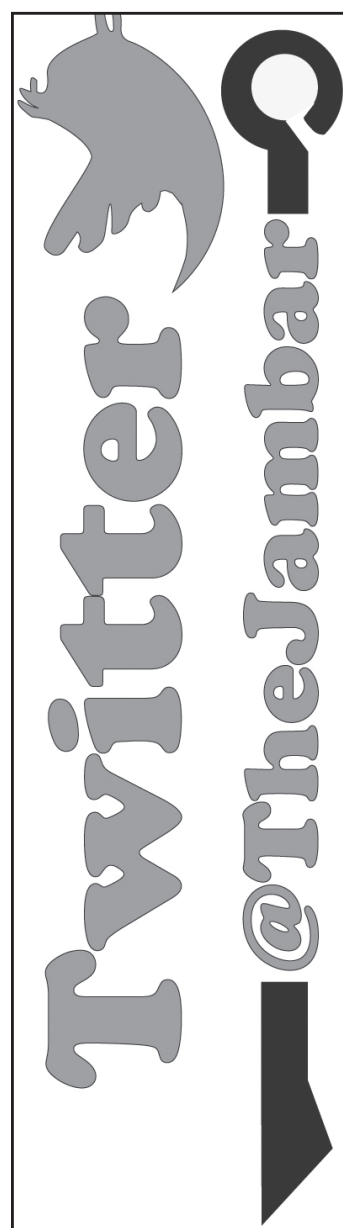
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# Bringing the beatdown

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Tuesday, Youngstown State University's chapter of Sigma Alpha Epsilon fraternity tested their strength and agility against a

few of Youngstown's finest, all for a good cause.

For three semesters, SAE has hosted their philanthropy event, "Y-town Beatdown" outside of Kilcawley Center.

Jeremy Boozer, president of SAE, said that "Y-town Beatdown" started out as an

idea that could one day blow up.

"First semester, we had a brother that was in the ROTC," Boozer said. "He had a connection to the army and when he approached them with the [idea], they loved it."

The "beatdown" pits the brothers against the ROTC and Youngstown State University Police in various competitions such as a Humvee push, obstacle courses, tug-of-wars, and eating contests all while raising money for the fraternity's main philanthropy, Children's Miracle Network.

In the past, SAE has worked closely with Akron Children's Miracle Network in Boardman and has volunteered at radiothons to raise money to give sick children with cancer teddy bears as well as attending Christmas Tree Lightings for the hospital.

This year, the brothers decided to expand out and open up the event to more organizations, one of which included the Youngstown State Police Department.

Mike Mehley, YSUPD officer, participated in this year's "beatdown".

"I really liked it and had a lot of fun," Mehley said. "I really hope next time around we can get more teams to participate because it is for a good cause."

Between each of the nine events, the brothers and officers took colored buckets and walked around YSU's campus asking for donations to go toward the charity of their choice.

"The most important part is raising money," Boozer said. "You see people running across campus to get people to donate, which is cool."

Although the weather didn't cooperate, the brothers still managed to draw large crowds during their events and raised money to send to Akron Children's Miracle Network.

Joe Crum, junior brother and philanthropy chair of SAE, said that the event was a really fun way to get others involved, besides those who participated in the competitions.

"Sometimes people may have a bad mentality of fraternities," Crum said. "This is a great way to get out there and show them the great things that they actually do."



Sigma Alpha Epsilon, ROTC and YSUPD pushed humvees and tested their agility Tuesday at SAE's philanthropy event, "Y-town Beatdown." Photo by Taylor Phillips/The Jambar

# Must Love Dogs

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For the past 17 years, Karen Becker has been the coordinator for the Reading and Study Skills Center in the basement of the Maag Library at Youngstown State University.

Becker has always had a passion for education, leading to an undergraduate degree in English and Speech Communications and master's degree in education from Allegheny College. She also earned her PHD in English Education from the Ohio State University and has written two books "The Art and Science of Quality Learning" and "Understanding and Engaging Under-Resourced College Students."

Becker said she loves teaching at the R&SS Center at YSU.

"I moved here from Columbus, mostly to get closer to home to be with family," Becker said. "I haven't left, because I like the diverse population. My mentor from Allegheny always said that this [YSU] is the place where I belong."

Aside from teaching, Becker has a love for animals, especially her three dogs and her cat.

"They're my kids," she said. "I've had dogs my whole life, and they're just so sweet."

In the past, Becker would volunteer her dogs at nursing homes and hospitals around the area in an attempt to bring a smile to the patients' faces and to meet new

people. She even met one of her best friends through the program.

Becker said even though she liked volunteering at the hospital, she loved volunteering at the nursing homes the most because of how the elderly reacted when they saw her dogs.

"There was an elderly man who we visited that ended up passing away the day after we saw him," Becker said. "Even though he was sick when he saw the [dog], he immediately got happy."

Becker would also bring her rabbit, Abbott the Rabbit, to the nursing homes and said the elderly would save their lettuce they got at lunch just to give it to Abbott when he came to visit.

"It's very rewarding, but very time consuming," Becker said. "I'm strongly considering going back into it."

Samantha Streb, a graduate assistant, has worked with Becker for a little over a year.

"I love working for her," Streb said. "It was a lot to learn at first, but she made me feel really comfortable with what I was learning and was very approachable."

Becker said Streb was actually with her when she decided to adopt a puppy she got seven months ago from New Lease on Life Rescue's Struthers website.

"Sam actually helped me pick which puppy I wanted," Becker said. "I tell her she will forever be a part of Baron's life story."



Youngstown State University Reading and Study Skills coordinator, Karen Becker, has a love for animals along with a passion for education. Photo Courtesy of Karen Becker.

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## A *new* course of action

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On Tuesday, the military force of Bashar al-Assad, the President of Syria, reportedly used biological weapons — most likely mustard gas and ricin, among others — on the rebelling Free Syrian Army in the capital city of Damascus. The creation and use of such weapons is prohibited by the United Nations Biological Weapons Convention and, as such, has created a sudden call for intervention.

In this scenario, there are two realistic options that the United States has. The first: to

step in and take military action, remove al-Assad from power and allow the FSA to take control of the government. Option number two: step away from all of this and let those in Syria settle this themselves — however it plays out.

As it stands now, it appears that the U.S. armed forces are preparing to intervene and act as a police force once more. While Press Secretary Jay Carney said that “nothing has been decided,” President Barack Obama made it clear that the biological attacks crossed a line. Meanwhile, a senior official in the department of Defense said that a strike, which would most likely be accomplished through a

missiles sent from naval forces in the Mediterranean Sea, could be completed “within several days.”

If the powers that be change the apparent plan of action, then the only thing that would be needed would be a firm statement from Obama on the decision and why it was made.

The issue with the conflict is that there is no right answer from a foreign affairs viewpoint. If we intervene, we draw the ire of Syrian allies like Russia and China and further widen the schism between us. If we do nothing, then we are criticized by Western nations for stepping in and taking care of serious war crimes.

Muddying the waters more

is a recent Reuter’s poll that found that 25 percent of Americans thought that the use of chemical weapons would warrant an intervention and 9 percent thought that Obama should act on the issue at all.

So what’s a President to do?

Nothing. Do nothing.

Going to war once again in the Middle East is not a good decision, no matter if it’s “several days” or several months or several years. American involvement in the region since 2001 has turned the American people against involvement of any type. In this age, where any move whatsoever will draw criticism from all sides, our government’s first priority

should be to its own people.

Yes, it is terrible that people are subjected to such horrific attacks for holding certain political beliefs. And yes, the US has a history of stepping in when these things happen around the world. But now is the chance to set a new precedent for our foreign affairs and establish that our country will not go where it is not wanted. Given our past of poking around where we are not welcome, maybe stepping back and letting other nations — nations that are jumping at the bit to help the FSA right now — work it out isn’t the worst idea right now.



## Researchers announce rare find: *a new carnivore species*

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RALEIGH, N.C. — Even with so much of the world so thoroughly investigated, a trio of scientists say new discoveries do, occasionally, still grow on trees.

A researcher at the North Carolina Museum of Natural Sciences is part of a small team that announced Thursday it had identified the Western Hemisphere’s first new carnivore species in 35 years. The olinguito — pronounced oh-lin-GHEE-toe — is a 2-pound member of the raccoon family that lives in the cloud-draped canopy of mountaintop rain forests in Ecuador and Colombia.

In scientific terms, “It’s really cute,” said Roland Kays, director of the biodiversity lab at the state science museum and a research associate professor of mammalogy at North Carolina State University. He helped track down the nocturnal olinguito in the wild.

The olinguito has reddish-brown fur and a long tail with faint rings.

“It looks like a cross between a housecat and a teddy bear,” said Kays’ colleague, Kristofer M. Helgen, a zoologist at the Smithsonian Institution in Washington, D.C.

Kays, Helgen and Miguel Pinto, a zoologist in Ecuador, published their findings on the olinguito Thursday in the journal ZooKeys. They simultaneously announced the discovery in a YouTube video produced by the online site Untamed Science, and introduced a stuffed rendition of the critter, suitable for cuddling.

The first 20 of the toys offered at the Museum of Natural Sciences’ downtown gift shop disappeared fast, as Kays say the real animals do in their native habitat.

“They’re sneaky,” he said; they dart about the 100-foot-tall treetops at night, obscured by leaves and branches and the ethereal mist of the Andean cloud forest. It’s easy to see how scientists might have overlooked them for so long.

In fact, several specimens had been collected and preserved in science museums around the country, but most had been miscataloged as olingos, their larger, more common kin.

Helgen came across some of the dusty specimens while he was studying olingos, and noticed these stood

out for their smaller size, shorter snouts and different teeth. One even had a note on it from a scientist who suspected at the time it was a different species but apparently never followed up.

Helgen consulted with Kays, who had become an expert on olingos while he was a doctoral candidate. The curious carnivores got in his traps while he was trying to study the social organization of kinkajous.

Kinkajous and olingos, along with raccoons, coatis, ringtails and cacomistles, all belong to the Procyonidae family.

The scientists needed DNA comparisons to confirm the specimens represented a distinct species. Kay said it’s possible to extract DNA from decades-old specimens, but they could get better samples — and have more fun — trying to find live animals to collect and study.

“We should go see if we can find them,” Kays told his colleague.

Tags and notes indicating where the specimens had been collected led the researchers to the cloud forests of South America, those cool, damp rain forests so high in the mountains they’re almost always shrouded in mist. That’s higher ground than other olingos are known to inhabit.

Kays and Helgen headed to the Otonga Reserve in Ecuador, where they were joined by Pinto, who had managed to capture grainy, nighttime images of the elusive creatures.

“Sort of the Sasquatch video of the olingo world,” Kays said.

Their first night out, they saw them, high above, working the treetops and feeding on tomato-sized figs that grew there. They collected two of the animals; one stayed in Ecuador for study and one was brought back to the Smithsonian.

DNA testing proved the animals’ distinctness. All that remained was for the team to name the olinguito — “little olingo” in Spanish — and publish their findings.

“It’s the discovery of a lifetime,” said Kays, 42, who came to the museum a year ago and constantly looks for ways to use technology to teach museum visitors about biology. One of his projects there is a video loop from a hidden camera that captured nighttime images of forest creatures.

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## Make the Internet *dog-friendly*

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Many large-scale commercial breeders of dogs that sell to pet stores have been criticized by animal welfare advocates and public officials as puppy mills, where female dogs are often overbred in inhumane conditions. Nonetheless, large breeders of animals for the pet trade are required to be licensed by the U.S. Department of Agriculture and to meet very minimal standards of care set by the Animal Welfare Act. That, at least, gives the department’s Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service the power to inspect facilities and penalize or close down bad operators.

But large-scale breeders increasingly conduct their business over the Internet, selling directly to customers rather than pet stores, and the Animal Welfare Act doesn’t subject online sellers to licensing and

regulation. Even USDA officials say breeders selling online — or by mail or phone — are taking advantage of a loophole that improperly exempts them from licensing. Last year, the USDA proposed a change in the rules that would eliminate that loophole. Now it’s time to put such a rule officially in place.

The Animal Welfare Act, which was passed in 1966, long before the Internet, exempted from licensing very small-scale breeding operations (three or fewer female animals) and retail pet stores. The rationale was that the stores were selling to local customers, who could see the animals in person before purchasing them as well as observe the conditions of the store.

Breeders selling online have been classified as retail pet stores because they sell directly to the public. But most of that is interstate commerce, and buyers almost never see the animal in person before ordering it or the conditions under

which it was kept. And the breeders aren’t regulated by the Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service. “Without consumer oversight or APHIS inspections, there is no assurance that the animals are monitored for their overall health and humane treatment,” USDA officials wrote in a 2010 audit of the inspection program. The audit pointed out that some Internet breeders were very large, noting that one had 140 breeding dogs.

Allowing commercial breeders to sell over the Internet without federal licensing subverts the intent of the Animal Welfare Act and leaves hundreds of animals at the mercy of unregulated breeders. USDA officials, animal welfare advocates and members of Congress have all said as much. The government should issue a final rule that makes it clear that breeders selling online are not retail pet stores and should be regulated by the USDA like any other large-scale commercial breeder.

## No 'Hessing' Around A lot at stake in Penguins' opener



Quarterback Kurt Hess (12) prepares to take the snap as head coach Eric Wolford (back left) looks on during Saturday's scrimmage. The Penguins open their season Thursday at 7:30 p.m. at Stambaugh Stadium against the University of Dayton. **Photo by Dustin Livesay/The Jambar.**

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Youngstown State University senior quarterback Kurt Hess knows what he's up against.

First: a short week. When the Penguins open their season Thursday at 7:30 p.m., it will be the first time in Hess' five-year YSU career that he'll play on a day other than Saturday.

"It's a little bit different," he said. "It's definitely something new, but we're sick of waiting anyway."

Second: his hometown team. A Dayton native, Hess expects a large number of family and friends at Stambaugh Stadium as YSU welcomes a Flyers team that is 9-0 all-time against the Penguins.

"It's cool, and it's kind of fitting," he admitted.

And third: high expectations. The 2013 opener against the University of Dayton will be the first time since 2006 that YSU opens its season at home. Furthermore, the Penguins haven't lost their home opener since 1995.

"It's huge; it really is," he said. "Mainly because you have to get some confidence in you."

But Hess' biggest challenge of opening week?

"Maybe the hardest thing is going to be going to class on Friday," he joked at Tuesday's press conference. "Waking up sore — and I've got an 8 a.m. class."

Still, it's no doubt a season-opening win would help ease the pain of those early morning bumps and bruises.

"Getting a win under our belts would be great,"

Hess said.

Defeating the University of Pittsburgh to begin 2012, the Penguins are seeking to win their second straight season-opener. While YSU is glad to be hosting Dayton (6-5 in 2012), head coach Eric Wolford said his team is simply excited to play an opponent.

"We're tired of hitting each other, and they're tired of us coaches," he said. "It's a unique opportunity, and past football alumni have made it a point to say something about Dayton."

The Penguins last played the Flyers in 1977, losing 27-23. Although it's been a while, Wolford and his players realize the importance of ending the nine-game losing streak.

"That's something we're going to have in the back of our heads when we run out on the field — we're 0-9 against this team," said senior linebacker Dom Rich. "That's good motivation just to go at them and give it our best."

The matchup also holds significance for Hess. Before committing to YSU out of high school, he had the option of playing for his hometown university.

"Looking at it right now, it's exciting," Hess said. "It's neat. It's something I can tell my kids: I chose this school, and we ended up playing where I was from."

Hess will lead a Penguins offense that returns six starters — not including last season's leading rusher Jamaine Cook. Seniors Adaris Bellamy and Torian Pace, as well as sophomore Demond Hymes, will try to fill Cook's absence.

Wolford also mentioned young rushers Jody Webb and

Martin Ruiz as impressive in camp.

"The depth we have at running back has been a pleasant surprise," he said.

On defense, YSU returns five starters. More importantly, Rich said, is that the returners are comfortable with second-year defensive coordinator Joe Tresey's system.

"We're playing more fast and more physical," he said. "That just comes from everyone knowing Coach Tresey's system, how he coaches. When you know what you're doing you can play faster, downhill and be physical as a defense."

Another improvement from last season is the team chemistry, Wolford said. In an effort to improve it, the fifth-year head coach tried many new tactics.

"This team has come together. It's been a process," he said. "We've tried to do different things whether it's change the locker room or give the players a chance to stand up and talk in front of their teammates about our fundamentals for success, who are some of the difference makers in their lives are and why Youngstown State football is important to them."

Wolford and the Penguins are also putting a large emphasis on taking the season one game at a time. That being said, Hess said the team is solely focused on Dayton — no matter how early Friday class is.

"Opening up here this year is going to be special," he said. "Going out our senior year, I'm glad we get this opportunity to show off for the fans right away."

## •• Five for Five

YSU defensive coordinator **Joe Tresey**



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When Jim Mora took over the helm at the University of California, Los Angeles last year, defensive coordinator Joe Tresey was out after one season. Tresey, a native of Warren, then returned home to Youngstown State University and is in his second year. The Penguins ranked 11th at year's end in the FCS in total defense, the program's best finish since 1997. Tresey discussed how practice has been and what fans can expect for 2013 on Aug. 21.

**Q** Obviously, it's now your second year at YSU being the defensive coordinator. What changes have you made or anything different than when you came in last year up until now?

**A** I think the kids have a better understanding of what we expect from them, and just our tempo, our urgency, being physical — just having motives is much better this year than at this time last year.

**Q** Is there anybody so far that's been breaking out at practice or has been turning your head?

**A** I'll tell you [senior D.J.] Moss has had a really good camp, and he has surprised me somewhat. I think the inside guys, [sophomore Emmanuel] Kromah, Moss, [sophomore Steve] Zaborsky, they've done a really good job. [Junior Julius] Childs left off where he left off, and our linebackers I think have picked up and done a better job. They feel better, they're more vocal, etc. It's just hard, you know? Some days Dom Rich has been really steady. Some days certain people really shine, and some days other people shine. But as far as consistency is concerned, I think our kids have been much more consistent across the boards as far as their mental assignments.

**Q** What's been the biggest challenge so far?

**A** The biggest challenge everyday is trying to become more physical, try to play faster and have great communication skills. That's a challenge everyday.

**Q** Is there anything that you've seen different from your past coaching experience whether at UCLA or anywhere else as compared to here?

**A** That's very unfair to compare. BCS schools, Division I schools, have 85 scholarships. We have 63, and it's hard. I think depth is a little bit tougher here, and everybody's got depth issues these days in college football. But when you only have 63 scholarships, your depth is always going to be a challenge. We're working on it. We're getting close.

**Q** Last season was your first year with coach Wolford and now in your second year, do you feel a little more comfortable now, maybe not as much pressure, coming in with guys that you've never seen before into this system with a lot of guys that have returned?

**A** I don't think it's a pressure thing; it's a comfort level. I think you become more comfortable with your surroundings as you evolve with it day by day. We got really good staff chemistry, and coach Wolford's been outstanding to work for. He's been great to my family and myself. We just got to win a bunch of games. That's the bottom line.

## Did you know?

Did you know that during the Youngstown State University football team's seven wins last season, they averaged 33.4 points per game while its opponents averaged 14.1? And during their four losses, the Penguins were outscored 40.5 to 21? Well, now you do.



The Youngstown State football team lifts their helmets before the start of their game against the University of Northern Iowa last season. The Penguins open their season at home tonight at 7:35 against Dayton. Students can pick up their free tickets at Stambaugh Stadium before the game. **Photo by Dustin Livesay/The Jambar.**