



## YSU makes cuts to balance budget

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To account for a \$6.6 million deficit, Youngstown State University released a comprehensive plan on Thursday calling for a balanced budget.

This plan includes the layoff of five full-time and four part-time non-faculty employees and calls for the following cuts to the budget: the freezing of discretionary spending, a reduction in operating budgets, a curtailment of technology spending and a cutback in energy spending.

These budget cuts went into effect Thursday and are projected to save \$6.09 million. Improved enrollment and overhead campus auxiliaries are expected to generate an additional \$615,000.

In early September, YSU President Randy Dunn said in a Jambar interview that he wanted “to protect as much as I can — our academic support services, student services and our people.”

However, Dunn said that personnel reductions were unavoidable.

“Given that personnel is by far the largest portion of the university’s general fund budget expenditures, and given that we are facing a significant \$6.6 million shortfall, it became difficult to develop a plan to reduce the budget without, unfortunately, some way addressing personnel costs,” he said. “Making these decisions is difficult and not taken lightly, but we believe they are a necessary part of trying to fix the structural budget challenges before us.”

Personnel reductions are projected to save \$663,000.

In a press release issued on Thursday, YSU unions expressed dissatisfaction with Dunn’s decision to reduce



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personnel.

“It is unfortunate that these budget cuts were formulated without input from the dedicated men and women who know the most about day-to-day and year-to-year operation of YSU: the faculty members who teach the students, the employees who literally keep the lights on and the professionals who provide essential services to the students, faculty and administration on a daily basis,” the press release said.

Connie Frisby, president of the YSU

Association of Classified Employees (ACE), added that she is disappointed that employees will be negatively impacted by the school’s deficit.

“We’re saddened that we are being forced to again bear the burden of the university’s financial difficulties,” she said.

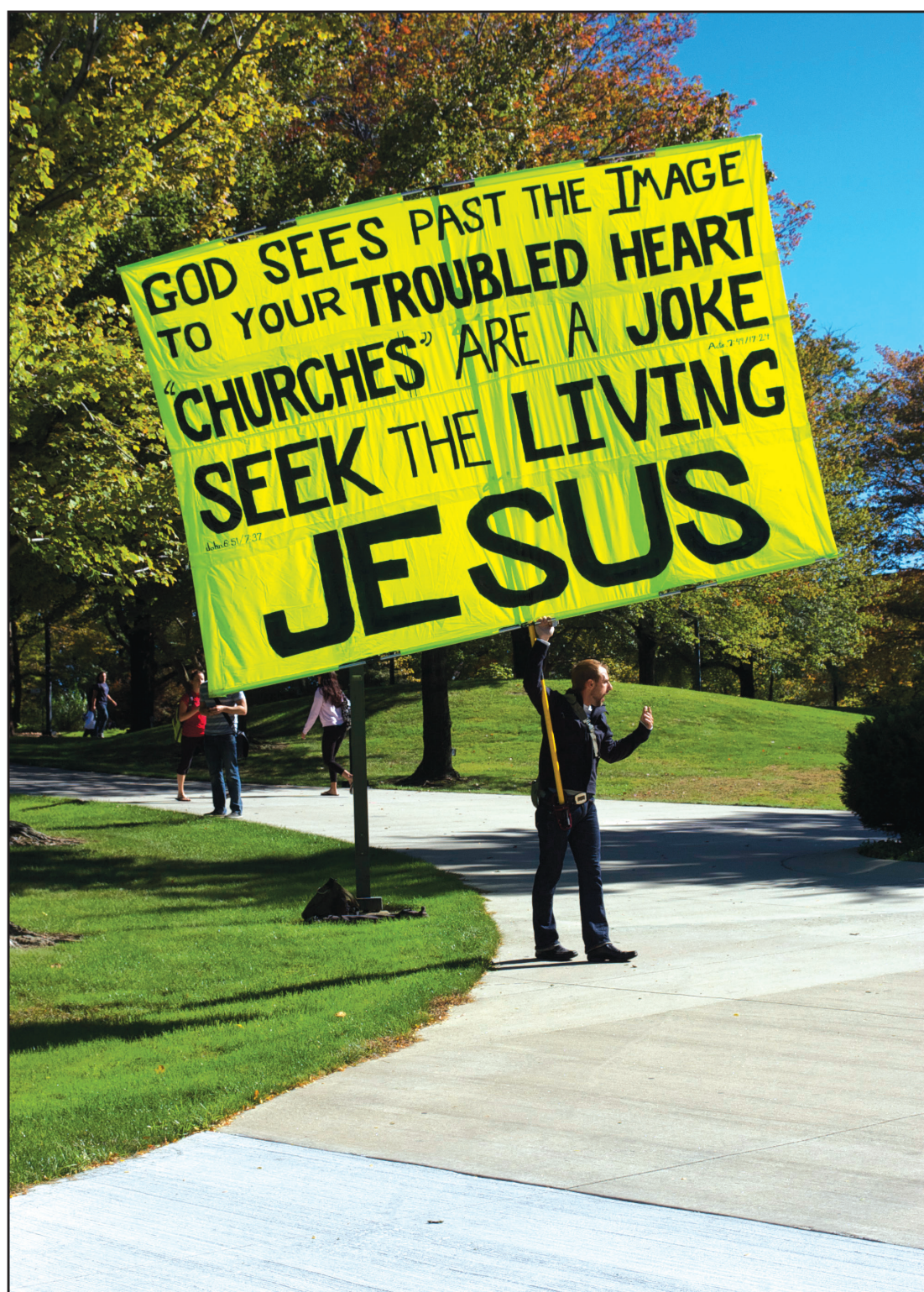
YSU employees will also be asked to voluntarily give up vacation days or take voluntary unpaid furlough — an initiative that is expected to save the university \$230,000.

Ron Cole, director of university communications, said the budget cuts should not hinder student success.

“These cuts were done in such a way to hold harmless the academic and other services that are at the core of what we do as an educational institution,” Cole said.

Gene Grilli, vice president of finance and administration, agreed with

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The Woroniecki siblings traveled to Youngstown State University to spread the love of Jesus and their religious beliefs to campus. The brother and sister team held signs, protested institutions and handed out pamphlets and CDs to campus-goers. The family screamed to students one-liners such as “Love and hope does not evolve from monkeys” and “You’re going to work your life away.” They claimed they were not religious extremists; they were just trying to inform students to simply “Just love Jesus.” **Photo by Cassandra Twoey/The Jambar.**

## Community experts discuss public schooling at YSU

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On Thursday, a panel of education leaders in the community met at Youngstown State University’s Beeghly Hall for a moderated discussion on the ills of public education in urban areas and the available paths to recovery.

The discussion, titled “Success in Urban School Districts,” was brought together through the efforts of the Beeghly College of Education as part of YSU’s ongoing Alumni Lecture Series.

The panel was composed of YSU President Randy Dunn; Monica Jones, dean of Youngstown Early College; Michael Notar, superintendent of Warren City Schools and Karen Green, assistant superintendent of Youngstown City Schools. Lenford Sutton, the recently appointed chairman of YSU’s Department of Educational Foundations, Research, Technology and Leadership, moderated the panel.

“We’ve invited some experts in their field — including the university president — to speak about issues related to urban school districts,” Sutton said. “Basically, the learning conversation will be about some of the things that urban school districts have had to overcome given the recent economy and dwindling support for public education in terms of finance.”

It is no secret that with the 2008 recession and the proliferation of alternatives to dwindling public schools — such as charter schools, online school and home schooling — both urban and rural public schools around the country have found themselves face-to-face with serious challenges.

The conversation pertained to how education experts, interested communities, parents and government can curtail the decline of public schools.

Discussions regarding public education often focus on the issue of funding, but, with the help of the moderator, the participants were able to engage in an over-arching conversation on the possible root causes and eventual fixes to diminishing enrollment and issues of achievement.

“A teacher in the classroom that has high expectations and a love for learning and can motivate a child will do more than any letter grade on a test,” Green said. “If we’re going to change urban education, we need to look at the teacher in the classroom having high expectations. They’re the ones that are accountable, they’re the ones that will motivate a child.”

The paramount question of the evening was what effect involved teachers could have on a student’s success.

“I really believe to be in education, you have to be driven by your heart as well as your

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## A healthier choice for students and faculty

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On Tuesday, students eagerly waited in line at Chartwell's Jamba Juice to order healthy refreshments like smoothies and oatmeal. Jamba Juice is the newest food option in Youngstown State University's Kilcawley Center.

Tom Totterdale, food services director for Chartwells, decided to include the franchise in Kilcawley as a result of student feedback.

"It unofficially came to the proposal by Chartwells in May of last year. We met with the student organizations like SGA and housing to try and see what students wanted," Totterdale said. "The overall things we kept hearing were healthier options like smoothies. As a company, we had just started to build a relationship with Jamba Juice and it was one of our franchises to bring in."

Luke Politsky, vice president of University Affairs for Student Government, said that Jamba Juice is a fun dining venue for students.

"We didn't have a Jamba Juice around here locally, and since it was brought in, the employees were enthusiastic toward the students and they make it a personal experience for them," Politsky said. "They sing and call the names of different students to make it fun."

Totterdale said he feels that Jamba Juice is a relaxed atmosphere that invites students and faculty to try its

products.

"It's a fun environment — upbeat — and it's a good fit for the university. The staff likes to sing and get the students to chant along with them, and the students seem to really like it," Totterdale said. "Once you try the smoothies, you are going to get hooked."

Students at YSU responded positively after trying smoothies at Jamba Juice. Crystal Alford, nursing major, said that she applied to the establishment after going there for the first time Friday.

"The workers are friendly and it's a nice place to be around, even if you're not getting a drink," Alford said. "I even put my application in Jamba Juice, because I liked it so much."

Clara Wilson, education major, said that her experience at Jamba Juice was pleasant, and she would return to have another smoothie.

"Everyone working behind the counter was nice, and it was cool when they called my name. I like the Mango-A-Go-Go smoothie the best, and I will come back to get another one," Wilson said.

Totterdale explained that Jamba Juice offers students a healthier food choice, and a nutrition guide is available behind the counter.

"The recipes are all 100 percent fruit or veggie juice, and drinking one smoothie allows you to get your entire fruit and veggie count in for the day," Totterdale said. "There is also a nutrition



Students stand in line to order smoothies at YSU's newest food venue, Jamba Juice. Student response to the smoothie joint has been positive. **Photo by Alyssa Pawluk/The Jambar**

guide that students can look at with information on calories, sugar and the different nutritional requirements in each individual smoothie."

In addition to its smoothies, Jamba Juice offers oatmeal and nutritional increases added to the smoothies called 'boosts.'

"They are steel-cut oats — healthier than regular oatmeal — and you can get different toppings on it like cinnamon, apples or bananas,"

Totterdale said. "You can add a Vitamin C Boost, an energy boost, a 3G Boost and more."

Totterdale said that Jamba Juice has its own website, available on the YSU site, and it's incorporating new ideas like student participation.

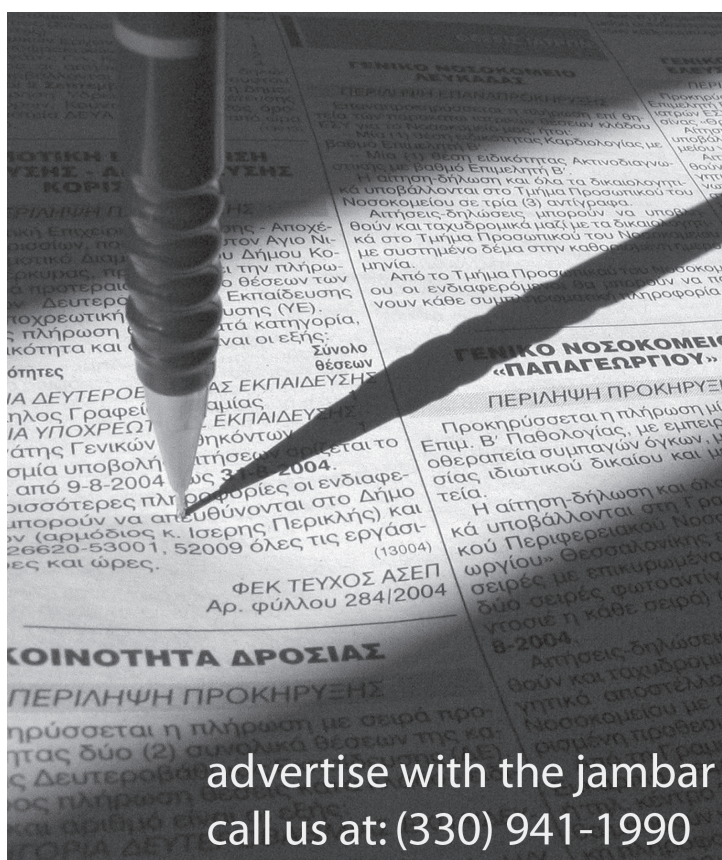
"We did a soft open on the first day, and printed 100 coupons the first day to students and different organizations, and ended up printing 50 more once more people

came," he said. "We have a new website that students can look at, and we're actually going to have students record themselves singing on it."

Jamba Juice offers 24 different flavors of smoothies with any kind of combination of the consumer's choice in three different sizes. Jamba Juice's hours of operation are from 7:30 a.m. to 4:00 p.m., Monday through Friday.



The brothers of Tau Kappa Epsilon were raising money for St. Jude Hospital by having students duct tape their friends to a chair in front of Kilcawley Center. The cost to strap your friend to a chair was \$1 per every foot of tape. Students walked by and laughed as friends taped Brendan Burdette to a chair, unable to move. **Photo by Cassandra Twoey/The Jambar**



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mind. Your belief system needs to be, 'I'm gonna help that child at any cost,' said Jones. "If you are willing to make a difference in the community — if you value what that learning community's work has already done to close the gap in achievement — then you are a good candidate for urban education. If you are able to delay your gratification and be able to plant a seed and be patient enough to wait for the academic harvest, then you are a good candidate for urban education." In the time allotted to them, panelists also put forth a variety of viewpoints — some even opposing — on matters of weakening enrollment, diversity, standardized testing, college preparation, loans and state vs. federal oversight.

"The accountability movement, as we've been talking about here, is clearly anchored in metrics. It is tied to numbers," Dunn said on the growing emphasis on standardized testing. "We see this continual abandoning, if you will, of certain areas of art instruction — certain areas

that you might build units around or activities around, because it is not going to have that immediate direct impact on test scores."

After Sutton's prepared questions, the audience — made up of teachers, administrators and even students — was given a chance to participate and engage the panelists with their own questions on education.

"More money in the classroom is making sure that teachers have the professional development they need in order to teach all students appropriately. More money in the classrooms is making sure that when they enter the school that the school is inviting, that we have a climate that says 'the teachers want to be here, we have the equipment to teach you, and you are going forth to learn,'" Green said in response to an attendee's question on what more money directly into the classroom would change.

Sutton said YSU is not just interested in holding conversations about the plight of urban schools. YSU, as an urban public school, wants to bolster the education of

public school students from kindergarten through 12th grade.

"We train and develop future teachers, future guidance counselors, future special education teachers and, most of all, future school leaders," said Sutton on the college of education's role in assisting urban school districts. "We are in the business of preparing people to go and work in these urban environments."

With YSU being a prodigious state school, it has always taken a leadership position in the wider Youngstown area. One of these roles includes positioning itself to assist urban learning and success.

"State universities are stewards of the place we're in. We owe a debt to the place we're in to move the needle and the quality of life in our outreach," Dunn said. "Economic development, job creation, health and wellness, arts and culture preservation, historic preservation — that is part of what we do for the place we're in."



A panel of experts in the community discuss "Success in Urban School Districts" at Beeghly Hall. The panel is part of the Alumni Lecture Series. **Photo by Liam Bouquet/The Jambar**



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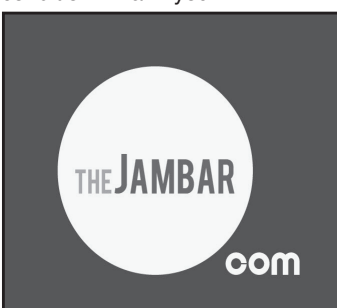
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**NEWS BRIEFS**

**Yale Islamic studies professor to lecture on campus**

On Tuesday, Gerhard Bowering, professor of Islamic studies in the department of religious studies at Yale University, will lecture on "God in the Qur'an." The lecture will take place at 12:30 p.m. in the Presidential Suites of Kilcawley Center and is being presented by the Youngstown State University Center for Islamic Studies. The event will be free and open to the public. A banquet will be held in the Ohio Room at 6:30 p.m. at a cost of \$12.50 per person, \$5 for students.

**Youngstown Area Jewish Film Festival**

From Oct. 6-29, the 11th annual Youngstown Area Jewish Film Festival will take place, featuring six films that will be screened on different days. The festival is sponsored by the Center for Judaic and Holocaust Studies at Youngstown State University as well as the Youngstown Area Jewish Federation. For more information and a schedule of the screenings, visit [http://www.jewishyoungstown.org/local\\_includes/downloads/64815.pdf](http://www.jewishyoungstown.org/local_includes/downloads/64815.pdf).

**POLICE BRIEFS**

**Trespassing near Cushwa Hall**

On Sept. 28 at 5:32 p.m., an officer issued a criminal trespass warning on the inner core of campus near the east side of Cushwa Hall.

**Stolen merchandise from CVS, arrest on Fifth Avenue**

At 5:14 p.m. on Sept. 26, an officer was dispatched to Fifth Avenue in response to a female walking southbound that stole merchandise from CVS Pharmacy. The female was arrested and was charged with a misdemeanor for an open container or drunkenness violation, resisting arrest and obstructing official business.

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Cole. He said that despite declined enrollment and reduced state subsidies, the university will remain sustainable.

"We want to make sure that we give the students the programs that they need. ... We are doing a very good job making sure we sustain," he said. "The university is working as a team. Everybody is pulling together: administrators, faculty and staff — and the students, too."

While the university's financial plan calls for substantial cuts to the budget. It also provides funding for a new marketing strategy.

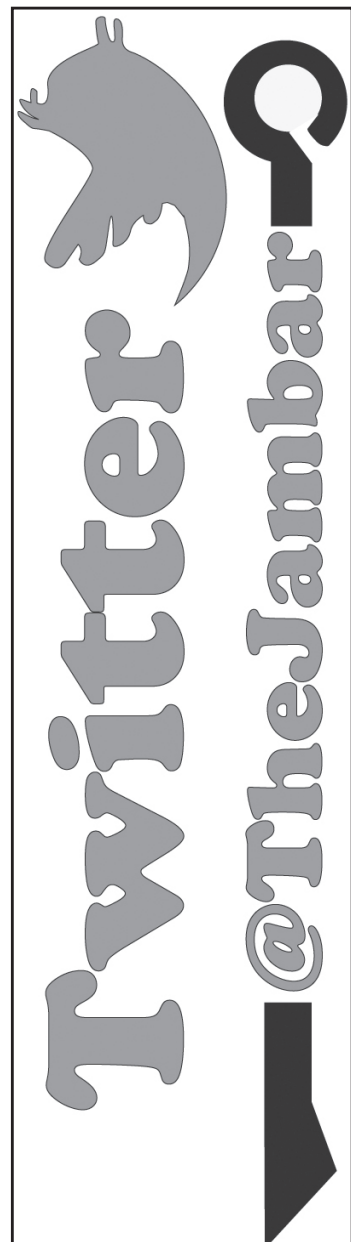
"There will continue to be strategic initiatives that will be funded that will speak to priorities such as enrollment," Cole said. "We are in the midst right now of developing a marketing campaign that will be coming out soon."

YSU's budget creates a new enrollment management

position. This new position, along with an extensive marketing strategy, is expected to produce higher enrollment for this spring semester than enrollment for Spring 2013 and generate \$315,000 in revenue.

Cole explained that spring enrollment, though, is expected to be lower than fall enrollment.

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David Sedaris is the author of *Barrel Fever* and *Holidays on Ice*, as well as collections of personal essays, *Naked, Me Talk Pretty One Day*, *Dress Your Family in Corduroy and Denim*, and *When You Are Engulfed in Flames*, each of which became a bestseller. There are a total of seven million copies of his books in print and they have been translated into 25 languages. He was the editor of *Children Playing Before a Statue of Hercules: An Anthology of Outstanding Stories*. Sedaris's pieces appear regularly in *The New Yorker* and have twice been included in *The Best American Essays*. One of his newest books, a collection of fables entitled *Squirrel Seeks Chipmunk: A Modest Bestiary* (with illustrations by Ian Falconer), was published in September 2010 and immediately hit the NYT Bestseller Fiction List. His latest book is entitled *Let's Explore Diabetes with Owls*.

He and his sister, Amy Sedaris, have collaborated under the name "The Talent Family" and have written half-a-dozen plays, which have been produced at La Mama, Lincoln Center, and The Drama Department in New York City. These plays include *Stump the Host*, *Stitches*, *One Woman Shoe*, which received an Obie Award, *Incident at Colber's Knob*, and *The Book of Liz*, which was published in book form by Dramatists Play Service. David Sedaris's original radio pieces can often be heard on *This American Life*, distributed nationally by Public Radio International and produced by WBEZ. David Sedaris has been nominated for three Grammy Awards for Best Spoken Word and Best Comedy Album. His most recent live album is *David Sedaris: Live For Your Listening Pleasure* (November 2009).

In recognition of the vital role played by the late Leonard T. Skeggs, Sr. in the formation of Youngstown State University, a lecture series was established in 1966 in his memory by the Skeggs Foundation. The late Mr. Skeggs first came to Youngstown in 1919 as Educational Secretary of the YMCA. In 1924, he became General Secretary, a position he held until his death in 1933. Leonard Skeggs believed that Youngstown should have its own college where its young men and women could further their education regardless of race, color, creed, or financial condition. Skeggs not only lived to see his dream realized, but also witnessed many changes in the university during his lifetime. It was Skeggs who prompted Dr. Howard W. Jones to become the first president of the University. He was also instrumental in raising funds for the fledgling school. Through his initial leadership, Youngstown State University has grown to become the large urban university that it is today. The Skeggs Lectures bring to the University outstanding speakers who are the authorities in their respective fields. Lecturers are chosen from any of the arts or sciences on the basis of their education and ability to inspire young people. The lectures provide a fitting tribute to a man who acted on a dream. Leonard T. Skeggs, Sr. brought to Youngstown the opportunity for higher education and helped to build a modern university serving the needs of the region.

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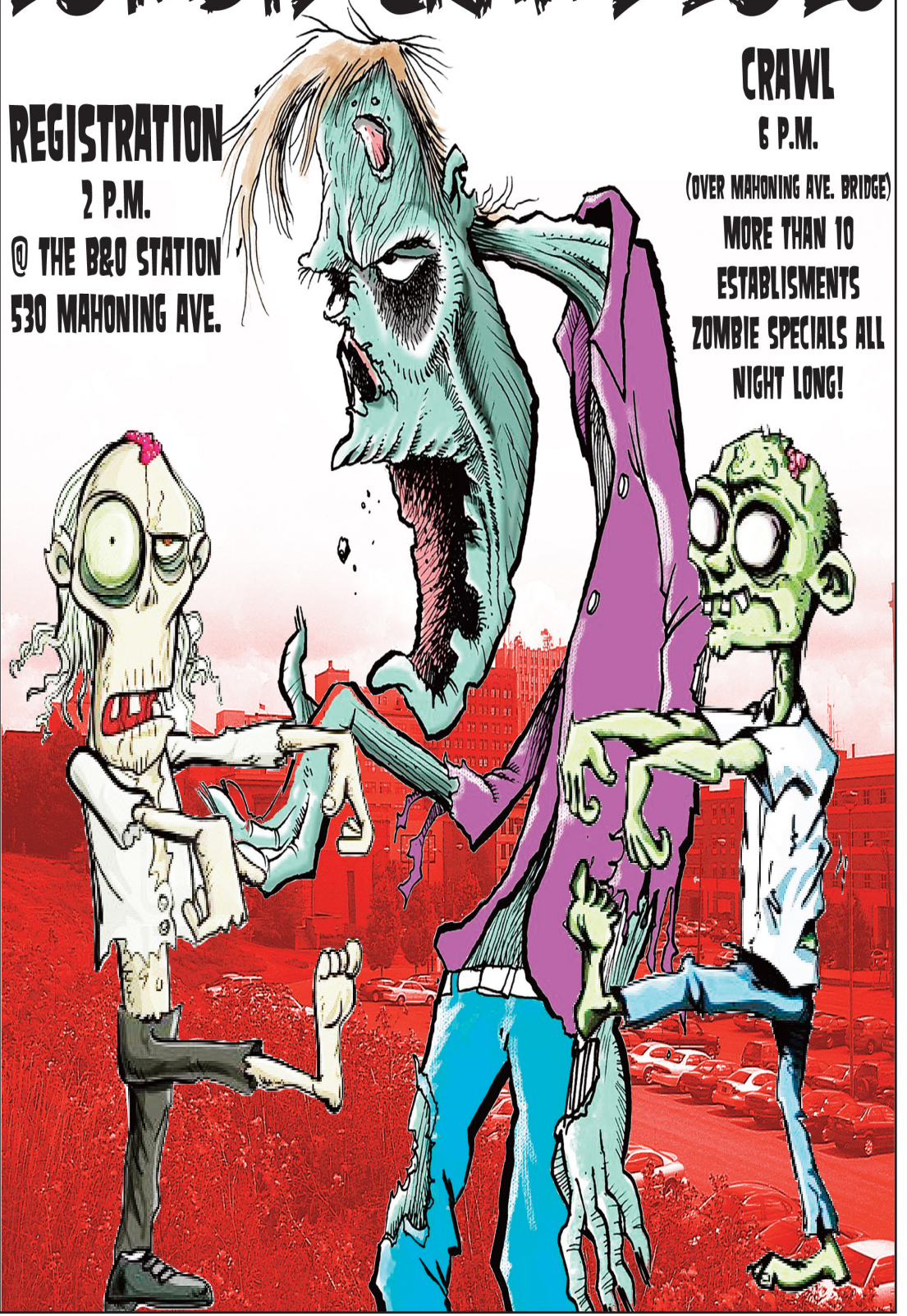
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## Beer, boobies and Them Bastards

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Them Bastards, the self-proclaimed “asshole band of Youngstown,” recently took a big step with their show and music video shooting at Irish Bob’s on Friday.

The group is made up of long-time friends Joe Bialik (guitar), Jay Iorio (drums), RJ Rishel (vocals) and Alex Martz (bass).

“We played one sober show, and it was the worst show of our lives. We like making music that parents will hate, and we can’t do that and

not be drunk,” Iorio, who also plays bass, said.

Them Bastards became a group around 2011 after Bialik, Iorio and Martz had many unplanned jam sessions in the Bialik basement. From there, the trio went about searching for a singer to complete their sound.

After many attempts to join the band, Rishel finally found his way in.

“I knew they were looking for a good yell and a good voice, and I had that,” he said. “But every time I would ask, I got told no. Probably like five times, no.”

“We kept telling RJ no because we didn’t think he had

it in him. Then he showed up to practice one day and completely blew us away... even though he was drunk,” Bialik said.

The band has performed about nine shows and plans to keep booking more. The group said their style is hard-hitting and not for the weak.

“We are like punk rock ... or more rock than punk ... I don’t know. It’s not music for p---ies,” Iorio said. “We like to rock out, but being in a band is a lot of work.”

According to Bialik, keeping Them Bastards up and running is tough work, but it’s more than worth it in the end. “Working on songs, work-

ing on getting chicks ... we drink beer and move things. It might be exhausting, but we love it,” Bialik said.

The show at Irish Bob’s on Friday was the perfect opportunity to showcase all the hard work Them Bastards has put into their music and their stage presence, all in front of a large crowd and cameras.

A videographer patrolled the stage and crowd during the show, gathering video and audio to be used to make a music video for the song “1,000 Beers.”

“We want to get footage of people having fun ... and obviously us playing. Put it together and edit it, you get a kickass

music video. That’s what this show is about,” Martz said.

A mosh pit of men was ever-present during the show, punching each other and breaking things in the small pub. Speakers fell, beer was spilled and spit was flying. There was no shortage of energy by the band or the crowd for the entire set.

Them Bastards said that as long as they’re having fun, shows will continue to pop up at venues around the area.

“We just like to f--k things up and have a good time, and if people don’t like it, screw them, because we do. If they like it, cool — drink a beer with us,” Iorio said.



“WE LIKE MAKING MUSIC THAT OUR PARENTS WILL HATE, AND WE CAN’T DO THAT AND NOT BE DRUNK”

Youngstown Band, Them Bastards, performed Friday night at Irish Bob’s Pub in Youngstown. Photo By Gabby Fellows/The Jambar.

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EDITORIAL

## Any other options?

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On Thursday, a press release was sent out that detailed a plan to help alleviate Youngstown State University's \$6.6 million budget deficit. Part of the plan depends on the university laying off five full-time and four part-time non-faculty employees.

Earlier this year, when YSU's 14-day enrollment numbers were released and it was found that the university's

enrollment had fallen 3.1 percent from last fall semester, Dunn said that he wanted "to protect as much as I can — our academic support services, student services and our people."

Well, apparently, all else has failed, because some of those people that Dunn swore to protect are now losing their jobs, while others are going to be asked to take a voluntary furlough in another attempt to save the university money. These furloughs are expected to save the university \$230,000, while the nine layoffs are expected to save around \$663,000.

We have to believe that this is in the university's best interest to save money and ensure the future of the university, but is this really the only option left? Is this truly a last-resort action that is being taken?

We hope so. Taking someone's job away from them is not something that should ever be taken lightly. Hopefully, Dunn and his advisers in this situation have explored every possible avenue. Also included in Dunn's plan is a freeze on all discretionary spending for things like travel and equipment across the university, a reduction in operating

budgets across the university and a reduction in technology expenses.

All of these things — the layoffs, the discretionary budget freeze, the operating budget reductions — affect all of us, whether we are students or professors or faculty or staff. We must all hope that these cuts and measures are in all of our best interest as a whole going forward. We must believe that President Dunn has considered all other options.

And we must hope that in the long run, this is all worth it.

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## Dr. Seuss goes to Washington

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Sen. Ted Cruz has egg on his face. Green egg.

On Tuesday, during his 21-hour marathon "filibuster" against Obamacare, he read aloud to his daughters back home the Dr. Seuss book "Green Eggs and Ham." But he clearly missed its message.

In the Seuss tale, Sam-I-Am, a lover of green eggs and ham, tries to persuade a friend to try them. But the man resists. He resists so persistently and so adamantly that he ends up sounding a lot like the Republicans on Capitol Hill who are determined to defund President Obama's health-care law. But in the Seuss story, the man is finally persuaded to try the offending eggs and ham, and, much to his surprise, he loves them.

If only the GOP would take a page from that book.

In fact, the GOP could do a lot worse in its choices for filibuster reading material than Dr. Seuss books. Theodor Geisel, who adopted the pen name Dr. Seuss, was an outspoken progressive who actually has a lot to teach today's Republicans.

In the early 1940s, before he became the world's bestselling children's author, Geisel was an editorial cartoonist for PM, a fervently liberal pro-New Deal daily newspaper in New York that devoted sections to unions, women's issues and civil rights. The tabloid paper "was against people who pushed other people around," Geisel explained. "I liked that."

His cartoons viciously but humorously attacked Adolf Hitler and Benito Mussolini. He bluntly criticized isolationists who opposed America entering World War II, especially famed aviator (and Hitler booster) Charles Lindbergh and right-wing radio priest Father Charles Coughlin, both of whom were anti-Semites. He used his cartoons to challenge racism against Jews and blacks, union-busting and corporate greed, which he thought divided the country and hurt the war effort. He decried the U.S. military's racial segregation policies.

In 1947, Geisel lampooned anti-communist hysteria with a drawing in the New Republic that showed Uncle Sam looking on in horror at Americans accusing one another of being communists.

In his children's books, Geisel was often a moralist, and his politically pro-

gressive views suffuse his stories. His books use ridicule, satire, wordplay and wild drawings to take aim at bullies, hypocrites and demagogues. Many Dr. Seuss books are about the misuse of authority — by despots, kings or even parents. In a university lecture in 1947, a decade before the modern civil rights movement, Geisel urged would-be writers to avoid the racist stereotypes common in children's books, noting that America "preaches equality but doesn't always practice it."

So go for it, GOP. Embrace Dr. Seuss as the go-to author for future filibusters. Here are some ideas to get you started:

"Horton Hears a Who!" (1954). This book, written during the McCarthy era, features Horton the Elephant, who befriends tiny creatures (the Whos) whom he cannot see but can hear thanks to his large ears. In the book, Horton rallies his neighbors to protect the endangered Who community. As Horton puts it: "A person's a person, no matter how small."

"Yertle the Turtle" (1958). In this book, Yertle, king of the pond, stacks up his subjects and stands on top of them in his attempt to reach higher than the moon. Mack, the turtle at the bottom of the pile, finally protests: "I don't like to complain, but down here below, we are feeling great pain."

"I know, up on top you are seeing great sights, but down at the bottom we, too, should have rights."

The Sneetches (1961). In this book, a condemnation of bigotry, some of the yellow birdlike creatures known as Sneetches have green stars on their bellies. They look down on the Sneetches without them. After the starless Sneetches pay a huckster to put stars on their bellies, the original ones with stars pay the same huckster to take theirs off. Eventually, after several rounds of star addition and removal, the Sneetches realize the absurdity of judging someone by appearance.

The Lorax (1971). This cautionary tale about pollution came out less than a year after the environmental movement held its first Earth Day celebration. In it, a man tells a young boy the story of how the area lost its lovely Truffula trees and bearlike Bar-ba-loots despite the best efforts of the Lorax, who "speaks for the trees." His warnings are ignored by the factory owner who insists: "Business is business! And business must grow."

It would be hard even for Sen. Cruz to miss Geisel's point.

## TIP OF THE MONTH

**OFFICER WINBUSH**

Hello again. This is Officer Winbush with some safety tips. I was thinking about this month's safety tips, and it occurred to me that there are many places to get great advice on how to stay safe and how to protect yourself from crime.

However, what about protecting yourself from yourself? What are the types of thoughts that we can employ that will help us think through a stressful or potentially dangerous situation?

As a police officer, I often deal with individuals who simply had a momentary lapse in good judgment. I find myself wishing I could have intervened just before the person did the thing that now brings them into contact with the police.

So this month, we are going to go in a different direction. Let's call it, "Psych Tips."

A good thing to keep in mind is that everything has repercussions (things we say and things we do).

Before saying or doing something to another person, try to project yourself into the near future, just after you say that thing or do that thing. Now, look back.

Was it worth it? Was the outcome what you thought it would be?

The really cool thing about this little mental process is that it helps you step out of a situation and take a more objective view. Be the adult in your mind. Be the conciliator. A cool head and a calm demeanor can elevate you to superhero status when things are getting dicey.

Try to remember that we are far more alike than different. We all have the same feelings and wants. So, be in touch with your feelings and think, "Am I embarrassed, afraid, angry, or am I trying to 'save face' in front of my friends?"

Good friends help you stay away from trouble, not get you into it.

Be honest with your friends, but be more honest with yourself. Being able to apologize when you've wronged someone shows strength, not weakness.

The more you practice, the better you'll get and the less mistakes you'll make.

And hey, even Yoda started somewhere ("start somewhere, he did").

Until next time, take care of yourself and take care of each other.

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## FRENCH REVOLUTION



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Mickael Sopol has taken over the head coaching position for the men's and women's tennis teams, spurring a slight revolution with the addition of his new coaching technique.

Sopol, a native of Paris, France, was the assistant coach under Mark Klysner last year and comes from a background where he worked with some of France's top tennis players. He served as an assistant coach at the Jean-Marie Castera Academy – Vieux-Bouco in France, was a two-time NAIA Academic All-American in tennis and ran cross-country as a student at Lewis-Clark State College in Idaho. Sopol was also the assistant tennis coach for three years at Gonzaga University in Washington before heading to Youngstown State University.

"This is what I was working for all of those years — this was my goal — to coach my own team," Sopol said.

Sopol has inherited many of the coaching techniques that Klysner initiated with him and the team, but has brought some of his own approaches this year as well.

"Mark and I established a system together and worked the same way, and I kept a lot of that going," he said.

One new technique Sopol has brought for both teams

is individual focuses, by setting up personal practices and meetings.

"That's something that I carry on from my experience as a player. I've worked with different people and coaches, and even in France, and I'm trying to take little things from all of those experiences and incorporate into my coaching experience here," Sopol said.

His cross-country coach was the first to introduce this technique, and Sopol said he feels it is important to communicate constantly with his players.

Margarita Sadovnikova, a senior majoring in general studies at YSU, said she feels that moving Sopol to head coach was a smart decision.

"It's really good he is the head coach, because we know him and how he works, so we know what to expect," Sadovnikova said.

Another senior player this year, Carolyn Jesko, agrees with Sadovnikova and said she enjoys the amount of focus Sopol puts on each individual player.

"He's definitely stepped up taking over the head coaching position," Jesko said.

Sopol obtained the assistant coaching job because of the mutual contacts him and Klysner shared. He said he enjoys the city and is adapting to the change. He contributes this easy transition to the YSU Athletic Department.

"Some departments usually don't care about tennis, and here you feel that it is a sport

just like any other sport. It's not just about football, and that's not necessarily the case at other schools," Sopol said.

Coming from overseas to the United States was also a big transition for Sopol, and for many of the players on his teams.

"We're international and came to the U.S. — we had that journey in common," he said. "I made the same sacrifices and had the same things happen to me. We had to go overseas to study and to play tennis, which is different than someone who is local."

Sopol has recruitment on his agenda as head coach and is ready to take on this process.

"One difference with tennis than other sports, especially in NCAA, is it's a very global sport," Sopol said.

His philosophy for recruiting new players, he said, will be to look at a student's academics, tennis level and personality. He also said he is opening his doors to players from all over the world to find the best fit for the team.

Another goal on Sopol's to-do list is one every coach aspires for at the beginning of a season.

"Win conference. I don't want to end any other way than that," Sopol said.

The teams have been taking on away tournaments during off seasons. This has given players an opportunity to learn more about their coach.

"He is an awful driver! He is a French driver still," Sadovnikova said.

## • Five for Five

Adam Earnhardt, department of communication chair



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*Youngstown has always been the middle of Pittsburgh and Cleveland fans. It gets even more heated when the Browns and Steelers clash, even though the Steelers have been more successful since the Browns' return in 1999.*

*But this fall semester has been different, something Youngstown natives have never seen before. The Cleveland Indians and Pittsburgh Pirates are in the playoffs together. Are fans leaning more towards baseball right now instead of football?*

*In this week's Five for Five, Dr. Adam Earnhardt was asked five questions regarding this unique experience. Earnhardt, a longtime Pittsburgh fan, has studied sports fandom since 2005 and solely on the Cleveland-Pittsburgh rivalry five years ago.*

**Obviously, Youngstown is a big Pittsburgh-Cleveland atmosphere, mainly with the Browns and Steelers. How do you feel now with the Pirates and Indians in the playoffs?**

You're starting to see a lot more jerseys, hats and emblems all over campus and all around the Mahoning Valley. It's really similar to the split between the Steelers and Browns where you see kind of an equal number of Indians and Pirates stuff popping up all over town. That's consistent with what we see basking in the glow of these championship teams, these winning teams. When your team's winning, you're more apt to go out and wear those jerseys and those hats.

**Did you know that there were these many baseball fans around here?**

I did not. You know, I still think there aren't that many baseball fans around here. I think it's more of celebration of identity, the connection of a geographical area. People that are from Youngstown either feel a slight pull towards Cleveland or Pittsburgh, and they want to celebrate that. There's no better way to celebrate that than through the success of a baseball team or a football team.

**Being a Pittsburgh fan and with the Steelers off to a 0-4 start, for now at least, do you feel it's more of a baseball community than football?**

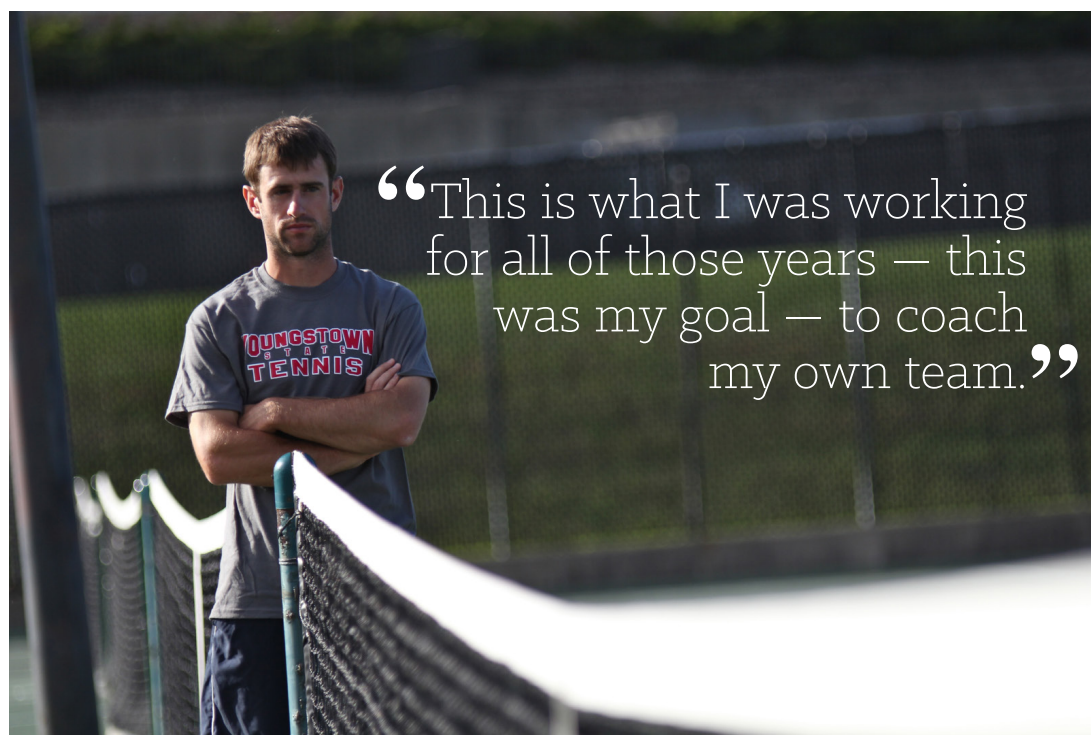
Yeah, it's something to kind of hang your hat on. There are certainly a whole lot more people out there saying 'argh' and using their pirate speech than they are talking about the Steel Curtain. But, that said, I think for now, it's still a football town. The reason why I say that is, you still see just as many people complaining about the Steelers being 0-4 as you do people talking about the chance for a pennant race or a run for the World Series in Pirate nation.

**From the Cleveland side, the Indians just clinched, the Browns are on a two-game winning streak, are you seeing equal with Browns and Indians talk or more with the Indians because they are in the playoffs?**

I don't think Cleveland fans know what to do with themselves. There's all of this good news to celebrate and all of this bad news to talk about in Pittsburgh. It's like they can go out and celebrate the race for the Cleveland Indians and the moderately successful start for the Browns. And at the same time, they get to revel in the demise of the Pittsburgh Steelers. I think there's a lot more enjoyment for the Cleveland fans than there has been in a long time.

**If, somehow, there's a Pirates-Indians World Series, what do you think that's going to do for Youngstown or just around the area in general?**

I think it's going to draw a lot of media attention here because this is really the point, the meeting in the middle, of Indians and Pirates fans. Unfortunately for me, I love the Cleveland Indians, and I love the Pittsburgh Pirates. I don't know what I'm going to do. Talk about a cognitive distance. I don't know what I would do if those two go to the World Series, but that's what I want. So, I think in this area, you'll see a lot more attention on looking at the dichotomy of the fan ship in this area. I think you'll see a whole lot of more people out at the sports bars, watching baseball instead of football, which is weird for this time of year around here.



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