



Dunn, Ryan announce new equipment for STEM



Congressman Tim Ryan helps speaks at a press conference announcing new technology that YSU will be receiving through a grant from the National Science Foundation. YSU's College of STEM announced that they will be getting a new X-ray diffractometer. Photo Josh Medore/ The Jambar.

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In a press conference on Tuesday, Congressman Tim Ryan announced Youngstown State University's acquisition of a \$470 thousand grant that will be used to purchase an X-ray diffractometer.

Allen Hunter, a professor in the chemistry department, wrote the grant proposal and explained the power of YSU's new X-ray equipment, calling the machine "something out of a sci-fi movie."

"This X-ray instrument that we're getting will be the highest performing one in the state," Hunter said. "It allows us to see things that are a trillion times — something like that — smaller than the naked eye can see."

The X-ray equipment is expected to advance the university's reputation and provide hands-on research experience to undergraduate students.

"First of all, it builds reputation, and, as you know, reputation matters," Hunter said. "More importantly, the students come out way better trained. ... We have really, really cutting edge stuff, and our students get saturated in it. So, they have way more hands-on experience."

Michael Hripko, director of the YSU College of Science, Technology, Engineering and Mathematics, said he is excited about the new research instrument.

"Better education leads to better education, better career opportunities, better research opportunities for our students. That has a significant impact for our graduates and for our students," Hripko said.

In Tuesday's press conference, Both YSU President Randy Dunn and Congressman Ryan agreed with Hunter and Hripko.

"We are going to have the ability for undergraduates to access this diffractometer to

be able to use it, have experience with it — in other places that may just be doctoral students or graduate students," Dunn said.

Ryan indicated that high-end equipment contributes to the university's status.

"This is really exciting because we are continuing to build a distinguished research university right here in Youngstown. ... We are starting to see the STEM college here at Youngstown State really emerge and distinguish itself — not only in Ohio, but around the country," Ryan said.

Hunter explained that The National Science Foundation awarded YSU's grant money. He compared the grant-writing process to a sales pitch.

"You read what it is that [The National Science Foundation] is interested in and you are trying to sell them that your idea is better than everyone else's," Hunter said. "You gotta know what's motivating the customer. Here, the grants program is our customer. In this program, you have to balance scientific merit. You have to have cutting edge science. You also have to have broad impact."

Hunter said that the acquisition of grant funds validates his work.

"It's like a validation for everything you do, because they only fund a handful of these every year in the country. And, it means that you beat out MIT and Stanford and places like this," he said.

While Hunter said he is excited to have secured the grant, he is already looking forward to his next proposal.

"I'm thinking about the next proposals that are out there because that is kind of my specialty is getting grants for this kind of stuff," he said.

The x-ray diffractometer is expected to arrive at YSU early this upcoming winter.

Additional reporting by Josh Medore.

Both suspects in campus robbery apprehended

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At around 5 p.m. on Tuesday, a female student was robbed of her purse at gunpoint by two young men in the M-2 Lincoln Avenue parking deck at Youngstown State University.

"There were two suspects, as you probably saw when the YSU alert was sent out. Within a fairly short period of time one of the suspects was apprehended," Ron Cole, YSU's Public Information Officer, said. "There were no injuries."

YSU Police Chief John Beshara said that both suspects have now been brought into custody.

"One of our officers, a short time after, observed what he thought to be the suspects down in the area of the parking lots off of Wood Street," Beshara said. "As he approached the suspects in the car, they took off on foot and split up."

With the help of the Youngstown Police Department and the Struthers Police Department's canine unit, one suspect was arrested after a short pursuit through the Smokey Hollow neighborhood, and his weapon was recovered as evidence. Though the second suspect successfully fled from the initial pursuit, he was apprehended and brought in for custody Wednesday morning.

"The investigation continued," Beshara said. "Through that investigation we, today, have a second suspect in custody."

This recent crime comes after a string of similar robberies in the area surrounding YSU, though, unlike the others, this incident occurred both on campus and during the day. Beshara, however, does not believe that this robbery is related to the others.

"This is a violent crime, which are few and far between, and I believe to be an isolated incident. Just somebody walking by and saw an opportunity," Beshara said. "Unfortunately, this particular isolated incident, it happened. There was no way of preventing it."

Beshara also offered advice to students concerned about their safety on campus.

"It is hard in today's fast-paced world, but people need to stay in the moment; they need to be aware, or try to be as aware as they can be about their surroundings," Beshara said. "Our community, our student, faculty, staff and our visitors need to be aware that there is crime here as well."

Beshara said both suspects are juveniles. The first suspect is 16 years of age, while the exact age of the second suspect is not yet known.

Additional Reporting by Frank George.



Youngstown State University police officer David Benko places a maroon sweatshirt into an evidence bag. On Tuesday, a woman was robbed at gunpoint in the M-2 parking deck on Lincoln Avenue. The woman was unharmed. Two suspect were apprehended. Photos by Dustin Livesay/The Jambar.

Cheer Competition Raises Hope and Awareness

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For the past several years, Youngstown State University's Zeta Tau Alpha chapter has hosted the Pink Ribbon Cheer Classic to raise money for a good cause. This year's event will take place on Sunday in Beeghly Center and will mark the 13th PRCC.

Over the past three years, the event has raised over \$100,000 for breast cancer awareness, research and education. This annual cheerleading and dance competition occurs every October during Breast Cancer Awareness Month.

Founded in 2001, the event has raised almost \$650,000. In 2012 alone, \$163,735 was raised. With the last few years proving successful, ZTA is confident they'll reach this year's goal of \$115,000.

"This event is put on by the ZTA Collegiate and Alumnae chapters of Youngstown," said Catie Carney, a member of YSU's ZTA chapter. "For the past 13 years, the sisters — both collegiate and alumnae — of ZTA work really hard all year long to make sure that the PRCC is successful."

Kim Caputo, the event's founder, said her love for her sorority sisters and her passion for cheerleading inspired the inception of the PRCC.

"My inspiration was a mix of my two loves: my sorority, Zeta Tau Alpha, and the Liberty cheerleaders, who at the time, I was their head coach. I explained to my cheerleaders that when you are in a sorority, you fundraise for a cause and don't get to keep the money for personal use," Caputo said. "The event was a way for me to show them the positive things sororities do while teaching them a life lesson about raising money for a cause."

Caputo said she's seen the event grow significantly over the last decade, and she is impressed with local cheerleaders' spirits.

"The one thing I have found to be the most special is watching and hearing about the different cheer teams in the community thinking pink more than just on the one day of our event. From pink spirit weeks to pink out



Cheerleaders compete in last year's Pink Ribbon Cheer Classic. The Youngstown State University's Zeta Tau Alpha chapter hope to raise \$115,000 for breast cancer research and awareness at this year's competition. **Photo by Dustin Livesay/The Jambar.**

football games, watching the cheerleaders promote breast cancer awareness in so many different ways is the thing that I have found to be the most important way the event has grown," Caputo said.

On Oct. 17, ZTA held their 2nd annual Pink Ribbon Cheer Competition, a separate cheerleading competition for student organizations. Proceeds from this event also went to breast cancer awareness and research.

Each organization that participated made up a unique breast cancer cheerleading routine. The winners were awarded a trophy and a free performance spot at the 13th Annual Pink Ribbon Cheer Classic.

"Each year, our chapter has anywhere between 40 to 43 sisters. The amount of money we raise at the PRCC depends on the amount of participants

at the event, as well as the generous donations we receive each year from corporate sponsors, such as Fast Signs, YSU Student Government, and Clear Channel Radio," Carney said.

Throughout the month of October, ZTA has been selling Pink Out Day t-shirts on campus. These t-shirts are to be worn on Pink Out Day, raise awareness and promote the PRCC.

Allison English, a ZTA collegiate member, organized this year's Survivor Ceremony held during the event. She said that they take pride in honoring the survivors with something that is near and dear to them.

"Every year the PRCC invites all survivors to join us in helping with Breast Cancer Awareness. There is a ceremony during the event that honors the individuals that fought the battle of breast cancer," English said.

Carney noted that not only is she proud of the work ZTA does for Breast Cancer education and awareness, but she also feels inspired by the Survivor's Ceremony held every year with the event to honor a particular survivor.

"This is an empowering ceremony, and really shows me how significant of an impact ZTA has on those affected by breast cancer," Carney said.

Caputo concluded that the event has become a staple in her life.

"Personally, I grew up with this event," Caputo said. "The event has seen me through college, the death of two close family members, and even my engagement in front of the crowd in 2011. This year, I will be carrying my first child at the event. It is a huge part of my life and it is amazing to share with my ZTA sisters."

A Swinging Good Time



Dan Catello (left) and Kristi Yazvac (right) swing dance last school year as part of Ballroom Dance Club. This year, the club is putting on a "Gatsby" dance at Kuzman's Lounge. **Photo courtesy of YSU Ballroom Dance Club.**

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Youngstown State University's Ballroom Dance Club will host their "Gatsby" dance on Thursday in Kuzman's Lounge from 7-10 p.m.

Kristi Yazvac, president of YSU Ballroom Dance Club, said that the event was the result of successful collaboration of club members.

"As a group, we wanted to do a swing dance, and we thought the '20s era was close enough to the Charleston and the Jitterbug so we chose it, and "The Great Gatsby" had just come out," Yazvac said.

Emily Andriko, vice president of the ballroom dance club, said that she was eagerly anticipating the occasion.

"We also had a chance to see the movie, and we listen to music a lot, and it just seemed like it was such a popular theme recently that it would be very well received by the public," Andriko said. "It's go-

ing to be a fun event with good food, and we hope to see a lot of people out there enjoying themselves."

Yazvac explained that even inexperienced dancers will enjoy the event.

"We do all sorts of formal ballroom dances so you'll see the tango, the waltz, east and west coast swing, the hustle and the lindy hop, which is a form of the east coast swing and any kind in between. You don't have to know the dances, and once you get comfortable enough watching, you can join in," Yazvac said.

Andriko added that she is excited for the dance and hopes to see plenty of people in attendance at the event.

"The entire group that we live with has been talking about it all week, and we are all really excited for the dance," Andriko said. "No one is required to dress up. We just want everyone to come down, dance and have a great time."

Mary Smrek, education major and a member of the dance club, said that she is ex-

cited for "Gatsby" and encourages males to attend the dance.

"I'm excited because it's not going to be like one of those high school dances where everyone is up on everyone else," Smrek said. "It's going to be very classy, very fun, but we need more guys to come. We never get enough guys to join."

Though Smrek has not yet chosen an outfit for the "Gatsby" dance, she still looks forward to showing off the dance moves she learned in Ballroom Dance Club.

"When we have these dances outside of campus, we generally try to incorporate the dances we learn in the ballroom club. I haven't figured out what I'm wearing for 'Gatsby,' but since it's a '20s theme, people are going to be dressing in flappers' dresses, and I'm going to be jealous," Smrek said.

For a \$5 entry fee, anyone older than 18 years old is invited to dance and dress up in '20s era "Gatsby" themed costumes.



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Former YSU running back rejoins Cleveland

Former Youngstown State University running back Jamaime Cook has re-signed with the Cleveland Browns on Wednesday and will be on the practice squad. Cook was an undrafted signee of the Browns in August, cut, later re-signed and cut again. Cook also participated in the Browns preseason schedule. The Browns waived tailback Tim Rainey before Sunday's loss at Green Bay. Cleveland also traded running back Trent Richardson to the Indianapolis Colts before its third game of the season at Minnesota. The senior from Cleveland broke YSU's career all-purpose yard record of 5,128 in his four-year career, which was held by Tamron Smith since 1993. In the process, he also topped the 4,000-yard rushing mark, becoming the second player in YSU history to achieve this feat. Cook finished his collegiate career with 5,220 all-purpose yards, 4,052 rushing yards (second most in YSU history) and 20 100-yard rushing games (also second most in YSU history).

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Jobless rate drops to 7.2%

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WASHINGTON — Employers added a disappointing 148,000 jobs in September but the unemployment rate trickled down a touch to 7.2 percent, the government said Tuesday in a closely followed report more than two weeks late because of the partial government shutdown.

Economists had been flying blind in October as several key government reports were sidelined by the shutdown. Chief among them was the September jobs report since employment has become a key real-time barometer of the economy's health.

And Tuesday that report came in mixed. Mainstream economists had expected as much as 180,000 new jobs last month, so the actual number was a letdown. But the Bureau of Labor Statistics also revised prior months' numbers, and the 169,000 jobs first reported in August was revised up to 193,000.

Given the strong August, Tuesday's report suggest the economy was decelerating before the partial government shutdown that began on Oct. 1 and threat of a voluntary default on U.S. bonds.

"The bad news is that the job market was soft even before the government shutdown and debt limit brinkmanship," said Mark Zandi, chief economist for forecaster Moody's Analytics. "The good news is that if lawmakers don't make significant changes to policy in the upcoming budget negotiations, and I don't think they will, the fiscal drag will fade going into next year and job growth will re-accelerate."

The drag he cited includes this year's end of a payroll-tax holiday that meant American workers were again contributing the full amount of their payments into the Medicare and Social Security systems, reducing what had been extra spending money for consumers. The drag also comes from the budget sequester, which imposed across-the-board cuts in spending by parts of the government including defense, a big part of the U.S. economy.

The private sector created 129,000 jobs in September, Tuesday's report said, the average for the past three months. It's a soft number for the world's largest economy, and Jason Furman, the new head of the White House Council of Economic Advisers said the average is "lower than we can be fully satisfied with, partially reflecting the effects of fiscal contraction."

House Speaker John Boehner, R-Ohio, pounced on the sluggish jobs report,

using a statement minutes after the release of the report to re-engage on the fight that shut down the government over Republican opposition to the Affordable Care Act.

"Add the higher costs and rising premiums of ObamaCare on top of disappointing jobs numbers and underwhelming wage growth, and you have a recipe for economic stagnation," the speaker said. "That's why in the weeks and months ahead Republicans are going to continue to work to stop the president's health care law, and to pursue pro-growth policies that strengthen our economy and expand opportunity for all Americans."

Economists think the political turmoil dinged job growth in October and expect it will result in slower economic growth for the remainder of the year. The White House's Furman said it was already apparent in the data.

"Prior to the shutdown, the four-week moving average of (first-time unemployment) claims fell to 305,000, the lowest level since May 2007. But initial claims spiked in the first two weeks of October," he said.

The October jobs report also has been delayed, with a release date now for Nov. 8 as statisticians try to make up for a lost half-month of data collection.

A bright spot in Tuesday's report was a tenth of a percentage point dip in the unemployment rate, down to 7.2 percent, the lowest since December 2008 when the financial crisis was in full bloom. The rate of participation in the labor force stayed the same in September, meaning that the tick down in the jobless rate was due to more hiring, not workers exiting the labor force. That was especially true for younger workers.

"One encouraging note is the sharp move lower in youth unemployment, where the unemployment rate for 16-19 year olds has dropped from 23.7 percent in July to 21.4 percent in September, which has been driven by rising employment rather than falling participation," noted economists John Ryding and Conrad DeQuadros at RDQ Economics, in an investment note Tuesday.

There were also some positive signs within the mix of jobs created in September. The long-suffering construction sector added 20,000 jobs last month, and retailers added almost 21,000 workers ahead of the start of holiday hiring.

"The pace of growth in retail hires has slowed, similar to what the rest of the labor market is experiencing," Jack Kleinhenz, chief economist for the National Retail Federation, said in a statement.

"Americans need to believe we are on a solid path out of this troubled economy and so far, they haven't been given any reason to believe that, thus impacting their spending decisions and retailers' ability to increase their payrolls."

Professional and business services, a largely white-collar sector with higher salaries, saw an increase of 32,000 jobs, and temporary help services, often a harbinger of future hiring, rose by more than 20,000.

On the downside, however, leisure and hospitality was a job-losing sector in September, shedding 13,000 workers. That's troubling because this sector is sensitive to changes in spending by businesses, and suggests companies could be pulling back on employee travel.

The healthcare sector, always a job adder, grew by an anemic 6,800 positions last month, well below its trend. And manufacturing, a labor-intensive sector, saw employers add just 2,000 positions in September.

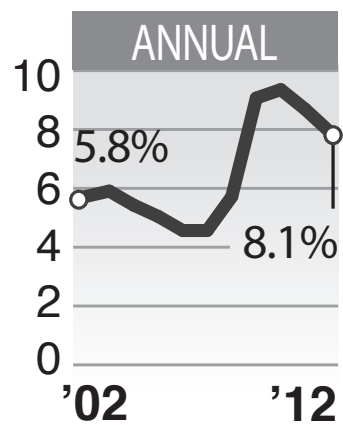
"It's clear that manufacturers continue to be hesitant to add new workers," said Chad Moutray, chief economist for the National Association of Manufacturers.

The soft September report and shutdown-related delays in October data collection are leading economists to expect that the Federal Reserve will hold off any reduction of stimulus for the U.S. economy until next year.

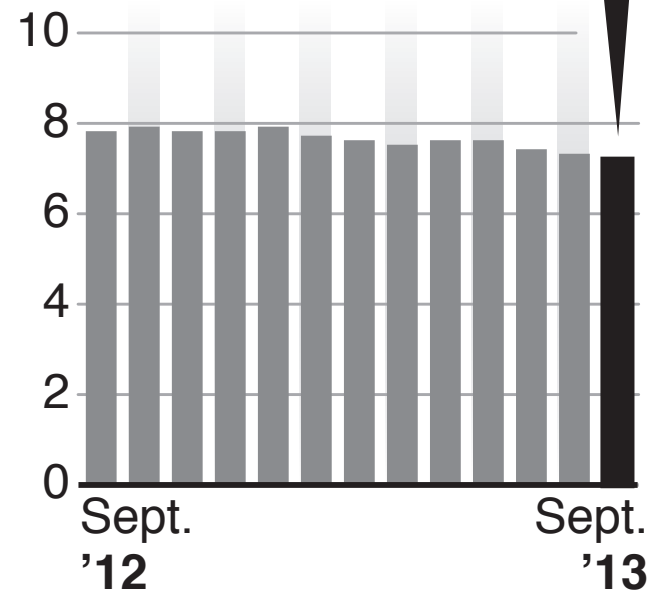
Chairman Ben Bernanke last June said the Fed could begin tapering back its \$85 billion a month of unconventional purchases of government and mortgage bonds. The effort is designed to stimulate risk taking, and the removal of its effect has been called the taper. Bernanke shocked the markets last month by holding off on a taper, and the same is expected next week at the Fed's two-day meeting that ends Wednesday.

Jobless rate

Percent of civilian labor force that is unemployed, by month, seasonally adjusted:



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"We view the subdued pace of job growth, the impact on GDP from the shutdown, potential for another

round of fiscal problems in the first quarter of next year and the current low level of inflation as reasons the Fed will likely defer tapering until early in the first quarter of next year," Jared Franz, an economist with investment giant T. Rowe Price, said in a note to investors.

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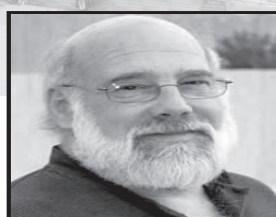
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Middle school students 'Speak Out'

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As part of Youngstown State University's expanding involvement with pre-school-12 schools, YSU will hold a "Stand Up, Speak Out" Leadership Conference in Kilcawley Center on Nov. 7. The conference invites middle school students from across Mahoning County to participate in a series of games and workshops that teach effective communication, resource management and other indispensable leadership skills.

The conference was brought to YSU on the impetus of Charles Howell, the

dean of the Beeghly College of Education. He spoke with Mickey Corso, chief academic officer of the Quaglia Institute for Student Aspirations and originator of the conference, about bringing the affair to YSU's doorstep.

"Howell found out about the conference, somehow or another. It was another initiative by Dr. Howell, and we became involved in another event," Susan Moorer, coordinator of P-16 outreach and assessment, said.

The "Stand Up, Speak Out" conference is the concoction of the Quaglia Institute for student aspirations, a Maine based nonprofit group that attempts to pinpoint the proper circumstances to fos-

ter learning in schools and to utilize that knowledge to create ubiquitous change.

"The model is created by the Quaglia Institute," Howell said. "They are a great believer in students taking ownership of their own education and student voices being heard in the educational system. They are working with the Youngstown City Schools to try and introduce those principals into the schools."

Quaglia partnered with the Ohio Department of Education and the Pearson Foundation, another nonprofit education organization that promotes literacy and proper learning and teaching skills, to bring the event to fruition.

Although the Quaglia institute is providing a number of field specialists to conduct the event, YSU is acting as more than just host. Moorer, for example, is handling the logistical aspects of the event, communicating with middle schools, and preparing Kilcawley.

"I am kind of the liaison between the Youngstown City Schools and YSU. I am just trying to make sure that everything that needs to happen before the conference actually happens," Moorer said. "You need to make sure every detail is handled."

The teacher education students of Regina Rees, professor of literacy and middle childhood education, are being

trained on Nov. 6 to act as facilitators and conduct workshops at the conference.

"Our teacher education students are going to help with this training, they are going to be facilitators for this training," Howell said. "The idea is that this introduces them to a college campus, and also helps them think more proactively about their own education and possibilities for higher education."

Participating middle schools are being asked to choose nine students and two chaperones to attend the event. The event is being offered at no cost, besides transportation, to schools and their districts.

Rights groups say drone strikes kill more civilians than US admits

Tribune Washington Bureau
(MCT)

WASHINGTON — U.S. airstrikes in Yemen and Pakistan have killed far more civilians than American officials acknowledge, and many of the attacks appear to have been illegal under international law, according to a pair of reports by human rights organizations based on interviews with survivors and witnesses.

The reports by Amnesty International, which looked into nine strikes in Pakistan, and Human Rights Watch, which examined six attacks in Yemen, also assert that the U.S. has killed militants when capturing them was a feasible option. In Pakistan, Amnesty found that U.S. missiles have targeted rescuers and other groups of people in an indiscriminate manner that increased the likelihood of civilian deaths.

The reports, distributed in advance to the Los Angeles Times/Tribune Washington Bureau and other news organizations, are being released at a news conference Tuesday morning in Washington.

The CIA had no comment, and the White House declined to respond in detail, but it pointed out that President Barack Obama in May announced tighter rules of engagement that he said would make it less likely civilians would be killed or injured in targeted strikes. Most of the attacks detailed in the two reports took place before Obama's speech.

American officials have portrayed drone strikes as both lawful and clinically precise. CIA Director John Brennan said in April 2012 when he was a White

House counterterrorism adviser that "never before has there been a weapon that allows us to distinguish more effectively between an al-Qaida terrorist and innocent civilians."

But Amnesty said 29 noncombatants died in the Pakistan attacks it investigated, and Human Rights Watch counted 57 civilians dead in six incidents in Yemen, including 41 in a December 2009 cruise missile strike based on bad intelligence from the Yemeni government. Most of the strikes involved missiles fired from remotely piloted drone aircraft.

The authors of the reports acknowledged that in many cases it was difficult to say with certainty whether adult men killed in a particular strike were members of al-Qaida or associated forces who had participated in or were planning attacks on U.S. interests.

Relatives of the dead often insist that their loved ones had no connection to extremism. American intelligence officials and their congressional overseers say that in almost all cases, the strikes have hit legitimate targets.

The human rights activists argue that, under international law, mere membership in an organization or past participation in hostilities against the U.S. does not make someone a legitimate target for a drone strike. And they say that despite Obama's pledge this year to be more transparent, the U.S. is still releasing almost no information about who it is killing and why.

"We think these people were civilians, and the onus is on the U.S. government to prove otherwise," said Naureen Shah of Amnesty International, who helped write the group's report. "The U.S. government has this information and is withholding it."

Letta Tayler of Human Rights Watch said: "The U.S. should explain who it's killing and why it's killing them. We strongly suspect that their definition of 'combatant' is elastic and that they are stretching it beyond what international law allows."

Two airstrikes in Pakistan examined by Amnesty that occurred after May did not appear to include any civilian casualties. None of the strikes in Yemen detailed by Human Rights Watch occurred after Obama's speech. However, the administration has informed Congress that a young child, the brother of a targeted militant, was killed inadvertently in a June drone strike in Yemen, two U.S. officials said.

The largest loss of civilian life discussed in the report occurred in a cruise missile attack on Dec. 17, 2009, in Yemen's Abyan province.

As many as five U.S. Navy Tomahawk cruise missiles armed with cluster munitions struck the hamlet of Majalah, Human Rights Watch said, in a case that has been explored in a previous Amnesty report and in news accounts and books.

Though the attack killed 14 people believed to be al-Qaida combatants, it also killed at least 41 Bedouins from two extended families, according to a Yemeni government investigation. Nine of the dead were women — five of them pregnant — and 21 were children, the investigation found.

"That one you could argue was bad intelligence from the Yemenis," an unnamed Yemeni official told Human Rights Watch.

The reports call the U.S. assurances into question. A strike on July 6, 2012, in Pakistan's North Waziristan region killed 18 people, most if not all of whom were

noncombatants, Amnesty asserts.

Witnesses told Amnesty that the attack came in two waves. A group of laborers had gathered at a tent after a long day of work. A series of missiles struck, and then more missiles hit villagers who approached to help, some of them carrying stretchers.

Though residents acknowledged that some people in the village were sympathetic to the Taliban, they insisted that none of those killed were Taliban fighters.

Even if they were, "how could the U.S.A. attempt to justify the second missile strike, which appeared to target those who had gone to rescue people injured in the first strike and recover the dead?" Amnesty asked. "Attacking the injured (rescuers) is prohibited under international humanitarian law."

That attack appears to fit the profile of a signature strike, an operation in which the CIA attacks groups of suspected militants whose names are not known, but who in the eyes of analysts watching drone surveillance video fit a pattern of behavior that marks them as a threat.

The Amnesty report also criticizes the Pakistani government. Even as officials in Islamabad, the capital, publicly condemn drone attacks, "elements of the state" are suspected of colluding with those behind the attacks, the report says, an apparent reference to Pakistan's military and spy agencies. This ambiguity tends to discourage Islamabad from investigating civilian attacks, helping drone strike victims or pressuring the U.S. for greater accountability, Amnesty said.

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LIFE LESSONS BEYOND THE SCRIPT



Scott Irelan, Youngstown State University's Theatre and Dance Department chair, teaches classes at YSU as well as serving as the chair for the department. **Photo by Taylor Phillips/ The Jambar**

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Since July 2012, Scott Irelan has served as the chair of the College of Creative Arts and Communication's Theatre and Dance Department. Irelan has also taught a number of classes at Youngstown State University and has directed the University Theatre's fall 2012 production of "Rent."

Originally from Toledo, Irelan attended Bowling Green State University to study something other than theatre and performance.

"I started out as a research science major," Irelan said. "It just didn't appeal to me. That's when I decided to switch to a speech and communication major and received my undergrad in that."

After receiving his bachelor's and master's degrees from BGSU, Irelan went on to become a professional actor for a few years before pursuing his doctorate in performance studies from Southern Illinois University at Carbondale.

"It gave me the chance to wander," he said. "I pursued different projects and different work to be prepared when I go back to teach."

Irelan said he was immediately drawn to YSU's campus because he had heard of the fantastic repu-

tation that the University Theatre possesses and also to get his feet wet in administrative education.

"I was struck by the intellectual curiosity of the students that I talked to when I visited," he said. "I like being back in a university setting and the energy is different, particularly at a public university like YSU. I really do enjoy it."

Besides being drawn to the university, Irelan was also drawn to the location of the campus.

"I grew up in Toledo so I was really excited to get back to Ohio," he said. "So getting back to somewhere within four hours of my family was something I was really interested in."

Irelan currently teaches classes such as theater history, script analysis and dramatic literature.

"It's not my place to pontificate, but more my place to share information," Irelan said. "I keep learning sessions light and sort of just jaunt through history. I also like to teach the history of the certain plays that are being produced at the time."

Matthew Malloy, a senior theatre major, currently has Irelan for one of his theatre classes.

"He is one of the smartest people I have ever met," Malloy said. "He just spews information off the top of his head. It's insane."

Irelan also directed University Theatre's production of Rent in fall 2012 and said it was a very exciting process for both him and the students in-

involved in the production.

"It was nice to be able to start off my first year here directing a big piece like that," he said. "It really got me interacted with students and helped me learn more about the strengths and weaknesses of the place."

Natalie Martzial, a junior, played the character Maureen in University Theatre's production of "Rent."

"Dr. Irelan has done wonders for the theatre department," Martzial said. "He's a great teacher and director and is always willing to help students with any problems they may have."

In the future, Irelan said he hopes to be able to direct more plays, even if it may be a little production or a class project.

"We have some pretty cool shows," Irelan said. "The theatre and dance program is really unique. Instead of labs, we have performances."

Malloy said that Irelan really cares about his students in every way possible.

"He's just really cool and down to earth," Malloy said. "You really can tell he cares about each and every one of us."

Irelan has also made a lifestyle choice of becoming a vegetarian since 1998.

"It is so hard around this time of year," he said. "The smell of ham just gets me."



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EDITORIAL

In which we say “Bonjour” to New Orleans...

EDITORIAL STAFF

We've checked out this week. This editorial was written on Tuesday. Wednesday morning, we left for The Big Easy, New Orleans. You probably aren't going to ask anyone, "Why are those darn Jambar people going on vacation?"

Well, too bad. We're going to give you the answer to the question you never planned on asking. We will be attending the

annual National College Media Convention to learn how to be better journalists, better investigators and better at everything we do here at The Jambar. We will be submitting copies of past issues for our peers to evaluate and critique. We will be learning new techniques in everything from reporting to design to selling advertisements.

Not only does going to this convention help us, but it helps you as well. You will — if all goes as planned — be getting

higher quality stories that are written with new, better techniques. Your news will cover stories in a more in-depth manner and, as a result, you will better informed.

This is also for YSU. At the NCMC, newspapers submit their best work to win awards, including Best of Show and Best of Collegiate Design. We're only entering the Best of Show this year, — we're entering our Oct. 15 issue that covered the Peace Race — but we'd like to

think we've got a shot at adding to the list of recent awards that YSU has received.

This is not a vacation for us. This is three days that we are using to benefit you and YSU. Don't get us wrong, any time off from class at this point in the semester is welcomed with arms wide open, but we're taking this seriously.

Fear not, though, there will still be people staffing The Jambar office. Our news editor, Frank, asked us to give him a

shout out for staying behind to prevent any catastrophes. One of our designers, Keeley, is going to be here to make sure that you actually have a paper to read.

We will return from New Orleans as better journalists who are more prepared to investigate, report and present news. Hopefully, our product will be better from this issue on and something that you, our readers, and YSU can be proud of.

Discovering the epidemic of overtreatment

H. Gilbert Welch
Los Angeles Times
(MCT)

Similar populations living in different regions of the United States get exposed to wildly different amounts of medical care.

If that sounds like an old story, it is. It's now four decades old. But it is an important story to reflect on as we consider the path forward for our medical care system.

In the late 1960s, a nephrologist trained in epidemiology was sent to Burlington, Vt., to run the state's regional medical program. The program was part of the Lyndon B. Johnson administration's effort to bring the advances of modern medicine to all parts of the nation. Its goal was to identify which areas of Vermont were underserved.

The task required that the state be subdivided into geographic units within which residents received most of their medical care (not surprisingly, the 13 units were constructed around towns with hospitals). And it required an emerging technology: a mainframe computer.

It was the dawn of the era

of big data. Electronic medical records, though quite primitive, were analyzed to reveal the pattern of medical care delivery in the entire state.

The findings were — so to speak — all over the map. Depending on where she lived within the state, a woman's chances of having her uterus removed varied as much as threefold. A man's chances of having his prostate removed varied as much as fourfold. And the children of Morrisville were more than 10 times as likely to have their tonsils removed as their counterparts in Middlebury.

Because the population of the state was so homogenous, it sure looked like the variations were driven by the medical care system, not its patients.

No medical journal would publish the findings, and so they instead appeared in the journal *Science*.

Despite his original motivation to identify underservice, the nephrologist-cum-epidemiologist concluded the 1973 *Science* article with a decidedly different take: "the possibility of too much medical care and the attendant likelihood of iatrogenic illness is as strong as the possibility of not enough."

He was a radical.

His name is John E. Wennberg, M.D., M.P.H.; but at Dartmouth, we all call him Jack. He is the reason Dartmouth is on the health policy map.

Jack went on to document similarly wildly variable medical practices in the other New England states. But it wasn't until he compared two of the nation's most prominent medical communities — Boston and New Haven, Conn. — that the major medical journals took notice. In the late 1980s, both the *Lancet* and the *New England Journal of Medicine* published the findings that Boston residents were hospitalized 60 percent more often than their counterparts in New Haven. Oh, by the way, the rate of death — and the age of death — in the two cities were the same.

It was an alternative version of the Harvard-Yale game — and Yale won.

In the 1990s, Jack led the effort to catalog the patterns of medical care for the entire nation, and the Dartmouth Atlas of Health Care was born. The atlas data were central to the contention, made by the Obama administration, that there was substantial waste in U.S. medi-

cal care.

You probably knew that already. And Jack's work is a big part of the reason you do.

OK, it's interesting history. But how is it relevant today?

Because this work represents the genesis of a new science — medical care epidemiology, a science we are about to need a lot more of.

Classically, epidemiology examines exposures relevant to infectious disease: think water supplies as the source of cholera epidemics in the mid-1800s to food supplies as the source of recent *Salmonella* outbreaks. In the mid-1900s, epidemiology began to tackle exposures relevant to chronic disease — discovering, for example, how cigarette smoking increases the risk of dying from lung cancer 20 times.

Medical care epidemiology examines the effect of exposure to medical care: how differential exposure across time and place relates to population health outcomes. It acknowledges that medical care can produce both benefits and harms, and that conventional concerns about underservice should be balanced by concerns about overdiagnosis and overtreatment. Think of

it as surveillance for a different type of outbreak: outbreaks of diagnosis and treatment.

Medical care epidemiology is not a substitute for traditional clinical research. Instead, it is a complement, because there are many questions that cannot be studied in randomized trials. How do new diagnostic and treatment technologies affect clinical practice? Do specialists better spend their time doing procedures or providing support for primary-care practitioners? How frequently should patients be seen? Do patients do better taking more medicines or fewer?

Jack is the father of this new science and the inspiration that led the next generation of physicians to enter the field. His colleagues will honor his contribution this month at Dartmouth on this 40th anniversary of his *Science* paper.

But all Americans have benefited from his contributions: bringing science to bear on the practice of medical care, recognizing that too much medical care is a problem, and arguing that medical care should serve the needs of the patient, not the needs of the system.



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Love cats, eat cows?

Hal Herzog
Los Angeles Times
(MCT)

We Americans like to think of ourselves as animal lovers. But is this claim true? One way to answer this question is to follow the money. According to government, industry and interest group stats, we spend about \$50 billion on our pets annually and donate an additional \$6 billion to animal-related and environmental charities. This sounds like a lot until you compare it to the amount we collectively devote to killing members of other species: \$72 billion on hunting and fishing, \$60 billion on animal research and \$240 billion on meat, poultry and seafood. In short, Americans fork out nearly seven times more toward harming animals than toward protecting them.

Our cultural schizophrenia over the treatment of other species is also reflected in our behavior. In 2010, PETA named Bill Clinton Man of the Year because he had forsworn the consumption of animal products and become a vegan — no meat, no dairy, no honey. Yet on CNN last year, while extolling the benefits of his new vegetable-only lifestyle, the former president casually added, "Now I try to eat salmon once a week."

Clinton's convoluted culinary taxonomy shouldn't be surprising. Studies show that most "vegetarians" eat flesh. For example, in a national telephone survey, USDA researchers found that two-thirds of self-identified vegetarians admitted that they had eaten meat in the previous 24 hours.

What are we to make of the muddled thinking so characteristic of our relationships with animals? Some years ago, I was discussing these paradoxes with Andrew Rowan, then the director of the Tufts University Center for Animals and Public Policy. At one point he looked up and said, "The only consistency in the way humans think about animals is inconsistency." I call this Rowan's Principle, and it captures the essence of our morally conflicted relationships with the creatures we share our world with.

The blatant inconsistencies in how we think about animals fly in the face of a fundamental psychological principle called "cognitive dissonance" — the notion that simultaneously holding two inconsistent views creates mental discomfort. When confronted with information that conflicts with our beliefs, psychologists say, something has to give. We change our attitudes and behaviors or we distort and deny the incongruent facts.

After studying human-animal interactions for three decades, I have concluded that it just doesn't work that way for most people when they think about other species. We simply ignore the inherent paradox of loving the cats in our homes and eating the cows on our plates. In my experience, Clinton, who apparently sees no irony in being

a fish-eating vegan, represents the rule, not the exception.

But some animal rights activists do recognize the logical consequences of taking animals seriously and often change their lives accordingly. Over the years, I have interviewed dozens of animal protectionists. Many of them extolled the personal satisfaction that accompanies rigorous moral clarity. As one man said: "I can go through my entire day without imposing any cruelty on animals. I am free."

But consistency can come at a personal cost. One animal activist I interviewed quit his church league softball team because he could not find a decent non-leather glove, and another felt guilty driving his car because of bugs that were inevitably smashed on the windshield. A young woman confessed that she had given up dating because she could not find men who shared her values. ("Just going out for dinner becomes an ordeal," she said.)

Then there was the doctoral student in mathematics who concluded that pet-keeping was immoral. So one afternoon he released his beloved cockatiel into the gray skies of Raleigh, N.C. But he sheepishly admitted: "I knew she wouldn't survive, that she probably starved. I guess I was doing it more for myself than for her."

The philosophical arguments for animal liberation are strong. But in matters of ethics, logic has its limits. The need for moral consistency led Joan Dunayer, author of the book "Speciesism," to a series of conclusions that most of us would find run counter to simple common sense. She argues, for example, that our moral obligations extend to jellyfish, that a human and a spider are entitled to the same right to life, and that if faced with the decision to save a puppy or an infant from a burning building, you should flip a coin.

The public is increasingly sensitive to moral issues posed by factory farms, foie gras, puppy mills, circus elephant acts and even horse racing. However, most Americans tell pollsters they oppose a ban on hunting and support the use of animals in research. And, despite the convincing arguments that eating flesh poses health, environmental and ethical problems, according to the Vegetarian Resource Group, 96 percent of Americans continue to eat meat.

Current thinking in psychology is that our moral judgments are the product of two mental processes. The first is intuition, a process that is unconscious, instantaneous and ruled by emotion. The second is rationality — it is logical, conscious and slow. Often heart and head disagree, and this conflict plays out in our attitudes toward other species. For example, pure reason tells me that it is wrong to eat animals simply because they taste good, yet my "gut feel" is that the sublime taste of slow-cooked Carolina barbecue makes the death of the pig I am about to eat worthwhile. Logic leads Dunayer to conclude that there is no difference in the moral worth of a dog and a human child. My moral intuition says she is wrong.

The philosopher Strachan Donnelley used the phrase "the troubled middle" to describe the ethical territory inhabited by those of us who love animals yet disagree with extremists on both sides of the animal rights debate. Given the scarcity — and perhaps the impossibility — of complete consistency in our interactions with animals, and given the demonstrable limitations of both cold logic and hot emotion in matters of morality, it seems that for most of us, the troubled middle is just about right.

PIECES OF THE PUZZLE



Liz Hornberger

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Throughout his 17 years coaching, John Barnes, the new Youngstown State University women's basketball head coach, is taking the positives and putting together a puzzle.

"You take all of the things that you feel you've helped your teams throughout the years and use them to what best fits your team now," he said.

YSU is putting the pieces together — as it usually does before every season. But this time, the Penguins are doing so with two major sections missing.

First, Barnes replaces former YSU and current Ohio University head coach Bob Boldon who led the Penguins to a 23-10 (11-5) record last year and a trip to the Women's National Invitation Tournament.

Boldon also took his coaching staff to OU with him, so Barnes had to start fresh and bring in his own. The new YSU staff includes Andy Crane, John Nicolais, Brenna Bankston and Courtney Davidson.

"The first day we met them was kind of awkward, but then it was like we had known them for years," senior Melissa Thompson said. "It's been really easy on and off the court, and we already feel like a family on the court."

The other piece is Brandi Brown, who is currently playing in Sweden, averaged 20.1 points per game and 11.1 rebounds per game last year.

Coincidentally, Brown wore No. 42 during her four-year career at YSU. Freshman Jonna Raflund currently sports the number, and she hails from Sweden.

"We're not trying to replace Brandi," Barnes said. "We're trying to have all of our players step up, do a little bit more of the scoring, do a little bit more of the rebounding and help out more defensively."

The biggest obstacle of the four that Barnes men-

tioned is defense, which he has been stressing to his new team. Senior Liz Hornberger said the first three weeks of practice were all about defense.

"We didn't work on offense at all," she said. "The first day we did offense, no one scored, and we were all worried that our offense was terrible. I just think that our defense is that much better already."

The Penguins allowed 57.8 points per game last year, even though opponents shot 40.4 percent against them. YSU was also out-rebounded by 69 last season.

"I think our defense looks way better than it did last year, and we weren't terrible on defense last year," Hornberger said. "Everything Coach Barnes has done so far has only made us better."

Another item Barnes' has been stressing is the low-post shots. The Penguins attempted 858 3-pointers last year and made 30.7 percent of them while their opponents attempted 502. Hornberger ranks fourth among returning Horizon League 3-point shooters with 65 made.

Senior Monica Touvelle ranks sixth in that category with 62 made last year. She also ranks seventh with a 34.8 3-point percentage.

"The closer that your shots are, usually the percentages go up," Barnes said. "We're not throwing away the 3-pointers by any means. We still want to do those things, but we just want to start throwing it inside to our bigs and going from there."

One preseason positive for the Penguins is that they have 17 home games scheduled, which is the most in school history. Eight out of their first nine games are at Beeghly Center.

"It's awesome. I hate traveling," Hornberger said laughing. "I like our gym, and I love our fans."

The Horizon League schedule begins on Jan. 9 at Valparaiso University. Before conference play begins, Barnes said the University of Wisconsin-Green Bay is still the team to beat even though they lost a few key players. The Phoenix went 29-3 (16-0) last year and won the conference championship.

"I think Wright State's going to have a very strong team," Barnes said. "There's a lot of teams in that next spot. I think it's up for grabs."

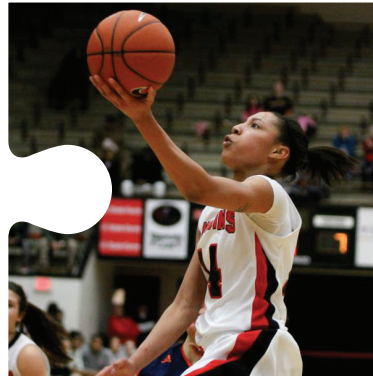
Karen Flagg and three other seniors — Hornberger, Touvelle, Thompson — help make up the incomplete puzzle that is Youngstown State. A starting lineup is not in place. The Penguins are still in the evaluation period.

The season begins on Nov. 2 against Virginia Commonwealth University at home. The Penguins look to put all the pieces together that will ultimately result in a Horizon League Championship.

"I just constantly think back to my freshman year when we only won six games," Hornberger said. "It's not something I like to be reminded of, but you look at all of the mistakes we made in the past."

"It's hard to compare because everything's different, but it's a good different. I think that's why our senior class is so strong because we've been through that. Everything's becoming more detailed because the little things are the things that win championships."

Karen Flagg



Melissa Thompson



Shar'Rae Davis

• • Five for Five

Senior guard
Monica Touvelle



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Throughout the successful 2012-13 campaign that the Youngstown State University women's basketball team experienced, one of its key components was the role players. Senior guard Monica Touvelle was one of those players.

The Boardman native gave the Penguins a spark with her 3-point shooting ability. Touvelle is this week's guest in our Five for Five segment, giving her take on the upcoming season and her expectations.

Touvelle ranks seventh in program history with 140 career 3-pointers. She needs 58 to tie Dianne Rappach's career mark of 198. Touvelle also ranks seventh with 392 3-point attempts and ninth with a .357 3-point percentage.



Going back a little bit when you were at Boardman, what was the reason for staying at home and going to Youngstown State instead of somewhere else?

I never said that I wanted to stay home, but when I came here, it just felt right [and] comfortable. I've been coming to football games [and] basketball games since I was younger, so it was just the right decision. It just felt right, but I never said that I needed to stay at home. I was open to any options, and I'm glad that I ended up staying here.



Coach mentioned that you're not going to be much of a 3-point shooting team. You, for the most part, are a 3-point shooter. How have you been adjusting to that?

Well, definitely we're still going to be shooting the 3s. I'm going to headhunt for some 3s, and it is important to get the ball inside. I've played with big girls before in high school. That actually opens up for 3-pointers because as soon as you throw it in there, everyone's going after that big girl and leaves smaller people open shots. I think it's going to be a good thing for our team.



Not only are you switching from coach to coach, but you're also going from your first couple of years with no expectations to high expectations. What's that change been like? Is it harder to go from low to high than from high to higher?

I think low to high isn't that difficult because when you're low, nobody really expects you to do anything. But now that we're up at that high level, we do have that pressure to continue to improve and stay that level. I think it is a little nerve wrecking, but it's also exciting to push that No. 1 spot after we were No. 2 last year.



Liz [Hornberger] said the first three weeks of practice has been all about defense and pretty much all you're focusing on is defense. Is that something different than what you experienced in your past playing days?

Every coach I played for has harped on defense, which is a challenge for me because I'm not a quick kid. Defense isn't my forte, but I always work hard and try my best. You know, the offense is something that will come. You can always have somebody dribbling it. You can always have somebody shooting it, but the defense is definitely our focus, and it's what's going to get us to No. 1 this year.



Coach mentioned that there is no starting lineup so far. Even though you are a senior, do you feel like you have to thrive more to earn a starting spot?

It would be great to start. I'm not saying that that's a goal of mine or anything. I'm a role player, and I know what my role is. I'm not sure if that's going to be included in the starting five, but whoever starts, starts. It's not that big of a deal to me, really. I am a senior, but as long as I play, who cares?



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1 Green Bay 29-3 (16-0)	4 Detroit 21-13 (9-7)	7 Cleveland State 13-17 (5-11)
2 Youngstown State 23-10 (11-5)	5 Wright State 12-18 (6-10)	8 Valparaiso 11-20 (5-11)
3 Loyola* 17-15 (10-6)	6 Milwaukee 9-20 (5-11)	9 UIC 9-21 (5-11)

*No longer in the Horizon League