



Dunn installed as eighth president

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Though Randy Dunn took office in July, he was not formally welcomed as Youngstown State University's eighth president until his installation on Nov. 1 at Beehly Center.

During the installation ceremony, Dunn explained his vision for the university's future.

Throughout his first months as president, Dunn has not only worked to balance YSU's operating budget, but has also looked to improve enrollment numbers and graduation rates. Dunn said these efforts are part of a larger plan to reinvent the school's operating model.

"Our current operating model at YSU cannot be well sustained for much longer without something changing. Most of us in the arena know that full well. Corporations, businesses, science, government: they all know there eventually comes a time when only that incremental change doesn't work," Dunn said.

Despite efforts to reevaluate the school's operations, Dunn said YSU's essential mission to educate will not change.

"Reinventing the university is about continuing our mission of supporting thousands of men and women of all ethnic backgrounds, colors and beliefs, from here and other places as well with their dreams and personal aspirations to reinvent themselves," Dunn said. "So, let's start thinking about Youngstown State University in a new way. And let's come together to shape its reputation and build on its promise rather than letting others do it for us."

Harry Meshel, a member on the YSU Board of Trustees said it is the responsibility of the entire community to forward YSU's mission.

"The big thing was transferring responsibility to all of us in this community to do what we can for the university. ... The important thing to do is become a part of the community," Meshel said. "I just think we need as much additional respect and support that we can get for the university, everybody under-



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President Randy Dunn is sworn in as Youngstown State University's eighth president at an installation event held Nov. 1 in Beehly Center. Photo by Frank George/The Jambar.

Sedaris Speaks at Skeggs

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For more than 40 years, the Skeggs Foundation has introduced the Youngstown State University community to several renowned speakers — including Tom Brokaw, Jane Goodall and Bob Woodward — by hosting the Skeggs Lecture Series.

David Sedaris, a well-known humorist and author, spoke at the DeYor Performing Arts Center on Oct. 30 as part of the lecture series. Sedaris has published five books, and his satirical essays often appear in *The New Yorker*.

In his introduction to the lecture, YSU President Randy Dunn said that Sedaris has been called the "rock star of writers."

"Much of his humor is autobiographical, self-deprecating and often concerns his family," Dunn said.

During the lecture, Sedaris read passages from his new book "Let's Explore Diabetes with Owls." The audience laughed as Sedaris joked about everything from gun control to cancer.

"I'm moving to a place where freedom still means something," Sedaris said. "I'm just saying it is one of two states left where the mentally ill can legally own firearms. ... Now they can carry or conceal everything a normal person can. If you don't think a mental patient has a right to bring a sawed off shotgun to the church where people are protesting for gay marriage, you're part of the problem."

Audience members said they enjoyed the event. Alexandra Kovalchick said she



Participating in the Skeggs Foundation Lecture Series, David Sedaris entertained an audience at the DeYor Performing Arts Center on Oct. 30. Sedaris, a writer and humorist known for quirky and insightful storytelling, enthralled fans with excerpts from several of his books. Photo by Graig Graziosi/The Jambar.

traveled from Pittsburgh just to see Sedaris speak.

"The first book I read of his was 'Barrel Fever,'" Kovalchick said. "I had never read a short story book before, so I loved that he had these extremely intense, extremely detailed stories that were just so perfectly timed with everything. ... Now that I have heard his voice, and I read him, I can hear him saying everything and I get it more."

Kovalchick said that she has another trip planned to see Sedaris next month in New York.

"I am going to New York to see him in November. He'll

be at Carnegie Hall. Like, I bought the tickets; I asked off work; I made plans to stay with my girlfriends. Like, it's happening," she said.

Meghan Elliot from Alliance, Ohio, also responded positively to the Skeggs lecture.

"I would like for David Sedaris to become my best friend," Elliot said. "As much as I appreciate his written content, he was incredibly engaging just thinking on his feet and responding to what people were asking him. ... It is more fun to hear it than to read it."

The Skeggs Lecture Series was established in 1966 in

memory of the late Leonard Skeggs who, as the general secretary of the YMCA, played an influential role in the development of Youngstown College and, later, Youngstown State University.

During the lecture's introduction, Dunn thanked the Skeggs family for their continued support of the arts.

"[Leonard Skeggs] clearly believed in sharing the arts and making the arts available to all," he said. "We wanted to extend our thanks to the Skeggs family for what they do in support of the arts here at YSU."

Find out who you are

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On Nov. 1, in the Ohio Room of Youngstown State University's Kilcawley Center, Stedman Graham, renowned author and CEO of the management and marketing consulting firm S. Graham and Associates, spoke to students and faculty on leadership, the importance of personal identity and his recent book, "Identity: Your Passport."

Graham, known in pop culture for his relationship with Oprah Winfrey, is also a prominent business figure, author, speaker, and educator — having written 11 books on self-identification and launched an online course based on his trademarked Nine-Step Success Process.

Whiseboro, New Jersey, Graham's hometown, is where the business mogul founded AAD Education, Health and Sports, a non-profit organization made up of professional athletes committed to developing youth leadership in troubled communities.

Erin Driscoll, director of Student Activities and Greek Life, said that Graham specializes in speaking with young adults about achieving their aspirations.

"He is very passionate about working with teenagers and young adults about

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Ohio universities fight for student trustee voting rights

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More than 30 years ago, the Ohio General Assembly voted to allocate two seats for student positions on the boards of trustees for each university in Ohio. These student trustee titles were not created equal; the students were never allotted full voting rights. However, a bill introduced in the Ohio House of Representatives may change this, and Youngstown State University students plan to help.

House Bill 111 aims to allow Ohio's 13 public universities to permit student trustees full voting power, though actually granting them such is not mandatory.

Harry Meshel — a YSU Board of Trustees member and former Ohio Senator — said that the bill was introduced earlier this year by Michael Stinziano, a democratic senator for Columbus, and Mike Duffey, a republican senator from Worthington.

"That gives it bi-partisan support, but I don't know if that goes to the leadership in the house and the leadership in the senate because they can make or break a bill," Meshel said.

As it stands, student trustees at YSU are able to vote within the committees they are part of, but they are not permitted voting power in the full board meetings.

Melissa Wasser — a fourth year YSU student and one of the university's two student trustees — wholeheartedly supports changing this.

"It is very important that [student trustees] fully represent the student body in the way they were appointed to do, and I think that comes with the voting rights," Wasser said. "It is kind of rough

when students you are supposed to be representing come to you and say, 'Why did you raise tuition? Why did you vote to raise tuition?' and I have to explain to them that although I get a vote in committee ... I do not get a vote on the floor during a board meeting."

Despite this being Wasser's last year on the board, she is actively supporting the bill by drumming up support and communicating with students, administrators, legislators and other student trustees around the state.

"There is a Facebook group that some of the student trustees have started. ... We are trying to brain storm ways to make sure that they know that there are other universities in Ohio that support this bill," Wasser said. "I did ask Governor Kasich what he thought of the bill. Governor Kasich is really supportive of it. He says if it comes across his desk, he'll sign it. I talked to Dr. Dunn and he said that he fully supports it."

Eric Shehadi, the other YSU student trustee and a YSU Student Government Association representative, said that SGA has thrown their support behind the bill and taken tangible action to support it.

"SGA has actually co-signed [with other student government associations in Ohio] a letter that is being sent to the state legislator," Shehadi said.

Meshel, who is in full support of the bill, said that the issue is long-standing and divisive, with opponents who fear that students trustees will act in their own interest on decisions that affect them directly. He believes the bill's success is dependent on extensive student involvement, including acquiring official support from the YSU Board of Trustees and the university as a whole.

"If we [the board] re-

ceived 300 letters of some kind ... if we received that kind of support from the students and if the legislators would receive the same kind of evidence that the students care about this, then they might very well support it easily," Meshel said. "If the students don't give a damn — you know, if they act disinterested or disheartened or don't care — then the leaders say, 'Why should we even worry about it if the students don't exhibit strong support for it?'"

House Bill 111 comes on the heel of the related House Bill 377 that was struck down in 2012. However, the differences between the two bills are noticeable; House Bill 111 has more extensive bi-partisan support and allots universities the choice to refuse student trustees voting rights.

"I am much more optimistic. There is just much more buzz about it. Last year, when this happened, there was a little blurb and no one really did anything about it," Wasser said. "I talk to other student trustees across the state; I am hearing them talk about it — go to their papers, their news stations, their administration and say 'this is what is going on, we would really like your support.'"

Shehadi added that, although he is hopeful that the bill will pass, the student trustees will continue to represent YSU students to the best of their ability, regardless of the outcome.

"I do know that it has had a history of failing," Shehadi said. "I'm hopeful that it does pass, and I think it is only a positive thing. I guess for students at YSU, if doesn't pass, they can still rest assure that the student trustees represent them and that the rest of the board of trustee take our opinion into account when we voice them on behalf of the students."

Twitter increases IPO price range, following Facebook's path

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Following the path of its social-networking predecessor, Twitter Inc. increased the possible price of its initial public offering Monday, boosting the proposed price for its first batch of shares to as much as \$25.

Twitter initially stated that it planned to price its offering in a range from \$17 to \$20, which analysts considered low, based on the micro-blogging company's internal valuation of its private shares at \$20.65. After company executives spent the past week courting potential investors in its so-called "road show," they seemed to come to the same conclusion as the analysts, boosting the IPO range to \$23 to \$25. At the top of its new range, Twitter would rake in \$1.75 billion at a valuation of nearly \$14 billion.

The last social-networking company to go public and receive as much attention as Twitter made a similar move, but went even further. Facebook Inc. increased its initial price range in the week ahead of its May 2012 IPO despite beginning the process with a much wider price range than is typical, \$28 to \$35. Besides boosting its range to \$35 to \$38, the Menlo Park, Calif., company also increased the number of shares it offered, with early investors adding 95 million shares to the offering, which helped Facebook break IPO records with a total take of more than \$18 billion and a valuation of more than \$100 billion.

The twin moves likely contributed to Facebook's inability to sell for more than its IPO price in the company's first year on the public markets, however.

"Raising both the price and the size was Facebook's fatal mistake," PrivCo CEO and founder Sam Hamadeh told Reuters last month.

Twitter's move also creates a valuation similar to Facebook and Mountain View, Calif., professional-networking company LinkedIn Corp. when compared with revenues. Bloomberg News data shows that Twitter would be at 11.8 times its estimated 2014 revenues at the top of its proposed range, while projections put Facebook at a multiple of 11.5 and LinkedIn at 12.2.

Twitter did not increase the size of its IPO, which will not include any shares owned by private investors or company executives. The San Francisco company plans to sell 70 million shares and keep all the proceeds for corporate purposes.

Monday's updated filing also disclosed that International Business Machines Corp. has notified Twitter that the New York tech behemoth believes the social-networking company is infringing on three of its patents. IBM is seeking to settle the dispute by entering into a licensing agreement, but Twitter said in its filing, "We believe we have meritorious defenses to IBM's allegations."

Twitter is expected to set a final price for its IPO Wednesday night and debut on the New York Stock Exchange under the symbol TWTR on Thursday morning.



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identity development, and helping people figure out who they are — their dreams, values — and getting to students early on about what they want out of life," Driscoll said.

Graham told audience members that finding an identity is paramount in a world interested in preconceived notions based on race or gender. He said that to find out one's true identity, one must first find out what it is he/she desires in life and that success depends on one's own self-awareness.

"Find out who you really are. The world uses you when you don't have an identity, and you don't know who you are. Your success is going to depend upon how self-aware you are. What do you want to do with your life?" Graham said.

The next step, according to Graham, is to create a vision, a goal for the self that is free of the world's stereotypes and preconceptions of race and identity.

"Don't listen to someone that tells you can't do something based on your race, or skin color because only you know what you want for yourself. The world likes to put us in a box," he said. "We need to stop listening to what others say and focus on how

we're going to prove them wrong."

Graham advised attendees to develop a plan for their future by suggesting they think about where they are going, where they will be in five years from now — in ten years from now — and what it is they want to create in life. He said that focus is a huge part of remaining on track and being successful.

"Everyone needs a plan, and once you know what that plan is, you have to work hard to be able to achieve it," Graham said. "Focus is huge. ... That's the only way you can create excellence. You can predict your future based on the things you do every day, and how you think when a task is difficult, and finally how you're motivated."

Graham concluded his lecture with a rallying call by reminding participants of the merits of enthusiasm and of the dedication to their goals.

"Put all your energy and effort into achieving your goals. Enthusiasm and commitment generate excellence, and that leads to success. The challenge is to develop the ability to coexist with the world as it changes — never giving in and never giving up," he said.

Kevin Watts, a YSU student and football player,



Stedman Graham speaks to the audience during a lecture about identity development in the Ohio Room in Kilcawley Center on Friday. Photo by Alyssa Pawluk/ The Jambar

said that he found Graham's words both compelling and informed.

"He was a very motivational speaker, and I gained inspiration about my dreams from him. I think his words were moving to me, and he

really knew what he was talking about in being a future leader," Watts said.

Driscoll said that Graham presented an important opportunity for the campus and its students.

"The trend for all the

work he's doing is helping people be intentional about identifying the resources for them to be successful in life, and I think it's a great opportunity for our campus and the students," she said.

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YSU professor helps set international automobile standards

Kin Moy, associate professor of electrical engineering technology at Youngstown State University, traveled to Munich, Germany, earlier in the year to chair the United States delegation to the International Standards Organization's Electromagnetic Compatibility working group. Moy joined the group in 1987 when General Motors assigned him to be a representative. The group meets every nine months to develop global EMC test standards to evaluate automotive technology. The groups work to develop methods to ensure the systems under the automobiles' hoods are not affected by electromagnetic interferences. Moy is also chair of the Society of Automotive Engineers Electromagnetic Immunity Task Force, vice-chair of the SAE EMC Standards Committee and belongs to many other technical committees of SAE and the Institute of Electrical and Electronic Engineers. Moy was awarded a three-year research grant from YSU's Center for Transportation and Materials Engineering for his involvement in so many different organizations.

Journalist receives honorary Doctor of Letters degree at YSU

Simeon Booker, an award-winning journalist and Youngstown native, will receive an honorary Doctor of Letters degree at YSU's fall commencement on Dec. 15. Booker has long been considered the "dean" of black journalists and was a White House correspondent for both Jet and Ebony magazines for more than 50 years until his retirement in 2007. In addition to receiving a Doctor of Letters degree, he will be giving the commencement address.

"Celebrating 50 Years of University Theater: A Musical Commemoration" presents Friday

YSU's University Theater will present "Celebrating 50 Years of University Theater: A Musical Commemoration" on Friday, Nov. 8 in the Ford Theater. The show will run for two weekends — Nov. 8-10 and 15-17. Performances will feature music from West Side Story, Chicago, Carousel, Rent and Guys and Dolls and will celebrate more than 200 productions since the start of University Theater, 50 years ago. Performances will begin at 7:30 p.m.

standing that this is one of the most important facilities in this part of the state."

Gianna Marinucci, a student at YSU, said that even students can help improve the university's image.

"I thought it was really interesting and exciting to see a new president at YSU and hear what he had to say and other people had to say about him," Marinucci said. "He really wants to improve the university's image and I think that's an important thing for students to do as well."

Dr. Sudershan Garg, chair of the board of trustees, was among the installation's many speakers. He called Dunn an asset to the community and expressed confidence in Dunn's ability to lead.

"Kentucky's loss is Ohio's gain. Murray City's loss is Youngstown city's gain. Murray State University's loss is YSU's gain," he said. "I strongly believe that [Dunn] is the right man for the right job."

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Catie Carney, president of the YSU Student Government Association, said Dunn possesses the quality of a successful leader who will keep the interest of the university's students in mind.

"We needed a president with charisma, integrity and ingenuity in order for this university to continue to thrive," Carney said. "Dr. Randy Dunn possesses all of these qualities. Since his first day on the job, Dr. Dunn has made it clear that the students are his top priority."

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Los Angeles Times (MCT)

LOS ANGELES — The gunman ignored the travelers shuffling in and out of Los Angeles International Airport. He ignored the airline employees printing tickets and checking bags.

Instead, he scanned Terminal 3 for an airport security official, authorities said.

Only then did he open fire.

Gerardo Hernandez, 39, was shot at point-blank range and crumpled to the floor, authorities said. The gunman rode up an escalator, turned around and noticed the bleeding man squirming.

He went back and fired again, authorities said, killing Hernandez.

Authorities filed a murder charge Saturday against the man they allege opened fire, Paul Anthony Ciancia, 23, and offered chilling new details that suggested the rampage was explicitly aimed at Transportation Security Administration agents.

The gunman was carrying a signed handwritten note in his duffel bag that said he wanted to “instill fear into their traitorous minds,” said David Bowdich, special agent in charge of the Counterterrorism Division at the FBI’s Los Angeles office.

“His intent was very clear in his note,” Bowdich told reporters Saturday. “In that note he indicated his anger and his mal-

ice toward the TSA officers.”

A law enforcement official told the Los Angeles Times that the screeed resembled a “suicide note.” The gunman said he didn’t want to hurt anyone “innocent” — only TSA agents. The note also mentioned “NWO,” a possible reference to the New World Order, a conspiracy theory that holds that forces are trying to create a totalitarian one-world government.

The shooter was apparently dropped off at Los Angeles International Airport just after 9 a.m. Friday, authorities said, though they gave no details about the driver. The triggerman wore dark clothes and a bulletproof vest and had not purchased a ticket. He carried a Smith & Wesson .223-caliber M&P-15 assault rifle, five loaded magazines and a trove of ammunition, Bowdich said.

After shooting Hernandez, authorities and witnesses said, the gunman calmly fired his way through the screening area, all the while cursing TSA agents. He asked terrified bystanders: “Are you TSA?” If they answered no, he moved on.

In a 10-minute spree that was captured on video, the shooter wounded two more TSA agents and injured at least one bystander, authorities said. Some travelers ducked behind planters and advertising kiosks to avoid gunfire; others fled to taxiing planes. Airport police, who were “60 seconds behind the suspect,” according to airport Police Chief Patrick Gannon, shot the gunman in the leg

and head near a food court.

The accused shooter remains “unresponsive” at a local hospital, said authorities, who have been unable to interview him. In addition to murder, federal prosecutors charged him with committing violence at an international airport. If convicted, the suspect could face life in prison or the death penalty.

The rampage temporarily halted traffic at the nation’s third-busiest airport, stranding thousands of passengers. Terminal 3, which houses Virgin America, JetBlue and other airlines, reopened Saturday afternoon.

Hernandez was the first TSA agent slain in the line of duty.

On Saturday, Hernandez’s widow briefly addressed reporters, praising her husband as an ever-smiling father of two who came to L.A. from El Salvador at age 15 and joined the TSA three years ago. A neighbor said he routinely woke up at 3 a.m. to get to LAX on time.

“He was always excited to go to work,” said Ana Hernandez, who struggled to remain composed. “I am truly devastated.”

John S. Pistole, who oversees the TSA, joined Hernandez in front of the family’s Porter Ranch home. He said the unarmed TSA agents — often derided in politics and pop culture as an airport nuisance — were, in many respects, “the first line of defense” against violence.

He said the agency plans to reassess its policies, though he acknowledged “we can’t guard against all threats and all risks.”

J. David Cox, president of the union that represents 45,000 TSA employees, said airports should station armed security guards at each checkpoint, and that it should be a federal crime to assault a TSA officer.

In recent years, Ciancia’s father had been training his son to take over the body shop, Levitsky said. In 2011, Ciancia graduated from the Motorcycle Mechanics Institute in Orlando, where he learned to fix Harley-Davidsons.

“He was a sweet kid. A good, quiet boy. Nothing abnormal,” Levitsky said, adding that he showed no signs of the political obsessions on display in the note the FBI described. “I don’t know where any of that came from. The dad is not political at all.”

Ciancia moved to Los Angeles about 18 months ago, said Allen J. Cummings, the

Pennsville police chief, who is friends with Ciancia’s father. They had no indication Ciancia was struggling, Cummings said, or that he may have harbored anti-government sentiments.

“We don’t really know what happened out West,” Cummings said. “We don’t know where he got his ideas or where that came from.”

By Friday, Cummings said, Ciancia had sent text messages to his brother and sister, indicating that he wanted to harm himself. His sister alerted the LAPD, Cummings said, but officers visited his apartment and said they found nothing amiss.

Later that day, with news crews swarming LAX, Ciancia’s father called Cummings. “I’m watching TV,” he told the chief, “and I think this is my son at the airport.”

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Every Wednesday, Youngstown State University students Jesse Huber and Bill Toth have a self-proclaimed party on the airwaves of Rookery Radio with their comedy show, "The Brew Crew."

Jesse Huber, host of "The Brew Crew," started the show in the fall of 2011 after he was notified about auditions the station was holding for students.

"Most Rookery stations are usually music, so I wanted to do something that would stand out from the rest," Huber said. "I have done stand-up comedy since I have been young, so I figured comedy would be really interesting."

Each week, Huber and his co-host Toth, known as Dr. Feelgood on the show, bring their 23-year age gap together and put their spin on entertainment and headline news, adding their different era views in a comedic manner.

Huber said that with his stand-up comedy background and Toth's rock 'n' roll DJ background, the mixture of the two makes the show like a wild party on the air.

"Dr. Feelgood came in and he just brought dynamite to the show," Huber said. "He was just the craziness I needed to balance out the show and just make it hilarious."

Toth came on board as a host this semester to replace two of Huber's old hosts. Toth has been DJing on various airwaves for the more than 20 years. He also has another Rookery show, "Feel good Fridays," in which he plays all rock 'n' roll music for the duration of the show.

Toth said that the age gap between Huber and himself really makes the show interesting.

"Jesse and I seemed to work good as a slapstick comedy team," Toth said. "With me being 23 years older than him, we have two different comedic perspectives."

Toth got the nickname of Dr. Feelgood while he was working at a strip club over 20 years ago.

"We were coming home from a concert," Toth said. "All of a sudden the song "Dr. Feelgood," by Motley Crue came on the radio and a couple of the girls told me it would be a cool DJ nickname — from that point on, it just stuck."

Besides adding Toth, the show has also added various segments including comedian Johnny Dam's "The Damage Report" and also the final segment of the show titled "The News Story That is Going to Get the Show Cancelled."

Huber said he wants the listeners to feel like they are

at a party and also hopes that the jokes will relax them from school for a bit.

"If I'm feeling roughed up and tired toward the middle of the week, I can imagine other people are feeling that way too," Huber said. "If I could make them happy and have a good time, then that puts a smile on my face."

The show has also brought on other students from other Rookery Radio shows as guests such as Sydney Sims from "The Late Night Creep."

Sims said that she had a lot of fun as a guest co-host on "The Brew Crew."

"They make you feel comfortable as well as keep you on your toes with the outlandish things they say," Sims said. "They are a funny bunch of people that's for sure."

Besides gaining listeners, the hosts also say they

have gained various life lessons from becoming involved with Rookery Radio.

Toth said he was happy he stumbled upon the Rookery Radio booth while he was at orientation last fall.

"I've been DJing for over 20 years, and when I saw Rookery Radio, I was like, 'Hmm, what's that?'" Toth said. "I'm so glad I became involved with the station, and I absolutely love being on both of my shows."

Every year, Rookery Radio recruits various YSU students at orientations, and they even put up flyers around campus to become involved with the station.

Huber said becoming involved with Rookery Radio helped him develop an identity on the YSU campus.

"I'm enjoying what I'm doing and I wake up with a smile on my face and I receive a lot of support from my loved ones," Huber said.



Bill Toth, also known as Dr. Feelgood, is a co-host of Rookery Radio's "Brew Crew" which airs every Wednesday from 3-5 p.m. Photo by Taylor Phillips/The Jambar.

10 and 8 Management rises through ranks



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The glitz and glamour of a music management business has finally arrived at Youngstown's doorstep. Youngstown State University's own Nicholas Mishko, a 2006 communications graduate, founded 10 and 8 Management in 2011 in hopes that one day his business would be managing some of the nation's top bands. Fast forward to 2013, and Mishko's dream

is on its way.

At the moment, Mishko manages four musical acts whose styles range from rap to country/folk music. His bands include Timmy Titus, Victoria Rose, Oldboy and Runaway Dorothy.

Mishko coordinated a cross-country tour for Runaway Dorothy, who has found recent success with their newest album, "The Wait." He said he is incredibly excited about the success of the band and of his management company.

"It takes a lot of work,"

Mishko stated. "I don't stop working until 2 a.m. sometimes. It's relentless, but fruitful for everyone involved."

Mishko said he found his music and business passion early on in life. Despite the odds, he said he knew that starting his own music management business was something that he was destined to do.

"Sophomore year of high school, I read this book. ... It was about talent scouts in the music business. I fell in love with it," Mishko said. "I never thought I could do it being

from Ohio, but here I am."

Nick Mishko's wife, Rebekah Mishko, said she believes that her husband's success comes from his positive attitude and his unbelievable passion for the industry.

"I was recently able to spend a few days traveling with Nick and Runaway Dorothy on one of their tours. Whenever I caught sight of Nick while he was working, all I could think was, even though this life is hard sometimes, this is what he was supposed to be doing," Rebekah Mishko said. "I think his car-

ing nature is one reason why he has such great relationships with his artists, because he really does care."

Nick Mishko said that even though the days are long and the road is rough, he loves his job more than ever before.

"People would tell me that I would hate my job after so long. ... Yes, it's hard work. But at the end of the day, I love what I do. Seeing musicians write a new song and hearing it ... the passion for music between myself and them runs really deep," he said. "I love being able to have my own business and be able to represent YSU out in the industry. It's such a great feeling."

Rebekah Mishko said that Nick's never-ending drive and need to educate people on extraordinary music go hand-in-hand as to why 10 and 8 Management and its clients are climbing up the music charts.

"For as long as I've known Nick, he has had a passion for music. He just has such an appreciation for it in any form and for the people who create it," Rebekah Mishko said. "Before I met Nick, music was what came on the top 40 radio station. Nick taught me that it is so much more than that. [Seeing] him with clients ... there is no question in my mind that [this] is exactly what he is meant to be doing."

EDITORIAL

Rights not so inalienable

EDITORIAL STAFF

Once again, the Ohio House of Representatives is discussing giving student trustees in public universities across Ohio the right to vote in their respective boards through House Bill 111. This is by no means a new battle; its roots can be found back in the early 1970s, when student trustees were still a vague possibility floating around in the heads of some ambitious representatives. However, it isn't the repetition that is the striking problem of House Bill 111. Instead, it is the provisions attached to this most recent iteration.

The bills wording grants permissive, not mandatory, voting rights. In other words, voting rights would be granted to student trustees at the discretion of each university's board of trustees.

Admittedly, as previous attempts have proven, a bill that required mandatory voting rights would likely die in committee and certainly not make it through the full House or Senate. This does not change the fact that the bill, as it stands, has devolved from a reasonable progression of the student trustee position to a halfhearted attempt to please both sides without committing to tangible change.

Yes the passing of this bill is far

preferable to leaving student trustees with sharply limited voting rights, but it seems entirely illogical to not commit to full voting rights for a position that is supposed to speak for the student body, which, by the way, is the reason universities can even function.

Though student trustees do have a vote in committee and full trustees often take their counsel earnestly, the current system is far too unreliable. A bundle of steadfast trustees that are vehemently opposed to young, unproven student trustees having pull could throw a cog into the system, leaving the students with an extremely limited voice in board actions. This bill is susceptible to the same problem by allowing for voting rights but not fully assuring them. It makes it entirely too possible for a few anti-progressive administrators to limit a sensible addition to the student trustee's role.

Obviously, most of the opponents of these voting rights wield more relevant and reasonable arguments than a few non-progressive administrators. For example, some legislators fear that student trustees will act in their own interest in matters that affect them directly, and this concern does not fall on deaf ears. Regardless, it is a mostly baseless claim.

As was displayed this year, when YSU's student trustee appointment took

six months, the candidates are thoroughly vetted. The same fear is equally relevant, though less apparent, for any trustee that has a connection, tenuous though it may be, to the campus, its staff, its faculty or its students. A bias, intended or unintended, is consistently a possibility if not an inevitability — what matters is the trustee's ability to work through any bias. This is precisely why candidates are vetted on an individual basis.

It is a possibility that all 13 universities will, with open arms, allot full voting rights to their student trustees. This does not mitigate the injustice in allowing them to decide to begin with, however. There is also the observable tendency of those in power to ignore or put off enacting changes that significantly shifts the landscape of their domain, unless they receive pressure from high-ups or the masses. Students should not have to concern themselves with the machinations of administrators to get appropriate representation.

In all likelihood, if this legislation passes, voting rights will remain permissive. In this case, the best thing the community and students can do is show some gumption and demand that student trustees are allowed voting rights, so that they, after 30 years, can sufficiently represent the student body.

TIP of the MONTH

Hello, everyone. Officer Winbush here with this month's safety tips.

The fall is my favorite time of the year. Actually, I think I said the same thing about summer. I guess it's okay to have two favorites. Well, this is one of my favorite times of the year. It's also holiday shopping and travel season. So let's look at a few precautions you can take to maximize your holiday fun and minimize your holiday stress. Let's jump right in, shall we?

Try to streamline your wallet or your purse. Take out cards and other pieces of information that you will not need. Use one of the smart phone apps like "lemon wallet". The reason for this is twofold. You will have less stuff to keep track of, and when you're standing in the checkout line at Target, you won't risk having items with your personal information falling out. So, again, take only what you need.

You may also want to consider photocopying your credit cards, driver's license, etc. If you do lose your wallet or purse, you'll want to cancel your bankcards as soon as you are sure that they are lost or stolen. Having copies of your card information will make things easier when notifying creditors.

Always keep your wallet or purse in a secure area. A zippered inside jacket pocket is more secure than your back pocket.

Ladies don't hang your bag over the back of your seat. Keep it in front of you where you can see it at all times. If it's in the way, put one foot through the strap and place it between your feet.

Travel and shop with friends. It's just better all around. If you are traveling alone, let someone know your plans.

Have a good meal before you set out to travel or shop. Running on Red Bull and cookies is not going to cut it. You'll be jumpy and odd. A good meal helps to calm the nerves and keep you focused on your goals.

Expect crowded and stressed out people, but also expect to run into some pretty cool, nice people, as well. In other words, have a positive outlook, smile and look people in the eye. Cool people will think you're honest, while a would-be-jacker, might think you're the wrong person to mess with.

I hope these tips are helpful and maybe a little entertaining. If you would like to share your experiences or ask questions concerning safety, or just have a comment or suggestion, please drop me an e-mail at tfwinbush@ysu.edu.

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

LETTER TO THE EDITOR

This letter is in response to two different stories in The Jambar. The first ran on Oct. 29. It was a story on Jeff Halper who spoke in the James Gallery on Monday the 28th. The second ran on Oct. 31 and was a story on Gerda Klein who spoke Wednesday the 29th in the Chestnut Room. Not only were these two events covered wrong in your publication; they were given non-proportional coverage.

The Jambar called the Halper event "a small intimate crowd." I was there, not counting Mr. Halpner, Dr. Wan-Tatah., Dr. Lepack (both sponsors of the event) and Frank George (Jambar reporter); there were ten people there including myself. The article went on to put all of Mr. Halpner's anti-Israeli claims in a very positive light. Halper made a number of erroneous claims and even mistranslated the Hebrew word "Hafrada" as "Apartheid."

This speech was on the eve of Holocaust survivor Gerda Klein's speech to a packed Chestnut Room of close to 600 people (not over 300 as claimed in The Jambar article). In attendance was President Dunn, Provost Khawaja, along with numerous other faculty and YSU students and various community leaders. This event also included almost 200 students from local schools.

Mrs. Kline was very engaging. Despite everything she has gone through in her life and all the evil she has seen face to face, she has

a great outlook on life and still has faith in mankind.

As a student at Youngstown State, I am concerned that Mr. Halper was brought in the day before the Kline event on purpose? Was the Halper article given more of a front-page prominence than the Kline article in The Jambar on purpose? The Halper article was given a color picture above the fold on the front page, while Mrs. Kline was given a black and white picture on page two.

I would think that after the scandal in February 2009, when The Jambar ran a paid advertisement by Holocaust denier Bradley R. Smith which stated that Holocaust was "a primary instrument used to morally justify the Jewish conquest of Arab land in Palestine." At the time, The Jambar tried to stand behind free speech, but this was nothing more than hate speech from a very anti-semitic man and organization. I would hope The Jambar would be more equal in their coverage of Holocaust related speakers. The Jambar also miss-named a speaker from the Jewish Community Center who spoke on the Dead Sea Scrolls. The picture was of Sandy Kessler, executive director of The Jewish Community Center, not Adolfo Roitman.

As a DJ on Rookery Radio, I am offering an open invitation to anyone from The Jambar staff to come discuss this on my show.

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Relentless

Johnson had the *'fire in his eyes'*

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Underneath a steady drizzle and mid-40-degree temperatures, Tim Johnson emerges from the Stambaugh Stadium tunnel.

While most of the Youngstown State University football coaches are hooded and bundled up for this mid-October practice, Johnson wears gym shorts and a T-shirt.

"Isn't this weather great?" Johnson, a first-year student assistant on the Penguins football strength staff, asks. He's back at YSU to complete his communications-focused general studies degree.

"Perfect football weather!" he adds. "I love it."

It's not the typical feeling of most players or coaches on this gray and dreary day.

But that unhindered excitement is just Johnson being Johnson. That attitude is what enabled him to compete in a national championship, a Super Bowl and wind up in the YSU Athletics Hall of Fame.

"He's like the Energizer Bunny," Mickey Cochran, YSU's head strength and conditioning coordinator, said. "He's an exciting guy every 24 hours of the day — very passionate, loves being around Youngstown State football."

This was obvious to Jim Tressel 14 years ago.

'Fire in his eyes'

In retrospect, it's clear to Tressel how talented Johnson was.

A winner of six Big Ten Conference championships and a national title from 2001-10 as The Ohio State University's head coach, Tressel endorses that skill with confidence.

"He certainly would have made us an even better team at Ohio State if he were there," the former YSU coach said. "Obviously, he could have played at any level in college."

Not as apparent at the time, Tressel brought Johnson for a campus visit in the spring of 1999. Immediately, he was sure the 6-foot, 245-pound Fairfield, Ala., native who played two years at East Mississippi Community College fit his program.

"He just had that certain something about him that you can tell he was going to be a great team guy," Tressel said. "You could tell he had the fire in his eyes."

Did he ever. In just two years and 27 games at YSU, Johnson compiled 401 tackles (14.8 per game), six sacks, 10 interceptions and five forced fumbles.

"Tim was definitely our playmaker. Anytime we needed to make a big play, Tim was that guy," said Bruce Hightower, the Penguins' starting safety from 1998-2001. "His play on the field just stood out."

And it was that way from day one, as Johnson unseated senior captain Kawonza Swan at the inside linebacker position early during the 1999 training camp.

"Timmy looked so good in practice that we asked our captain if he'd switch positions," Tressel said. "Kawonza was a team guy all the way, so he moved to outside backer and



Tim Johnson (45) makes a tackle for YSU in 1999. Johnson played two years for the Penguins and competed in a Super Bowl for the Oakland Raiders in 2002. For his efforts, he was inducted in the YSU Athletics Hall of Fame in 2010. Photo courtesy of YSU Sports Information.

Timmy took over an inside spot. The rest was history."

'All about winning'

With Johnson, the 2013 Penguins squad gets a high dose of energy and excitement every day in the weight room.

"He's in there pushing us," junior safety Donald D'Alesio said. "He's in our face making sure we're going as hard as we possibly can go because he just wants us to play to our full potential."

But Johnson provides something else as well, something invaluable. His mere presence is significant.

"It's great having Tim around because he's played in a national championship when he was here, and that's obviously where we want to get," D'Alesio said. "He knows what it takes to get there, and he knows exactly what it used to be."

It's a swagger Johnson hopes to spread to current players.

"It's always all about winning," he said. "I want this team and everyone to understand that."

From his student assistant position, Johnson doesn't want to overstep his boundaries. He simply provides help and advice when asked.

"My time here, I learned something," Johnson said. "You come in, go to work and represent the community. You love the community and love the fans, and you go out and represent this city. All you should want to do is fight for a win."

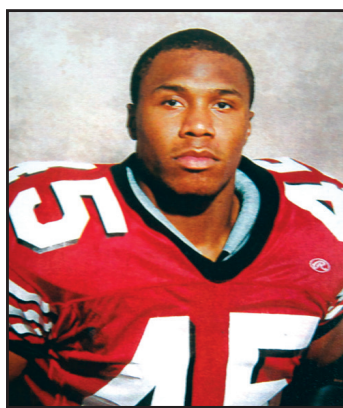
His boss understands that value as well.

"Just having him around our guys and him giving his expertise of a guy that has played at the next level has been beneficial," Cochran said.

'A great combination'

For as many important games and big moments Tressel has experienced, it didn't take long for him to recall a particular play by Johnson.

"I think everyone remembers the big interception he had against Florida [Agricul-



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tural and Mechanical University], Tressel said.

It was the play that sparked the Penguins' 27-24 comeback victory that sent them to the national championship.

Trailing the Rattlers 24-13 late in the fourth quarter of the 1999 I-AA semifinals, Johnson intercepted FAMU quarterback Quinn Gray's pass at the YSU 2-yard line and returned it 24 yards.

"He had excellent speed and just really played the ball well," Tressel said. "He was kind of like a safety playing linebacker from a ball-skills standpoint, but he was a linebacker playing linebacker as a tackler. He just had a great combination."

Fellow linebacker Ian Dominelli, also a YSU Hall of Famer, couldn't say enough about his 1999 season playing beside Johnson.

"It was the time of my life," Dominelli said. "We did our thing out there. It was fun playing alongside a guy that has that kind of talent and nose for the ball."

Finishing with 164 tackles that season, he was the only player who recorded more than Johnson (152).

"He played a lot like I played; we were all over the place," Dominelli said. "But he was better than I was, so he pushed me, and I think I pushed him too a little bit."

Johnson's 2000 season was even better, as he earned a First-Team All-America selection and was a finalist for the Buck Buchanan Award, which honored the Football Championship Subdivision's top de-

fensive player.

"Leaving here from playing in the playoffs, I was prepared," Johnson said. "Youngstown got me prepared for a playoff atmosphere and for a championship atmosphere."

It didn't go to waste.

'Just a hell-bent for leather kid'

Bob Casullo commends Johnson for a lot of things.

From his work ethic to his attitude, Johnson's special teams coach with the Oakland Raiders in 2002 and 2003 describes him as an outstanding player.

But he also gave the underdog linebacker credit for something else.

"Tim was smart enough to realize 'Hey, if I'm gonna make the Oakland Raiders, I'm gonna have to be a stand-out on special teams,'" Casullo said. "At the time, we had a very, very good football team ... so he made himself a core special teams player, and everybody recognized it."

After leaving YSU, Johnson went undrafted. He signed with the Chicago Bears and Baltimore Ravens practice squads, but didn't catch his break until joining the Raiders in 2002.

"He was a bulldog. I'm telling ya, he was relentless," Casullo said. "He was full speed ahead, take no prisoners — just a hell-bent for leather kid. He did a hell of a job for me."

The entire world saw this during Super Bowl XXXVII in 2002 when the Raiders were defeated by the Tampa Bay Buccaneers in San Diego.

Early in the fourth quarter, Johnson busted through the Tampa Bay offensive line and blocked the Buccaneers' punt. Teammate Eric Johnson recovered it for a touchdown.

"It don't get any better than that," Casullo said.

While it was the top moment of Johnson's pro career, he was most proud to represent YSU worldwide.

"It's one of those things where there's only one 'Y' in all of football, and that's

Youngstown," Johnson said. "I could sit next to a [University of] Miami Hurricane guy, sit next to a [University of Southern California] Trojan guy and I'm from Youngstown, and everybody knew me because I was a Youngstown State Penguin."

Johnson bounced around the NFL until 2006 and eventually retired in 2009 after playing a year in the Canadian Football League.

For a kid from YSU, he's proud of what he accomplished.

"It was unbelievable," Johnson said. "I played in a national championship and a Super Bowl. Not many people can say that."

'Enjoying the wave'

Don't get Johnson wrong, he considers Youngstown home.

But if all goes well, he'll obtain his degree in the spring semester and then explore all of his career options. He already has a job offer from the Morgan Stanley financial services firm in New York City.

"That's something I can take immediately," Johnson said. "I'll be interested to see if I can make it out of this area, and maybe see if there's other job offers I can pick up on."

Still, he's in no rush to leave.

"Right now, I'm just enjoying the wave," he said. "I'm enjoying the opportunities, enjoying my old professors and a lot of my old friends here. It's just a great atmosphere here, and I love it."

And it's safe to say YSU football won't mind Johnson sticking around for a little while longer.

"To have him back here, it's great for our student athletes to see some of that passion," Trevor Parks, YSU Sports Information Director, said. "If we can use some of his energy and bottle that up, I think we're all better people for it."

Congratulations to the 2013 women's cross country team on winning the Horizon League championship. For an interview with Coach Brian Gorby, check out thejambar.com/sports.