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Haitian guards raise the national flag to half mast in front of the National Palace in Port-au-Prince, Haiti, which was destroyed by the earthquake.

STUDENTS HELPING HAITI

Campus organizations rally to raise relief efforts for Haiti communities

Dan Pompili
ASSIST. NEWS EDITOR

In the wake of the earthquakes that ravaged the island nation of Haiti, Americans cannot escape the images of suffering and destruction, or the mass-broadcast requests for aid in any form. Nearly all major news outlets and television networks are advertising for the American Red Cross.

Ryan Seacrest is urging "American Idol" viewers to text their donations, and even the virulent Facebook game "Farmville" offered special crops, which required players to make donations to a relief fund.

The spirit of aid has found a home on the campus of Youngstown State University as well. At least three different groups are running or have scheduled money and clothing drives in collaboration with various charity organizations, including the Red Cross.

In Kilcawley Center this week, the Omega Alpha Pi

sorority and the YSU History Club both have tables where students, faculty and staff can make donations.

Omega Alpha Pi, set up near The Bagel Stop on the first floor of Kilcawley Center, will be accepting monetary and clothing donations Wednesday through Friday from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. The proceeds will be given to the American Red Cross.

The sorority has no set goal.

"We might have more tables in the next few weeks," said sorority vice president and recruitment chair Casey Fitch. "But we were waiting to see how this plays out."

Jennifer Hanuschak, President of the YSU History Club, is collaborating with the Art History Club to raise money for Catholic Relief Services.

"Ninety percent of the people in Haiti are Catholic," Hanuschak said. "They trust the Catholic relief people, and those people are having the best luck getting [supplies] through."

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YSU seaman set to deploy to Haiti

Dan Pompili
ASSIST. NEWS EDITOR

When Kelsey Morgan received a call from the U.S. Navy last week, informing her that she may be deployed to aid relief efforts in Haiti, she was not eager to abandon her classes.

Then she looked at her hot breakfast and her warm bed and began to feel guilty, thinking of Haitians with no such fortunes. Morgan began to reconsider; she wanted to go help.

Then the Navy called back. It was no longer her choice, anyway. Morgan was going to Haiti.

The 20-year-old seaman builder will be deploying as early as today and as late as next week.

As a result, the second-semester-freshman environmental science major had to drop all six of her classes.

"My whole schedule this semester

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Firm presents YSU marketing research survey

Chris Cotelesse
REPORTER

On Wednesday in the Board of Trustees room in Tod Hall, representatives from SimpsonScarborough, a marketing research firm located in Washington, gave a presentation titled "Quantitative Research Findings." This was the second phase, the first being qualitative, of Youngstown State University's effort at expanding the reach of its marketing.

Nine hundred phone interviews were made by SimpsonScarborough in order to determine the current image of YSU and Youngstown and how they compare to other area universities. The interviews were divided into three groups of 300: Inquirers (high school seniors who have requested information from YSU), Non-Inquirers (high school students who have not requested information from YSU, ranging from Pittsburgh to Columbus) and Parents of Inquirers.

The study revealed data that some in the audience described as surprising. Among In-

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Second presidential finalist makes visit to YSU campus

Chelsea Pflugh
EDITOR-IN-CHIEF

The Youngstown State University Board of Trustees invited the second candidate for the presidential position to campus on Tuesday.

Dr. C. Jack Maynard has been the Provost and Vice President for Academic Affairs at Indiana State University since 2004. Maynard attended Marshall University where he attained a Bachelor of Arts in secondary mathematics and a master's degree in educational administration. Maynard then earned a doctorate degree in educational administration and higher education from West Virginia University.

Maynard played host to three one-hour forums on Tuesday; one for faculty, Student Government Association representatives and community.

"I'm amazed that I'm standing before you as a candidate for president as someone who grew up in the coalfields of West Virginia where most of the kids don't even finish high school," Maynard said in a faculty forum in Tod Hall.

Maynard said the position for president at YSU was the only job for which he applied. He acknowledged that he is content with his provost position at ISU, but is ready to take

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Mixed campus reaction to Obama one year later

Josh Stipanovich
NEWS EDITOR

A year ago this week, President Barack Obama, while still experiencing celebrity status, was the one everyone thought would heal the dilapidated economy and open wounds of war, but as his approval rating falls, doubts rise.

When Obama first stepped into the White House a year ago, the Gallup Poll showed his approval

rating at 68 percent. His recent approval ratings are around 50 percent.

Youngstown State University College Republicans President Jim Shaw recognized this, and said students may have played a part in the decline.

"While students were among the president's highest percentage supporters in his election, young people are also the most fickle voters," he said.

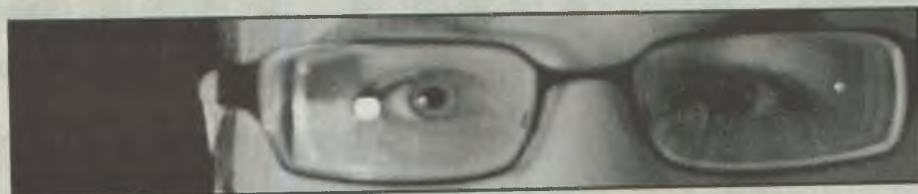
With that in mind, Shaw added

that student reactions to issues such as health care and global warming are on the rise. He also said students did not realize how difficult it was going to be for Obama to keep all of his promises.

"[Students] were optimistic about President Obama, and they are now being brought back to Earth ... while this is going on, however, I believe that many students are too busy listening to their

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NEWS BRIEFS

Two business students named as John D. Beeghly Fellows

Two senior business majors at YSU's Williamson College of Business Administration - Shawn Butson of Mineral Ridge and Danielle P. Sweat of East Liverpool - have been selected as John D. Beeghly Fellows for spring semester. The program allows these students to gain experience by working on area business projects. Both students will receive a \$2,000 scholarship.

University Bouldering Series climbs its way to YSU

The University Bouldering Series will arrive at YSU on Saturday. More than three dozen climbers from six universities - YSU, University of Pittsburgh, Kent State University, University of Akron, Slippery Rock University and West Virginia University - will participate and climb the rock wall in the Andrews Student Recreation and Wellness Center.

POLICE BRIEFS

Lost Items in Ward Beecher

Police responded to a report of missing property in Ward Beecher Hall on Jan. 14. The reportee stated that the missing property was last seen at the end of last semester in room 3030, which is a locked lab. The items were placed inside a desk drawer, and were discovered missing on Jan. 13.

Professor felt that a student wanted to intimidate him

An accounting professor at YSU cited a student to the Student Disciplinary Board after the student replied to an e-mail he sent addressing his expectations of the students enrolled in his Intermediate Accounting 2 class. The professor said he felt the student was attempting to intimidate him into a confrontation.



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New CVS to open Saturday

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The new CVS Pharmacy at the corner of Park and Fifth Avenues next to Stambaugh Auditorium will open at 5 p.m. Saturday. Youngstown Community Development Director William D'Avignon, who was in charge of all permitting for the CVS drugstore, said the business has a certificate of occupancy and "can open as soon as they're able."

But not everyone in Youngstown is happy about the store's opening. Tyler S. Clark, software consultant for the Vindicator, said the approved layout for the new store reflects poorly upon the city of Youngstown.

"If the approved layout for the new CVS convenience store to be built next to Stambaugh Auditorium on Fifth Avenue is any indication, the city of Youngstown has weak design standards

to begin with and either too little power to enforce appropriate design or too much desperation in approving any kind of development," Clark said.

Youngstown's design review committee raised other problems with the drugstore's design in February when project developer, Orion Development of Weirton, W. Va., planned on putting the store's loading docks and garbage storage alongside Stambaugh Auditorium's gardens. Phil Kidd, a design review committee member, disagreed with this decision.

"We have an obligation to protect the integrity of the Wick Park area," Kidd said.

New plans were made to incorporate trees that will grow up to 8 feet; the trees will be planted by the loading docks and garbage storage. Orion Development's Ken Hrabar said they were 85 percent successful in fixing the committee's recommended changes "with the blessing of CVS."

Three best credit cards for college students

Alicia Pattillo
REPORTER

College students seem to be the number one target for some credit card recruiters.

Collegenews.com and bankrate.com have researched the top reviewed credit cards available for college students.

The Discover student card is one of the best for college students according to bankrate.com. The shopdiscover.com program provides over 100 retailers cash rebate opportunities as well as cash rewards which are without limit.

According to collegenews.com, "If you're looking to get the most bang for your buck, this card is a great choice."

The Citiforward card has

college student's names written all over it. According to bankrate.com this card was "designed with the young adult in mind."

The benefits of this card are limitless. The card offers the cardholder "5 points for every \$1 spent on books, movies, dining and music and 1 reward point for every \$1 spent on other purchases," according to bankrate.com.

The card has no annual fee and offers a cell phone insurance protection plan.

According to collegenews.com, "If your spending patterns include grabbing food with your buddies and listening to the latest music, this card's got your name all over it."

The Citi mtvU Platinum Select Visa is the card known to

reward you for good grades.

Making consistent payments on this card will earn cardholders points and for a 3.0 GPA and above, you can earn up to 2000 points.

Bankrate.com reports that this card requires no set income or co-signer. This card offers a 10 percent discount when shopping at the MTV store in New York City.

Although these credit cards offer good deals, bankrate.com still urges college students to think smart and live within their means.

"Don't make promises to yourself you can't keep. Because if you don't do what you said you'd do you may be stuck with a very, very expensive card," the website says

Youngstown State University finance instructor and cer-

tified financial planner Jill McCullough believes "students should not use credit unless they have to."

As McCullough jokes, while using the phrase "there's no such thing as a free lunch" in reference to credit card consequences, she says to remember "no matter what credit card company, they are still a business, trying to make money."

"The most incentives may be the ones not to use," McCullough says.

McCullough says, "Ignore the rewards and go for the lowest rate and least penalties."

The department of finance at YSU offers a personal finance class, open to all majors, McCullough says "the class is a good way to start."



How do you feel Obama is doing a year later?



"I don't know. I mean I voted for the guy, but it's still early. I'll give him a couple of years."

Moe Ramahi, freshman



"I think he's making progress. He's cleaning up what Bush messed up."

Rashia Deskins, freshman



"I haven't really been paying attention"

Bill Dugan, sophomore

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Penguin Pre-Parties spring students into an early weekend

Adam Rogers
MANAGING EDITOR

For many college students the weekend can't come soon enough, and for the last few years Campus Recreation and Student Programming has been helping students kick off their weekend festivities one day early.

Penguin Pre-Party has quickly become a staple of Thursday night entertainment on campus. The events began in 2007 and have featured comedians, magicians, karaoke and national and local music recording artists.

Ryan Kallok, senior business management major and Penguin Pre-Party chairman, said the event gives students an opportunity to experience free, regular entertainment on campus.

"Penguin Pre-Party was established to provide students a regular form of entertainment. This program replaced the weekly noon entertainment series that also took place in Peaberry's. Since then, we've been bringing a nice mixture of entertainment," Kallok said.

Interest in the parties has grown over the years, an accomplishment Kallok said has surprised many people.

"This was a program that many people considered wouldn't be a success, but I think we proved those

Penguin Pre-Party Lineup

- 1/28: The Kin and Andrew Belle
- 2/11: Steve Moakler and Curtis Peoples
- 2/25: The Return of Rock Capitol Live Band Karaoke
- 3/18: Ziv and Winslow

people wrong. Attendance steadily inclines every semester; the first show of 2010 drew about 240 students," he said.

Free food is provided at the parties, and Kallok said they try to offer different foods at each event.

"No two events have exactly the same food. We try to modify what we offer based on what people seem to like. We've had pizza, cake, cookies, cheese and crackers, subs, pita and hummus and so on. Last year we did a spaghetti dinner revolving around a Valentine's Day theme," he said.

Kallok said he's excited about this semester's lineup of performers, which he had to narrow down from a lengthy list of interested acts.

"I had to go through over 100 inquiries from musicians, comedians, even jugglers, to perform a Penguin Pre-Party night," Kallok said. "This semester, we have an extremely



The Elms perform at the first Penguin Pre-Party of the Spring Semester. Photo courtesy of Penguin Pre-Party.

strong roster with several national touring musicians."

The next Pre-Party is set for Jan. 28, a date that Kallok has had highlighted on his calendar since booking the show a few months ago.

"One of the shows I'm looking most forward to is the next one that features a band called The Kin. They performed on campus last year, opening for Ryan Cabrera and Josh Kelley. Since that show, they've toured internationally and toured with huge names such as Rod Stewart," he said.

Joining The Kin on the stage will be Andrew Belle, an up-and-coming artist who's had his music featured on "The Real World," "90210" and "Keeping Up with the Kardashians."

Kallok's happy to see more and more students supporting the Pre-Party, and said the free admission is unique.

"There are several universities that have similar programs, and charge admission, but provide plenty of free food and chances to win prizes. I'm happy to see that there are many regulars that make it out to every show and would like to see even more," he said.

Penguin Pre-Party is held bi-weekly on Thursdays at 8 p.m. throughout the semester in Peaberry's Cafe in Kilcawley Center. The event is open to all students with a valid Youngstown State University ID. Each student is permitted to bring one non-student guest.



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The Butler Institute of American Art hosted this semester's second installment of Music at Noon with a guitar ensemble directed by Francois Fowler. The program included works by Johann Sebastian Bach, Henry Purcell and other classical composers.

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was awesome," said Morgan, who will be reimbursed by Youngstown State University for the full amount of her classes.

Instead of working on those four classes and two labs, Morgan will be working to solve water and food problems in the ravaged Caribbean nation that suffered a second earthquake on Wednesday.

"Water and food are the two big things right now," she said.

Morgan's land construction unit will work to re-establish waterways for the parched population of Haiti, as well as clearing supply routes. Military and relief services are currently struggling to provide supplies for civilians all across Haiti because of dense rubble blocking the roads.

Other duties will include excavation and heavy machinery operation, intended to prepare the island nation for eventual reconstruction. Because of security reasons, even Morgan was not told everything her

unit would be doing.

The Joint Logistics Over the Shore operation is Morgan's first overseas assignment since joining the Navy a year and a half ago. She spent two weeks last summer doing JLOTS training at Camp Lejeune in North Carolina.

Now she will be leaving American soil for the first time, while wearing a Navy uniform. Though she was told that her official orders were designated for 180 days of service, Morgan could spend as little as two months and as long as two years in Haiti. Whatever the length of her stay, Morgan will not be able to return to the United States until her tour is officially over.

However, Kelsey Morgan will be sending letters back home. Friends, family and the YSU community will be able to follow her work and her thoughts on the Haiti relief effort via the Jambar's Web site. The page, currently under construction, will also include Morgan's blogs and photos.

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Hanuschak said that she is coordinating her efforts with YSU history professor Dr. Donna DeBlasio, whose husband Brian Corbin is the director for Catholic Relief Services in Youngstown.

"We have doubled our efforts and donations since the second quake hit [Tuesday]," Hanuschak said. "We've received in one hour today what we got in two hours yesterday. We've also extended our hours from 12-2 to 12-3."

Hanuschak said they received approximately \$58 on Tuesday, and \$117 as of 1:30 p.m. on Wednesday, for a total of \$175. Hanuschak says she would like the drive to be a long-term effort.

The YSU Hockey Club has also organized a philanthropic effort for Saturday's 7 p.m. game against Slippery Rock. Club president Gary Biggs organized a money and clothing drive for the event, in cooperation with the American Red Cross.

The donation box will be open for the duration of the game, and the game announcer will remind fans over the PA system during the event.

"I also think we should do a moment of silence before the game for all those who were lost," Biggs said.

Biggs mentioned the possibility of a similar effort for next week's game, but Saturday's event is the only such drive the club has scheduled.

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Another tragedy in an island nation, another American relief effort. Gets boring, doesn't it?

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OK, so maybe we're not all that ignorant and conceited. We do watch the news and say, "Oh, how awful," and "Those poor people." We also have a lot to deal with. Car trouble, death of a pet or relative, even classes to attend and papers to write and jobs to work.

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Maybe you're not the one who's departing to help hands-on. Maybe you're not donating millions. But your fellow students are making a difference. Will you step up to help, too?

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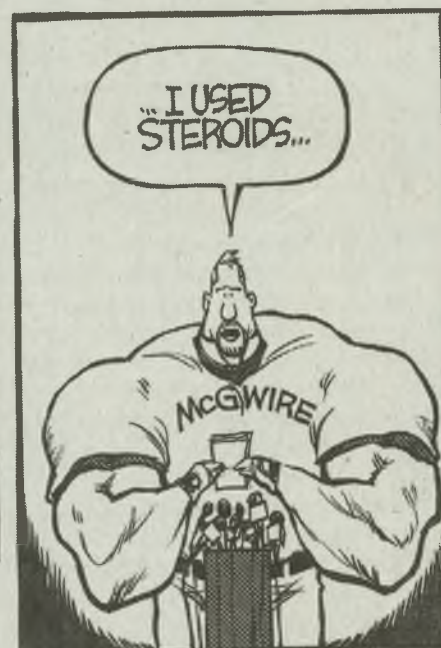
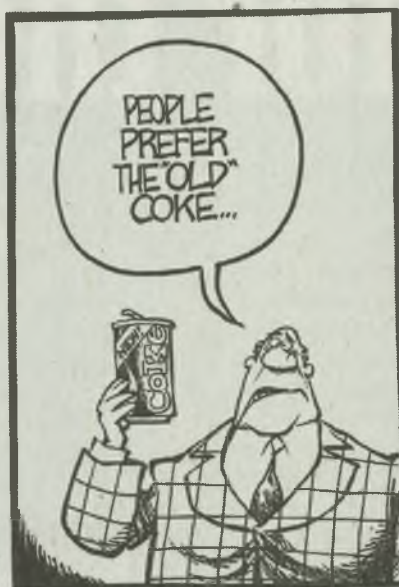
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'Avatar', torture for conservatives

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Now that "Avatar" has been named the best motion picture drama by the Hollywood Foreign Press Association, making it a front-runner in the Oscar sweepstakes, does it mean the terrorists have won?

Judging from the anger the movie has generated in some conservative circles, one might think so. Filmmaker James Cameron's science-fiction epic, which is on track to be the highest-grossing movie ever, has been widely derided as anti-American, liberal propaganda. That's funny, we thought it was just formulaic if incredibly artful escapist fantasy.

That's not to say "Avatar" is apolitical. Set in the year 2154, it depicts the human invasion of the pristine planet of Pandora, after the environment of our own world has been ravaged. The technologically inferior native population is sub-

dued and slaughtered when it stands in the way of a rapacious corporation's pursuit of the planet's mineral wealth. The villains of the piece are immoral executives and scar-faced roughnecks who look and act an awful lot like U.S. Marines carrying out an Iraq-style shock-and-awe campaign.

Cameron hasn't been shy about admitting that he has an agenda. "This movie reflects that we are living through war," the director said recently at a private screening. "There are boots on the ground, troops who I personally believe were sent there under false pretenses, so I hope this will be part of opening our eyes."

So we'll stipulate that "Avatar" promotes a liberal worldview. The question is, why does anyone care? Directors have been inserting their political opinions into motion pictures for as long as there have been movies. The science-fiction genre, in particular, has a rich history of making social commentary

under the guise of futuristic fantasy. "Avatar" isn't as overtly pro-environment as, say, "Star Trek IV: The Voyage Home," in which the crew of the Enterprise travels back in time to save humpback whales from extinction, or as anti-military as "The Day the Earth Stood Still," in which trigger-happy soldiers and politicians threaten to destroy the planet. Such movies make people think, but as far as we can tell, Luke Skywalker never persuaded anybody to register as a Democrat. In other words, people are smart enough to separate fictional morality tales from reality.

Conservatives offended by "Avatar" can stay home and watch something that conforms better to their political views say, "24" on the Fox network, which glorifies the torture of terrorist detainees. But why would they want to? Whether the bad guys wear black hats, turbans or Army helmets, the explosions are just as spectacular.

American generosity again shines in Haiti disaster

San Jose Mercury News
MCT

The pictures of devastation and the horrific numbers of dead and injured only begin to convey the depth of suffering caused by last week's cataclysmic earthquake in already impoverished Haiti. Perhaps that's what broke through Americans' preoccupation with their own hardships this winter and inspired them to reach out.

Secretary of State Hillary Rodham Clinton announced that more than 1 million Americans have used text messages (text HAITI to 90999) to donate more than \$10 million so far in what she described as "the single largest mobile donation campaign ever."

Sadly, it's only a start. The Red Cross is seeking \$100 million to help rebuild Haiti over the next three years, on top of the \$100 million the federal government has pledged and \$500 million coming from Europe.

President Barack Obama quickly rallied American

resources after the quake, upholding the American tradition of helping others in time of need. It's one of our most important qualities, as former Presidents George W. Bush and Bill Clinton pointed out in their joint fundraising appeal.

Haiti long has been a political and humanitarian disaster. Some see that as a reason to turn their backs on the country now.

But for most, it just makes this tragedy more compelling.

It's frustrating that agencies have been slow to get food, water and medical help to the people who need it.

But the degree of destruction, combined with the street gangs that even before the quake ruled vast sections of Port-au-Prince, present huge barriers. The United States and the United Nations have to quell the violence before they can safely distribute aid.

The long-term challenge will be helping Haiti rebuild. But for now, helping the survivors stay alive is what's important. Keep on texting.

Starving for the Art

Lamar Salter
A&E EDITOR

Alexander Stulock was well on his way by society's standards.

An information technology major at Youngstown State University, Stulock had promise in his career. But it was his growing creative desire and love for photography that changed everything.

Stulock always had a hidden yearning for art. His creative insight, diverse taste in music ranging from classical to metal and his interest in nature formed his visual imagination.

After discovering his talent in graphic art and digital design while interning at Progressive Insurance, Stulock had an epiphany.

"I started questioning whether I really wanted to sit here and you know, work a 9-to-5 job," Stulock said. "I just couldn't see myself living my life like that."

This thought floating in the back of his head became overwhelming, and after graduating in May, Stulock, without a strong artistic background, put his original goals behind him for a career in the arts.

With nothing more than a Web site and a Canon 350D camera, Stulock is using his mind to design a new future.

"I think it's all about individuality. Everybody sees things differently, everybody expresses things differently," Stulock said, describing his vision of what art is.

Stulock certainly sees things differently than others. His abstract art is uncontrolled yet symmetrically designed in effect. His random works are splashed with colors and odd, circular shapes.

"It's all about the randomness," Stulock said. "Up to this point, I don't think anyone has done what I've done."

Stulock primarily uses Adobe Photoshop for designing and implements various filters and editing techniques to perfect his visualizations.

"When I start, I decide what colors I want to use, but the shapes and the sizes, everything else, that's all just completely random," Stulock said.

Abstract art isn't his only endeavor though. The soft-spoken designer has found a niche with landscape photography as well.

"I had always been interested in art, and after I got my camera it kind of became an open road," Stulock said.

With his camera in hand, Stulock set out to find a subject.

"I never really did like capturing people," the artist said. "I found myself more interested in nature."

A resident of North Olmstead, Stulock uses his design abilities in landscape photography. He travels all over the Northeastern Ohio area from metro parks to small towns, shooting what he can from a variety of different angles.

His nature photography is soft and tranquil. He then combines this with a black and white filter in shots to create a strong scene or embellishes the natural colors and detail to create a unique fine art collection.

Stulock's photography traverses through the seasons. From winter scenery to sandy landscapes, his lens captures every glow and detail of nature.

Stulock also takes photos of the intensity of society in his city life collection with shots of bridges, roads and other man-made constructions.

"I like to go by myself to different cities and just shoot," Stulock said.

Stulock describes himself as a loner and said that he believes heavily in individuality. Besides his girlfriend, Carla, the artist said he generally relies on himself for support and inspiration.

"I never really grew any personal relationships with other students or professors while I was at YSU," Stulock said. "My family likes what I do, but I don't think they understand it, at least not as much as I do."

But Stulock always had an interest in networking with other artists and sharing in his creative abilities.

"I was never really part of any art crowd. Honestly, I really wanted to be though," Stulock said. "But when all the IT classes are in Meshel Hall and the art students in Bliss Hall, so I never really got to meet any of them."

Despite his lack of an art base, the reality of Stulock's situation is similar to other art graduates: Starving Artists' Syndrome.

Stulock has yet to make strong ground in his business. He has not been able to find a permanent seating for his art and as of now, not been able to land a job.

He said that he started thinking about attending an art school to fine-tune his craft, but the gloom of student loans and other debt has a stranglehold on some of the designer's plans.

Despite this, the aspiring artist is still pushing to find a path in artistic design.

"I'm stubborn. I guess, so I'm just trying to make



due with what little bit I have right now," Stulock said with a laugh.

Whether he succeeds or not, Stulock said he was happy with the decision he made and even without the fund, will continue to express his art.

"Most of the abstract has been traditional media like painting and things like that but I would like to see what people think of a photographic abstract like what I am doing," Stulock said. "Really it's just my dream job and everything about it sounds appealing to me."

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Cuban blogger urges U.S. Congress to lift travel ban

Lesley Clark
MCT

A high-octane effort to let U.S. tourists visit Cuba got a major endorsement Thursday from one of the island's leading dissidents, who suggested that "along with suitcases, Bermuda shorts and sun block, support, solidarity and freedom could come, too."

Cuban blogger Yoani Sanchez, who this week drew the attention of President Barack Obama, wrote in an essay to Rep. Howard Berman, D-Calif., the chairman of the House Foreign Affairs Committee, that lifting the ban on U.S. travel to Cuba "could bring more results in the democratization of Cuba than the indecisive performance of Raul Castro."

"Both peoples," she wrote of Cubans and Americans, "would come out winners."

Berman read portions of Sanchez's essay at an impassioned House of Representatives hearing on whether to lift the travel ban, noting that both critics and supporters of the decades-old ban had cited Sanchez's recent beating and detention at the hands of Cuban security forces.

"Three: That's the number of Cuban agents who threw a blogger head-first into an unmarked black car and beat her for speaking about freedom," said Rep. Connie Mack, R-Fla., dubbing the effort to lift the ban a "Castro bailout, a bailout for beatings, oppression, rape, torture, corruption and tyranny."

Sanchez, an increasingly brassy blogger, got even more attention

Thursday when she got a response from Obama, to whom she had posed seven questions in an effort to engage in a bit of "popular diplomacy." She also posted questions to Raul Castro, who had yet to reply.

Obama's answers amounted to a standard restatement of his administration's policies on Cuba — a desire for more bilateral and people-to-people contacts, in the hope they would lead to improved human rights, while insisting on "actions by the Cuban government."

Thursday's hearing the first time a full committee has delved into the hotly contested issue of lifting the restrictions, first imposed in 1962, came as proponents suggested they've got their best opportunity to date to scrap the ban, which prevents American tourists

from spending money in Cuba. Berman made it clear he plans to continue pushing, perhaps scheduling a hearing on legislation as soon as next spring.

"I don't want just a hearing. I want to eliminate the travel ban," Berman said after the hearing. "I think there's a better chance than ever before."

Opponents of lifting the ban suggest the votes aren't there to pass the legislation. They pointed to House Speaker Nancy Pelosi's remarks Thursday, in which she told a news conference that she's always favored lifting the ban but suggested it's not a priority for the House.

The legislation could face an even tougher reception in the Senate, where a number of senators have pledged to block it.

1. "Possessed Cat Speaks From the Devil" And you thought your cat was crazy.
2. "Worst Goalkeeper Ever" Not everyone likes soccer, but this clip will provide some good entertainment.
3. "Dance Fail" Everything goes smoothly, up until the last few seconds.
4. "Death Metal Rooster" Imagine waking up to this every single day.
5. "6-Year-Old Kid Solves Rubiks Cube in 37 Seconds" This kid's really got talent.

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-quirers, YSU was the second-most popular choice behind community college, although it was marked first among their parents.

The number one reason both Inquirers and Non-Inquirers gave for their lack of interest in YSU was lack of familiarity.

"That is something we can affect," said one of Simpson-Scarborough's presenters, Renee Kart.

"One-third of these high school seniors had already made a choice [of a university] when these interviews were conducted from the end of September to the end of October," said Elizabeth Scarborough, another presenter. "If we're just getting into the game, we're too late."

She suggested marketing to younger high school students.

Scarborough asked the audience if they were surprised that Youngstown's reputation for crime and being a bad location did not negatively impact the prospects' decision and only minimally so for their parents.

Kart repeated the crowd's response. "Youngstown isn't as bad as people think it is, and that is reflected by the data."

Scarborough offered that it may be "a brand association that is perpetuated from the inside, not the outside." However, she did concede that it may have resulted from the prospects' lack of familiarity.

The top attributes that significantly increased interest among the interviewees were; faculty having students work on projects with real clients in the community and online as a teaching tool, many undergraduates do graduate-level research in their junior and senior years, and the fact that the university is located in a "university town" where many of the activities in the area revolve around the university.

"These areas are distinctly owned by YSU, and it is difficult to be unique in the academic world because there are so many [universities]," said Scarborough.

Classifying a university as an urban research university was lowest on the "increase

interest" list. Chet Cooper, chairperson of the Academic Senate, said the definition of "urban research university" must be better defined. "If we don't define it, we'll be pigeon-holed by it," Cooper said. "If we are an urban research university, we need to be better at it."

"Athletics are a window to a community. Attractive events are important for getting people on campus," Cooper said. Scarborough agreed and said, "Athletics give visibility you can't buy." But Scarborough's prescription is to "Develop a crisp, relevant identity in the market place, develop the brand."

Despite the diagnosis, Mark Van Tilburg, Executive Director of Marketing and Communications for YSU, said, "The discussion has just begun, information is only one tool. The most important tools for marketing a public university are its Web site and actionable, reliable research data." Van Tilburg said the next step is to develop and implement strategies.

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the next step in his educational career.

"I'm thinking that at this point in my life, I'm ready to assume a presidency. I think I've learned a lot in my time as provost and I've worked with several presidents, both at Indiana and at Toledo," he said. "I think I've learned the good and bad from that, and I'm ready to assume this role, and this institution fits me well."

Maynard cited the size of YSU and the importance of the community to the institution as key attributes that made the city and the university so appealing.

"I consider YSU a great university, and for me I think it's an ideal fit for what I believe in ... the type of institution of which I want to continue my work experience," he said. "I like the size of Youngstown, both the city of Youngstown and I like the size of the institution. Fourteen thousand students, I think, is a force to be dealt with; it's a major university. And you have diversity of faculty, you have diversity of students that permit you to do lots of neat things for a school this size."

Faculty pressed upon Maynard the challenges of labor relations at YSU, with which Maynard admitted he had little experience in. Compromise, Maynard said, would be the key to absolving any issues along the way in dealing and bargaining.

"Every place I know has challenges; every place I know needs more money, that's a given and everyone has to work through those," he said. "I think the combination of things that are going on here, the opportunities that are part of YSU's future, I think that I could be an asset in helping the institution move forward."

Students at the SGA forum seemed more interested in the next president being visible on campus and approachable. Students also brought to light issues with advising and curriculum within departments and a need for administration to intervene to increase graduation and retention rates.

Maynard said he frequently meets with SGA and attends both formal and informal student activities at ISU, saying he holds breakfasts with students where about 12 students are chosen at random to eat with him and the president.

Joni Koneval, chair of the Academic Affairs Committee on SGA, was curious about any potential changes Maynard would make concerning retention.

"The state of Ohio changed the funding model from population of students in classes from day 14 to graduation rates and retention," Koneval said. "I think that has been a problem at this university in terms of percentage of students that graduate within 6 years."

Maynard cited attempts at increasing rates at ISU by creating a student success depart-

ment that oversees academic success for all students.

"Every decision I make in terms of the allocation of resources has to be with that question in the back of my mind, 'How will this assist in improving our retention rates?'" he said.

When asked what separated him from the other candidates for president, Maynard said he was unsure if he could answer the question.

"The search committee has done a good job," he said. "This process is designed to let the campus determine the best fit. I think all four of us can do the job, but which one is the best fit? I think I'm a good fit. I bring a real love and passion for this type of institution, and a sincere belief that this is the right mission for this type of institution. I think the challenges and opportunities ahead of us are good ones."

Maynard went on to say that YSU is in a "great situation" by having four candidates that can do the job, and whoever is chosen will have a great opportunity.

Maynard urged the students in the student forum to continue to reach out and offer the knowledge they have gained in classes to community outreach. He said students representing YSU is equally or more important as a president representing the institution.

"The Ohio Board of Regents says you determine your identity, you tell us what you want to be distinctive in. We don't want someone to label us; we want to label ourselves. And to be able to go through a process that says, 'Here we are, and this is what we want to be known for,' as president, to help work with the campus to help bring that definition to clarity and be able to sell that change to policy makers and donors and so on is exciting and I think I could do that with great passion."

In the community forum, Maynard was met with a standing-room-only crowd that asked him questions ranging from personal to professional questions. He spoke of the research and fascination he had with Youngstown. He said the more he learned of YSU, the more impressed he became.

"The university enters this next decade well prepared to continue the strong foundation, the strong history, the strong support from the community ... good things are ahead," Maynard said.

The final two presidential candidates will be visiting campus within the next week to wrap up the open forums. Dr. Cheryl J. Norton, president of Southern Connecticut State University, will visit campus today. Dr. Cynthia Anderson, Vice President for Student Affairs at YSU, will hold forums on Tuesday. Open community forums for both candidates will be held in the Board of Trustees room in Tod Hall at 4 p.m.

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iPods and aren't aware of what is going on, and therefore their opinions are relatively the same," Shaw said.

Although Obama's approval rating has dropped, Dr. Keith Lepak, associate professor of political science, said, "Approval ratings are just numbers, [and] they may or may not reflect something in the minds of voters that is relevant for a president or even germane to actual conditions in the society and economy."

As for Obama's decline in approval, Lepak said it's mainly because he was, at first glance, a "political celebrity."

"His approval ratings have dropped because something called reality is setting in. Obama had the great advantage of being a new political celebrity and becoming a new president who was not Bush," Lepak said.

Despite his diminished approval rating, Lepak said

Obama is "above average" after his first year in office.

"[Obama] is very self-confident and very deliberate in his approach to making decisions. However, this does not guarantee success," Lepak said.

In the past year, the struggling economy and situations in countries such as Asia, Afghanistan, Pakistan and Iraq are all reasons that "threaten to undermine [Obama's] presidency and Democratic Party coherence," Lepak said.

Newly elected President of YSU College Democrats Darla Conti said it's too early to believe Obama cannot live up to his potential.

"I know it's just his first year in office, but it's been a huge year for not only foreign policy, but domestic policy issues [as well]," Conti said. "[Obama] encountered an economy, starting out in office, that was completely and utterly destroyed by the Republicans."

Along with the down economy, Obama was forced into two wars.

Obama announced in early December that his strategy for Afghanistan had three objectives: deny Al Qaeda a safe haven, reverse the Taliban's momentum and strengthen Afghanistan's security forces and government according to <http://www.cnn.com>. His strategy for Iraq is to have completed the withdrawal of U.S. troops by the end of 2010.

Conti said those strategies will play a huge role in what's next to come for the Obama administration.

"I feel that we're headed in the right direction now, whereas we were basically setting ourselves up for failure," Conti said. "I don't think Bush had a real strategy for a long-term solution, [and] now I feel that we have a strategy and something to go off of, [and] it's going to be better."

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Senior Sirlester Martin leads the team in scoring in Horizon League games at 14.1 points.

ESPNU returns to YSU Beeghly Center this Friday

Keith Langford Jr.
SPORTS EDITOR

Youngstown State University on national television?

The men's basketball team will once more host a nationally televised game on ESPNU against the University of Wisconsin-Milwaukee Panthers on Friday at Beeghly Center. In the last game between these two teams at Beeghly Center, the Penguins were able to beat the Panthers in a close game, 70-68 a season ago.

"They [Milwaukee] might be playing the best ball in the league. They're a very good basketball team," head coach Jerry Slocum said in his weekly press conference.

Last year the Penguins showcased their talents against a Cleveland State team that won the Horizon League postseason championship and earned their first trip to the NCAA Championships in 23 years. The Penguins squeaked out a highly competitive game, 64-60.

The Penguins are almost in the same situation as they were a season ago at this particular time. Last year after they beat Cleveland State, they improved their record to 6-12 overall and to 3-4 within the Horizon League. This season, their record stands at 7-10 overall and 2-6 in the Horizon League. Despite the 2-6 record in the Horizon League standings, the Penguins are still in the hunt to host a conference

game in the Horizon League playoffs. The Penguins are only two games back of fourth placed Wright State who stand at 4-4 in the Horizon League.

With the home-away tilt in the Penguins favor as far as conference games are concerned, the Penguins can pile up some victories on the home court. Six of their last 10 conference games are at the Beeghly Center. Beeghly Center has been a haven for the Penguins who seem like two different teams playing at home as opposed to the road. The Penguins are solid at home with a home record of 5-3. Flip the script to their road record, and the Penguins are just 2-7 with road wins at Saint Peter's, (N.J.) and Saint Francis, (Pa.).

The Panthers come into Beeghly Center on Friday with a solid record of 11-8 overall. The Panthers are a game and a half in front of the Penguins with a 3-4 record in the Horizon League. With a win, the Penguins could pull within a half a game of the Panthers and have an all-important win over them in any tie-breaker scenarios.

A duo of Panthers the Penguins need to hold in check are 6-foot-1-inch senior guard Ricky Franklin and 6-foot-seven-inch forward James Eayrs. A season ago, Franklin and Eayrs put up stellar performances at Beeghly Center despite the 70-68 loss to the Penguins. Franklin shot 4-7 from behind the arc and scored 14

points whereas Eayrs played big down low with a double-double performance of 19 points and 11 rebounds.

This season, Franklin and Eayrs are key reasons why the Panthers have a winning record overall. Franklin leads the team in points per game (14.4) and minutes played per game (35.3). On the other hand, Eayrs averages 12.3 points per game and leads the team in rebounding (6.2). Franklin also poses a threat behind the arc. He has made a team-high 35 three-pointers while shooting the 3-ball at a .347 percentage.

The Penguins counter the Panthers with two seniors who also average double digits in points. Recent Horizon League player of the week DeAndre Mays leads the Penguins in scoring (13.3) and is second in free-throw percentage (.729). Senior Sirlester Martin leads the team in rebounding (6.1) and has led the team in scoring in Horizon League games with 14.1 points.

Since Jerry Slocum has gone to the three-guard lineup, Junior Vytas Sulskis has come off the bench as a sixth man. An X-factor in the Milwaukee game could be Sulskis. Sulskis leads the team in three-point percentage (.426) and free-throw percentage (.760). Vytas can score the rock as well as has averaged a shade under 10 points per game this season (9.8). If Vytas gets going as well as Martin and Mays, the Penguins should do well on the home court.

Men's tennis eager to start season

Chelsea Miller
SPORTS REPORTER

Head coach Eric Ronan has been working hard to prepare the Youngstown State University men's tennis team for the upcoming season and its first game Friday against Toledo. After a losing season last year, ending with a record of 5-16, Ronan will have his work cut out for him.

With only one returning player from the previous season, Ronan had the difficult task of orienting the team to the challenges of playing tennis for YSU.

"Last year's team was a very young team," he said. "With a little experience under their belts, we can turn things around."

It is Ronan's ninth year coaching at YSU and he said the team can achieve a better record this year. To prepare, Ronan has been hitting the courts two hours a day at the Boardman Tennis Center. Team members have been practicing since the second day of classes.

As for his predictions for the rest of the season, Ronan can't say but mentions a few returning players that he believes will lead the team.

Junior Patrick Hamming ended last year with an overall record of 2-16 playing No. 2 and 5 singles. He also joined teammates Michael Kathary and Chris Leson at doubles, finishing with a combined record of 3-17. Ronan said Hamming has the potential to be a good player this year.

Tariq Ismail is expected to be a strong competitor as well. Hailing from Harare, Zimbabwe, Ismail finished last season with an overall record of 9-11 playing at No. 1, 2 and 3 singles. He also won two key Horizon League matches against Wright State University and Valparaiso University in the tournament.

"[Tariq] is a solid player and fighter. He doesn't want to lose," Ronan said.

A new addition to the team is freshman Felipe Rosa, from Brazil, who Ronan said would be a "nice, new player" for the team.

Ronan said regardless of the outcomes of upcoming matches, his team would play to the best of its ability.

"We're hoping we'll have a great season," he said. "We just come out to win every match and work hard."

HORIZON LEAGUE

- 1 #20 BUTLER
- 2 GREEN BAY
- 3 DETROIT
- 4 WRIGHT STATE
- 5 LOYOLA
- 6 MILWAUKEE
- 7 VALPARAISO
- 8 CLEVELAND STATE
- 9 YOUNGSTOWN STATE
- 10 UIC

NCAA TOP 25

- 1 TEXAS
- 2 KENTUCKY
- 3 KANSAS
- 4 VILLANOVA
- 5 SYRACUSE
- 6 DUKE
- 7 MICHIGAN STATE
- 8 TENNESSEE
- 9 KANSAS STATE
- 10 GONZAGA
- 11 PITTSBURGH
- 12 WEST VIRGINIA
- 13 BRIGHAM YOUNG
- 14 GEORGETOWN
- 15 PURDUE
- 16 CLEMSON
- 17 TEMPLE
- 18 GEORGIA TECH
- 19 WISCONSIN
- 20 BUTLER
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- 23 NORTH CAROLINA
- 24 MISSISSIPPI
- 25 OHIO STATE

PENGUIN SPOTLIGHT



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| POSITION: | Guard |
| YEAR: | Junior |
| HOMETOWN: | Paracin, Serbia |
| PPG: | 12.8 |
| RPG: | 2.9 |
| APG: | 1.5 |
| FG%: | .323 |

SCHEDULES

| MEN'S BASKETBALL | |
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| Jan. 22 | MILWAUKEE |
| Jan. 24 | GREEN BAY |
| Jan. 27 | NORTH CAROLINA CENTRAL |
| Jan. 30 | @ Cleveland State |
| Feb. 4 | @ Loyola |
| Feb. 6 | @ UIC |
| Feb. 11 | BUTLER |
| Feb. 13 | VALPARAISO |
| Feb. 15 | @ Milwaukee |
| Feb. 20 | @ ESPN |

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WOMEN'S BASKETBALL

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| Jan. 22 | @ Cleveland State |
| Jan. 28 | @ Detroit |
| Jan. 30 | @ Wright State |
| Feb. 4 | LOYOLA |
| Feb. 6 | UIC |
| Feb. 11 | @ Butler |
| Feb. 13 | @ Valparaiso |
| Feb. 20 | CLEVELAND STATE |

SWIMMING & DIVING

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| Jan. 23 | @ Wright State |
| Jan. 24 | @ Butler/Ball State/ Eastern Illinois |
| Feb. 6 | @ Cleveland State/ UIC |

INDOOR TRACK & FIELD

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| Jan. 22 | @ Jane Herman Invitational |
| Jan. 30 | @ Tom Wright Classic |
| Feb. 5-6 | @ Notre Dame Mego Invitational |
| Feb. 5-6 | @ New Balance Armory Invitational |
| Feb. 12-13 | @ Akron Invitational |
| Feb. 19 | @ Zips Invitational |
| Feb. 20 | @ Kent State Tune-Up |

Youth fuels swimming and diving teams as they prep for the upcoming Horizon League Championships

Keith Langford Jr.
SPORTS EDITOR

Youth on the Youngstown State University women's swimming and diving teams may be a reason the teams have not performed as well as they had hoped.

The teams are comprised of 23 women, 11 of them being freshmen and four sophomores. The teams only have two seniors this season.

However, a young team may also bring success in the

years ahead as freshmen and sophomores become more seasoned and become juniors and eventually senior leaders.

Head coach Matt Anderson thinks his teams are doing well despite it not showing up in the results. Anderson said his teams have gotten off to a slow start in the season but are progressing in the right direction. He said he hopes his teams can peak when it matters, especially at the Horizon League Championships.

Some key young players on the team Anderson are Nishani Cicilson and Audria

Grubbs. Cicilson and Grubbs are both sophomores and have contributed solid performances this season. Cicilson placed second in the 50-yard freestyle at the team's last match at Saint Francis (Pa.) while Grubbs finished second in the 200-yard freestyle.

Earlier this season, freshman diver Casey Hill was named Horizon League diver of the week after finishing first in two events at the Radford Invitational. Hill finished first on the one-meter board and on the three-meter board.

"Being a young team, we feel like we are on track where we want to be," Anderson said.

With leadership from upperclassmen like junior Caitlin Cook who won the 100-yard butterfly at Saint Francis (Pa.) and placed second against Ohio University in the 200-yard butterfly and sophomores like Grubbs and Cicilson providing a spark from a swimming and diving team loaded with freshman and sophomores, the teams look to do well at their next meet, a duel meet Saturday at Wright State.