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'Mubarak, just leave' Egyptian student voices concern over crisis

(Background photo) Protestors gathered in the streets of Alexandria, Egypt, calling for the resignation of President Hosni Mubarak, Feb. 1. Photo courtesy of Michael Robinson Chavez/Los Angeles Times/MCT. (Below) Hannah Patten stands in front of the Egyptian flag, which she has hanging in her apartment. Patten, a member of the tennis team, was unable to contact her family the first few days of the protests. Photo by Joe Giesy/The Jambar.

Jordan D. Uhl
SPORTS EDITOR

Hannah Patten was in her apartment when she first heard word of the Egyptian protests' fruition. Originally from Cairo, Patten immediately thought of her family and friends.

With the death toll topping 300 in its early stages, and with more than 1,000 injured, she remains worried about their well-being.

"You hear so many rumors, and then you're just freaking out [thinking], 'Oh, this is going to happen to my friends, my parents.' I wish I was back home," Patten said.

Patten said she became concerned when she heard about inmates being released after the police left.

"That sort of freaked me out because if there's no one guarding your streets, a lot can go wrong. Then I started to hear all these stories about people's houses being broken into. A cancer hospital was broken into, [and] equipment was stolen from there," Patten said.

Initiated by the leaders of the April Sixth Youth Movement, the movement was fueled by the citizens' anger with President Hosni Mubarak, as well as the Egyptian economy, the lack of human and civil rights, police brutality and corruption.

"I went to high school. A lot of Egyptians don't get to go to high school because they don't have enough money. We were aware the economy was uneven. You have a lot of rich people in Egypt, then you have the poor that are living off of \$50 a week. We knew that we were lucky. We knew that it was corrupt," Patten said.

The utilization of social networks helped the cause gain steam, and participation grew exponentially, despite the Egyptian government blocking citizens' access to the Internet and eventually cell phone coverage.

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-Hannah Patten

CLASS balances department budgets with givebacks

Joe Giesy
NEWS EDITOR

Some departments in the College of Liberal Arts and Social Sciences handled the mid-year budget reductions better than others.

Gary Salvner, English department chairman, said CLASS did not do cuts across the board because some departments could not handle them as well as others.

"Many departments feel like

they're down to the bone," said Dean Shearle Furnish.

All divisions at Youngstown State University were charged with reducing their budgets, leaving college deans to decide where they were going to give money back.

"When we were told about [the reductions], the dean did some analysis," Salvner said.

Operational budgets don't include salaries or fringe benefits, so money had to be given back from student

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YSU gradually implements 2020 plan

Andrea DeMart
NEWS EDITOR

Youngstown State University is working toward success within the next 10 years by gradually implementing the YSU 2020 Strategic Plan.

On Wednesday, Eugene Grilli, vice president for Finance and Administration, and Ikram Khawaja, provost and vice president for Academic Affairs, will meet with the cornerstone committees to evaluate the financial and personnel needs and place priority on those that can be implemented now.

Implementation of the recommenda-

tions is not based on level of importance but more so the feasibility of what can be done within the budget and personnel resources provided.

"One of the initiatives in one area was dealing with examining certain ways to look at admissions, and so we already have a task group working on it," Khawaja said. "We will start a number of initiatives much sooner than June of 2011. We will implement some others which may require budgetary allocation in the next fiscal year."

The initiatives that will be put into place this year are mainly procedural, Khawaja said, and those that require monetary assistance will be enacted in

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This act hindered Patten's ability to get in touch with relatives.

"The first couple of days, there was no contact. [The Egyptian government] restored landlines, so they've been calling me every day," Patten said.

Youngstown State University psychology professor Steve Ellyson said the lack of communication makes the already disheartening situation "even scarier."

Nearly 6,000 miles away from home, Patten is far from pleased.

"I hate it. I wish I could fly back. I think every Egyptian that's not in Egypt is frustrated because it's historic. So not being a part of it, not being with your family at the same time," Patten said.

Ellyson said Patten's situation would be "really difficult."

"It would be nerve-racking, and she's naturally concerned. People are killed in the streets. It's a long shot [that it's her family], but you never know," Ellyson said.

To ensure the safety of others around them, Patten's father participates in the neighborhood watch program, something formed the day the police left Cairo.

"It's not [mandatory] but all the men, it's just a thing they did. I don't think there was anyone that wasn't down there," Patten said.

Even as Cairo International Airport is filled with people

anxious to leave, Patten would love the opportunity to return.

"[In] the media it looks really bad, but I know Egyptian people, I know what they're like, so I would never fear for my own safety. There are a lot of YouTube videos showing people cleaning up the streets, women offering food, medical students offering advice to people. I would never be scared," Patten said.

Throughout all this, Mubarak has become public enemy number one, while a seemingly unknown figure, Mohamed ElBaradei, has risen from the mist, becoming a popular candidate for the next Egyptian president.

Patten, along with other Egyptians around her age, has mixed thoughts on the Nobel laureate. Although she said ElBaradei has his achievements, he hasn't lived in Egypt his whole life. Therefore, many Egyptians don't know much about him. Patten said she found out about him recently but said she thinks that a lot of Egyptians "don't know enough about him to trust him as an opposition leader."

"He's been all over the media, and he refuses to talk to Mubarak ... So you can come in and you can have all your achievements behind you, but at the same time what else is there to you? [Mubarak], he's always been an Egyptian, he's been in the military, he fought for the land. Everybody knows about him, but this opposition leader, he's new. But I think he has a positive side because he'll bring some mod-

ern thinking into the country, which is great, but there's always the doubt," Patten said.

Even in a predominantly chaotic scene, Muslim protesters haven't set aside their religious roots, partaking in mid-day prayers.

"I'm very proud. Any Muslim would be proud. It symbolizes what Egypt's like, and it symbolizes the people: that they are dedicated to their causes," Patten said. "I think it's great, but at the same time people are creating all these conspiracy theories that 'This might be an Islamic revolution, and the Islamic brotherhood, and it's not about politics, it's about Islam.' So I think people may confuse it."

Ellyson said it "gives the protesters a like-minded identity."

"With all religions comes a certain moral code, and [practitioners try] to live up to what the religion says," he said. "Religions have positive messages, treatment of others, love thy neighbor. Unfortunately, it doesn't always get played out."

Patten said she's aware Egypt is a significant U.S. ally, but that it's "not really what a lot of people are focusing on."

"Egyptians are focusing mainly on their president. It's annoying when Hillary Clinton says, 'Protests should be peaceful' because there's not going to be any peaceful protests. People aren't really focusing on America right now, [and] I know the Egyptians aren't," Patten said.



A crowd estimated in the hundreds of thousands flooded downtown Cairo, Egypt's Tahrir Square on Feb. 1 calling for an end to President Hosni Mubarak's three-decade rule. Photo courtesy of Hannah Allam/MCT.

Since his tenure has spanned 30 years, Mubarak is the only leader Patten has ever known, and she has gradually become more aware of his crooked politics as she got older.

On Tuesday, he gave a speech announcing he would step down come election time, but she remains hesitant due to his track record.

"The government has been so corrupt before that you never know. I know he's under a lot of pressure, but I feel the country is going a little downhill, and he could have done this [sooner]. It's pretty obvious what the people want: 'Mubarak, just leave,'" she said. "He should have satisfied the people in that moment but not let everything sort of

go downhill. He could have stepped up earlier and faced the people."

The "Million Man March" also took place Tuesday, something Patten's parents did not participate in, due to its potential dangers. What used to be described as a "mob mentality," Ellyson said those in his field now term "collective behavior" because of the former term's negative connotation.

"In a group, the rules change," Ellyson said. He used Mardi Gras as an example.

"Someone who's straight-laced goes to Mardi Gras, and goes crazy because everybody [is going] crazy. It's not that they're no longer [themselves]. It's just that the rules change," Ellyson said.

Noisy computer labs: thing of the past?

Kacy Standohar
REPORTER

Some who frequent Kilcawley Center's Info & PC Lab often complain that the lab is too noisy for a place where students are supposed to have quiet, uninterrupted study time.

Sophomore Sarah Gordon, who works at the Info & PC Lab, said the students near the quiet lab are "annoying and disruptive."

"I never say anything because I am new, but I would like to ask if they have any respect for others and if they realize how loud they are actually being," she said.

Students using the labs complain that disruptive students tend to ignore signs posted nearby, such as one that reads, "This is a QUIET study lab. Please respect others." They continue to talk on their cell phones and play loud music on the computers.

"It is evident there are study labs on campus that remain quiet because they are filled with students who are there to learn and all have a mutual respect for each others' learning environment," said freshman Erin Hall.

Some of the noise comes from students who hang out in

the lounge area in Kilcawley Center next to the quiet labs.

"I don't mind using this lab. My friends are always here, and I feel I can work quietly without being disrupted," said freshman Diamonique Wilkins.

Students in the lounge said their intent is not to disrupt others.

"I use this lab because it is in the center of campus, and a lot of times, I need to work with a group of students in my class that I can't meet with outside of school. So we meet in this lab to work on projects and discuss our group's presentations," said sophomore DaVante McKinney.

Mike Nigro, student employee at the Info & PC Lab, said the noise makes communicating with customers difficult.

"The noise really bothers me while I am working because if I am with a customer, it is hard to focus with all the noise in the background," he



Students study in the quiet lab on the second floor of Kilcawley Center. Photo by Kacy Standohar/The Jambar

said. "We could tell people to leave and walk around every so often and remind people to quiet down."

John Young, director of Kilcawley Center, said quiet labs should be reserved for students with academic needs.

"If students are doing things other than academic work, I believe it is fair to ask them to leave because those computers are there for students that don't have access to a home computer," Young said.

John Farris, junior and frequent user of the study labs,

expressed his frustration.

"I can't stand it. Some days it is quiet, and most days it is not. I just get up and leave to go somewhere quieter," Farris said. He added that the third floor of Maag Library is usually always silent, and it is easy to focus on homework there.

Young said the intended use of the lounge was not to attract noisy students.

"That furniture has been there for many years. I believe it was placed there to serve as more of a lobby for the shuttle service and Dining Services

rather than a hangout spot or an empty hallway," Young said.

Kilcawley Center will undergo renovation in May, and there is a good chance the Information Desk will be moved.

"We did research on various benchmark institutions to see how they negotiate the layouts of their centers and to compare amenities. Our research consisted of campus visits, student interviews and focus groups," said Michael McGiffin, graduate assistant at Kilcawley Center.

There are reasons why this lab may be noisy.

"We found that it is best to locate a quiet lab away from the main quarters of the building," he said. "We also found that the atmosphere can delegate the level of volume in the room, such as dim lighting, cozy seating, etc."

McGiffin added that aside from the noise, there are other problems with enforcing rules in those study lounges.

Food and drinks are not permitted in any lab. However, when the building closes and the labs are cleaned, cups and food wrappers are often found near the computers, keyboards and floor.

"We'd like to step away from the traditional computer lab setting. Right now, it is very social," Young said.

All theft reports on campus investigated, but not all solved

Kevin Alquist
REPORTER

Textbooks, handheld electronics, laptops, cell phones, wallets and even a sculpture are items that Youngstown State University students, faculty and staff reported missing or stolen in January.

On Jan. 14, student Jennifer Hanuschak reported her laptop stolen from room 577 of Maag Library. She said in her statement to the YSU Police Department that the room was locked and secured. The last time she saw her light green laptop was Jan. 3.

Hanuschak said she locked and hid the laptop in her research carrel on the library's fifth floor. The room remains locked at all times, and when the crime was discovered, the door was still locked. Hanuschak said she assumes that the person who took the laptop relocked the door after leaving, in order to make it appear as if no crime had been committed.

"Nothing else, including a much more valuable book of mine, was taken," Hanuschak said.

Regardless of the value of the property that is reported stolen or missing, staff commander Lt. Mark Adovasio of the YSU Police Department said all stolen property cases are investigated.

"The first thing we do when we get a theft report is view the various cameras around campus that the crime could have taken place near," Adovasio said. "We then get information from the [owner of the property and/or] witnesses. We then

get information on the stolen property and give it to related agencies or businesses. We put the word out."

For example, on Jan. 24, when a student reported her textbook missing, university police's first action to get the book back was to contact the YSU Bookstore and Campus Book and Supply.

When YSU Police retains stolen property, the items are taken as evidence and locked in an evidence locker. The court decides whether the property is returned to the victim before the trial is held.

If insurance is involved with the stolen property, the company that insures the victim will be responsible for reimbursement. If the property is found after the insurance company has already dealt with the victim, the recovered item becomes property of the insurance company. The item will then be sold at a public auction.

Sometimes it takes longer than expected to recover stolen items, but even if the owner has long forgotten about what was stolen, YSU Police still makes the effort to return it.

"If we find the stolen property a year or so later, we send a letter or call the rightful owner to retrieve what was stolen [from him or her]," Adovasio said. "If they do not respond, we then go to the court for permission to put the property up for public auction or for it to be destroyed."

On many occasions, when property is recovered, it is found stripped of most value.

"Often a wallet or bag is stolen and we recover it, but anything of value is taken from it," said Sgt. Bryan Remius of the YSU Police. "So we make an arrest, but we don't recover what is important [to the owner]."

He estimated that overall, YSU Police recovers approximately 30 to 35 percent of stolen items.

NEWS BRIEFS

YSU professor's second novel published

YSU professor Rebecca Barnhouse recently had her second novel — "The Coming of the Dragon" — published by Random House. The novel, intended for readers ages 9 to 16, takes place during the Middle Ages, around the same time and place of Beowulf. Barnhouse teaches writing and young-adult literature at YSU, and her interest in ancient literature began while studying abroad in England. Her next book, "Peaceweaver," will accompany "Dragon" and will likely be released in March 2012.

Foundation donates to inner-city science instruction programs

For the third year, the JPMorgan Chase Foundation has supported the YSU Interdisciplinary Three Sciences 5th and 6th Grades Program. This year, the foundation donated \$35,000 to the program that works to improve science instruction for more than 500 students enrolled in Youngstown City Schools. Since the foundation's first donation, students have improved their scores on the Ohio Achievement Test. The program, which is a partnership between Youngstown City Schools and the YSU Center for Urban and Regional Studies, features real-life applications of science, such as trips to Mill Creek Park.

POLICE BRIEFS

Patrolman finds 42 cans of beer in student's gym bag

On Monday, a patrolman working the front desk of Cafaro House asked two students entering the residence to hand over a gym bag for inspection before passing through. The students refused several orders, and one student let himself in with his key. The patrolman finally stopped both students and inspected the gym bag. Inside the bag, he found 42 12-ounce cans of beer. The students were summoned to Youngstown City Hall for underage possession.

Student burns sandwich, activates fire alarm

On Saturday, a YSU Police officer reported to a fire alarm activation at the University Courtyard Apartments. Smoke was present in the room where the alarm had been set off, and the door was open. A female resident burned a grilled cheese sandwich, but there was no fire. The smoke was eliminated by a ceiling fan and opening a window.

Swim coach at YSU pool transported to hospital

On Friday, a YSU pool lifeguard told a YSU Police officer that a Poland swim coach was not feeling well. The swim coach said she had gallbladder surgery two weeks ago and was now experiencing a sharp stabbing pain in her left lower abdominal region. Although the swim coach's sister was on her way to take her to the hospital, the lifeguard suggested she go by ambulance instead. She was transported to St. Elizabeth Health Center by ambulance. The children she was supervising were placed into other custody.

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"The strategic plan is really a road map of what we want to be, and essentially what we're saying is in year 2020, we want to accomplish X number of things, and that's why we had the different cornerstones who took significant areas of importance in the university and put together a strategic plan that was relevant to each of those areas," Grilli said.

The strategic plan falls on the heels of the Centennial Plan, which expired in 2008, in guiding the university forward in defining what YSU should be and look like in 2020.

Khawaja said that four cornerstone committees were created through discussion from the board of trustees as to the main important issues within the university.

"We knew that the state Board of Regents, in their strategic plan that the chancellor introduced in 2008 for the state, had designated YSU to become a more defined urban research institution, and the question was put, 'What does that mean?'" he said.

The focus was then placed on the cornerstone committees to define the university through the next 10 years. Each committee was given the task of creating recommendations of ways to improve the university.

The change of leadership in the governor's office may bring a change in money allocated to the university, but not the focus of education, Khawaja said.

"What may be the issue is they may allocate resources differently, and that's perfectly fine. That's the way it works," he said.

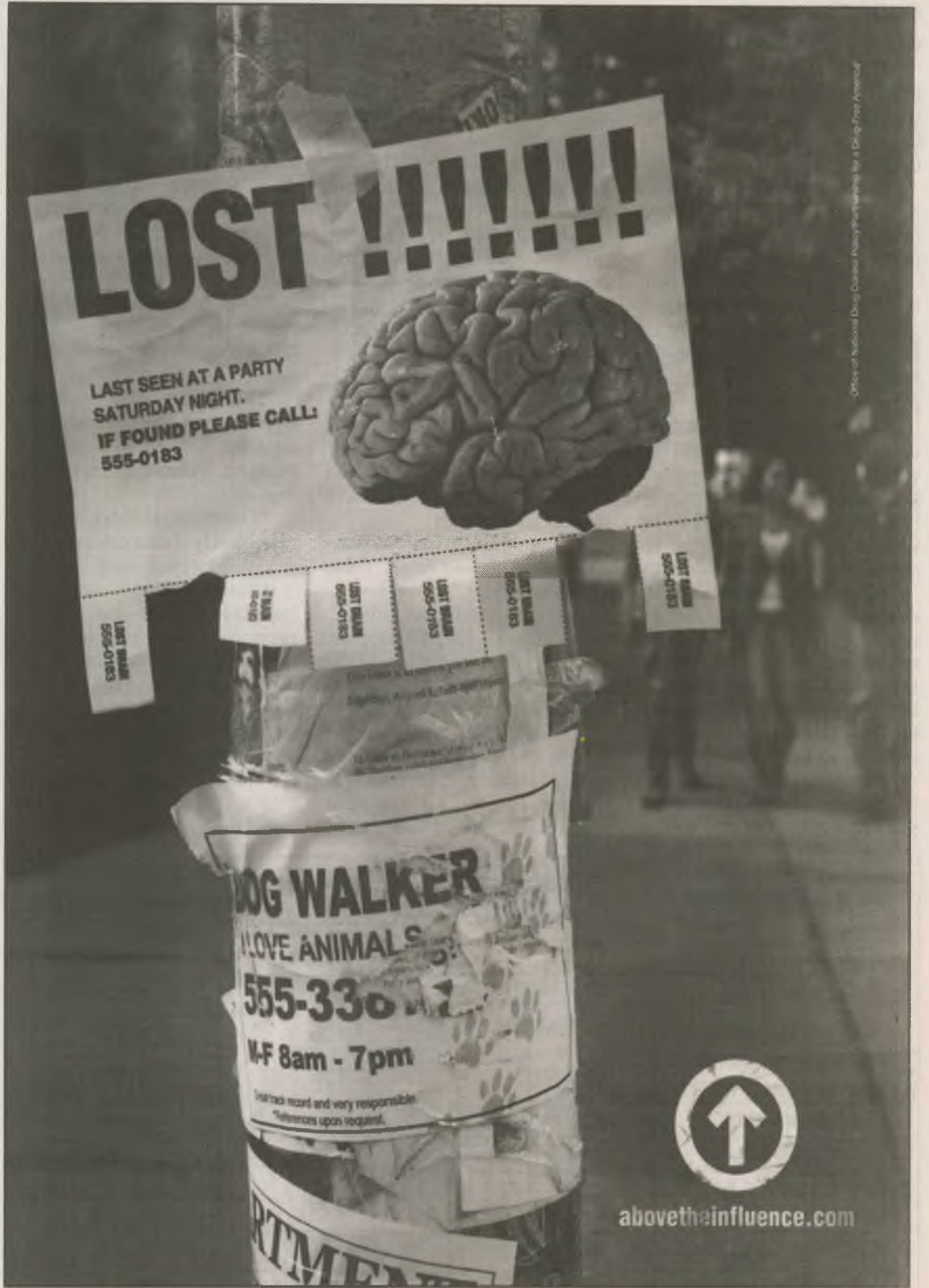
The cornerstone committees will be narrowed down to a few members who will enforce the initiatives. Progress of the initiatives will be tracked to make sure they are on point to accomplish the end goal by 2020.

"If we've set an aspiration for 10 years, it's not going to have zero progress for nine years and then all of a sudden we reach that. It's going to have an incremental [growth]," Khawaja said.

Students are the focus of this plan, and they hope to keep students involved. As the individual task groups are formed, student opinion may be needed on some of the initiatives.

Khawaja and Grilli are pleased with the outcome of the cornerstone groups and the focus groups over the past few months and are optimistic when looking at the university in 10 years.

"I hope we have greater progress than we have had in the last 10 years," Khawaja said. "We are a significantly improved and different university today than we were 30 years ago."



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wages and supplies. "The requirement was to give back 8.5 percent, which is difficult to do midyear because spending patterns have been set," Furnish said.

The English department gave back \$7,269, the most money of all academic departments at YSU.

Salvner said this was possible because many English graduate students received federal grants, lessening the financial burden of the department.

Salvner said the department was careful about its supplies budget and tried to not over order. They also "tightened up the Writing Center's hours" and carefully scheduled student employees.

When President Cynthia Anderson announced the reduction in November, she requested that any budgetary cuts not affect students, but Furnish said this was unavoidable because everything on campus affects students.

The foreign languages and literatures department gave the second largest amount of

money back from CLASS at \$2,999.

Department Chairman John Sarkissian said foreign languages was not affected as much as other departments and so was able to give more back to the Dean's Office.

The geography, philosophy and religious studies, and economics departments had the smallest cuts in CLASS.

Geography gave back \$729, philosophy and religious studies gave back \$1,095, and economics gave back \$1,100.

Furnish said the department budgets look random on paper but some need more money than others.

"[The English department's] role is so huge. Their needs are huge," he said.

He compared the English department to California, which is just one state of 50 but a huge entity in population and revenue for the U.S.

Department Chairman Bruce Waller said handouts in the philosophy and religious studies department are sent electronically, and he hopes to

move class syllabi to digital format, although it's not clear to him right now if syllabi handouts can be foregone.

He said the department had to cut paper use and reduce student worker hours. There is also an open position he hopes to fill in a year or so but cannot in the current climate.

"Our budget was already unusually low," he said. "There's just no money there to cut."

The philosophy and religious studies department receives one of the smallest budgets from the university, Waller said.

"Operational budgets are completely unconnected to reality," Furnish said.

Historically, academic budgets are set and change proportionally the same as other budgets dependent on the availability, or in this case, lack of funds.

"My guess is it's going to get worse," Waller said.

The Academic Affairs division cannot sustain another cut, Furnish said.

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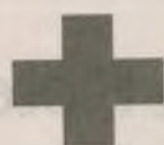
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It's difficult to imagine waking up to a tyrannical government cutting off communication, or an inflammatory mob chanting outside your bedroom window, but that is the reality for millions.

International politics is admittedly a stretch from campus life. But, as you read about the Egyptian protests as reflected by Egypt native Hannah Patten, the plight and struggle of a people so foreign becomes seemingly more intimate.

U.S. foreign diplomatic relations in the Middle East hinge upon Egypt's next leader. We know this from the droning 24-hour news regurgitations.

Peaceable assembly and freedom of speech are encouraged by not only President Barack Obama but by the consensus of the American people. We know this as a free people.

Our first concern, as a nation, is who will lead Egypt next. Will they be our ally? Will they harbor terrorists? Will they help us maintain a political hold in an area of the world that holds little regard for us?

We are asking the wrong questions. What we should be asking, if we, as human beings, have any compassion left, is if the next leader of Egypt will be good for his people.

A people are standing up for what they believe in. We should be inspired by such conviction. They are dying for what we often take for granted: freedom.

Patten said she knows her people. Listening to her story, we begin to question whether the diminishing media presence in the Middle East has any knowledge of whom they write about.

Patten reminds us that these issues have faces and that these conflicts are mortal and palpable.

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A call to protest ignites a call to arms

Barbara Ehrenreich
L.A. TIMES

Why are Americans such wusses? Threaten the Greeks with job losses and benefit cuts and they tie up Athens, but take away Americans' jobs, 401(k)s, even their homes, and they pretty much roll over. Tell British students that their tuition is about to go up and they take to the streets; American students just amp up their doses of Prozac.

The question has been raised many times in the last few years, by a variety of scholars and commentators-this one included-but when the eminent social scientist Frances Fox Piven brought it up at the end of December in an essay titled "Mobilizing the Jobless," all hell broke loose. An editor of Glenn Beck's website, theblaze.com, posted a piece sporting the specious headline "Frances Fox Piven Rings in the New Year by Calling for Violent Revolution," and, just two weeks before the Tucson shootings, the death threats started flying. Many of the most provocative comments have been removed from the site's comment section, but at one time they included such charming posts as: "Bring it on biotch (sic). we're armed to the teeth." Or: "We're all for violence and change, Francis (sic). Where do your loved ones live?"

If the dozens of Beck fans rhetorically brandishing their weapons at Piven were all CEOs, bankers, hedge fund operators and so forth-i.e., the kind of people who have the most to lose from mass protests by the unemployed-all this might make more sense. But somehow, and I may be naive about these things, it's hard to imagine a multimillionaire suggesting that "folks buy battle carbines with folding or collapsible (sic) stocks and 16(-inch) barrels so they can be more easily hidden under jackets and such. Also, buy in NATO-approved calibers (5.56/.223, 7.62/.308) so you can resupply ammo from the bodies of your enemies too." One of Piven's would-be assassins even admits to being out of work, a condition he or she blames, oddly enough, on Piven herself, adding that "we should blowup (her) office and home."

So perhaps economically hard-pressed Americans aren't wusses after all. They may not have the courage or the know-how to organize a protest at the local unemployment office, which is the kind of action Piven urged in her December essay, but they stand ready to shoot the first 78-year-old social scientist who suggests that they do so.

Americans were not always so myopic that they saw the world through the cross-hairs of their rifle sights. During the depression of 1892 to 1896, unemployed workers marched to Washington by the thousands in what was then the largest mass protest this country had seen. In 1932, even more jobless people, 25,000, staged what was, at that time, the largest march on Washington, demanding public works jobs and a hike in the inheritance tax. From the '60s to the '80s, Americans marched again and again-peacefully, nonviolently and by the hundreds of thousands-for civil rights, women's rights, gay rights, economic justice and against wars. In fact, this has been a major focus of Piven's scholarly work over the years-the American tradition of protest and resistance to economic injustice-and it's a big enough subject to keep hundreds of academics busy for life.

There are all kinds of explanations for how Americans lost their grass-roots political mojo: iPods have been invoked, along with computer games and anti-depressants. And of course much of the credit goes to the so-called populist right of the Rush Limbaugh and Glenn Beck persuasion, which argues that the real enemy of the down-and-out is not the boss or the bank but the "liberal elite" represented by people like Piven.

But at least part of the explanation is guns themselves -or, more specifically, the recent and uniquely American addiction to high-powered personal weaponry. Although ropes and bombs are also mentioned, most of the people threatening Piven on Beck's website referred lovingly to their guns, often by caliber and number of available rounds. As Joan Burbick, author of the 2006 book, "Gun Show Nation: Gun Culture and American Democracy," has observed, "The act of buying a gun can mimic political action. It makes people feel as if they are engaging in politics of political protest." She quotes one gun enthusiast: "Whenever I get mad at the government, I go out and buy a gun." Jobless and overwhelmed by bills? Hunker down in the basement and polish your Glock.

Never mind that there are only a few ways you can use a gun to improve your economic situation: You can hock it. You can deploy it in an armed robbery. Or you can use it to shoot raccoons for dinner.

But there is one thing you can accomplish with guns and coarse threats about using them: You can make people think twice before disagreeing with you. When a congresswoman can be shot in a parking lot and a professor who falls short of Glenn Beck's standards of political correctness can be, however anonymously, targeted for execution, we have moved well beyond democracy-to a tyranny of the heavily armed.

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Who's your mayor?



All mayors are according to the building with the most number of check-ins as of 1-25-11. Graphic by Ellen DeCarlo.

A user on Foursquare can obtain the position of “mayor” if he or she checks into a location for the most days in the past 60 days. A “mayor” title, however, can be stolen. To hold this position, a person must be sure to check in often wherever he or she is. A list of some of the mayors of each building on campus is listed to the right.

Foursquare network expands but raises privacy concerns

Chelsea Miller
ARTS & ENTERTAINMENT
EDITOR

Sitting at home bored on a Saturday night wondering where all your friends are? There's an application for that.

Foursquare, a location-based social networking website, allows users to see where friends are located and, in turn, check in to different locations to let other users know where they are.

Users can earn promotions and special offers at certain venues. They can also earn badges for each check-in. These badges are posted on the user's profile and give that person bragging rights of sorts.

According to a blog posted on the website on Jan. 24, since its launch in 2009, six million users are registered for the website, and Foursquare representatives said membership is up 3,400 percent from last year. The website also cited that more than 381 million check-ins were reported from every country.

Despite its popularity worldwide, some Youngstown State University students won't be jumping on the bandwagon.

"I've heard of it, but I don't use it," sophomore Ashley Mylar said.

Mark Javornicky, a freshman psychology major, doesn't use the website either.

"I've tried it, but I don't use it anymore," he said, adding that he uses Facebook Places because it's easier to check in.

For many, Foursquare is an

invasion of privacy, and the dangers of sharing locations far outweigh the positives.

According to a study compiled by Microsoft surveying 1,500 people in the United Kingdom, Germany, Japan, the United States and Canada, 51 percent of those surveyed reported using a location-based service.

Of these, only 18 percent of respondents reported using a location-based survey to tell others where they were or to connect with individuals, but more frequently use services like GPS, traffic updates or weather alerts.

Of those surveyed, 52 percent expressed concern about sharing their location with others, and 49 percent would be more comfortable if they could manage who sees their location information.

Jeff Tyus, assistant professor of communication at YSU, expressed concern over certain aspects of social networking websites. Tyus teaches a class on new communication media and discusses in the class some dangers of posting too much information online.

"I have a neighbor who lives across the street from me whose family went on vacation and because she's a neighbor, she's a Facebook friend of mine. I knew exactly where they were at every step of their vacation because on Facebook she was letting all of her friends ... know that they're on vacation," he said.

Tyus said someone could have targeted his neighbor by reading her Facebook page.

"If anybody knows that they're on vacation, then anybody can do whatever they want over at their house," he

said.

Tyus added that stalkers could easily target a person on social networking sites as well.

People who use Foursquare, however, found it can be beneficial.

YSU student Kyle Rhodes frequently uses Foursquare as well as other social networking sites like Facebook. Rhodes said he doesn't worry about privacy issues and takes the proper precautions to be safe online.

"I don't worry too much about privacy because usually I am checking into large public places. Also, I have the option to only check in where I want people to know," he said. "Some people put their house on Foursquare with their address, which I would never do. With any social media site you just have to be smart and think about your actions."

To be safe online, Microsoft listed some recommendations for safe use of location-based services:

Pay close attention to the settings that use your location: don't geo-tag your house and be aware of location privacy settings on the applications you use.

Limit who knows your location. Only add trusted friends to your page and choose not to make your location data publicly available.

When using location services, check in thoughtfully. Think about safety if you check in somewhere alone. Don't check in from your house or a friend's house, or anywhere that may put others at risk.

Jon Raidel

Senior telecommunications major

Plans as mayor: For Stambaugh Stadium: "Give the inside some much needed renovation. The gyms are pretty worn out, and I'm sure so are some of the classrooms."

For Lincoln Building: "Knock it down and build another parking lot."

Jeff Butts

Research associate in the department of philosophy and religious studies

Plans as mayor: To keep M-2 parking lot and not tear it down.

Craig Butrick

Senior electrical engineering major

Plans as mayor: Cushwa gets a Jacuzzi in every room and Moser "becomes a homage to me because I rock."

Kelli Carney

Junior early childhood education major

Plans as mayor: "If I were actually the mayor of Williamson Hall, I would definitely consider putting a food venue in the Schwebel's Cafe."

Kelly Anne McKee-Foos

Junior marketing and integrated language arts education major

Plans as mayor: "I would probably put a Starbucks in [Kilcawley]."

Kyle Rhodes

Junior IT major

Plans as mayor: For Phelps: "I would try to make it look less like it was the '80s inside."

For Meshel: "I would have all the computers updated with Windows 7."

For YSU Fountain: "Should get a more advanced fountain."

Kate Morrison

Senior IT major

Plans as mayor: "As the mayor of Jones Hall, I would bring the registration office over from Meshel so that Jones could be a unified place for students to go when they are new to YSU."

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WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 2

LECTURE BY DR. GALIA SABAR
"The Africanization of Israel - Ethiopian Jews, African Labor Migrants and Asylum Seekers"
12:00 noon, The Ohio Room, Kilcawley Center

Dr. Galia Sabar is chair of African Studies at Tel Aviv University. For twenty years, she has conducted research on Jews in Ethiopia and the socio-political aspects of HIV-AIDS education in Kenya. Dr. Galia has also studied African migrant laborers who started coming to Israel in the early 1990s and followed them back to West Africa after they were deported. Her academic research and social activism in several Israeli and African NGOs has brought to the forefront complex issues of public discourse in Israeli state and society.



Co-sponsored with the YSU Center for Judaic and Holocaust Studies

SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 5

THE AFRICAN MARKETPLACE
Noon-6:00 p.m., The Chestnut Room, Kilcawley Center

The African Marketplace presents an opportunity for the public to sample jewelry, writings, goods and creations by African American and African authors and artists that are rare and hard to find. The marketplace, in the typical African context, is not only a place for the sampling, purchase and appreciation of things Afrocentric, but a meeting place for social interaction and networking as well. Dance and musical entertainment will be presented by the multi-talented Harambee Youth Group of Youngstown.



TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 8

ARTIST HILTON MURRAY
Panel discussion
7:00 p.m., The McDonough Museum of Art
Exhibit through February, Bliss Hall Gallery

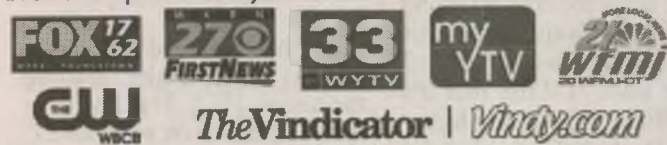
Hilton Murray works in graphic design, television production, advertising, art history, and creates architectural structures reflecting a diversity of cityscapes. His fascinating designs reflect the ruggedness and curvature of the land, sky and water, in recognition of the wonders of nature.



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TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 15

IMAGES OF YOUNGSTOWN: LANDSCAPES IN FILM AND LITERATURE
Lecture by Derrick Jones
7:30 p.m., The Ohio Room, Kilcawley Center

A filmmaker and instructor at Bowling Green State University, Derrick Jones, received his Bachelor of Arts in communication and theatre and a Master of Arts in theatre from BGSU and a Master of Fine Arts in film from Ohio University. He is a Youngstown native who has been active in the Youngstown Playhouse and the Oakland Center for the Arts. Jones has made several short films and was a 2008 Princess Grace Award recipient. His documentary short 637, has been screened nationally at several film festivals and was featured at the Short Film Corner at the 2009 Cannes Film Festival.



Co-sponsored with the Center for Working Class Studies

TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 22

AFRICAN MOVIE NIGHT
"Where the Water Meets the Sky" "White King, Red Rubber and Black Death"
6:30 p.m., The Gallery, Kilcawley Center

The first film documents the story of remarkable women in a remote region of northern Zambia who are taught how to make a film as a way to speak about their experiences in the AIDS epidemic. The film is narrated by Morgan Freeman. "White King" portrays King Leopold II, the ruthless Belgian colonialist who ruled the Democratic Republic of Congo as his private property and was responsible for the murder of 20 million Africans. A discussion will follow the showing.



THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 24

AN EVENING OF JAZZ
featuring Jeff Green and his band.
6:30-10:00 p.m., The Youngstown Club

Tickets at \$ 50.00 per person include parking, refreshments and hors d'oeuvres.



Co-sponsored with the YSU Metropolitan College, Southwoods Commons

FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 25

BLACKS IN THE MILITARY
Lecture by Yvonne Latty
7:00 p.m., The Gallery, Kilcawley Center

Yvonne Latty was born and raised in New York City. She earned a BFA in film /television and later an MA in journalism from New York University. She is the director of the Reporting New York and Reporting the Nation programs at the Arthur L. Carter Journalism Institute at NYU. For 13 years, she worked for the Philadelphia Daily News, where she was an award-winning reporter specializing in urban issues. Latty's nonfiction short stories have been published in *It's A Girl: Women Writers on Raising Daughters*. She authored *In Conflict: Iraq War Veterans Speak Out on Duty, Loss and the Fight to Stay Alive* and the critically acclaimed *We Were There: Voices of African American Veterans from World War II to the War in Iraq*. Ms. Latty will sign books following her lecture.



MONDAY, FEBRUARY 28

I QUESTION AMERICA: THE LEGACY OF FANNIE LOU HAMER
A play by E.P. McKnight
7:00 p.m., The Ohio Room, Kilcawley Center



Ms. McKnight is a graduate of Fordham University, Lincoln Center, New York, NY, where she received her master's degree in educational psychology. A poet, actress, writer and producer, she is a member of Screen Actors Guild, Actors Equity, and the American Federation of Television and Radio Artists and is the founder and

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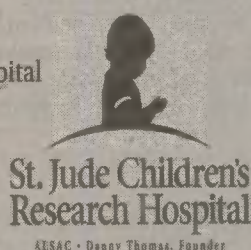
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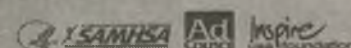
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SPORTS BRIEFS

Men's basketball team loses in Chicago

Despite career highs out of guards Kendrick Perry and Tre Brewer, the YSU men's basketball team fell to the Loyola Ramblers 84-71 at the Gentile Center in Chicago. The Penguins fell to 7-13 overall on the season.

Perry scored 21 points on nine-of-16 shooting from the floor, as well as three three-pointers, seven assists and five rebounds. He scored 15 of 21 points in the first half and scored the first 10 points for the Penguins.

Brewer, a junior, scored 17 points in the game, all of which were in the second half. He went seven-of-13 shooting from the floor. Both halves ended with a score deficit of less than 10.

CSU beat YSU women's basketball team on Saturday

The YSU women's basketball team fell to 3-17 Saturday in a 86-65 loss to Cleveland State University.

The loss overshadowed forward Brandi Brown's 24 points in the game. She also led the team with seven rebounds. She has now scored 707 points in her 50-game career.

After a close first half, which ended with a 47-42 Cleveland State lead, the Vikings outscored the Penguins 39-23 in the second half.

The Penguins go on the road against Milwaukee on Thursday at 8 p.m.

Women divers succeed despite team loss

Despite losses to both the University of Wisconsin - Green Bay and Illinois State University for the YSU swimming and diving team on Saturday, sophomore diver Casey Hill finished first in the one-meter dive with a score of 262.15. Hill also finished third in the three-meter dive with a score of 236.40.

Sophomore Sam Roberts finished third in the 200-yard breaststroke with a time of 2:26.62. Also, junior Kristin Walker came in fifth in the 200-yard freestyle with a time of 1:57.69.

The YSU diving team will host the Diving International on Feb. 6 at 11 a.m.

Penguins look to erase five-game losing skid

Joe Catullo Jr.
SPORTS REPORTER

Butler University will face off against conference foe Youngstown State University on Thursday night at Beeghly Center.

Going into the game after losing five in a row, the Penguins look to achieve their second win in the Horizon League. However, they will have their hands full against the 14-8 Butler Bulldogs. YSU lost the first meeting against the Bulldogs at Hinkle Fieldhouse on Jan. 9, 84-79.

"They are a group [that's] like everybody in the league," said YSU head coach Jerry Slocum. "When they're good, they can be very good. When they're bad, they're not very good."

Slocum said the team played harder than its opponent during the last game, and, "on top of that, we made shots."

"Our kids worked their tails off defensively," he said. "On the offensive end, we really shot the ball well in that game. If we can duplicate what we did last time, that would be

great energy."

One player on the YSU roster poised to cause the Bulldogs trouble is sophomore forward Damian Eargle. He leads the Horizon League with three blocks per game, and his season total of 64 ranks third on the YSU single-season record list. He also averages nine points and six rebounds per game.

Another Penguin standout is senior forward Vytas Sulskis, who has played in 111 straight games. Sulskis needs only five more points to become the 18th player in school history with at least 1,200 points scored. He leads the team with 13.1 points per game.

On Jan. 27 at Loyola University Chicago, junior guard Tre Brewer scored a career high 17 points, all coming in the second half of an 84-71 loss.

"It's frustrating to look at the papers knowing that we're better than what our record says," Brewer said. "Our record is totally opposite than our team actually is."

Brewer also said the team needs to find the right "click" in the second half of games. This season, the Penguins

have been outscored by their opponents 452-361 in the second half, while being down 380-337 in the first half.

He said the atmosphere at Thursday's game would be great for the team, adding that the Penguins "need something more than just ... teammates."

"We need the crowd behind us and everybody behind us just to put that win together," Brewer said. "I think that it's great [Butler is] coming to our house. It should be good for us."

Butler ranks fourth in the Horizon League and is 2.5 games behind leader Cleveland State University. Last season, Butler went all the way to the NCAA National Championship against Duke University, losing 61-59, on a missed desperation three-pointer from former player Gordon Hayward.

"Some of the younger kids have not matured to the level of the three kids that they lost last year, and I think that's [caused] them to struggle," Slocum said.

Brewer said he thinks Butler is probably the best team in the Horizon League.

"I would probably say them and [Valparaiso University],

but at the same time, I can say us," Brewer said. "Our team can hang with the best of them, but at any given time we cannot hang with the best of them. Once we find our 'click,' we're going to be cool. It's a slow process, but we're getting there. I'm positive about that."

The Bulldogs and Penguins have played 21 career games, with Butler leading the series 19-2. The last time the Penguins won was Jan 21, 2006. They narrowly edged the Bulldogs 64-62 at Beeghly Center and have never won in Butler.

The Penguins have hit 164 three-pointers this season. The single-season school mark is 199, set in the 1997-1998 season.

After Butler, the Penguins will stay at home to face Valparaiso University on Saturday night. Two nights later, they will travel to face the number one team in the Horizon League: Cleveland State.

"This is a very tough stretch physically," Slocum said. "It's February, and you want to be playing your best basketball right now. The league's a grind, and it just doesn't get easier."

Football team 'physically different' after signing day

Joe Catullo Jr.
SPORTS REPORTER

Youngstown State University concluded the annual National Signing Day with 35 new signees, 15 of which are from Ohio.

"We're set up for success," said Eric Wolford, who is entering his second season as head coach at YSU. "I'm ex-

cited for the defense. We loaded the defense. We're expecting to win every game next year. I wish [the media could] see our team right now. We physically look different from last year."

Out of the 15 Ohioans, four come from Warren G. Harding High School. One of the players Wolford touted was Jimmy May Jr. May primarily played defensive back in high school but can also play run-

ning back, receiver and safety. Wolford said that May can "flat out run."

From the Division II State Champion Maple Heights, YSU brought in receiver Andre Stubbs. Stubbs is listed at just 5 feet 6 inches tall and 155 pounds, but he is "hard to tackle," Wolford said.

Dante Nania from Greensburg, Pa., was the only quarterback that committed to the Penguins.

"He has a great arm and can run the ball," Wolford said. "Also, he is one of the top wrestlers in his state."

All signees, including Steve Zaborsky (YSU's first commit), Teven Williams and Terry Johnson, will have to compete for a starting spot.

"Everybody will have a chance to play next season," Wolford said. "If you started last year, you better work your tail off. Let's see what happens now."

SCHEDULES

MEN'S BASKETBALL

Feb. 3- BUTLER	Feb. 16- @ Detroit
Feb. 5- VALPO	Feb. 19- BGSU
Feb. 7- @ Wright State	Feb. 24- GREEN BAY
Feb. 12- @ Cleveland St	Feb. 26- MILWAUKEE

WOMEN'S BASKETBALL

Feb. 3- @ Milwaukee	Feb. 17- @ Detroit
Feb. 5- @ Green Bay	Feb. 19- @ Wright State
Feb. 10- BUTLER	Feb. 26- @ Cleveland State
Feb. 12- VALPO	March 3- UIC