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State of shock



In response to an off-campus shooting, which killed one student and wounded 11 others, including six other students, Ohio Gov. John Kasich visited campus Monday to address the Mahoning Valley and YSU community. YSU President Cynthia Anderson and Youngstown Mayor Jay Williams also spoke and expressed their sympathy toward the families and friends of those affected. Photos by Nick Young/THE JAMBAR.

FACULTY REACT



"I'm extremely upset that something like this took place, but I'm even more upset that the media and the initial reports tried to tie it to YSU and the fraternity."

-Ed Villone, coordinator at the Center for Student Progress



"We must teach our youth how to resolve conflict without violence. We need to get away from the 'tough guy' image we identify with so much because it is destroying our youth."

-Christian Onwudike, assistant professor of criminal justice



"The loss of life at any time is a tragedy, but to lose someone with so much promise at the start of his life is painful to everyone."

-Martha Pallante, chairwoman of the history department



"However sad this time is, I know the community will get through it and pull together ... The Center just wants students to know that we are here for them."

-Lori Marshall, coordinator at the Center for Student Progress

Boardman High officials, shooting victim's classmates speak out

Adrienne Bish & Joe Giesy
THE JAMBAR

Shavai Owens, who was listed in critical condition after the Sunday shootings in Youngstown, was reported to be conscious Monday morning.

"The good news is [that her guardian] said Shavai is doing well. She is in the critical unit at Northside [Hospital], but she was doing well and was conscious," said Boardman High School principal Timothy Saxton.

The 17-year-old Boardman High School senior was shot in her right ear at an off-campus

party early Sunday morning. Saxton said Owens' guardian told him that her condition is progressing.

"I'm going to send an e-mail out to the staff just to give them a heads up to prepare for any student that needs to be sent down to guidance," he said.

Ronald Moschella, Owens' former basketball coach, said he is horrified whenever violence like this occurs.

"I just don't understand it, you know, the loss of life and how people have a disrespect for life. It just bothers me a lot," Moschella said.

Owens was one of 12 shot in the incident, which claimed the life of YSU senior Jamail Johnson.

"It's kind of scary to know a peer and a friend was at the wrong place at the wrong time. It's scary to think this could happen to someone my age," said Boardman High School junior Lisa Navarro.

Navarro and Owens played basketball together for one year.

"She never talked to me about going to parties. We



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At YSU, Gov. Kasich discusses shootings, offers solutions to city

Marissa McIntyre
REPORTER

On Monday, Gov. John Kasich visited Youngstown State University to discuss the recent off-campus shootings alongside YSU President Cynthia Anderson and Youngstown Mayor Jay Williams.

The press conference opened up with Anderson reiterating her sympathy to friends and family of victim Jamail Johnson, as well as anyone who affected by the situation.

Anderson said the campus

flags would fly at half-mast and that grief counseling is available to students.

"We've received hundreds of calls, e-mails and notes showing interest to give assistance. It shows what a community can accomplish when it comes together," she said.

Anderson said Johnson is the third student death she has experienced since her days as vice president of Student Affairs.

"It's the hardest thing you'll have to do and the worst thing you'll have to do," she said.

Anderson expressed her appreciation to Kasich for reaching out and offering his assistance in any way that he

could. "Youngstown State University is an oasis of safety. We believe that we have model safety that needs to be duplicated in the city," she said. "We must instill the value of life in our young people."

Williams said that with "tragedy comes opportunity."

Williams was also appreciative of Kasich's response. Williams sent a list of what he felt needed to be done in the wake of the shootings and was impressed that Kasich came with a list of solutions.

Items on the list include modifying penalties for the

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University accounted for minimum wage increase in budget

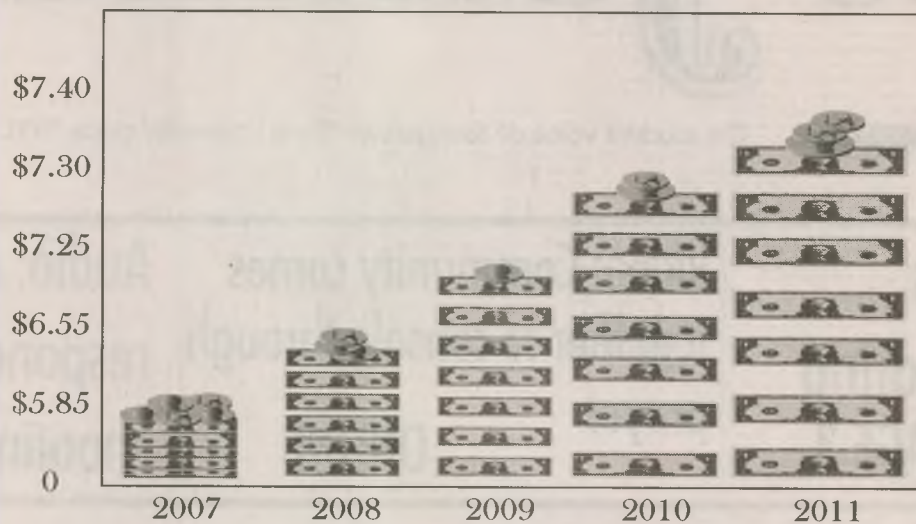
Marissa McIntyre
REPORTER

Although minimum wage in Ohio increased by 10 cents this year, Youngstown State University student employees likely won't be affected.

"Nobody is going to get laid off," said Jack Fahey, interim vice president for Student Affairs and ombudsperson.

Ohio minimum wage now stands at \$7.40. Since 2006, when Ohio voters approved a constitutional amendment that would increase the minimum wage gradually over the years depending on the rate of inflation in the previous 12 months, minimum wage has increased

Minimum Wage Increases



by \$2.25. Budget Director Neal McNally said funds for the minimum wage increase were

anticipated in the fiscal year budget. Additionally, since the 10-cent increase affects only half of the fiscal year, it isn't

a big issue.

"In years past, this has been a bigger issue because the minimum wage increased at a

higher rate," McNally said.

The most significant minimum wage increase in the past five years happened in FY 2008, when minimum wage jumped from \$5.35 to \$6.85.

"When the minimum wage increased in January 2008, the fiscal year 2008 budget was modified in December by the board of trustees, which allowed us to sustain student employment at the levels that existed at that time," McNally said. "But this year's increase is much more modest and therefore completely manageable."

McNally said he doesn't foresee the increase becoming an issue in the next fiscal year.

WYSU tops goal for fall donations, remains optimistic for spring pledges

Caitlin Fitch
REPORTER

Fall semester donations to WYSU-FM topped \$114,000, and hopes are high for the spring pledge drive.

WYSU, a non-commercial, listener-supported public radio station broadcast from the Youngstown State University campus, holds pledge drives twice during the academic year, in October and April. Funds raised are used for operational costs within the station.

Donations can be made to the station via phone or website. Those who donate are awarded membership benefits, which vary depending on pledge level.

The station awards daily prizes for those who have donated as well as a grand prize from a random drawing. The grand prize this year is an Alaskan glacial cruise for two.

"Pledging early is beneficial," said Ed Goist, development officer for WYSU. "Getting into the drawing for prizes early, there is a better chance of winning."

Goist said most donations come from private citizens.

"We have been so successful in my opinion because we are recognized by the community as a valuable cultural part of the Valley, and people appreciate that," he said.

Goist also said he remains hopeful about the station reaching the spring drive goal of \$110,000.

"In the fall, [the drive] is always stronger because people

are more used to making donations in the fourth quarter, but we still meet the goal in the springtime," he said.

Goist said there have been times when WYSU hasn't met its projected goal, but that it hasn't been an issue in the past few years.

According to the WYSU fall 2010 pledge drive report, the total of \$114,722 surpassed the \$110,000 goal, representing a 7.3 percent increase in pledged dollars over the spring 2010 pledge drive total.

Each WYSU fund drive since the fall of 2007 has raised more than \$100,000 in direct public support. The average amount raised in the past six WYSU pledge drives represents an increase of \$15,981, or 17.3 percent, over the average amount raised for the six previous on-air drives.

While most donations come from Ohio, Goist said WYSU has a strong following in western Pennsylvania.

"There are about seven or eight other states that follow WYSU," he said. "We can be heard online anywhere so that anyone can listen."

The spring pledge drive is scheduled for April 12-15 and will be the first time that the drive has not spanned one week.



Serious snowfall



Snow that had accumulated on the roof of the WATTS Center slid off on Monday afternoon. The fallen snow damaged the fence around the WATTS Center and caused some cars to get stuck in the road.



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Afternoon of prayer in Kilcawley Center



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Students, faculty and community members gathered together Monday afternoon in the Chestnut Room of Kilcawley Center to pray for those students injured in Sunday's shooting and mourn deceased 25-year-old YSU senior Jamail Johnson. The prayer service was organized by Marteece Waters (top left) and Brandon Thomas (above right).



Purple and gold



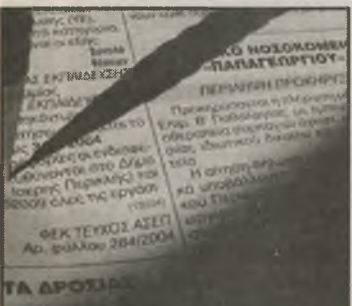
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Greek Life sponsored a ribbon-making event Monday night in Peaberry's Cafe. Students assembled ribbons in the colors of the Omega Psi Phi fraternity, purple and gold, to show their support.

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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

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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 631, 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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Shooting, page 1

In the days after the off-campus shooting, we have seen a university come together in remembrance, law enforcement mobilize for swift justice and a nation respond to our tragedy.

However, because of sensationalized national attention from media outlets such as CNN and its sister network HLN — which blamed a dangerous generation influenced by violent video games and movies for this senseless tragedy — it is clear that our community will not be represented as a city that came together in the wake of violence, but as a city that revels in it.

A perfect example of this biased and misinformed national coverage comes from the defining of the house where the shooting took place.

Media outlets, such as CNN and The Wall Street Journal, cited the home as a “frat house.”

But what constitutes a frat house?

Yes, members of the Omega Psi Phi fraternity resided at the home, which is next door to the Alpha Phi Delta frat house. But, unlike APD, the scene of the tragedy was not sanctioned as an official fraternity house.

Because of this, the party did not have to observe the rules and regulations carried out by a sponsored frat party, including preliminary party reservations and possession of a student ID.

This would also mean that the party did not receive the adequate protection granted to a frat party, which includes campus police making frequent stops at the residence.

Despite this conflicting information, the national media disregarded the facts and automatically called the crime scene a frat house to further give blame to the university.

As this case unfolds, families mourn and a community prepares for an uncertain future, let us consider our sources of information. The stories that define what Youngstown is will not come from large, corporate media outlets unfamiliar with our streets and buildings.

The Jambar and our local affiliates will be the ones to take the time to get the facts, listen to friends, family and students, and share the most up-to-date information as we receive it.

And this won't be to fill a 24-hour news cycle with the latest sensationalized story but to tell the stories of our fellow students and community members who are just trying to make sense of a senseless tragedy.

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The views of this syndicated artist do not necessarily agree with those of The Jambar.

Tear down your altars and lifeless idols



Come together

Chris Cotelesse
COLUMNIST

For about a year and a half, I've lived on Youngstown's North Side. I walk the 1.1 miles to and from school every day. Sometimes I walk through Wick Park and along the avenues of Fifth and Wick after last call at the bars.

I've only found one pizza place, out of dozens, that will deliver to my neighborhood. Friends and family warned me of crime and violence before I moved here.

I haven't seen so much as a drunken scuffle, but still the city's image as a cesspool of danger and crime persists. The shooting on Indiana Avenue will only make it worse.

An entire city shouldn't be judged by a few jerkwads who resort to threats and violence.

“Don't send your kids to YSU!” some will continue to say. “People get shot there.”

A city once known for industrious production has become infamous for vice and grimy streets.

For the past two days, I've seen residents from all walks of life — young, old, rich, poor, black, white — come together in the face of tragedy.

School remained open. Students and faculty continued to work and learn. The community pooled its resources to offer support to those affected.

The campus was strong despite losing one of its bright students who was admired by those who knew him.

That should have been the headline.

National news should have covered the resilience of Youngstown, the power to say that we won't be crushed by even a weight so heavy.

We'll mourn. We'll cry and console one another. But we will carry on.

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Students stand together in the midst of tragedy



Students and members of YSU's Intersity Christian Fellowship gathered Monday night to pray and grieve the loss of fellow student Jamail Johnson. Katie Schneider, adviser of the Intersity Christian Fellowship, and Mary Sams, prayer leader, said students they've spoken to expressed "sadness and shock" regarding Sunday's tragedy. Schneider and Sams held the prayer service to help students mourn. Photo by Patrick Donovan/The Jambar.

Chelsea Miller
ARTS & ENTERTAINMENT
EDITOR

The death of a loved one is a difficult situation for anyone to deal with but when a person is taken away at a young age, it is harder to accept. The tragic death of Jamail Johnson, 25, affected many, from those who witnessed the event to friends and family members.

Isaiah Lee, freshman religious studies major, was an attendee of the party on the night of the shooting but was upstairs sleeping. Lee did not hear the gunshots but was awoken by a friend. He remembers the blood and commotion of the partygoers but prefers to remember the good times with Johnson.

"The last time I talked to Jamail was actually the day before ... we were just sharing laughs and jokes," he said. "He was just laughing, just laughing the day before and now, you know, bam, he's gone, and you know it's real. He's not coming back."

Lee was Johnson's good friend and described him as a calm and good-humored person. He loved to laugh and joke. Lee said he hopes others will remember these things about Johnson, not the night of the shooting, and credits Johnson with saving numerous lives.

"He was trying to break up the altercation. He was trying to push the people out, and in the middle of it, he saved lives and because of it, he lost his," Lee said. "He's a hero in my point of perspective."

To help students grieve the loss of a fellow student, the Office of Student Diversity along with Intersity Christian Fellowship at Youngstown State University offered prayer services. Turning Point Counseling Services offered counseling as well.

Lee participated in Monday morning's prayer session.

"The best way is just taking everything one day at a time," he said. "It's really hard as a human to deal with the loss of a friend, especially when

you've seen the accident, or you've seen the aftereffects of the accident. When you've seen the body and all the blood, it is kind of hard to deal with."

Gregory Kokosko, alcohol and other drug director of Turning Point, was on hand Monday to provide support to students who needed it.

"They are in a state of shock and looking for answers," he said.

Kokosko added that Turning Point also advised peer mentors on how they can help students.

"Several of the students have been peer mentors asking questions about how to handle students who are coming to them," Kokosko said. "So we're making them aware of what they can do. We suggested for them to listen, be empathetic and let the students talk."

Katie Schneider, adviser of the Intersity Christian Fellowship, held a prayer service on campus at 6 p.m. Monday. Schneider said students are looking for answers as to why Sunday's shooting occurred, and Schneider hopes to give closure to students through prayer. Schneider said she also trains students on how to answer tough questions about God.

"The root cause of anything that goes wrong is sin, and the problem is we're not just affected by our own sin, but other people's sin has a potential to ruin and devastate our lives as we saw with Jamail's life," she said. "God didn't want this to happen. Things do have consequences obviously. Someone decides to pull a trigger and it has consequences."

Schneider said she's lived on the North Side of Youngstown for six years but feels safe in the neighborhood regardless.

"There's crime in my neighborhood, but I have great relationship with all of my neighbors and we just stick together," she said. "I love the North Side."

Mary Sams, member of the Intersity Christian Fellowship, is a prayer leader for the group and a YSU student. Sams said although she hasn't

spoken with anyone close to the victim, her roommate dealt with the aftereffect of the shooting.

"My roommate, she works at Lyden, I think. It was really sad over there," she said. "People were walking in with blood at 7 o'clock in the morning on them. And she was just telling me how sad she is for everyone. It's such a tragic event."

Members of the YSU Greek Life were also called to action after the news of Johnson's passing. Fraternities and sororities met at Peaberry's Cafe for a ribbon-making ceremony in honor of Johnson and his fraternity membership with Omega Psi Phi.

With scissors and material

in purple and gold, the fraternity's official colors, Greek Life students designed the pins to pass out to other Greeks and members of the YSU community.

While working on her next ribbon, student Caren Gaskins reflected on the recent events.

"We understand what it would be like if one of our members passed away for any reason," Gaskins said. "So we just wanted to show our support as YSU students in general, as members of Greek Life, to that fraternity," Gaskins said.

Although junior and Greek Life member Lesley Anne Roddy had come up with the idea less than 24 hours before the event, the message quick-

ly filtered through the Greek system and dozens filled the room.

"I just wanted the Omegas to know that people care about them and we love them and we're supporting them," Roddy said.

Roddy, who met Johnson through Greek Life two years ago, described him as a "great guy."

"He was what every fraternity member should be," Roddy said. "He was a great example to other people."

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YSU student and Greek Life member Emily Hudak designs a ribbon Monday night in memory of Jamail Johnson. Members of Greek Life gathered in Peaberry's Cafe to create ribbons in honor of Johnson and the Omega Psi Phi fraternity. Photo by Joe Giesy/The Jambar.

NEWS BRIEFS

TV host, author visits campus to discuss book

TV host and author Rita Cosby will visit McKay Auditorium in the Beeghly College of Education on Tuesday at 7 p.m. She will promote her book, "Quiet Hero: Secrets from My Father's Past." The book is a tribute to her father who served as a resistance fighter against the Nazis and was later taken as a German prisoner of war. Proceeds from her book will go toward the USO and Poland's Warsaw Uprising and History of Polish Jews museum. Cosby works as a special correspondent for the CBS syndicated newsmagazine "Inside Edition." She has also hosted several primetime shows on Fox News Channel and MSNBC, and she has received several awards and honors for her work. Cosby's talk is presented by the YSU Journalism Department, the Society for Collegiate Journalists and the Polish Arts Club of Youngstown.

Nonprofit center receives funding to participate in initiative

The YSU Center for Non-profit Leadership, part of the Williamson College of Business Administration, recently received \$15,500 in grant funding from the Ohio Campus Compact to participate in the Pay It Forward: Strengthening Communities through Student-Led Philanthropy Initiative. The initiative works to help students learn how to be involved citizens and to better comprehend the role of philanthropy in communities. This semester, YSU added a philanthropy component to three courses, where students in each of the classes have \$4,500 to award to regional nonprofit organizations. All students will also perform 15 hours of community service. This is the second consecutive year that YSU has participated in the initiative.

POLICE BRIEFS

Librarian slips, falls down steps in Maag

On Thursday, a librarian at Maag Library reported falling down eight steps of the building's main stairway from the third floor. The librarian said she slipped and fell, sustaining injuries to her lower back and bruises to her right arm. She was not aware if there was a foreign substance on the floor that caused her to slip. Soon after the incident, the librarian went to St. Elizabeth Boardman Health Center for treatment.

Student claims deck attendant 'intentionally' dropped control arm on car

A student told YSU Police she was upset with the Parking Services booth attendant working the Lincoln Avenue entrance to the M-2 parking deck on Thursday. The student said the booth attendant intentionally caused the gate control arm to come down on her car. However, the attendant said he had no control over the gate. He reported that the student had sped up to enter the deck immediately after another car, and the control arm was in the process of coming down. YSU Police officers later confirmed this information and accompanied the student to her car. They could not find any visible damage caused by the gate control arm but photographed the car's hood and grille.

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only really talked about basketball," Navarro said.

Moschella said he has not "heard the kids talk about frat parties or anything like that" but said he "may be out of the loop."

"I don't think they need to be at frat parties," he said.

Boardman High School sophomore Deion Harris said Owens frequently went to parties.

"She went to parties almost every week. She hung

out with a lot of older kids," Harris said.

However, another Boardman student, junior Tara Amero, said she was surprised to hear that Owens attended a college party.

"I've never heard people say they were going to frat parties. I'm surprised she was down there," Amero said.

Saxton said Owens transferred to Boardman from Virginia a couple of years ago and is a "great girl to have at

the school."

"She's a sincere and honest girl, very positive, very upbeat," he said.

Navarro said Owens is "someone you could talk to for five minutes and know she'd have your back if you ever needed her."

Moschella described Owens as polite.

"Any time I would ask her a question ... it would always be, 'Yes, sir,'" Moschella said.

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improper use of gunfire and keeping the most violent criminals incarcerated.

"The life lost will not be lost in vain," Williams said.

Kasich mentioned that there are plans to increase the relationship between the Mahoning Valley and the Ohio State Highway Patrol, as well as the department of public safety, with the

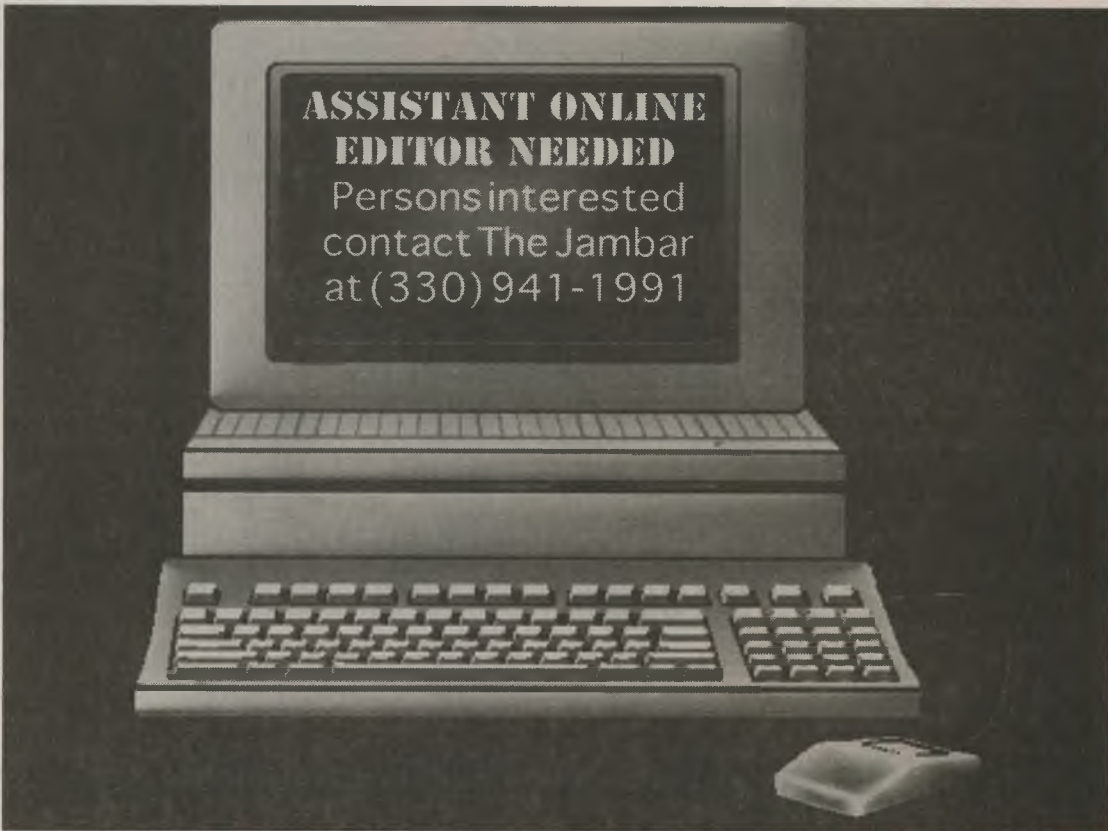
goal of bringing a feeling of safety to the community.

Kasich said the Mahoning Valley's "best days are ahead."

"Someone takes a gun in front of a building and opens fire, I cannot explain it," he said. "I cannot promise the moon, but there are some things we can do to help."

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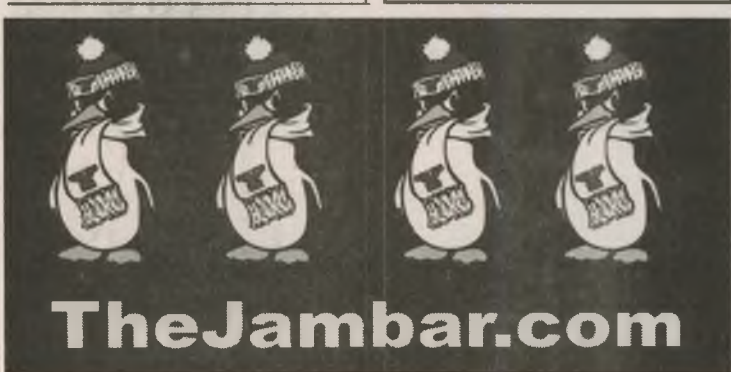
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SPORTS BRIEFS

Men's basketball loses to Wright State

The men's basketball team visited Wright State University Monday night. Even with senior guard Vy-tas Sulskis' 26 points and eight rebounds, the Penguins were unable to overcome the Raiders, losing 74-70. Freshman guard Kendrick Perry had 16 points and seven assists.

Senior guard Vaughn Duggins had 24 points, four rebounds, three assists and two steals for the Raiders. N'Gai Evans, also a senior guard, netted 17 points, snagged eight rebounds and assisted three others in scoring. Two other Raiders had double-digit scoring totals. Freshmen forward Cole Darling and guard Matt Vest had 11 and 10 points respectively.

Penguins' junior guard Ashen Ward had nine points and sophomore forward Damian Eargle had eight.

Men's tennis loses to IPFW

Despite winning three singles matches, the YSU men's tennis team dropped its match against Indiana University-Purdue University Fort Wayne, 4-3.

Tariq Ismail defeated Roberto Cabrini. Rob Emig defeated Derek Romer, and Max Schmerin defeated Dean Guyer.

Ismail and Felipe Rosa won their doubles match, 8-5. YSU will play host to Saint Francis University on Feb. 20 at the Boardman Tennis Center.

Women's basketball suffers 59-point loss

The YSU women's basketball team shot just 20.9 percent from the floor en route to its toughest loss of the season against the University of Wisconsin-Green Bay on Saturday afternoon.

Green Bay scored the first 26 points of the game and took a 49-8 advantage into halftime. Green Bay outrebounded the Penguins 44-25.

YSU will host Butler University on Thursday night at 7 p.m.

Women's diving finds success at diving invitational

Four women at YSU placed in the top 10 in the three- and one-meter dives Sunday at the Beeghly Natatorium.

Sophomore Casey Hill took first in the three-meter dive, while freshman Tricia Vallinger won the one-meter event.

The Penguins will travel to Cleveland on Feb. 23 for this year's Horizon League Championships.

(Top) Sophomore forward Mike Evans glides across the ice. (Bottom left) West Virginia's Nick Persichetti squares off against YSU's Phil Colucci (bottom right). Sophomore forwards Makz Galati (27) and Ryan Sidak (24) share a laugh on the ice.

YSU hockey team falls to WVU

A.J. Ondrey
REPORTER

Even though the Youngstown State University hockey team already clinched a spot in the Division I playoffs, the Penguins still played a tough game against West Virginia University on Saturday at the Ice Zone.

"We're playing against the first place team in our league tonight. This game is important in determining our playoff seed," hockey coach Marcus Hernandez said on Saturday.

Knowing that this would be a tough and important game, Hernandez had a plan. He wanted his team to "play

a physical game right off the rip: chip pucks deep, bang in the rebounds, crash the net hard and keep the game at a high tempo."

Senior center and points leader Mike Stokar echoed Hernandez's strategy.

"[West Virginia is] a pretty good team. We've got to play the body and get a lot of shots, but mostly we need to play the whole 60 minutes," he said.

Matt Jacob, another senior center, said, "We need to play for each other and play hard."

YSU came out strong in the beginning of the game. The Penguins held WVU from making a goal. At the end of the first period, the score was tied at zero. A physical and defensive battle continued to heat up until late

in the second period when WVU scored a goal on a power play.

In the third period with plenty of time to go, YSU began to slowly crumble. Pass after pass was bobbed, and many mental mistakes were made. Halfway through the third, WVU scored two more goals within 1 minute of each other. While some teams may have given up, the Penguins didn't keep their heads down for long.

A quick goal from sophomore forward Mike Evans came shortly after the Mountaineers' third goal. With less than 8 minutes to go, time was not quite on the Penguins' side. They lost 3-1, dropping them to 9-18.

"We lost because we bobbed a lot of pucks,

especially in our own zone. We had too many mental lapses but I thought we played well. That's just how games go sometimes," he said. "We did exactly what we wanted to on defense. We played the body, chipped pucks out of our zone, and we kept them outside, forcing tough shots."

Hernandez was not upset with the effort of his team at all but with the mental side of his team's game and his players' lack of ability to come together and ride out the tough waves that crashed into them.

The team's last game is against Duquesne University. "I hope we can come together as a team because we didn't tonight," Hernandez said on Saturday.

COMMENTARY

Despite tragedy, YSU athletics remains optimistic about future



Jordan D. Uhl
SPORTS EDITOR

As the dust settles on the worst event in school history, many are left wondering, "What's next?"

For Youngstown State University athletics, the show must go on, with the men's basketball team playing Monday night at Wright State University.

Football head coach Eric Wolford heralded his recruiting class during a press conference where he said that once he gets a potential recruit on campus, in his case, "There's

an 80 percent chance he's going to commit."

So does the percentage change because of the after-shock?

What I got was a resounding "no."

"Will it have an effect? Yes. Will it have a major impact in the long run? I don't think so," Wolford said.

"I don't believe so," said men's tennis head coach Mark Klysner. "Statistics show we're [one of] the safest [campuses] in Ohio. They've heightened security. We're safer than most."

Safe, yes, but not impenetrable.

"It's just something you can't really prevent," Klysner said.

The act itself may not be preventable. However, precautionary measures can be taken by the coaches to ensure that nothing of the sort happens to a member of their team.

Baseball head coach Rich Pasquale said there isn't a curfew yet, but it "will be addressed."

"I don't believe [there is]

anything [good] after midnight," he said. "But it's like that anywhere. Youngstown, Pittsburgh, Cleveland."

Wolford has also enacted a curfew which will remain in place until he says otherwise.

Klysner doesn't see this as an issue, as he recruits players with "good character."

"I don't [have a set curfew]. I haven't had to. [They're] a good group, smart, respectful, mature. I trust their judgement," Klysner said.

Pasquale's athletes are subject to valuable life lessons in addition to their on-field instruction.

"[I] teach and talk to players about off-field things, about making good decisions," he said.

Former YSU player and current Buffalo Bills wide receiver Donald Jones knew Jamaal Johnson "from around campus." Coming from a rough neighborhood, Jones wasn't fazed by Youngstown's rough stereotype when he was recruited. Nor does he think future recruits will be either.

"It shouldn't change anyone's perception of

Youngstown. If you stay out of bad areas, you'll be fine," Jones said.

Wolford sees it as a "black eye" on the town.

"We've been battling stereotypes [when recruiting] since I've been here, it's nothing new," he said.

Youngstown has had a predominantly depressing aura, leading many to move elsewhere and outsiders to stay away. As a lifelong Mahoning Valley resident, I'm well aware of the ups and primarily down times this area has had. Yet, to me, it seems like the Valley was on an upswing. Numerous local figures devote their time to revitalizing this area, in hopes that it'll one day regain prominence.

This devastating incident is an unfair representation of what this city and, most importantly, this campus is really like. We began to distance ourselves from our disreputable past, only to have two dense individuals impede our progress.

"It's just not Youngstown," Pasquale said.

No, it's certainly not.

SCHEDULES

MEN'S BASKETBALL

Feb. 7- @ Wright State
Feb. 12- @ Cleveland St
Feb. 16- @ Detroit

Feb. 19- BGSU
Feb. 24- GREEN BAY
Feb. 26- MILWAUKEE

WOMEN'S BASKETBALL

Feb. 10- BUTLER
Feb. 12- VALPO
Feb. 17- @ Detroit

Feb. 19- @ Wright State
Feb. 26- @ Cleveland State
March 3- UIC