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UP IN SMOKE

Survey shows university policy is not enforced

Juliana Hull
REPORTER

While a non-scientific survey of 80 students who smoke found that 68 percent of students who smoke didn't know where designated smoking areas were, the survey also showed that Youngstown State University's smoking rules might not be properly enforced.

While most smokers said they smoke outside buildings, 85 percent said no one has tried to stop them from smoking on campus.

YSU put the smoking policy in place after Ohio passed smoking regulations, said Ron Cole, manager for news and information services.

"We try to increase the awareness of what the regulations are," Cole said.

Students aren't allowed to smoke on campus except for the surface parking lots and sidewalks adjacent to roadways. Cole admits he tries to inform incoming students about the smoking policy but "it's still a on-going process."

Student Government Association President Mike McGiffin is also working to inform students.

"We are working on that as we speak; there are signs completed but [they] are not up yet," McGiffin said.

SGA is still striving to inform members of the university about the smoking policy and that signs advertising the designated areas will be posted outside of every building, McGiffin said. His fear is that when Ohio starts to enforce this policy that YSU will follow suit and there will be consequences for smoking on campus.

"We want to inform you that they will start to enforce the policy and we want the smokers to watch their backs," McGiffin said.

Though the university has removed ashtrays outside of buildings, McGiffin said the SGA doesn't have the power to return the ashtrays.

While smokers are against the policy, a quarter of the 137 non-smokers who were surveyed also said they disagreed with the policy.

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Campus SMOKING SURVEY

Smokers 80 surveys

Are you aware that YSU is a smoke-free campus?

68% YES 30% NO

Has anyone tried to stop you from smoking on campus?

15% YES 85% NO

Do you smoke in designated areas?

26% YES 74% NO

Do you agree with the smoking policy at YSU?

27% YES 73% NO

Non-Smokers 137 surveys

Are you aware that YSU is a smoke-free campus?

65% YES 35% NO

Do you agree with the smoking policy at YSU?

75% YES 25% NO

A look at SMOKING STATISTICS

According to <http://www.americanheart.org>, in the U.S. roughly 23.5 percent of men are smokers and female smokers comprise 18.1 percent. When it comes to native groups such as Alaskan Natives/Native Americans, 29 percent of women smoke and 35.6 percent of men smoke. Hispanic male smokers comprise 20.1 percent and Hispanic women 10.1 percent. According to <http://www.nationmaster.org>, daily smokers in the United States constitute a total of 17.5 percent.

When analyzing the smoking situation of college-aged students in 2008, the American Lung Association pointed out that 19.2 percent of college students are smokers. According to <http://www.theeagleonline.com>, half of college students who smoke are most apt to do so in social situations. According to these findings, the percentage of college students smoking has rapidly declined since 1980.

Compiled by Gary S. Angelo

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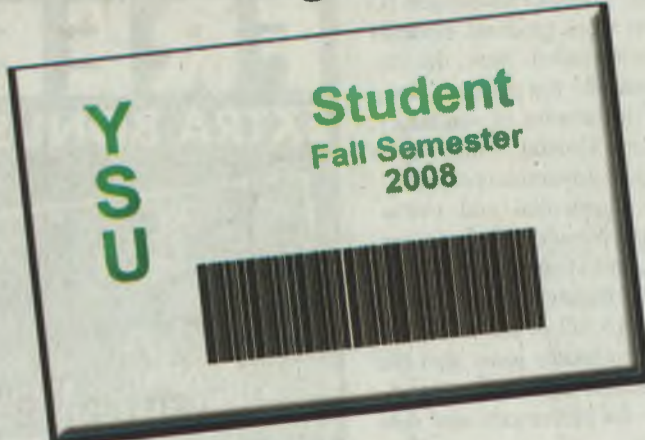
Fall parking cards still grant access to some lots

Emmalee C. Torisk
NEWS EDITOR

Although it's the fifth week of spring semester, it is still possible to gain entrance to several campus parking lots with last fall's parking access card.

In a non-scientific survey conducted by The Jambar, all lots that could be accessed with a parking swipe card were tested. The majority of lots — including both student and faculty/staff lots — permitted admittance with last semester's student access card, including M7 and F-12 on Lincoln Avenue. This was after faculty lots opened up for student access in the evening.

A parking access card, according to parking services'



Web site, is provided with the purchase of a parking permit, and is "used for access in designated automated lots and decks, and does not substitute for a parking permit."

According to director of parking services Dan

O'Connell, access cards are not by any means equivalent to parking permits. Their only purpose is to open gates; they do not grant any parking privileges. Additionally, access cards — which have been used at Youngstown State Univer-

sity for at least 20 years — are computerized and based on designated permits.

O'Connell said access cards should expire after each semester when new access card information is entered into the system in time for the new semester. He said access cards should not work after their alleged expiration date, but acknowledged that it is a possibility.

"This shouldn't happen since we take the program out; this must be a glitch in the system," O'Connell said. "I'm not aware of that happening. Maybe some of the gates didn't have the new program. Old access cards should not work in any lots."

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YSU to replace church with lot

Doug Livingston
REPORTER

Youngstown State University plans to raze the recently purchased Pilgrim Collegiate Church located on the corner of Wick Avenue and E. Rayen Avenue for construction of a parking lot.

Greg Morgione, assistant general counsel to YSU, is providing legal representation in this purchase, which he claims will cost \$315,000 to be paid over the next three years.

Though the church was originally purchased to be either an additional YSU learning facility or performance chamber, the decision to create a parking lot may have come at a critical time for YSU as the parking situation is undergoing change.

Hunter Morrison, the director of the center for urban and regional studies, said the M-2 parking deck located on Lincoln Avenue will most likely be demolished as early as next year due to maintenance issues. The parking deck, which was finished in the early '60s, provides space for over 1200 vehicles. The subsequent lot that will replace the M-2 deck will hold only 350 cars, Morrison estimates.

The decision to tear down the M-2 deck and the Pilgrim Collegiate Church is a result of extensive discussion and pragmatic planning, Morrison said. YSU is considering a cost-benefit analysis.

"If we don't need it, then we're wasting the public's money," Morrison said.

Morrison is also talking with WRTA about the possibility of providing bus services for the college. He also presented the possibility of "going green," citing the increase of bicycle use on campus last fall.

Students gear up to apply for SGA

Samantha Cavalier
REPORTER

Though Youngstown State University is primarily a commuter campus, it is still possible to become involved with various campus organizations, including the student government association. However, if interested, act fast, since elections are quickly approaching.

Success in the elections, which will be held Wednesday, April 8, and Thursday, April 9, depends on gaining an abundance of fellow student supporters, according to SGA President Michael McGiffin. McGiffin also noted that campaigning on a commuter campus comes with its own strategies for effectiveness.

"The most important thing is making your name and face recognizable to the student body. A

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News Briefs

YSU sophomore wins a scholarship to Thailand

Brian Haughey, sophomore political science major, won a scholarship to Thailand. He left for Thailand on New Year's Day and will be coming back in April. Haughey received his scholarship from the Freeman-Asia Scholarship program, which has helped 4,000 American undergraduates study abroad.

About 250 students to participate in Mathcounts

The YSU William Ryan School of Engineering and Engineering Technology and the Mahoning Valley Society of Professional Engineers will be sponsoring Mathcounts competition in the Chestnut Room of Kilcawley Center on Thursday, Feb. 12 at 9 a.m. About 250 students will participate from middle and junior high schools. Awards will be presented at a banquet at A La Cart Catering in Canfield.

Office holds free learning and teaching conference

YSU's Office of Associate Degree and Tech Prep Programs is sponsoring a free learning and teaching conference, where educators can learn how to use MP3 players, GPS technology and LEGO Robotics in the classroom. The conference is set for 8:30 a.m. to 3 p.m. Saturday, Feb. 28 on campus. Registration is open for anyone who wishes to participate.

Police Briefs

Suspect arrested at Ward Beecher

On Feb. 3, a suspect was arrested at Ward Beecher Hall. The male was identified by two officers who then approached him and asked him to identify himself. The male had a felony warrant out for his arrest. The police later found two marijuana cigarettes on him.

Man caught trespassing

A man was caught trespassing at Williamson Hall on Feb. 5. He was pulling on the north doors when an officer found him. He stated he was neither a YSU student nor employee. The subject was issued a written trespass warning and released at the scene.

Woman has seizure at DeBartolo Hall

On Feb. 4, a dispatcher received a call from a concerned citizen who stated that her friend called her from DeBartolo Hall and stated she just had a seizure. An officer arrived and requested an ambulance. The victim refused medical treatment at that time, and was transported home.

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Student Kate Romutiz said she thinks students should just worry about themselves.

"If they want to smoke, let them," she said. "So long as it's not in my face."

While junior Matt Nendel said students should smoke far away from building entrances, he also said he doesn't think the smoking policy is right.

"If it's outside, it's not bothering anyone," he said.

No everyone was as forgiving as Romutiz and Nendel.

Freshman Elizabeth Dailey is one of a group of students who think the university should enforce the policy more.

"I walked out of DeBartolo into the haze, and I couldn't breathe," Dailey said.

Sophomore Amy Hermanc adamantly agrees with the no-smoking policy. "I wish it was better enforced," she said. "If you're going to publicly poison yourself, you can do it more politely," she added.

Still, some smokers question how realistic the policy really is. Student Bob Shanker said he thinks the policy is impractical.

"I have 10 minutes between classes, you want me to f---ing leave campus?" he asked.

Additional reporting by Emery Boyle-Scott

Stimulus bill would greatly expand government's role in economy

David Lightman
MCCLATCHY NEWSPAPERS

The Senate's vote on — and the likely approval of — an \$827 billion economic stimulus plan Tuesday will signal a decisive new expansion of the government's role in the economy.

The package will include tens of billions of dollars to help states pay for health care, education and highways. It will provide tax breaks for new car and home buyers. It will help to computerize health records and invest heavily in 21st-century renewable energy technology.

"Just think about Rosie the Riveter manufacturing solar panels and wind turbines," said Sen. Amy Klobuchar, D-Minn., describing the bill's long-term impact.

The measure's reach also is limited, however. It won't prove an immediate economic cure-all, and its passage is but a first step in a yearlong series of federal prescriptions for the ailing economy.

An hour before the Senate's vote at noon EST Tuesday, Treasury Secretary Timothy Geithner is scheduled to unveil his new financial industry aid plan. The Federal Reserve's efforts to melt frozen credit markets also are expanding. Later this spring, Congress will consider how to spend the rest of this fiscal year's federal monies after President Barack Obama releases a detailed fiscal 2010 budget. The stimulus is thus but one part of a multi-front government counterattack on the recession.

The Senate stimulus plan cleared a key procedural hurdle Monday when members voted 61-36 to cut off debate. The vote Tuesday on the plan itself will come 13 days after the House of Representatives passed a similar version.

In the next step, top lawmakers from both houses will meet to reconcile the differences between the House and Sen-

ate bills. Once a compromise is reached, probably Thursday, each house will debate briefly and take final votes.

The negotiations promise to be tense but probably not hopeless, because the Democratic majorities in both houses will have voted to expand the government's role in a wide variety of social and educational programs. Compromise should be on Democratic terms, because Republicans don't have enough votes to impose their preference for less spending and bigger tax cuts.

"There certainly will be a change in direction compared to the previous administration," veteran Washington budget analyst Stan Collender said.

There are significant differences, however.

The Senate wants to give some consumers a break from the alternative minimum tax, at a cost of \$70 billion over 10 years. The House didn't include the provision.

The House wants to spend \$20 billion for school construction and create a \$79 billion "State Fiscal Stabilization Fund" to help pay education expenses. The Senate cut the construction money and its stabilization fund is only about half the House's amount.

There are a series of smaller disagreements. The Senate includes tax breaks for new car buyers and homeowners that the House does not, and the Senate has a one-year 50 percent subsidy for health-care premiums for unemployed consumers, while the House has a 65 percent subsidy.

With Democrats from both houses in charge of the talks, however, and Obama pushing hard for a package, the two sides are expected to split the differences and emerge with a plan to pump about \$800 billion into the economy through Sept. 30, 2010.

Democrats will praise the details, Republicans will criticize them and independent analysts will offer mostly hedged

praise. The last obstacle will be whether three Republicans continue to break ranks with their party to put through the final conference version in the Senate. If they don't, it'll be back to the drawing board, but few analysts expect that.

"This should create a little bit of momentum," said Brian Bethune, chief U.S. financial economist at IHS Global Insight in Lexington, Mass. "Put enough warm coals into the fireplace and eventually you get flames."

The nonpartisan Congressional Budget Office, however, warned that stimulus packages contain no guarantees.

"The macroeconomic impacts of any economic stimulus program are very uncertain," CBO Director Douglas Elmendorf said in a letter last week to Sen. Judd Gregg, R-N.H., who is now the president's nominee to head the Commerce Department.

Even analysts who are concerned that lawmakers are ignoring the ballooning federal deficit — which the CBO estimates at \$1.2 trillion this year even before the stimulus is factored in — concede that some kind of bill is necessary, however.

"There is no right answer as to what to do, and I don't know what the right size of the bill should be," said Maya MacGuineas, the president of the Committee for a Responsible Federal Budget, a watchdog group.

The House and Senate bills concur on most key provisions. Both have Obama's \$139.8 billion "Making Work Pay" tax break, which gives effective \$500 federal income-tax rebates to most taxpayers in 2009 and 2010.

Both provide significant money for rebuilding highways and bridges and repairing water and sewer systems; spend \$27 billion on giving unemployed workers an extra 20 to 33 weeks of benefits; and give states \$87 billion to help Medicaid, the joint state-federal program that provides

health care for poor people and those with disabilities.

Most Republicans, as well as some Democrats, remain concerned that the bills have too much spending and not enough tax cuts.

Sen. Charles Grassley of Iowa, the top Republican on the Senate Finance Committee, called the tax relief "a pretty puny amount."

History has shown that massive government spending doesn't resuscitate ailing economies, contended Senate Republican Policy Committee Chairman John Ensign of Nevada.

"Even if you believe the New Deal was helpful," he said, "do we really want to take five, seven, 10 years to get out of the economic problems we have today? The New Deal never brought us out of the Depression."

Such arguments ignore contemporary reality, countered budget analyst Collender, who noted that most of the proposed stimulus spending doesn't create new agencies or programs but adds to those that already are running.

A big chunk aims to respond to anticipated future needs. Both bills have billions for renewable energy and energy-efficiency research and development. Each has about \$4.5 billion to begin modernizing the electricity grid as well as billions to health providers to modernize their information technology systems. Money also would be provided to expand broadband access in remote areas of the country.

Such spending may not provide much immediate stimulus, but many analysts argue that it's still worth doing. Just don't expect miracles.

"The stimulus should provide some positive input," Collender said. "But you just don't get a single injection or operation and expect all the problems to be fixed."

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If they are used for access, however, parking services has the right to ticket anyone who parks without displaying a current parking permit. According to O'Connell, tickets for this offense are \$25.

"Students should receive a ticket," O'Connell said. "However, we might miss somebody."

It is clearly outlined in parking service's rules and regulations that cars parked without up-to-date permits will be at risk for ticketing. According to the Web site, "a current YSU permit must be displayed beginning the first day of each semester."

Many YSU students were unaware that old parking access cards sometimes work, and had mixed reactions to this information.

Freshman Jessie Bunsic said the chances of parking services catching a violator of this parking rule were unlikely. Bunsic called the idea of re-using old parking cards "brilliant," and asked, "Why not take the chance and use your old one?"

Freshman Charlotte Rogers agreed with Bunsic and said from her experience, parking services doesn't usually check the currency of permits.

"If you're a daredevil, try it," Rogers said.

Additionally, Rogers suggested that perhaps parking services should sell both the permit and access card for the whole year — as they do for faculty and staff — instead of selling them each semester. This might eliminate or at least help the problem, Rogers

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good candidate is one that is approachable and accessible," McGiffin said. "It takes a lot of work. I would advise candidates to meet with as many organizations and students as possible."

McGiffin also mentioned the importance of hanging as many fliers and posters as possible, and making cool T-shirts to aid in the campaigning.

As for Election Day suggestions, McGiffin emphasized tactical, honest campaigning.

"On the days of the elections, I would advise the candidates to try their utmost in active and aggressive, yet tasteful, campaigning. Slander is never a good thing," McGiffin said. "Shake a lot of hands, and remember the ones you shook. Winning the election is the first task of the job; fulfilling your duties is the second, yet more important, task."

Get Involved

To become a candidate for SGA, students must first fill out

said.

Along those lines, junior Ted Cegelka said parking services probably needs to fix their access card system. Although old access cards might work, Cegelka said he personally wouldn't chance it.

Likewise, sophomore Abra Joseph said she probably wouldn't enter a parking lot using an old access card. Even so, Joseph said because old access cards still function, it makes her think parking services doesn't find parking passes to be that important.

"It's like they're not really concerned about who's parking where and when," Joseph said.

Freshman Susan Rowe said she hadn't ever heard of access cards working after their expiration date. However, she also said more attention should have been paid to making sure they function properly.

"If they didn't want that to happen, they should have been up on that," Rowe said of parking services.

Freshman Justin Butt, who walks to school, said this information "sucks for people who paid" for parking permits, since those people who didn't buy a current permit are most likely taking others' rightful parking spots.

"I would be so mad," Butt said.

Senior Sam Carbon said parking is enough of a problem already. Parking would only become more and more difficult as other students learn that old access cards can still work to enter certain campus lots.

a petition with 25 names and student ID numbers of full or part-time students in their college. If applying for a graduate studies position, 15 names and student ID numbers from graduate students must be recorded. Next, the student must file the petition, along with a declaration of candidacy, by 5 p.m. Monday, March 2, to the student government office.

For presidential and executive vice presidential positions, students must complete a petition with 150 names and student ID numbers of full or part-time students. Candidates must also file their petition and declare candidacy by the aforementioned date and time.

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PROFILE

Home-schooled student lands new university address

Samantha Pysher
REPORTER



HOUY

From the tender age of 7 until the end of her high school years, freshman Rachelle Houy counted herself among the nearly 1.5 million home-schoolers in the U.S., according to recent Department of Education statistics.

According to Houy, her mom was the reason behind her home schooling decision; she felt that was what God wanted her to do. After completing the necessary home school courses in her years of study, Houy decided to take a year off school for a discipline program through her church. During this time, Houy said she was really able to decide what she wanted to do: become a teacher.

Although she took a year off in between home school and college, Houy said attending college afterward was never in question. This is because, as a middle childhood education major, Houy is required to have a degree for what she wants to do.

"It was always, 'I graduate high school then go to college,'" Houy said.

Now, in the midst of studying her way through her second semester, Houy said for her, college is not such a radical change as some might expect.

"College was not that different in my mind, and the academic and social aspects are the same as they were when I was home-schooled," she said.

Even though they're similar in Houy's eyes, she is definitely enthusiastic about Youngstown State University and college in general.

"I absolutely love it," she said. "I think it's the atmosphere; I'm a people-person and love having

noise in my learning environment."

So far, so good. Houy said everything is going smoothly, and she even has a 4.0 GPA. Additionally, Houy's parents are continually supportive and happy she decided to attend YSU.

"I always talk to them about my classes. They encourage me to study hard and do great," Houy said.

The only major disadvantage Houy has experienced is not being able to receive full scholarships, unlike students who came directly from high school to college. This is because Houy didn't have a class rank.

Additionally, Houy said the biggest difference between home school and college is being around more people. Even so, that's not a problem for her. Home-schooled socialization was never an issue, she said.

Houy said she dabbled with programs through her church and enrolled in dance and music classes.

"I met people everywhere," Houy said. "Now, I'm making more friends."

Google seeks refund on AOL investment

John Letzing
MARKETWATCH

Google Inc. is pressing Time Warner Inc. to either refund its \$1 billion investment in the media giant's AOL Internet unit or spin it out as a public company, Time Warner disclosed Wednesday.

John Martin, Time Warner's chief financial officer, said during a conference call with analysts that Google has asked to exercise its "demand registration rights," which would require Time Warner to either refund its AOL investment or offer shares of AOL on a public market.

"We're evaluating our options and those options include proceeding with the request, delaying the decision for some time or we can move ahead to potentially buy back Google's stake at an appraised value, which would obviously be well below the value that was placed on it at the time of the original investment," Mar-

tin said. His remarks came as Time Warner posted a \$16 billion loss for the fourth quarter.

Time Warner's report cited an 18 percent decline in advertising revenue for AOL and the unit's revenue dropped to \$968 million from \$1.25 billion. Time Warner recently disclosed that it planned to eliminate 10 percent of AOL's employees.

In Google's own fourth-quarter results last month, the company said it was taking a \$726 million write-down related to its AOL investment. In 2005 Google invested \$1 billion in AOL in exchange for a 5 percent stake. That investment also allowed Google, based in Mountain View, Calif., to begin providing advertising for AOL's online search service, and take a portion of any related revenue.

"After careful consideration, we made the decision that we needed to exercise our rights now so we could be in a position to sell our interest when the timing made sense for us," a Google

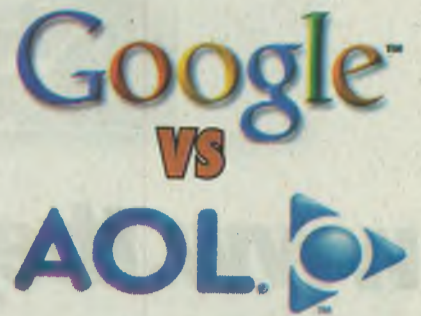
spokesman said in a statement.

The statement continued, "AOL remains an extremely valued partner, and we'll continue to work closely together to provide their users with the best search experience possible."

AOL had a 4.1 percent share of the U.S. online search market in December, according to Nielsen Online, while Google had a 63 percent share.

Time Warner has yet to decide whether it wants to spin off AOL or merge it with another company, Chief Executive Jeff Bewkes said.

"There's a scenario where we could spin off all or either of the parts of AOL," Bewkes told analysts, adding that, "It has also been discussed as to whether AOL would combine any of its assets with some other operating



companies to increase scale on all sides."

Speculation has surfaced occasionally in recent months that a possible suitor for AOL might be Yahoo Inc., though neither company has commented publicly on the prospects for such a deal.

Google Chief Executive Eric Schmidt said in a statement at the time of Google's investment in AOL that, "Our investment underscores our recognition of AOL as a valuable strategic asset and our desire both to contribute to and participate in its future success."

RELATIONSHIPS

Magazine scene: Tips to impress your man, from Cosmo

Sally Dadisman
MCT

IMPRESS HIM MUCH

Guys aren't as impressed by candles, red roses and dim lighting as we women may be. If you want to impress him, Cosmo's February issue suggests taking advantage of the right moments and no, your gestures don't always have to be physical. Here are some tips to impress your man:

Let him tend to his wing man duties after a buddy gets dumped. Or, take his buddy out with you and some of your girlfriends, playing a little matchmaker for

the broken-hearted.

Keep your yelling to a minimum while arguing; instead, offer to talk about it over a beer.

If he has trouble... performing... one night, let him know it's not the end of the world. When he gets home the next night, make it clear you "want him as much as ever."

If he's accomplished something great at work, reward him by cooking him his favorite meal, or some other sweet gesture to let him know you recognize how great he is.

FUN FACT

Try a little massage therapy. Seems Utah researchers have

found you can lower your stress makers through "affectionate contact," as reported in February's Cosmopolitan magazine.

HOSTESS WITH THE MOSTESS

So perhaps you're content with your love life, or maybe you're just done searching for Mr. Right (or Mr. Right Now) and have instead turned your attention to that eternally lonely friend of yours. What should you do? Throw a party, of course. The magazine Everyday with Rachael Ray's February issue offers tips on "how to play Cupid while playing host."

You can't predict chemistry,

so don't limit yourself to only inviting certain "types" of people. Instead, ask everyone to bring a single friend.

Once you've made the introduction, initiating your match, leave them be. Checking in or trying to push conversations might just make things more awkward.

Create some ice breakers before the party, like team games (Trivial Pursuit, charades), or ask everyone to create a name tag with a fun fact about themselves.

Don't try to get everyone drunk. While alcohol does allow people to drop their guard, it can also cause them to make fools of themselves. Not a good way to start a relationship.

Youngstown State University



African American History Month Celebration 2009

Proverb of the month: "If you understand the beginning well, the end will not trouble you."
Ashanti of Ghana

Wednesday, February 4
6:30 p.m., Chestnut Room, Kilcawley Center
Shereka: The Black Heritage Festival
This celebration of many aspects of black culture, recognizes traditions and talents rooted in South American, African, Caribbean, and American cultures. The event will include poetry readings, a gospel choir and mime performances, Harambee and step dancers, and foods of various cultures. This event is co-sponsored by the Office of Housing & Residence Life (Shereka is Swahili for Celebrate.)



Thursday, February 5
7:00 p.m., The McDonough Museum of Art
Reception: 5:00 p.m., Bliss Hall Gallery
Panel Discussion 6:00 p.m.
Art Exhibition and Panel Discussion
"Recreation: Green Art Forms"



Christine Bethea is a nationally renowned artist and arts educator from Pittsburgh, PA. Although she commonly refers to herself as "The Accidental Artist," her works have been featured in a national best selling quilt book, *A Communion of the Spirit: African American Quilters, Preservers, and Their Stories*, by Roland L. Freeman. Ms. Bethea has received numerous awards as an arts administrator, curator, and supporter of the visual arts. She recently co-founded Passports, an art diversity project which promotes the work of artists of all backgrounds in southwestern Pennsylvania. Her art will be on display at the Bliss Hall Art Gallery, College of Fine and Performing Arts, throughout the month of February. This event is co-sponsored by the College of Fine & Performing Arts.

Saturday, February 7
Noon-6:00 p.m., Chestnut Room, Kilcawley Center
The African Marketplace



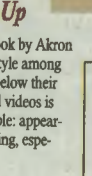
The Marketplace offers a wide range of dazzling sights and objects to view, sample, and purchase, ranging from art objects, jewelry, and Afrocentric writings to creations that are rare and hard to find. The variety of goods and products represent the creative genius of Africans and African Americans. Entertainment will be presented by the dynamic Harambee Youth Group.

Tuesday, February 10
6:30 p.m., The Gallery, Kilcawley Center
Location of Displays: Maag Library
Black Faculty Research Showcase and Panel Discussion



Selected African American faculty will display their publications in Maag Library and participate in a panel discussion on their current and future research projects in the Gallery, Kilcawley Center.

Friday, February 13
5:45 p.m., Chestnut Room, Kilcawley Center
A Play: Boys, Pull Your Pants Up



This theatrical performance is based on a new book by Akron novelist Jewellee Banks. It satirizes the current style among African American youth of wearing their pants below their waists. The impact of negative hip hop styles and videos is closely scrutinized. Banks's message is quite simple: appearances matter, and first impressions mean everything, especially to talented youth.

Friday, February 20
7:00 p.m., The Ohio Room, Kilcawley Center
Lecture: African Architects of Egyptian Civilization
Anthony Browder



Mr. Browder is a cultural historian on Ancient Egypt, an author, publisher, artist, and educational consultant. He is a graduate of Howard University's College of Fine Arts and has lectured extensively in the United States, the Caribbean, Africa, Japan, and Europe. He is the founder and director of Cultural Resources and has spent 28 years researching ancient Egyptian history, science, philosophy, and culture. He is author of publications that include *Nile Valley Contributions to Civilization*, *Egypt on the Nile*, and *Defending Egyptian Architecture and Symbolism*. Mr. Browder's books will be on display and he will be available for book signing after the lecture.

Monday, February 23
7:00 p.m., The Gallery Room, Kilcawley Center
Lecture: Africanist Value-Centered Education in the Global Village



Dr. Yvonne Brown is a Canadian educator who has done extensive research on the link between colonization and globalization. She has sponsored international service-learning projects in Africa and Canada. In her position as manager of international initiatives for the faculty of education at the University of British Columbia, she has analyzed and interpreted the university's internationalization policy and weighed its implications for education. Papers and articles she has written include "Green Paper on Internationalization" in the *Faculty of Education* and "Education's Global Journey in Teacher Education."

KEYNOTE LECTURE: BY THE SKEGGS LECTURER

Thursday, February 26
7:30 p.m., Stambaugh Auditorium
Dr. Cornel West



Professor of Religion and African American Studies at Princeton University

Dr. Cornel West is one of America's most preeminent and prolific public intellectuals. He is a much sought-after speaker in universities across the country addressing a wide variety of topics across disciplines to various audiences. He is the recipient of over 20 honorary degrees and a National Book Award. His numerous books include *Prophecy Deliverance: An Afro-American Revolutionary Christianity*, *Race Matters*, *Democracy Matters*, and *Hope on a Tightrope*. Dr. West is a longtime member of the Democratic Socialists of America.

For further information, call the Africana Studies Program at 330-941-3097

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OUR SIDE EDITORIAL

No ashtrays, no problem

RELATED STORY

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THE JAMBAR EDITORIAL BOARD

It is debatable whether or not Ohio's ban on smoking in public places makes for good economic policy. Whatever anyone's feelings on smoking inside a public building may be, at least it is just that: inside.

On campus, there is no debate about smoking inside any of the buildings. Students who smoke simply want to be able to smoke outside on their way to and from their classes. This poses no significant health risk to non-smokers, as the secondhand smoke is not confined in an enclosed space where people are forced to breathe it.

If the purpose for the smoking policy at Youngstown State University is to keep campus clean, it has been an abject failure. Since the removal of the ashtrays outside of campus buildings, smokers have simply been throwing their cigarettes on the ground. Not only does this have the opposite of the intended effect, it could actually cost the university money when manpower is wasted picking them up.

Many college students are on their own for the first time. This sometimes includes allowing them to make mistakes for themselves. It does them no service to try to impose rules on them that are designed to save them from themselves.

Just because colleges are fearful students will make "bad choices" doesn't mean they have the authority to limit certain rights, especially those of smokers. Smokers, who make up nearly one-third of full-time college students according to recent government statistics, are a significant group on campus.

To strip them of a privilege as simple as stepping outside between classes to enjoy a few drags off a cigarette is ridiculous, as long as they respect the rights of others - smokers and non-smokers alike - in the process.

OUR SIDE POLICY

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COMMENTARY

The skinny on body image

Lauren Shaughnessy
 CONTRIBUTOR

In today's world, sex appeal has become extremely widespread and a standard by which we live. Men and women are made to feel as though they always have to be the skinniest, best looking, firmest and most muscular out of everyone. In order to achieve this as reality, many people resort to excessive dieting and exercise which, if taken to far, can lead to lower self confidence and self-esteem.

Even though women and girls account for approximately 90 percent of all eating disorders, men and boys suffer from the diseases as well. Celebrities such as Elton John, Christina Ricci, Richard Simmons and Lindsay Lohan have all suffered from both extremes of the eating disorder spectrum with anorexia and bulimia. But what gives the normal person, or the celebrity for that matter, the ambition to be healthy? Everyday we are bombarded with products and advertisements telling us how we can lose that extra five pounds, or if we've lost those five pounds, how we can tone our bodies to make them look more attractive.

Gaining weight to look healthy, however, is not an option in many cases. Most recently, singer Jessica Simpson has been chastised by the media for having a fuller, healthier looking figure than she has in the past. Many of her fellow peers including Kim Kardashian, her sister Ashley Simpson-Wentz, and brother-in-law Pete Wentz have defended her saying she looks great.

"I get that she looks curvier," said Kardashian. "But to me, there's nothing wrong with it." If this sort of behavior is having an affect on women in their twenties, what are young kids and teenagers thinking when they see these celebrities looking emaciated? "It's bad for young women,"

said Pete Wentz. "I see it affecting young girls who come to our shows ... real beauty is on the inside, man"

Even though parents try to teach their children self confidence and self-esteem, they are blocked at every turn with peer pressure at school and celebrities looking as skinny as they do. Young girls are especially vulnerable to these pressures due to magazines such as "Teen Vogue" and "Seventeen."

Within the covers of these magazines there are beauty secrets, quizzes on how to attract a boy, and even more disturbing, picture beyond picture of stick skinny models and celebrities advertising a variety of products. Teen magazines such as these must learn that more pictures of healthy models and less emphasis on beauty tips is what girls need in order to learn confidence and self-esteem. They need to have more content concentrating on girls being beautiful just the way they are, whether that is tall, short, skinny or not. Also, the television media must learn that a woman who gains weight doesn't deserve to be exploited or insulted. "I think the media puts too harsh of a spotlight on women in general," said Wentz while defending Simpson. "It's a real bummer."

There are two things that men and women need to remember. One is don't diet. Dieting causes unhealthy weight loss and when you stop, all the weight that you lost will come back. Constantly losing and gaining weight is worse for your body then staying at one steady weight, even if it is overweight. Secondly is that a lifestyle of healthy eating and physical activity will improve your health and quality of life, no matter what you weigh. Life shouldn't be lived in front of a mirror or on a scale.

It should be judged by how you feel and what makes you feel good.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

To the editor:

There is no doubt that The Jambar has the right to decide what advertisements it chooses to publish. Freedom of the press is one of the treasured hallmarks of our free society. Newspaper editors are also obliged, however, to make editorial judgment calls every day.

They are under no legal or ethical obligation to publish every letter or ad submitted to them. Indeed, they would likely reject obscene material, libelous screeds, and obviously inflammatory claims like "there was no slavery in the United States." Unfortunately, The Jambar's editors have acted irresponsibly in publishing Bradley Smith's ad, which promotes a view of history that is manifestly false and profoundly offensive.

These editors might learn something if they looked to one of the most respected newspapers in the world, The New York

Times, as a model. The Times makes its judgments according to "Standards of Advertising Acceptability" it has clearly defined, exercising discretion to refuse to run "fraudulent, deceptive or misleading" ads and copy that does not stay within the bounds of "decency and good taste."

Bradley Smith's ad is not a meaningful contribution to the marketplace of ideas. Rather, it is an attempt to promulgate anti-Semitism. Although it casts itself as an effort to objectively examine the history of World War II, Holocaust denial has at its heart an anti-Semitic conspiracy theory, claiming that Jews have perpetrated a scam of monumental proportions, convincing virtually the entire world of a catastrophe that never really happened.

Holocaust deniers imply that Jews have manipulated the media, the academic community, and governments - even the German government, which has admitted

the culpability of the Nazi regime in the genocide of European Jews. Deniers, including Bradley Smith, claim that Jews were motivated to perpetuate such a scam out of greed, arrogance and a lust for power.

These are classic anti-Semitic stereotypes. It is no accident that the ranks of Holocaust deniers are filled with neo-Nazis and open anti-Semites. Bradley Smith's effort to recruit for Holocaust denial propagates anti-Semitism and can do real damage to intergroup relations on the Youngstown State University campus.

It is unfortunate that The Jambar allowed itself to be co-opted into this effort. More information on Bradley Smith and his twenty-year effort to spread Holocaust denial is available on the ADL website, www.adl.org.

Shari Kochman Regional
 Director Anti-Defamation League

Dear editor,

We were dismayed to see the content of the advertisement placed by the notorious Holocaust denier Bradley R. Smith in the Jan. 29 and Feb. 5 issues of The Jambar.

Smith deceptively poses his anti-Semitic questions as though engaging in legitimate academic debate. However, his views, like those of other Holocaust deniers, are demonstrably false. During the Second World War, the Germans engaged in the systematic and deliberate murder of European Jewry. Gassing, shooting, in-

tentional starvation, lethal medical experimentation and other means were employed to kill two-thirds of the Jews of Europe.

We encourage every student to take advantage of the many opportunities available to the Youngstown State University community to learn about the Holocaust and other genocides.

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Hockey squad wins third straight; clinch playoff spot



Goalie Adam Chudnofsky protecting the Penguins' goal as they defeat the IUP Hawks Friday night.
 PHOTO BY JOSH STIPANOVICH

Josh Stipanovich
 SPORTS REPORTER

This time a year ago, the Youngstown State University men's hockey squad was coming off of their worst season in franchise history with only four wins. Now the Penguins will find themselves playing in their second College Hockey Mid-America playoffs in three years.

They earned the playoff bid Friday night after winning their third game in a row, 3-2, in a hard-fought battle that led to a shootout against Indiana University of Pennsylvania.

The Penguins are accustomed to winning games in shootouts. They have been victorious in four out of five this year, and head coach Rocky Russo's confidence never falters when the team is forced to play in a shootout.

"We've got a real, real solid track record in shootouts," Russo said. "I got guys that know how to score".

First-year Penguin goalie Adam Chudnofsky was a big part of Friday night's win, allowing only two goals on 38 shots. "You can't say enough about Chudnofsky ... he's been just absolutely phenomenal," Russo said. Chud-

nofsky came on as the number one goalie in the second semester of the season for the Penguins, and he has been producing ever since.

Chudnofsky knows just how important the win was for the Penguins heading into next week's two-game stint against the No. 16 ranked University of Michigan-Dearborn.

"Tonight's game was a huge win, and everyone is really excited," he said. "Playing Dearborn will be a challenge for us but nothing we can't handle if we get a good week of practice in," he added.

With the win, the Penguins also took sole possession of second place in the conference and gained four points in the standings heading into next weekend's games. This breaks their previous record of 30 points in a single season in 2006, and there are still five games remaining.

The race for first place in the CHMA is closer than ever. Only three points stand between the second place Penguins and the first place Presidents of Washington & Jefferson College. YSU will play host in an all-important game against W&J in less than three weeks at the Ice Zone to end the regular season.

YSU women's track and field team takes top spot, men finish fifth

Keith Langford Jr.
 SPORTS EDITOR

The Youngstown State University women's track and field team won the Baldwin-Wallace Invitational on Saturday. The women claimed the top prize

over 12 other schools that participated in the meet. The Penguins won six events at the meet and finished in the top spot in the 1000m, pole vault, triple jump, shot put, weight throw and the 4x400m relay team.

Junior Lisa Lee ran 3:07.61 in the 1000m to win the event. The 4x400m relay team of se-

niors Darcelle Formby, Katie Betts, and Kari Krutzfeld ran a time of 4:12.64. Lee was also part of the relay team. Junior Stephanie Jarvi won the pole vault with a height of 3.2 m while Freshman Kaitlyn Griffith won the shot put with a distance of 12.64m.

In the weight throw competition, junior Alexis Hall won with a time of 16.66. Freshman Laura Kosiorek rounded out the individual event winners for the women as she jumped a distance of 11.29 in the triple jump.

The YSU men's team finished in the fifth spot, with four Penguins winning individual events. The Penguins placed first in the 1000m, 5000m, weight throw, and pole vault. Sophomore Scott Denham won the 1000m with a time of 2:39.32. Fellow sophomore Jake Diale-sandro won the 5000m with a personal best time of 15:40.75. Another sophomore who won for the Penguins was Johnny Copley, who cleared a height of 4.4m. Senior Joe Lahmon won the weight throw to round out the men's individual victory, tossing the weight throw a distance of 17.19m.

The men's squad also took part in the Notre Dame Meyo Invitational. Junior Adam Kagarise and freshman Kiplangat Tisia set school records. Kagarise ran a time of 47.62 in the 400m and bested his previous school record. Kagarise finished fifth in the event. Tisia ran a school record time of 8:18.59 in the 3000m, placing 16th in the meet.



Senior Joe Lahmon helped the men's track and field team win four events at Baldwin-Wallace Invitational. PHOTO COURTESY OF SPORTS INFORMATION

Penguins come out of Windy City with two key victories

Penguins now hold the sixth seed in the Horizon

Keith Langford Jr.
 SPORTS EDITOR

The Youngstown State University men's basketball team traveled to Illinois for a double-dip of games against Chicago schools. The team ended up returning to Youngstown with two huge victories against both the Loyola University Ramblers and the University of Illinois-Chicago Flames. The Penguins overpowered the Ramblers 60-49 Thursday night, while they defeated the Flames 68-60 Saturday night.

The game against the Ramblers was ugly as the Penguins committed 21 turnovers. The Penguins shot just 37 percent at nine for 24 shooting. Despite poor shooting in the first half, the Penguins were only down 30-24. In the long run, the Penguins were helped by a terrible shooting performance from the Ramblers as well. For the entire game,

the Ramblers would shoot just 25 percent.

YSU would start to make shots and seize control in the second half. After a layup by junior DeAndre Mays, which put YSU ahead 35-34, the Penguins would not trail again in the game. The Penguins held the Ramblers to just 19 points in the second half as they put the clamps down on the defensive side of the ball. Junior Kelvin Bright steadied the Penguins' attack with 16 points, while sophomore Vytas Sulskis chipped in 10 points.

In defeating the UIC Flames, the Penguins completed a season sweep of the team. In the first half of this game, however, the Penguins were simply on fire and pumped in 44 points. Additionally, the Penguins made 10 3-point baskets solely in this remarkable first half. The Penguins shot just under 55 percent from the field in the first half, and built up a comfortable 44-27 lead at halftime.

As good as the Penguins

played in the first half, they played a lackluster second half, but held on to eventually win the game. After shooting about 55 percent from the field in the first half, the Penguins shot eight for 25 in the second half.

The Flames tied the game up at 52-52, but never took the lead as the Penguins either led or were tied with the Flames the entire game. The Penguins closed the game on a 16-8 run to clinch the victory. Sophomore Tom Parks was perfect from the 3-point territory as he went 5-5 and scored 15 points. Sulskis scored 13 points as he drained three 3-pointers and junior Sirlester Martin scored in double figures, but also scored 10 points to go along with seven rebounds.

With the two wins in Chicago, the Penguins improved to 8-15 overall and 5-8 in the Horizon League. This Horizon League ranking placed the Penguins in sixth place overall.

Career high not enough as Penguins fall to UWM

Josh Stipanovich
 SPORTS REPORTER

The Youngstown State University women's basketball team came up short in Milwaukee at the Klotsche Center Saturday afternoon despite a career-high 17 points from freshman guard Carnisha Alexander.

Alexander was the only Penguin in double figures, shooting 46 percent from the field and 45 percent from beyond the arch.

The Penguins, playing with only two post players, had to make due without their two top scorers, Nikita LaFleur and Tiara Scott.

LaFleur was not able to play because of an injury and Scott was attending a funeral for a family member.

The Penguins were able to keep the game close for the first 30 minutes of the game, but University of Wisconsin-Milwaukee outlasted YSU as they went on a 17-7 scoring run to end the game at 78-51.

The Penguins could not stop the Horizon League's top scorer, forward Traci Edwards, while she took advantage scoring a game-high 21 points. UWM also had three other players scoring in double digits. The Penguins shot 27.3 percent from the field while UWM shot 48.5 percent.

Despite the losing streak, head coach Cindy Martin is optimistic of the team's morale. "It's very positive. I think everybody knows the mission that we're trying to accomplish," Martin said, adding that preparing for the conference tournament is still what the team is looking forward to.

Knowing that and the fact that injuries have forced the Penguins to play undermanned the entire season, Martin said they will continue to push on.

"You play the hand that you're dealt ... we've got our cards in our hand, we'll play them to the best of our ability," Martin said.

Horizon League Standings

School	Horizon Record	Overall Record
Butler	12-1	21-2
Green Bay	11-2	19-6
Milwaukee	9-4	14-9
Cleveland State	8-5	17-8
Wright State	8-5	14-10
Youngstown State	5-8	8-15
Loyola	4-9	12-13
UIC	3-10	10-13
Valparaiso	3-10	6-18
Detroit	2-11	7-16