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TIGHTENING SEATBELT LAWS

Ohio could pass law, become primary seatbelt enforcement state

Samantha Pysher
REPORTER

Ohio may become one of over 25 states to pass a primary seatbelt law as part of Governor Ted Strickland's two-year state budget plan.

State representative Tom Letson said the bill would allow police and highway patrol to pull over anyone without a seatbelt, even if there were no other violations. If the law is passed there could be a 10 percent reduction in fatal traffic accidents while making Ohio eligible for up to \$27 million in federal grants. The bill will most likely pass in June, but will not take effect until 90 days after Gov. Strickland signs the bill.

"I think there will be an increase of people wearing seatbelts," Let-

son said.

Though people need to be aware that they can be pulled over for not wearing a seatbelt, there will still be a percentage of people who won't wear them, said Lieutenant Bill Rafferty of the Youngstown Police Department.

Sarah Brown Clark, municipal clerk of courts for Youngstown, said court records show a total of 581 seatbelt violations written in 2008.

Some students are against the proposed law.

Senior Pat Anderson said a primary seatbelt law shouldn't be passed because law enforcement should invest their time looking for people who endanger society rather than who is and isn't wearing a seatbelt.

"I don't think it's logical that

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"I don't think it's logical that they should pull someone over just for not wearing a seatbelt."

Pat Anderson, senior



Model UN wins three awards in D.C. competition

Emery Boyle-Scott
REPORTER

This past weekend, 18 Youngstown State University students competed against 18 other universities in the 24th annual Howard University Model NATO competition in Washington, D.C.

"We did really well. We won three awards," said Sarah Lewis, the junior YSU Model United Nations vice president for spring affairs.

Nine of the students won special recognition for accurately representing their country, Denmark, at the conference. Justin McIntyre and Jon-Paul McConnell won first place in their committee, the Nuclear Planning Group.

Craig Callow, senior, won a committee leadership award for his performance in the Defense Planning Committee.

In the Washington, D.C. conference, students participated in mock committees representing the committees of the actual NATO. The YSU students are a part of the Model United Nations club on campus, and represented delegations from Denmark and Norway. The other universities represented delegations from 24 other countries. Other participating universities are from the eastern United States and Canada.

Freshman political science major



The YSU Model UN club Norwegian delegation visiting the Norwegian embassy in Washington, D.C. during their trip, Feb. 19 - 22. The club won three awards at the 2009 Howard Model NATO competition. Right to left: David Porter, professor of political science and adviser, Model UN club, Ola Storberg of the Norwegian embassy, Mark Hoebel, Hiba Picard, Phil Rauscher, Chris Baker, Ken Oyler, Justin Dickman, Abbie Twyford, Carrington Moore and William Macomber.

Justin McIntyre competed in this weekend's conference.

"I like the international aspect of Model United Nations," McIntyre said. "It has opened my mind to many new things. In the United States, we're stuck in our own little box and through Model UN, I have learned a lot about the rest of our world," he said.

During the conference, schools

represented the North Atlantic Council, Political Affairs Committee, Defense Planning Committee, Nuclear Planning Group and the Working Group on NATO Operations.

"Model United Nations is an educational and social club about the social sciences and education," Lewis said.

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Kindle 2 technologies may upstage traditional books

Emmalee C. Torisk
NEWS EDITOR

Tuesday marks the launch date of Amazon's Kindle 2, the latest generation of its wireless reading device.

The Kindle 2, which retails for \$359 on <http://www.amazon.com>, is approximately 10.2 ounces and 1/3 of an inch thick. This makes it lighter than an average paperback book and as thin as most magazines. However, these are only two of the Kindle 2's new and improved features over the original Kindle.

Other modifications include 2GB of storage, which is sufficient space for 1,500 books and nearly seven times that of the original, 20 percent faster page-turning capabilities and 25 percent longer battery life that will last four days with wireless turned on, or two weeks with wireless turned off.

Additionally, more than 240,000 books, U.S. and international newspapers, magazines and blogs can be wirelessly downloaded to the Kindle 2 in under 60 seconds, via the device's 3G wireless network. The Kindle 2 also includes text-to-speech capabilities, adjustable text size, a built-in dictionary and an improved electronic ink display, with 16 shades of gray.

Despite the Kindle 2's advantages, some speculate Amazon's product is another step toward making the printed word less prevalent or even obsolete.

Youngstown State University English professor Chuck Nelson said the introduction of this new technology could be beneficial to college students.

"Products like this could compete with the textbook companies and begin to drive down their prices," Nelson said.

Another advantage the Kindle 2 could offer to students is the convenience of carrying a device that

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Sodexo keeps students, staff safe with food security system

Emmalee C. Torisk
NEWS EDITOR

Despite numerous recent food scares — peanut butter and corn syrup being the most current — students and staff can rest assured that the vast majority of food on Youngstown State University's campus is consistently safe, thanks to a detailed food security system.

Excluding dining establishments like Arby's, Peaberry's Cafe and the Candy Counter, Sodexo, one of the largest food services and facilities management companies in the world, provides approximately 85 percent of the food on campus, including the Kilcawley Center Food Court, Pete's Place and the Bagel Stop. Thus, because of this large scale, Sodexo's safety program is more in-depth than most, said General Manager of Dining Services Tom Totterdale.

"We serve between 3,000 and 5,000 meals per day," Totterdale said, adding that the potential exists to serve more than 13,000 people each day, apart from faculty and staff.

Sodexo's programs include an exhaustive preventive policy, designed to deal with hazardous food outbreaks. Although a chance always exists for such a crisis, many safety precautions have been made before that point.

For instance, the vendor selection process is quite involved, just to ensure that those food providers maintain high levels of safety and quality, Totterdale said. According to the Sodexo Web site, Sodexo's Food Safety Supplier Code of Practice involves "standards required for food products, the method of production used and the environment in which foods must be produced."

Kifolo said food outbreaks usually occur when a product is inspected and is unable to be served, but the company owner obtains a "second opinion and allows the product to go into the market anyway." He said that in this case, state regulations are much more "stringent than federal regulations," and that responsibility falls at a local level. Even so, Kifolo said Sodexo's high food standards usually prevent such recalls.

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News Briefs

YSU Students Places in Ethics Contest

Kyle Wagner, Emily Myers and Meredith Edgar-Bailey placed second in the American Counseling Association Student Ethics Competition. The three students are in the community counseling track through YSU's counseling program. The program gives students and graduates a chance to be licensed as a professional counselor.

YSU Participating in RecycleMania

YSU will be a participant in RecycleMania, a nationwide contest. The winner will be the college or university that recycles the greatest overall amount of their solid waste. Each week, the results will be posted online.

Kayak Clinic to be held in March and April

A kayak clinic will be held in Beeghly Center during March and April. The clinic will introduce participants to the world of kayaking. The event is open to the public and will be from 9 a.m. - 1 p.m. on March 1 and 22 and 1 p.m. - 5 p.m. on April 5 and 26.

Police Briefs

Sleeping trespasser by F-7 lot

On Feb. 18, two YSU police officers were dispatched to the F-7 lot in response to a sighting of a male subject near the shrub bed area of the parking lot. While searching the lot, officers found the subject covered in a sleeping bag and blankets under the north stadium ramp area. The man was given a written warning and advised to stay off YSU property.

Theft at Rec Center locker room

A victim reported that between approximately 2:30 p.m. and 4:15 p.m. on Feb. 17, an unknown suspect entered his locked locker at the Rec Center and removed his wallet. In the wallet were two credit cards, \$52, two military IDs, a driver's license and a vehicle valet key. The victim said he did not realize his wallet was missing until later in the evening. The police advised him that a theft report would be on file.

Woman passes out in M-2 deck

YSU police received a phone call from a man who reported that his secretary had passed out while inside her car, which was parked in the M-2 deck. YSU police responded to the scene and later learned the woman had left the area to use a DeBartolo Hall restroom; both she and the officers returned to her vehicle. The woman said she has high blood sugar, but had forgotten her insulin that day. Paramedics arrived at the parking lot, but determined that the woman did not need to be transported to the hospital.

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Black History Month possibly outdated

Samantha Cavalier
 REPORTER

In 1926, Carter Godwin Woodson, an African-American historian, author and journalist, proposed the idea of Negro History Week, which later developed into Black History Month.

Woodson chose February for Black History Month to honor the birthdays of Frederick Douglass and Abraham Lincoln; both men fought for an end to slavery in the United States.

For several years, many have pushed for the integration of African-American history into year-round education, instead of limiting it to one month. Today, assertions that Black History Month has become outdated have become more common, especially with President Barack Obama's recent historic election.

Even though this month has been observed for more than 80 years, some Youngstown State University students see the need for a change in the way Black

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Lelan Jones, senior

History Month has been celebrated.

Senior Lelan Jones described his concerns for Black History Month.

"I feel that the time for Black History Month is over. As a culture within the United States, we now have a place where we can actually be considered people," Jones said.

Additionally, junior Bradley Williams

said he was not honored by Black History Month. Williams also said he thinks no one really pays attention to it anymore.

"It was given to [African-Americans] because of slavery and discrimination for hundreds of years," Williams said. "People pay attention to Martin Luther King Jr. Day because it's a national holiday and most places are closed that day. The same

cannot be said about the entire month of February in regards to Black History Month," Williams said.

Victor Wan-Tatah, director of the YSU Africana studies program, said it is difficult to understand why black students feel no need to focus on and celebrate black history.

"Their reason may be because we now have a black president. That is certainly a great and memorable milestone in matters of race and racism," Wan-Tatah said. "Although we have made progress, there is still much to be done. A big part of what still needs to be done is education in African-American history, not only for black people, but for everyone else in our society."

Despite the thoughts of some students, there are still others who support the efforts of Black History Month.

Freshman Mark Gavin said he is proud to have a month dedicated to his heritage, but emphasized that, "We need to do more to celebrate this month."

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they should pull someone over just for not wearing a seatbelt," he said, adding that there are worse things that people can do besides not wearing a seatbelt.

"If they choose not to wear a seatbelt, that's their own decision," Anderson said.

Others question how the law would work.

Freshman Taylor Richards said even if someone is pulled over with this violation, there would be no way to prove that a seatbelt wasn't being worn.

"I don't think it's a bad idea, but people who don't wear their seatbelts aren't going to wear them anyway," she said.

"I always wear my seatbelt and when I'm in a car with people, I make sure that they have their seatbelts on too, so it really doesn't have any affect on me."

Junior Mike O'Neill said he doesn't agree with the bill either, but if the law passes, he would be more cautious of wearing a seatbelt in order to avoid a ticket.

"I don't want a ticket because I'm broke as a joke," he said. "If you don't wear one, it's your own life being put at risk."

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However, in the event that a food safety alert does occur, Kifolo said Sodexo is prepared. If the government issues a food warning or recall, a massive e-mail alert is sent to the company immediately, and each district is informed if they've purchased the product in question. Soon afterward, the recalled product is removed from shelves.

"They can tell us the exact number of cases we purchased," Totterdale said. "They can even call and tell us the day it came in. They provide all that information, so it's as safe as possible."

On a more basic level, Sodexo participates in a detailed food safety and self-inspection program known as Hazard Analysis and Critical Control Point. Overall, this program monitors and maintains the safety of food from delivery to serving point, and sometimes even afterward.

Some key components of HACCP include supervising and controlling food temperatures at several stages of the preparation process, such as cooking, holding, serving, cooling and reheating, and

training employees in safe food preparation techniques like proper hand washing methods, Totterdale said.

Additionally, every three years all managers and supervisors must participate in ServSafe, a federally-recognized training and certification program that focuses on topics such as restaurant food safety, sanitation and the importance of a thorough HACCP program. Employees are then trained by certified managers and their skills are updated monthly in further training sessions, said district executive chef Clint Kifolo.

A US Department of Agriculture meat inspector is also present daily in the Sodexo kitchens. Both Totterdale and Kifolo emphasized the importance of his role there — he doesn't just inspect the meat, but rather monitors general practices. If certain health and safety regulations aren't met, the USDA inspector has the power to shut down the kitchen.

For these reasons, Kifolo said the restaurants, serviced by Sodexo "are safer than any other restaurant in the area."

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Students were able to take some time away from committee duties and tour the city. McIntyre spent most of his free time at the Capitol building.

"I had never been there before. I've only seen the Ohio Capitol building, but this one is so much more impressive," McIntyre said.

The YSU students who competed were from various class ranks with several different majors. Most competitors are majoring in the social sciences, but there are a few who are business and science majors, Lewis said.

Besides collegiate competitions, the YSU Model United Nations club also holds conferences for area middle and high schools on the YSU campus. There is no middle school conference this year, but there is a high school conference in April.

"We do a lot of hands-on activities. We travel and do a lot

with kids," Lewis said.

Many students who went to Washington D.C., including McIntyre, are going to help with the high school conference.

Additionally, The YSU Model United Nations club has been in existence for more than 22 years as a part of the global education department. Over the past decade, students have attended programs in the United States and abroad, including the European International Model United Nations in The Hague, Netherlands and the Harvard World Model United Nations in Geneva, Switzerland.

Overall, YSU students have received more than 100 individual and delegation awards. YSU Model United Nations typically attends two conferences a year, or one a semester. Last semester, the club attended the Lake Erie International Model United Nations conference in Cleveland.

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weighs less than a pound around campus, rather than hauling heavy books to class.

Nelson also acknowledged that the product is environmentally friendly and convenient, but speculates it will be a big adjustment for older generations.

"I think it will be easier for younger generations to adapt to these digital books," Nelson said. "It could possibly even become a norm in the near future."

Bob Hogue, associate professor of computer science and information systems, said some offices and classrooms have been trying to go paperless for

years. He said technologies like the Kindle 2 are contributing to the reduction of paper, but said, "It can't work completely."

"People still need to write things down; paper is a fallback," Hogue said, adding that without paper, it can be difficult for classes and offices to function.

Even so, Hogue said devices like the Kindle 2 can help reduce paper and waste, and that it would be useful in situations where massive amounts of paper might be required otherwise.

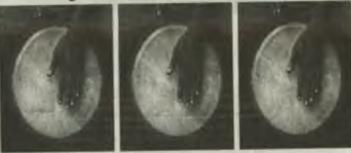
"Nobody wants to carry around an 800-page book," Hogue said.

YSU senior Mike Lowery, a self-proclaimed "tech geek," is excited about the Kindle 2, but said although the concept is great, such devices will not soon replace traditional books. Lowery also said he wouldn't consider using the Kindle 2 instead of a traditional textbook, unless it was a lot less expensive.

"There is nothing better than flipping through a book, but [the Kindle] would be good for traveling," Lowery said.

Additional Reporting by Tracilyn Tsarnas, Doug Philbin, Emery Boyle-Scott

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
Sherekea: 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. (Sherekea 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 art 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 Quilts, Prayers, 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 Alton novelist Jewelene Banks. It satirizes the current style among African American youth of wearing their pants below their waist. The impact of negative hip hop styles and videos is closely scrutinized. Banks' message is quite simple: appearance 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 Potomac*, and *Decoding 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 globalization and education. 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 "Educator'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 diverse audiences. He is the recipient of over 20 honorary degrees and a National Book Award. His numerous books include *Prophetic Deliverance: An Afro-American Revolutionary Christianity, Race Matters, Democracy Matters*, and *Hope on a Tiptoe*. 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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Microsoft unveils Windows Mobile 6.5 operating system for cell phones

Eric Benderoff
CHICAGO TRIBUNE

Microsoft Corp. officially announced on Monday a new mobile operating system for smart phones. Called Windows Mobile 6.5, it will be the latest version of software found on phones from a number of companies, including LG, Motorola and Samsung.

Microsoft Chief Executive Steve Ballmer unveiled the mobile operating system at a phone industry trade show in Barcelona, Spain.

The first Android phone and Apple's iPhone are miles ahead of Microsoft in terms of public interest and usability.

"We're doing a lot of things some people would say catch-up... that appeal to the person who also wants to do some work with their phone," Rockfeld said. "We are at a big inflection point in the market right now."

Microsoft is heading in the right direction. Here's what I found interesting on Windows Mobile 6.5:

The software is "finger friendly," a term Rockfeld uses to describe touch controls.

It has a new user interface so icons can be moved about the display with a finger. The home screen scrolls up and down, revealing more icons. The icons are in a honeycomb design, spaced evenly from one another. The screen looks very orderly.

The home screen in "locked" mode features only key notices such as time, upcoming appointments and messages missed but that view reminded me of the Android design.

The phone can access the new Windows marketplace for mobile just like Apple's App store and the Android marketplace.

This service will launch before the release of phones with Windows Mobile 6.5, so existing Mobile 6.0 and 6.1 users can access new applications.

Microsoft My Phone is a wireless service to automatically back up contacts, photos and documents any vital information you keep on your phone. This provides protection if your phone is lost or stolen.

The free My Phone service, which may launch sooner than Windows Mobile 6.5, can store up to 200 megabytes of data. Rockfeld said it may offer more storage, but there is a point, "like backing up 8 gigabytes of music, where we may need to do some tiering" with prices.

It will be compatible with Windows 7, the desktop operating system that Microsoft likely will launch later this year. Also, the software will be upgradable for people buying phones with the current Microsoft OS.

There's no question Microsoft needs to get its mobile operating system right. It has several partners, from phonemakers to wireless carriers, that crave attractive products for our increasingly mobile society.

"We understand the changes in the market," Rockfeld said. "When it switched from business-only to consumer and business, that happened pretty quickly."

Microsoft still has decent market share in the mobile space, trailing Nokia's Symbian platform and Research in Motion's BlackBerry operating system.

Its share grew from 11 percent in 2007 to 12.3 percent in 2008, according to research firm IDC. Apple's rose from 3 percent in 2007 to 9 percent in 2008.

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Facebook top 25 trend

Alicia Pattillo
REPORTER

If you've been on Facebook at all in the past few months, you've no doubt heard of the top 25 list. Whether you authored a list of your own or were merely "tagged" by a friend, the top 25 list has grown quite popular recently for Facebook bloggers and non-Facebook bloggers alike.

Essentially, the premise is this: once you've been tagged, write a note with 25 random facts about yourself. When you're finished, tag 25 friends, but be sure to tag the person who tagged you.

Although at first some might think it's a simple task, many Youngstown State University Facebook users said it was more difficult than imagined to tell the Facebook world about their personal goals and embarrassing secrets.

YSU communication professor Rebecca Curnalia is one of these people. Curnalia, who has a Facebook of her own, said people must be "comfortable" and "open" to write these types of notes about themselves. Despite

her reluctance to write her top 25, Curnalia said it was worth it.

"It was fun to read my friends' notes and to see their responses on my note," Curnalia said.

Though Curnalia thinks Facebook notes are entertaining, she does not think of the notes as a new trend in Internet communication.

"Notes are like chain letters, which have been around for years. Notes are a new incarnation of chain letters," she said.

In contrast, sophomore Megan Vendemia said Facebook notes are an important part of a new Internet communication trend, mainly because in this way, it is much easier to communicate personal information. Vendemia said the top 25 gave her a reason to share things about herself that she normally wouldn't. Likewise, she said others probably felt the same.

"I found out things from others that I may have been too uncomfortable to ask," Vendemia said. Though Vendemia liked the basic concept of the note, she still found some negative aspects of the top 25 list.

"I don't like that it's everywhere; it's such a fad," Vendemia

"I found out things from others that I may have been too uncomfortable to ask."

Megan Vendemia

said. "I also don't like the fact that people I don't even talk to tag me to their note, which I have yet to read."

Some YSU students said it was just something to do. For instance, junior Caitlin Hjerpe said she was at work and needed something to pass the time. Thus, she wrote a top 25 note, which kept her "busy and entertained."

Like most, junior Danielle Chase found the top 25 note to be entertaining, but said sometimes people give out too much information. Additionally, she thought it was interesting how almost everyone got in on the fad.

"Everyone has a Facebook, so if one person does it, everyone will do it, too," Chase said.

Even though senior Britney Gray considers herself a secretive person, she fell victim to writing her top 25 and loved revealing so

much to her friends.

"It's a fun way to tell 25 facts about yourself and see what people have to say," Gray said, adding that it made her think about what people may not have known about her.

However, unlike others, senior Alexis Franklin took the top 25 notes as pure comedy. Franklin says she thought the notes were funny, especially when people were revealing almost everything private about themselves.

Franklin, who wrote a note of her own, said she thought she would give the public some personal information about herself, just for laughs.

She even went as far as to put some of her most embarrassing stories in her top 25 note.

"It's an epidemic, and I love it," Franklin said. "Everyone I know and more are doing it."

THE CALL OF DUTY

Tracilyn Tsarnas
REPORTER

One of the Army Reserve Officers' Training Corps main goals is to develop leadership qualities in its recruits. From his three years in the Army ROTC program, Army ROTC Cadet James Sullivan has gained many of these qualities, which he applies to his life both in and out of the military.

Sullivan, affectionately known to his military peers as "Sully," represents the ROTC program at its finest. He is an active member of the Army National Guard and claims it is a "good program."

He also stays busy between coaching football at Austintown Fitch and assisting to train new cadets.

Sullivan has given to his community, and now his community is returning the gesture.

Sullivan recently took on even more responsibility by caring for family members when a November car accident left them with injuries. Fortunately, the community stepped in and helped.

Together, the benefits raised approximately \$1,500 for the Sullivans, who are grateful "for all the support."

In November, Sullivan's parents and sister were in an automobile accident in Michigan when a driver hit them from behind in a construction area. Sullivan's parents and sister suffered injuries in the crash.

Sullivan considers their progress "slow but good," and says that they will all make a full recovery. Because of her injuries, Kelly Sullivan withdrew from Baldwin-Wallace College last semester.

This 2008 Fitch graduate was there on a partial music scholarship for vocals. She hopes to be able to re-enroll shortly.

Since Michigan is a no-fault state, the driver's insurance will not cover any of the Sullivans' medical bills. The two benefits held in their honor were successful.



The Sleeping is waking audiences

Glenn Gamboa
NEWSDAY

A lot has changed for The Sleeping in the past year, and its new album, "What It Takes" (Victory), reflects it.

First, there were the personnel changes, as Paul Cadena replaced Cameron Keym on guitar.

Then, a change of scenery, leaving the recording solace of upstate Woodstock, N.Y., for the bustling studios of producer Brian McTiernan in Baltimore. And, of course, there're the lyrics. "I just wanted to write lyrics that were 100 percent honest," says singer Doug Robinson, calling from a tour stop

in Pomona, Calif. "I've been through a lot of stuff, and I always felt that I needed to say what needs to be said. I wanted to talk about things that people don't really talk about. I didn't want to hide anything."

It's pretty clear from the first single, "Bomb the World," and such hard-hitting tracks as "You'll Be a Corpse Before Your Time" that the Massapequa, N.Y.-based band isn't holding back.

"The songs are kind of in the same vein; there's some tongue-in-cheek, but it's not really the 'he vs. she' talk from before," Robinson says.

"I didn't want people to think we were selling out by writing from a broader perspective, so I decided the only way was just

to be completely honest."

"All my life, I was afraid, but now I'm welcoming the feeling," Robinson sings in "You'll Be a Corpse" over a unique mix of punishing guitar and some soothing keyboards.

It's a dynamic that's magnified in the band's live show, which is the main way The Sleeping sets itself apart.

Though the group has had success on soundtracks and video game placements including "Guitar Hero 3" and "Madden NFL '07," which gained them some unexpected fans — The Sleeping knows it will really make its mark on the road.

"We're gonna stay on the road and let people know about the new," Robinson says. "We're not stopping."

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OUR SIDE EDITORIAL

Strap in or pay up.

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Governor Ted Strickland's proposal to allow law enforcement to pull drivers over for not wearing a seatbelt—without another primary offense—is just another example of government attempting to save people from themselves.

It is generally accepted that a driver who wears a seatbelt is far more likely to survive an accident than one who doesn't wear one. Therefore, it seems simple enough to require drivers to wear them.

The argument in favor of this type of intervention into the decisions of private citizens is that it is often that seat belts reduce the number of traffic fatalities. Proper diet and exercise also reduce fatalities, and yet this doesn't mean that government should mandate a healthy lifestyle.

Government is incapable of protecting individuals from every danger that life can pose. Furthermore, it would be a bad idea even if it were possible.

Part of freedom is the freedom to make mistakes. The deterrents to bad behavior are the natural consequences that this behavior can lead to. When government attempts to free people of consequences, they only succeed in making them more dependent on government. That is no kind of freedom.

People don't abstain from drugs because of laws. They do it because they know drugs can kill them. People don't avoid promiscuous sex because someone in a position of authority said they should. They do it because they don't want diseases or children.

The same holds true for seatbelts. Seatbelt laws don't lead to more people wearing seatbelts. They only lead to more tickets bringing money to city hall.

Some people will always engage in risky behavior. Some will face consequences and learn from them. This is part of thinking for oneself. Government should have no power to make laws against that.

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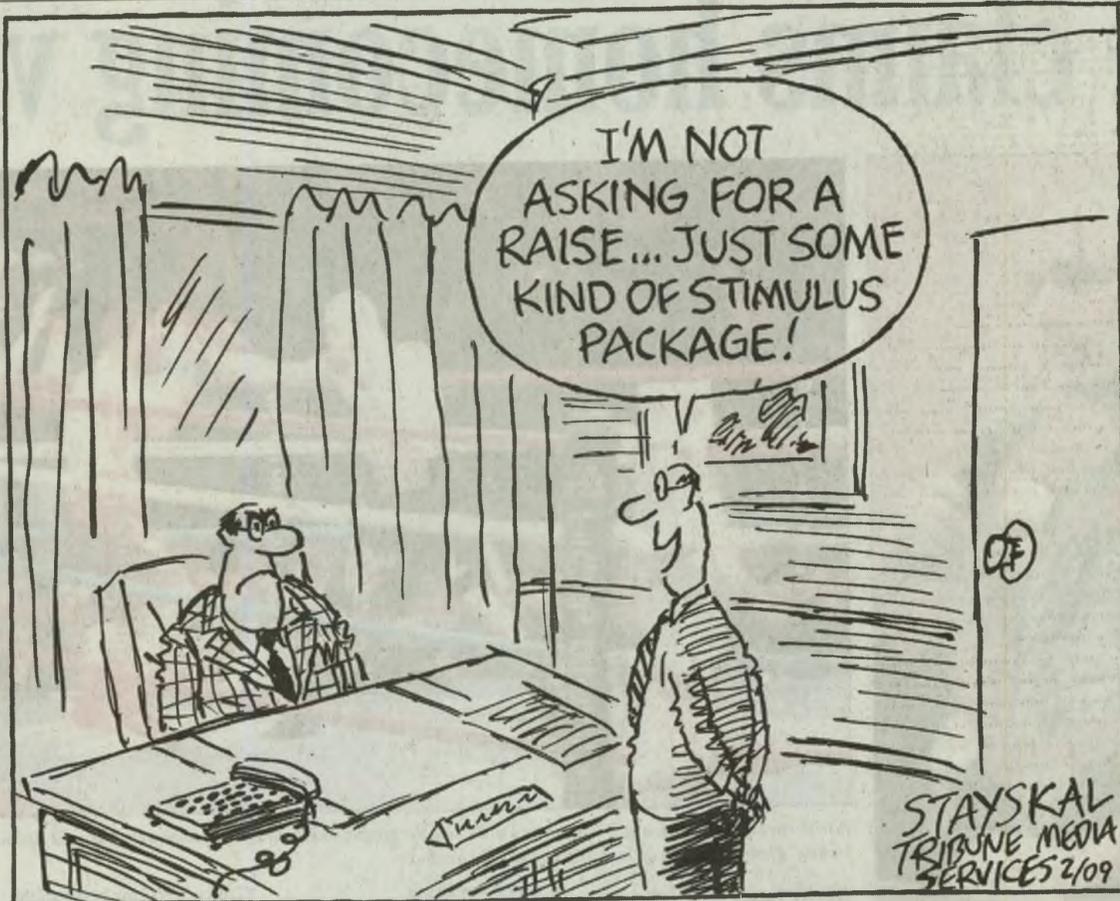
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About Face(book)

McClatchy-Tribune MCT

Anyone who spends time online has at least a vague sense of the "service agreements" to which he routinely consents dense documents filled with legal fine print that make up the "terms of service" for Web services or online groups.

Most people spend zero time reading the fine print. They typically "click" "accept" and move ahead without a second thought.

But this week, denizens of Facebook one of the world's most popular online social networking groups said "not so fast." Within a matter of hours, using Facebook's own site, they coalesced and pushed back. Remarkably, their outrage over what they perceived as a blatant privacy violation by Facebook operators caused Facebook to roll back the new terms.

The incident offers useful lessons in self control and collective action in the digital age.

For the uninitiated, Facebook is a site on which millions of people and groups maintain what's effectively a combination bulletin board, photo album, scrap book, phone tree and newsletter that they share with friends. The site originally catered to college students, but it no longer is just for kids.

Anyone over the age of 13 can become a Facebook member, build a "page" and avail himself of its services free of charge but only after accepting terms of the service agreement.

Among the terms is one giving Facebook's proprietors "an irrevocable, perpetual, non-exclusive, transferable, fully paid, worldwide license (with right to sublicense)" on everything a member posts on his page. You post a picture of yourself and your cat, for instance, and Facebook can do whatever it wants with it.

The terms of service said that the "license granted above

will automatically expire" when members remove content from their page. But Facebook recently quietly removed that clause, meaning Facebook unilaterally claimed the right to use the material in perpetuity. So even if you took down the picture or quit the site, Facebook still could use the picture (or other information) it had stored in its servers.

Things didn't stay quiet for long. The Consumerist a consumer protection blog put out word that Facebook was making a data grab. A virtual riot ensued as media outlets, old and new, picked up the story. Privacy advocates readied a complaint to be filed with the Federal Trade Commission.

Ironically, the real leverage came when consumer unhappiness showed signs of becoming a Facebook-driven movement. A new Facebook group People Against the new Terms of Service grew to nearly 90,000 strong.

Facebook's owners a consortium of millionaire investors led by founder Mark Zuckerberg caved. The site reinstated the original terms of service, offering face-saving mumbo jumbo about how "it was never our intention to confuse people or make them uneasy about sharing on Facebook."

Parents should remind their kids or maybe kids should remind their parents that in the computer age, the only real guarantee of privacy is never to put anything in a computer you'd be afraid for someone else to see. There are too many ways for information to be copied and shared to be assured that someone, somewhere, doesn't have it. But that someone shouldn't be the people you do business with.

Facebook was hoisted on its own e-petard. By leveraging new media to organize a stampede, users struck fear into the heart of sharp operators at a multi-billion dollar enterprise. Sharp operators, take heed.

THE JAMBAR ASKS What's on your mind?



"The fact that being a nontraditional student; it's sad that kids around me don't take anything seriously."

Lynda Moser, freshman



"Doing good in class."

Melanie Batchel, freshman



"Why am I an I.T. major?"

Patrick Peachcock, junior



"I wanna go to McDonald's."

Ryan Foht, freshman

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Restarting our economic heart

Doug Dierkes
COLUMNIST

America is suffering from a financial situation that cannot be described without the use of profanities or contractions. Our current economic model seems more based on selling the cheapest bits of crap at the highest price, and yet our policy advisors were surprised when a national economy fueled by chicanery collapsed on itself. We need new ideas to drive our country into the future, and what are we getting out of Washington? Here are my simple proposals for putting the jumper cables to the engine of our nation's gross domestic product.

-New American Diet

We here in America love to eat the same way most living beings love breathing. We have breakfast, brunch, lunch, mid-afternoon snack, dinner, pre-bedtime meals and assorted coffee breaks scattered throughout the day. If two of these meals were cut from the average family's diet, that could add up to hundreds of dollars per head that could be used to pay off the massive amount of debt of the average family.

-White Collar Vagrancy

One of the ways the country kept itself employed during the Great Depression was turning to the life of the wandering farmhand, helping out whenever there were crops to harvest or fields to plant. Maybe not in that order. Do we have a modern equivalent? Temp agencies seem to be the solution, though their labor pool remains relatively fixed. Maybe every two weeks the government decides to outsource the construction of congressional speeches and budget proposals to a specific state. That way, we can get all those lazy business professionals to travel lightly, expand their networking capabilities, and get them away from the phone banks so a fresh crop of college graduates can take their places.

-Mandatory House Flipping

In a similar sense to the public works projects that dominated the landscape of the economically downtrodden 1930s, I'm proposing a way to fix the problem of the mortgage crisis. Rather than just demolishing the houses that have been vacated or gutted due to foreclosure problems, we give them back to the original owners in exchange for a little manual labor. All debts can be paid for by the simple act of fixing the problems of your home that the average homeowner's been putting off for years. Who wouldn't be willing to replace the gutters and fix the leaky pipe in the basement if it meant they got to keep their home, no questions asked? Even better, we can give larger estates and mansions to groups of the unemployed and underemployed. They'll appreciate having clean drinking water and a comfortable bed more than Bernie Madoff ever would.

-Fifty Federal Resort Casinos

It might sound somewhere between petty and downright insane to suggest that all the problems of the economy can be solved with government-sponsored gambling parlors, but I want to be very clear. I never suggested that relying on our country's addiction to Craps and Texas Hold'em poker was the panacea for our national debt, although it would pull in enough funds to convert our energy grid to one reliant on renewable resources. If you're worried about the potential for organized crime to funnel away federal money for personal gain, keep in mind that every casino employee must be a trained IRS agent. No one would dare steal from a pit boss who doubles as the state's tax auditor.

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Pavlik claims homecoming victory



Pavlik sticks Rubio with a stiff left jab as Pavlik sets the tempo and dictated the entire fight from the opening bell to the tenth round TKO victory. Photos courtesy of Josh Stipanovich/The Jambar.

Keith Langford Jr.
SPORTS EDITOR

On Saturday, Kelly "The Ghost" Pavlik gave the city of Youngstown a night to remember as he sent Marco Antonio Rubio back to Texas with no championship belts.

The largest audience ever to attend a single event at the Chevrolet Centre watched Pavlik beat Rubio by technical knockout at the beginning of the tenth round when Rubio did not answer the bell for the round.

Rubio's corner threw in the towel as they felt their fighter had taken enough punishment and could no longer continue with the fight. Rubio showed determination through nine rounds as he got thoroughly got handled by Pavlik, but would not go down

by way of knockout.

"He seemed like he was trying to go for the big knockout ... but could not get any clean shots. He only hit me with, like, two clean shots the entire night," Pavlik said at the post-fight press conference.

During the fight, Pavlik connected on 146 of 695 total punches, compared to Rubio's 82 out of 351 total punches. Pavlik was clearly the more active boxer in the fight as he dictated tempo the entire night. Additionally, he kept Rubio against the ropes where he could easily attack with minimal counter attacks.

Rubio matched blows with Pavlik at a marginal clip toward the center of the ring, but could not keep pace with Pavlik's activity throughout. Rubio said he was sorry if he let down the fans of Youngstown with his performance.

"I did not box my best tonight and I want to apologize to all the people of Youngstown," Rubio said through his translator.

However, Rubio felt like Pavlik did not perform at his best, either and implied Pavlik was not at 100 percent. Pavlik got word of Rubio's claim and simply said, "I don't care, I got the belts and I won."

More than 7,200 people were witness to a dominating Pavlik performance. Throughout, Rubio could not do anything to prevent the onslaught of punches from Pavlik.

"When you have 7,200 people in a small-packed arena like the Chevy Centre, it's awesome," Pavlik said at his post-fight press conference.

Even though Pavlik looked bruised at the post-fight press conference, he did not feel like Rubio hurt him in any way. Ru-

bio's only round where he could have remotely won the round was in round number six. Rubio landed a couple of clean shots, which seemed to phase Pavlik minimally. Even so, Rubio was the more active fighter in the sixth round. Even Pavlik thought Rubio won the sixth round.

"If I was judging, I would have gave him the sixth round," Pavlik said.

All three judges felt differently as they gave the round to Pavlik, who won every single round by a 10 to nine score.

As for Pavlik's next fight, a unification fight with German boxer Arthur Abraham, who holds the International Boxing Federation middleweight title belt, is possible. Other potential opponents for Pavlik are John Duddy of Ireland, Felix Sturm of Germany and maybe the America's Winky Wright.

Pavlik talks to the media at the Chevy Centre after his middleweight title bout against Marco Antonio Rubio. Pavlik's victory improves his overall record to 35-1, 30 KO's. Pavlik's next opponent is up in the air and could be a number of middleweights including Germany's Felix Sturm and Arthur Abraham, Ireland's John Duddy, and possibly the United States' Winky Wright.

Hockey squad comes up short on senior day



Defenseman David Moore attempts a shot against opponent Washington and Jefferson this past Saturday at the Ice Zone in Boardman. Photo courtesy of Josh Stipanovich/The Jambar.

Josh Stipanovich
SPORTS REPORTER

The Penguins may not have needed the win, but to the seniors, a win would mean so much more.

Senior forward Bob Walla of Canfield and senior goalie Lucas Radomski of Aliquippa, Pa. played their last home game as a Penguin Sunday afternoon.

Both seniors were individually announced and greeted by friends and family before the Penguins' season finale against the Presidents of Washington & Jefferson College.

The first 10 minutes of the game were a defensive battle as both teams shot just five total shots on goal, but with 8:47 remaining, W&J struck the puck first, scoring on a power play for the only goal of the period.

Youngstown State University wound up in the penalty box early in the first period, and head coach Rocky Russo ex-

pressed how important it is to stay out of penalty trouble.

"If we're going to continue to parade into the penalty box and not do the little things, we're not going to win a hockey game," Russo said. He added that the seniors need to realize the significance of the game. "It's their last opportunity to dawn the white jersey at home."

Not much of a change took place to start off the second period. The Penguins found themselves right back in the penalty box, but fortunately goalie Matt Chudnofsky was able to come up big with saves on the power play.

The Penguins were able to get back into their old rhythm midway through the period as sophomore forward Michael Stokar took advantage of a 3-on-2 break scoring off of a blocked shot by forward Greg Eggleston to knot the game up at one.

From that point on, the Penguins dominated the rest of the period, out-diving for loose pucks, beating their man to

loose pucks and, most importantly, out-shooting W&J. Despite the aggressive play, YSU was unable to score, but Russo took note to their intense game play integrity.

"As long as Chud keeps making saves he needs to make, we're going to get our opportunities," Russo said. "We need to do the same thing for the next twenty [minutes], and I'm confident we can get a win," he added.

Despite coming out of the gates in the third with the same motivation, the Penguins were unable to score. The loss allowed W&J to move ahead of YSU for the No. 5 seed in the playoffs.

Even with the loss, the Penguins managed to clinch a spot of their own. YSU will be playing as the No. 6 seed next weekend in the conference tournament, which will be held next weekend at the Ice Castle in Pittsburgh. The Penguins will be taking on Indiana University of Pennsylvania Friday night at 6 p.m.

Men's basketball team defeats non-conference opponent St. Peter's (NJ)

With the downtown Youngstown playing host to a championship title fight later in the evening the Youngstown State men's basketball team and Saint Peter's (N.J.) proved to be a good undercard as the Penguins were finally able to land the knock-out blow in a 68-64 win at the Beeghly Center on Saturday afternoon.

YSU (11-16) led the final 16 minutes of the game, but it was hard to shake the pesky Peacocks (9-18). Prior to that, the game featured seven lead changes and five ties.

The go-ahead-for-good basket was a layup by Kelvin Bright that made the contest 40-38 in fa-

vor of the Guins.

During the final 16 minutes, the Penguins led by as many as eight points, 56-48 at the 6:34 mark, and by as few as one, 47-46 and 49-48, but never relinquished the lead.

Saint Peter's was able to get within four on six different occasions in the final four minutes, but the Guins hung on by making some free throws, scoring at the right time and playing good defense.

Vytas Sulskis scored a team-high 18 points while DeAndre Mays and Tom Parks each poured in 13. Sirlester Martin led the way with 12 rebounds as the Penguins won the battle of the

boards 41-29.

The Peacocks had three players reach double figures led by Wesley Jenkins' 19.

It was the 11th game this season that the Guins have played that was decided by four points or less. YSU improves to 6-5 in those games.

Later tonight Youngstown native Kelly "The Ghost" Pavlik will defend his WBO/WBC Middleweight Boxing title against Marco Antonio Rubio in bout about five minutes from campus.

For the game, YSU shot just 37.9 percent making 22-of-58 from the field. From the line, the Guins were 18-of-26 for 69.2 percent. Saint Peter's was 21-of-

50 (42 percent) from the field, but shot just 65.2 percent (15-of-23) from the line.

The first half featured just two ties and three lead changes, but neither team was able to wrestle control of the game from the other. The Penguins were able to build a 32-30 lead and did not trail for the final 6:58 of the stanza.

Saint Peter's led by seven 4:15 into the contest before Mays scored five straight points to trim the deficit to 13-11 just over two minutes later.

YSU tied the contest at 18 on a tip-in by Mays at the 7:54 mark. Saint Peter's regained the lead momentarily on a dunk by Ryan Bacon at 20-18.

Following the slam, the Penguins scored seven straight points to go ahead 25-20 when Zack Rebillot perfectly executed a back-door pass to Sulskis who stuffed it home for a deuce.

YSU led by five at one other time in the first half, 28-23, when Tom Parks drilled a wide open 3-pointer from the corner.

Jenkins closed the half with consecutive 3-pointers for the Peacocks to keep the contest tight at the break.

Sulskis and Mays combined for 21 of the Guins' 32 first-half tallies. Sulskis had 11 while Mays added 10. For the Peacocks, Jenkins had 15 while Bacon contributed 10 as the duo scored 25 of

their team's 30 points.

YSU returns to Horizon League action on Thursday night when it visits Butler.

Tipoff at Hinkle Fieldhouse is set for 7 p.m.

A win by the Penguins over the Bulldogs would secure a first-round home game at the Beeghly Center on March 2.

Butler leads Green Bay in the race for the conference championship by one game with two remaining.

Courtesy of YSU Sport Information