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Bullets in parking deck raise safety questions

Joe Giesy
NEWS EDITOR

The Youngstown State University Police Department responded to a report of four .22-caliber bullets found in the M-1 parking deck on Monday.

The report stated the bullets were live, or not fired, and they were brought back to the police property room. However, the stray bullets raise questions of campus safety and if students are at risk from those who bring weapons to YSU.

YSU officials market YSU as one of the safest campuses in Ohio, which on paper is true.

StateUniversity.com rated YSU the fifth safest Ohio university in 2010. YSU reported no violent crimes for this time period and had the lowest reported incidence of violent crimes in 2009, according to FBI uniform crime rates.

"That doesn't mean anyone should be less aware of their surroundings," YSUPD Sgt. Shawn Varso said. YSUPD Chief John Gocala stresses the same point during every YSU orientation.

According to the Right to Know report put out by YSUPD every year, there were no homicides or aggravated assaults reported to the YSUPD from 2007 to 2009, five rapes reported — three to YSUPD and two to the university's counseling services — in 2009 and no robberies were reported on campus since 2007.

YSUPD takes several steps to reduce crime and the chance for crime on campus such as releasing the Right to Know report and enacting policies to keep weapons off campus.

The YSU Board of Trustees approved a new policy this month that prohibits all students, faculty, staff, visitors, vendors and

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Sue Miller, senior academic adviser for Health and Human Services, asks YSU President Cynthia Anderson, right, how YSU will establish student success centers at Wednesday's faculty and staff Q-and-A session. Another Q-and-A session for students was held on Tuesday. Photo by Joe Giesy/The Jambar.

Anderson answers questions, addresses concerns

Caitlin Fitch & Joe Giesy
THE JAMBAR

More than 40 students gathered in Kilcawley Center's Chestnut Room for an opportunity to speak directly to Youngstown State University President Cynthia Anderson.

Anderson held two question-and-answer sessions to open a forum in which she could directly address campus concerns of students and faculty. The president's Cabinet — Jack Fahey, Holly Jacobs, Mike Hackstedde, Gene Grilli, Kevin Reynolds, Neal McNally, Yulanda McCarty-Harris and Ron Cole — were also present.

"We are a campus that is large enough to offer you the opportunities that a mega wide campus does, but small enough to hear your concerns and try and fix them, and while we can't always have done what you want in a timely fashion we still try," Anderson said on Tuesday during the student portion of the Q-and-A.

The most frequently asked questions concerned campus safety and the Feb. 6 off-campus shooting.

"I still feel safe on this campus, and we are here to ensure your safety and success at YSU," Anderson said.

Trey Magnus, a sophomore present at the meeting, asked questions about academic advising and said the Q-and-A was somewhat beneficial.

"I feel at some times, they dance around the real issues at heart, and academics and safety should be focal point in any forum," he said.

Deandra Edgerson, a sophomore, said she didn't get a chance to say everything she wanted to say but thinks that students and faculty need to come to a middle ground.

"I think that President Anderson did her best not to offend anyone. That's the problem when you're the go-to person; you have to be really edited," she said. "But I think she is trying to offer solutions and come to a compromise the best she can."

Anderson thanked those in attendance for their empathy and professionalism in that tragic time and encouraged the students to feel safe in the aftermath of the off-campus shooting.

Anderson met with faculty and staff separate from students on Wednesday. During the meeting, she brought up Senate Bill 5, early retirement and campus safety issues

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Fraternity members look to improve state of Phi Kappa Tau

Andrea DeMart
NEWS EDITOR

Since the abrupt departure of the former president in fall 2009, things have gone downhill for the Phi Kappa Tau fraternity at Youngstown State University.

In January, the problems continued. Phi Kappa Tau lost the off-campus house that members were living in.

D.J. O'Hara, president of Phi Kappa Tau, said the fraternity rented the house from a private owner. Members could not continue to make the payments because there was not a steady core of brothers interested in living in the house.

"The fraternity doesn't necessarily have to have a house," he said. "Nationally, our fraternities, some schools allow it and some don't. There have been successful fraternities without a house."

O'Hara said a fraternity house is important for recruiting reasons but given the condition of the fraternity, it is not essential.

"We're at a rough point," he said. "We just need to build up from what happened and move on."

The fraternity is now undergoing a



The Phi Kappa Tau fraternity lost its off-campus housing, pictured above, in January when members could not continue to pay the rent, thanks to a lack of brothers interested in living in the house. The fraternity is now attempting to restructure and move forward. Photo by Nick Young/The Jambar.

"restructuring" phase.

"We've got rid of what our problem was, and we've moved on since," O'Hara said. "We're doing things that

we need to do, but our [board of governors] is starting to come into play."

Tony Spano, Phi Kappa Tau faculty adviser and BOG chair, said the pre-

vious president did not meet requirements to continue in the position. Requirements include at least a 2.5 GPA and full-time enrollment.

"You have to have qualifications to be in a student organization," Spano said. "The president didn't meet all of the requirements at the time, and we were following the guidelines that Youngstown State provides."

O'Hara said the fraternity hasn't had much presence from the BOG, which oversees the operations of the fraternity. The board consists of fraternity alumni and volunteers.

Phi Kappa Tau met with alumni on Sunday to set standards for the fraternity and to establish a BOG.

"Our alumni is gearing up to do a lot," Spano said. "We do a lot of alumni functions with our local chapters, and it's a great networking tool for the local chapter itself."

O'Hara wants the BOG to help the fraternity internally and show members the right way to operate.

"We know how to do the right things but my personal goal is we have different things in our fraternity where we have say, Order of the Star, or different rewards," he said. "Our fraternity hasn't had one of those rewards in ... it's been a while. My goal is to

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Overbidding halts Pollock House renovations

Kacy Standohar
REPORTER

Upon entering Pollock House on Wick Avenue, there are wood chips on the floor, boxes full of artifacts, leaks in the ceiling and preserved furnishings from the mansion's original decor.

The initial renovation completion date was summer 2011. As of now, the home stands untouched.

Construction on the future home of Youngstown State University President Cynthia Anderson will be scaled back after bids for the project came in over budget.

The lowest bid was \$2.6 million from Tri-C Construction, while the base bid from Ronald Cornell Faniro Architects Inc. originally settled at \$2.18 million, according to Procurement Services: Pollock Estate Redevelopment Project. The total project cost started at \$4.47 million. About \$3 million remains.

"The bids that are more than 10 percent over cannot be accepted," said Rich White, associate director of Planning and Construction. "No grant money was given [for the renovation], just philanthropic donations."

All bids were rejected, and the project will be rebid at a later date. White said he would be meeting with the architect on March 18 to "discuss and re-evaluate what can be done so that everything fits within that slot."

"Our plans are to have bids in June, with construction to start in July," White said.

After the bids come in, White and others from University Facilities held a meeting and expressed the importance of starting now. The next step for the renovation process is to work within the money given.

"We will start revisiting what we have already done while finding ways to reduce cost," he said.

White explained that he, the architect and board members originally planned to restore the mansion historically but soon realized they did not have the funds to do so.

"We still plan on restoring as much of the original house as possible," he said. "We will save money by using double pane windows. It is sort of a replacement type window that is meant to look the same but will also keep warm air in during the colder months."

White said the roof needs some work done that must be finished before winter.

"The roof is a slate roof, which is very expensive," he said. "It will not be able to be a real slate roof. However, the type we are using will look the same and works as well."

White's plans for the first level of the home will be similar to original designs.

"The first level has a parlor room that will be used for presidential gatherings set up with round tables and chairs," he said. "The first floor will also be where Dr. Anderson's home office is."

The second level of the home will be a living area with four bedrooms and a master suite, which includes an attached bathroom and walk-in closet.

"The bathroom fixtures will be redone, along with the wall-paper," White said. "There are plans to make the elevator accessible again and provide a connected three-car garage."

Speaking on behalf of Anderson, Director of University Communications Ron Cole said, "Adaptive reuse is the new plan because it will be more practical and up to date. It is important that the project is done correctly and on budget. Those are the two main factors."



Pollock House needs serious repairs before YSU President Cynthia Anderson can move in. As pictured above, the interior needs repairs to the walls and ceilings, and the exterior needs cosmetic work. Due to overbidding, however, no work at all is being done. Photos by Kacy Standohar and Doug Livingston/The Jambar.

Officials skeptical about new WATTS completion date

Andrea DeMart
NEWS EDITOR

The Youngstown State University community will now have to wait until summer to take advantage of the Watson and Tressel Training Site.

The completion date is set for June 2, but even that may be a generous estimate.

"I think it's going to be later," said Executive Director of Facilities John Hyden. "It will probably be more towards the end of June."

The original completion date was December. That date was moved to February due to rough winter weather and supplies shipped late.

Ron Strollo, executive director of athletics, said he doesn't feel a June 2 completion date is reasonable.

"Obviously with a smile, no," he said. "Obviously it's changed enough now that you know it may change again, but I don't think the time frame will be significant, and it hasn't and it will not affect our kids."

Strollo said it was clear last

year that the WATTS would not be finished on schedule.

"I know that the steel was late coming in. I think that's what created the first delay ... I think it's one of the worst winters ... so weather plays a major factor when you're building a building that size," he said. "I think those are the two things that impacted the building the most."

Hyden said adding under-floor heating after the project was contracted slowed construction plans.

"Had we not done that, we probably would have gotten it in before the weather got bad," he said.

Another issue was the asphalt.

"The asphalt companies obviously close down in the winter so to push and try to get the asphalt down so you can put the track on would cost a lot of money to force that issue right now. We're not interested in raising the cost of this building right now," Strollo said.

Hyden said there is a 30-day wait period after paving before the track can be placed on top.

"Originally, it was all going to be done before the weather

got bad, and it wouldn't have been a problem," he said. "Now we're at the mercy of Mother Nature for several months."

Strollo said since the delays were known, YSU was able to reschedule the only event that was scheduled to take place at the WATTS.

So far, YSU has not incurred additional costs due to delays.

Equipment for the WATTS must still be purchased.

"They're just in the process now of getting prices and really talking to other places, similar facilities, of what equipment or timing systems that they liked," Strollo said.

He said equipment would be purchased specifically for the WATTS. Equipment includes standard track, soccer and football equipment along with batting cages.

Strollo said the new date is more flexible since the WATTS was not intended for much use during summer months.

"The size of the building alone is such that you can't really air condition it," he said. "It's still going to be better than being outside. I

think they're guessing 10-15 degrees cooler and obviously you're going to be out of the sun, but there won't be a lot of use. Like campus, most [athletes] are home during the summer."

Hyden said the only use for the WATTS during the summer would be in the case of inclement outdoor weather conditions.

Strollo said the coming year will bring more events scheduled inside the facility.

"We'll have regular season track meets, we'll have high school track meets, youth soccer, different camps going on," he said. "We plan on having it going from six in the morning until midnight."

Athletics is starting to meet with outside groups interested in renting the facility.

"We'll start scheduling team practices and things like that and some exterior or outside groups that plan on using it," Strollo said. "Obviously [we'll] schedule athletic events ... there will be some campus [recreation] and intramurals that are scheduled. Then once those are scheduled, we'll go out to outside groups when that facility's

available and rent it out."

Hyden said the WATTS is about 70 percent complete.

"We've got to put the, there's a base, an asphalt base that goes in for the track, so that has to be placed," he said. "Then the asphalt track goes in, the football field goes in ... in the locker rooms and rest-rooms, all the fixtures have to be hung ... the painting in there has to be done ... they also have to finish the siding on the outside ... and then all of the netting. There will be a lot of netting so that you can conduct different activities at the same time."

Naming rights have been acquired for the field, the Candy and Eddie DeBartolo Family Field, and the track and lobby, the Cafaro Family Lobby and Track.

Both families have made significant donations to the facility. Naming rights for other items in the facility are still ongoing and will be announced as soon as they are secured.

"[The WATTS] is going to be a great asset to this institution and the community,"

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students asked about the day prior. Faculty and staff asked about parking and the M-2 deck, budget cuts and the state of the YSU 2020 plan.

"With the new chancellor, will this all be undone?" asked Chet Cooper, a professor in the biology department, after the Wednesday Q-and-A session.

He said he asked Anderson a similar question about how the change in office in Columbus will affect the strategic plan in Youngstown.

Cooper said there is an air of uncertainty among faculty members who are making future plans based on the strategic plan. He said everyone came to the Q-and-A looking for assurance from the administration.

Faculty and staff also brought up concerns about delays in construction of the Watson and Tressel Training Site (an update can be found in this edition of The Jambar), a lack of administrative recognition of the YSU environmental sustainability committee that has been on campus for two years and student success centers.

Health and Human Services senior academic adviser Sue Miller said she came to the Q-and-A to ask Anderson about the Student Success portion of the strategic plan. She thought there might be new ideas or new innovations on the horizon.

Miller said she asked Anderson how YSU would establish student success centers but wished she had asked how YSU would do that with budget cuts.

Vernon Haynes, chairman of the psychology department, said everyone is waiting to hear about the new state bud-

get that will come out in mid-March.

Students also had concerns about the possibility of budget cuts that YSU could face in the next year, and Anderson said she's interested in making everyone a part of important decisions.

"In terms of the campus expanding, we need to take a serious look at what really needs to be done at this time, budget cuts are coming, and we are planning for this," Anderson said.

Representatives from the Student Government Association were also present and answered questions pertaining to things they were working on.

"Dr. Anderson's forum went well. A lot of students were hooked up with either answers or people that can help them find answers. However, there were certainly unasked questions and, as one student pointed out, we had only just gotten to academic topics. I hope for a future Q-and-A session," said Gary Davenport, vice president of University Affairs.

Davenport said he encourages people to come to SGA meetings and be a part of the change they want to see happen. He said that because students got to meet Cabinet members, future relationships will be built and problems will be solved.

"The students got faces, names and information. I think the faces were most important. Dr. Anderson's Cabinet and members of the Student Government Association were there in the audience and interacted with those who had questions. That builds relationships that can solve many problems over time, not just one," he said.

35 tons of dead fish scooped from Redondo Beach harbor so far

Tony Barboza
L.A. TIMES

REDONDO BEACH, Calif. The effort to rid Redondo Beach's King Harbor of millions of dead fish before they start to decay had the look of a lab experiment Wednesday.

Boats trawled slowly through the marina, dragging nets behind them to capture fish from a thick layer of carcasses deposited on the harbor bottom.

Volunteers wearing rubber gloves went from slip to slip scooping floating clusters of sardines with fishing nets and plucking individual, hot-dog sized fish from the water.

Firefighters aimed a hose at the harbor bottom to try to agitate the fish for a diver to capture. And a sewer vacuum truck was converted to suck fish from the water with a long plastic hose that had the look of an elephant's trunk.

Officials in Redondo Beach, about seven miles south of Los Angeles International Airport, said it will take several days and cost at least \$100,000 to clean up King Harbor after the sudden fish

die-off that began Monday evening.

By the end of the day Tuesday, public works crews had removed 35 tons of fish, mostly by skimming the ocean surface. They expect at least that amount have collected on the bottom of the inner harbor in a 2-foot-thick layer.

About 200 city workers and 75 volunteers are working to get as many fish as they can out of the harbor and into plastic-lined dumpsters before the animals start to decay and cause further problems.

As the fish start to decompose, oxygen-eating bacteria could cause levels to dip a second time and kill anything else living in the harbor. The decay also could boost nutrients in the harbor, leading to an algae bloom that could also deplete oxygen to critically low levels.

"The smell is going to be horrific," said Redondo Beach Police Sgt. Phil Keenan.

"The quicker we remove the decaying fish the better opportunity we have for recovery," said Bill Workman, Redondo Beach's city manager. "Time is of the essence; we have to move quickly."

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NEWS BRIEFS

YSU students inducted into honor society

The YSU chapter of the Golden Key International Honour Society recently inducted 90 new members at a ceremony in Kilcawley Center. Four honorary members were also recognized. Based on outstanding academic achievement, Golden Key is the premier international collegiate honor society. During the ceremony, the YSU chapter awarded \$600 in scholarships to members, and Joy Polkabra-Byers, assistant director of Programs and Special Events for the YSU Department of Campus Recreation and Student Programming, gave the keynote address.

Ghetto Fighters director to speak at museum

The general director of the Ghetto Fighters' House Museum, Rami Hochman, will speak at noon on March 24 at the Youngstown Historical Center of Industry and Labor, which is located on West Wood Street. On this stop in Youngstown during his month-long lecture series tour throughout the U.S., Hochman will speak about Holocaust commemoration and museum studies topics. Sponsored by the YSU Center for Judaic and Holocaust Studies, the lecture is free and open to the public.

POLICE BRIEFS

Student reports faulty elevator after injury

A student tripped on the threshold of an elevator car in the basement of Cushwa Hall on Monday. She told a university police officer that the car did not stop level with the floor. When she attempted to enter the elevator, she tripped and fell on her right arm. She said she was in extreme pain and could not move her arm. The student was helped up and escorted to class by another student. An ambulance arrived on scene and transported the student to Northside Medical Center. The elevator was put out of service.

Woman falls on ice near Cushwa

A woman fell on a small patch of ice near Cushwa Hall on Monday. Although the woman was conscious and responsive to a YSU Police officer's questions, she complained of pain in her right leg. An ambulance transported her to St. Elizabeth Health Center, and a grounds crew treated the icy area.

Student finds bullets in parking deck

A student found four live .22-caliber bullets on the floor of the M-1 parking deck on Monday. An officer brought the bullets to the police station for safekeeping.

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get where my fraternity needs to be a competitor nationally through our fraternity."

Spano said the BOG members would provide support, guidance and experience to members.

"We're talking alumni that are looking 10, 15 years out that help with these guys and that are advisers in a variety of areas from financials to recruitment and to just ordinary education," he said.

There are eight members in the fraternity. O'Hara said there are usually more participants but due to financial situations, people do not like to spend their money on dues.

"The Valley in general is going through hard times. It's hard," he said. "It's not like when it was booming in the '70s and '80s here when there was fraternities and sororities everywhere."

There is also a lack of qualified rush candidates.

"We had a huge rush class in the fall semester and probably one of the biggest ones since my rush class in 2009," O'Hara said. "To join our fraternity, we have requirements. To initiate, [the GPA requirement] is 2.5."

Spano attributes the small membership to a large turnover.

"Everything has a turnover," he said. "There was a big graduating class so it's if you can make that up over a semester or two, so it just depends on how the class comes about."

He said that rush candidates must also exhibit a knowledge of basic fraternity history.

Phi Kappa Tau has not been as active on campus as they have in recent years.

"It happens. It just happens," Spano said. "It just shows that no organization is perfect."

O'Hara said the fraternity is looking to get involved on campus again, as it once had.

He said he would like to visit Paul Newman's Hole in the Wall Gang Camp, the fraternity's national philanthropy, which is a camp for terminally ill children.

O'Hara would also like to bring back a fraternity tradition.

"We would use to run from [YSU] to Kent State [University] because YSU used to play Kent State in football many years ago, and we would run from here to Kent State and raise money," he said.

Spano said the main thing is to get the Phi Kappa Tau fraternity name out there again.

"We are a community service and a great value organization, and we want to show for that and we want to show that we are that organization like any other Greek system on campus," he said. "We're a united front ... we do a lot of community service, we do a lot of fundraising for organizations that are for kids."

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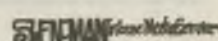
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Letter to the Editor

An open letter to my YSU colleagues: What neutrality?

An article published in the 3 March 2011 issue of The Jambar on the Academic Senate's adoption of a resolution opposing Senate Bill 5, Ikram Khawaja, provost and vice president for Academic Affairs, speaking "on behalf of himself and President Cynthia Anderson," said "the administration should "remain neutral" on the bill.

I found myself morally repulsed by this appeal to, this fiction of, neutrality. How can the president and provost of the university be neutral when our academic freedom is under attack, when tenure and the very nature of the academic profession are placed on a butcher's block, when faculties are disenfranchised? I say morally repulsed because at stake are our rights and duties to produce, promote and disseminate knowledge, to participate as equal members of the university, and to do so as we successfully have over nearly four decades. How can such neutrality exist, as the provost declared, to "maintain a productive and respectful working environment"? What kind of respect is this?

To compound my repugnance, today's issue of the Chronicle of Higher Education reports the process by which specific language was introduced into SB 5, reclassifying faculty as management-level employees, i.e., as administrators, and thereby denying us collective bargaining rights.

In an interview with the Chronicle, Bruce Johnson, president and CEO of the Inter-University Council of Ohio, "confirmed in an interview on Tuesday that he had suggested the measure to members of the state Senate" viewing it as a "rational step in terms of moderating our expenses on campus."

Further, "Mr. Johnson ... said the university presidents who led his association did not specifically direct him to propose the reclassification measure. But, he said, they had expressed a desire 'to have more flexibility as it relates to the management of state institutions' and, accordingly, had authorized him to advocate for an earlier version of the bill, which contained a flat-out prohibition against collective bargaining by public employees. He said he interpreted such actions as amounting to authorization to propose the reclassification of most full-time members of public-college faculties."

The IUC consists of the presidents of all 13 state universities of Ohio, including Cynthia Anderson, president of YSU. Each and every one of them conspired to deny bargaining rights to all higher education faculty members of Ohio's public universities.

Recall that on her first day in office, President Cynthia Anderson promised a "new day." We were to embark upon a new and exciting adventure. Given the workings of the previous administration, I assumed it would be a day of transparency and collaboration, a day of mutual trust. But this day is looking a lot like yesterday.

I want to know, we need to know, where our university leadership stands with regard to the proposed language of SB 5. We need to know what role our leadership played — the president and her Cabinet, the provost, the board of trustees and its chair. Did they accept the proposed language? Did they promote it? Or did they object? Did they express any reservation? Or did they sit silently as language was discussed and then authorized?

Under present conditions neutrality is not an option. It is a dangerous fiction. Demand that they tell us the truth!

Gabriel Palmer-Fernandez,
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YSU SPEAK

YSU Speak is a collaborative project by students in the 2011 Editorial and Opinion Writing class. We recognize the need for discussion about the current and future state of YSU. This section serves as a medium to share our views, and we invite you to do the same. Entries are written by individuals and are reviewed by the Jambar Editorial Board.

Abortion: Whose decision should it be?

Christine Darin
CONTRIBUTOR

The decision to have an abortion should be left to the parents.

Many factors come into play when someone is forced with the choice to end the life of an unborn child. The woman could have been raped or molested. The father may not be in the picture. Maybe the couple used contraceptives ineffectively because they were young and didn't really know the proper way to use them.

MTV aired a controversial special called "No Easy Decision" in December that starred a teenage girl who made the decision to have an abortion. Markai Durham, 17, found out she was pregnant with her second child after filming the season finale for "16 and Pregnant."

Durham was shocked to find out about the pregnancy because she thought she was on birth control. But the doctor who administers her Depo-Provera shot failed to explain how the contraceptive works. No one told Durham the importance of getting the shot as scheduled, or that if she missed the appointment to use another form of birth control like condoms.

Durham and her boyfriend decided to abort the fetus after weighing the options and deciding what would be best for the future of their family. They are a teenage couple with an 8-month-old baby and a limited income. Both had grown up in a poor family.

A Guttmacher Institute report from 2008 states that 69 percent of women who have abortions are economically disadvantaged and 61 percent have one or more children.

The problem starts with the sex education classes given in schools today. If teenagers are old enough to have sex, they should know pregnancy prevention methods and the effective way to use them.

One effective method that worked at my high school was giving teenagers a computerized baby to care for over the weekend. The baby needs fed, rocked and diaper changed, which is all recorded in the computer for a grade. After one night with the computerized baby, my decision was made about children. I'm still adamant about using birth control methods. I never forgot the one horrible night I sat crying with a computerized baby screaming in my arms.

Some schools still teach students the abstinence before marriage method. Some people may live in a fairytale, but the rest of us live in the real world: Teenagers have sex. In a society where the divorce rate is nearing 50 percent, should we preach an antiquated method for pregnancy prevention?

The answer is no. Parents and educational institutions are responsible for teaching legitimate pregnancy prevention methods. Teenagers need to know the options they have if there is an unwanted pregnancy, and yes, abortion is one. They should have a clear understanding of the impact an abortion would have on their lives.

Many pro-choice advocates claim a fetus isn't a baby yet. They say a fetus is just a mass of cells. A pro-life activist would disagree and go as far to say that abortion equals murder. But the truth is no one really knows. No scientific experiment exists that can answer the highly debated issue of abortion.

The decision to have an abortion can be affected by a person's religion. Many pro-lifers use God and religion to defend their cause. But doesn't the Bible say that God will be the one who judges a person in the end?

Society has no right to judge a person for the choices, or mistakes, they make. We are Americans. Our Constitution promises us freedom and individual rights. If abortion is murder, then the person making the decision to have one will someday face the consequences.





IMAGE COURTESY OF BOBBI LYNN KUKURA

Patrick Donovan
REPORTER

Some Youngstown State University students spent Friday night and the early hours of Saturday morning at an all-night electronic dance party at the B&O Station Banquet Hall.

The 18+ event, Movement, focused primarily on electronic high-energy dance music by local DJs like Boys Throw Rocks at Girls and artists like Lethal FX. Other DJs from Youngstown's Grimey Grooves Records and the Youngstown Dance Crew were present.

A full bar was available for those 21+ with a valid ID. The organizers of the event also set up a "Techno Transport Service" that began at 1 a.m. and encouraged people to "dance off your buzz, don't drive it

off." The transportation services provided by Alpha Security included drop off and pickup anywhere in the downtown area or YSU dorms with a fee of \$1 per person.

Alpha Security staff and party organizers emphasized being safe while having fun.

"There is no reason to have to leave the bar at 2 a.m. drunk. We stop serving drinks at 2 a.m., but the party won't stop until 5 a.m. We have food, we have music. Dance off your buzz," said Bobbi Lynn Kukura, a YSU student and We the People Productions promoter. This company organizes these functions.

YSU graduate student Bill D'Amico said the DJs were talented.

"It was a good showing," he said. "It had a bigger city scene and feel to it. There really is a lot to do in this area if you simply open your eyes up to the things that are offered around you."

This is the message that the founders of the Movement show series are trying to convey to Youngstown residents.

"The message to Youngstown is get out and move. We are trying to bring Youngstown to life and create a nightlife here in this city," Kukura said.

DJ Jaye Patrick said Movement was created to build up the electronic music, art and performance scene in the area.

Patrick, along with DJ Brian Gilmore, and DJ Zayea, form the collective known as Boys Throw Rocks At Girls and have been involved with Movement since it began.

"Our performance group ... wholeheartedly supports the positivity of Movement and are doing all we can to keep these events going. Our hope is that they become regular, draw bigger crowds and bigger names to Youngstown," Patrick said.

YSU student Logan

Peachock said Youngstown really has a lot to offer.

"This is about everyone coming together to create something and express something much bigger than just a party," Peachock said.

Peachock attended the event for the first time and was impressed with the variety of acts and the amount of people who showed up.

"There were drums, flutes and dancers, really something for everyone. I don't think I saw one person who wasn't moving and smiling. I think that really reflects what people here are all about," Peachock said.

YSU students who may have missed out on Movement this time around don't have to worry; there will be many more Movement parties to come in the near future.

"Movement will not stop. We are here and not going anywhere. This summer, we are planning a few festivals

that will be all-day events and bringing in national acts, but to keep us warm now, we will continue heating up the winter nights," said Fred D'Amico, head of We the People Records.

To those involved, Movement represents freedom from the everyday grind, with people coming together to express themselves through music and dance.

"It is all about having an experience that brings people of all backgrounds together to release the stress of life through music and dance," Patrick said. "We are seeking a change from so much negativity and hate that we see around us, to a spirit of joy and togetherness that can be brought about through the power of music. It's more than just a dance party. It is performance art on a new level."

St. Patrick's Day events



March 17 is one day of the year when people can celebrate their Irish roots. If they're not Irish, they can at least pretend. Green clothing, beer and "Kiss me, I'm Irish" shirts are common on St. Patrick's Day, and bars typically open early with their best food and beverage specials for the event.



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contractors from carrying weapons on campus.

But the ban on guns is only as strong as the people who are willing to report the people carrying guns.

Varso said if anyone is carrying a weapon on campus and nobody knows, there's nothing that can be done.

The policy states "Youngstown State University prohibits carrying, displaying or usage of any firearm and/or other weapon by all persons while on university property."

Ohio concealed carry laws do not extend to college campuses so it is against the law and campus policy for anyone to bring a gun on to campus, except for certain exceptions such as police officers. Any violators are subject to university and state penalties.

Varso said there have been two incidents of people charged criminally for carrying a gun on campus.

In March 2009, YSUPD charged a student with carrying a concealed weapon after police received a call about him showing off the gun in the University Courtyard Apartments.

In November 2009, police found a student with a loaded handgun in his book bag outside Moser Hall while searching for suspects in an attempted assault.

The police apprehended one man who attempted to assault and rob another man in the Rayen Avenue Subway parking lot because he was trying to make some money and the victim seemed to be an easy target.

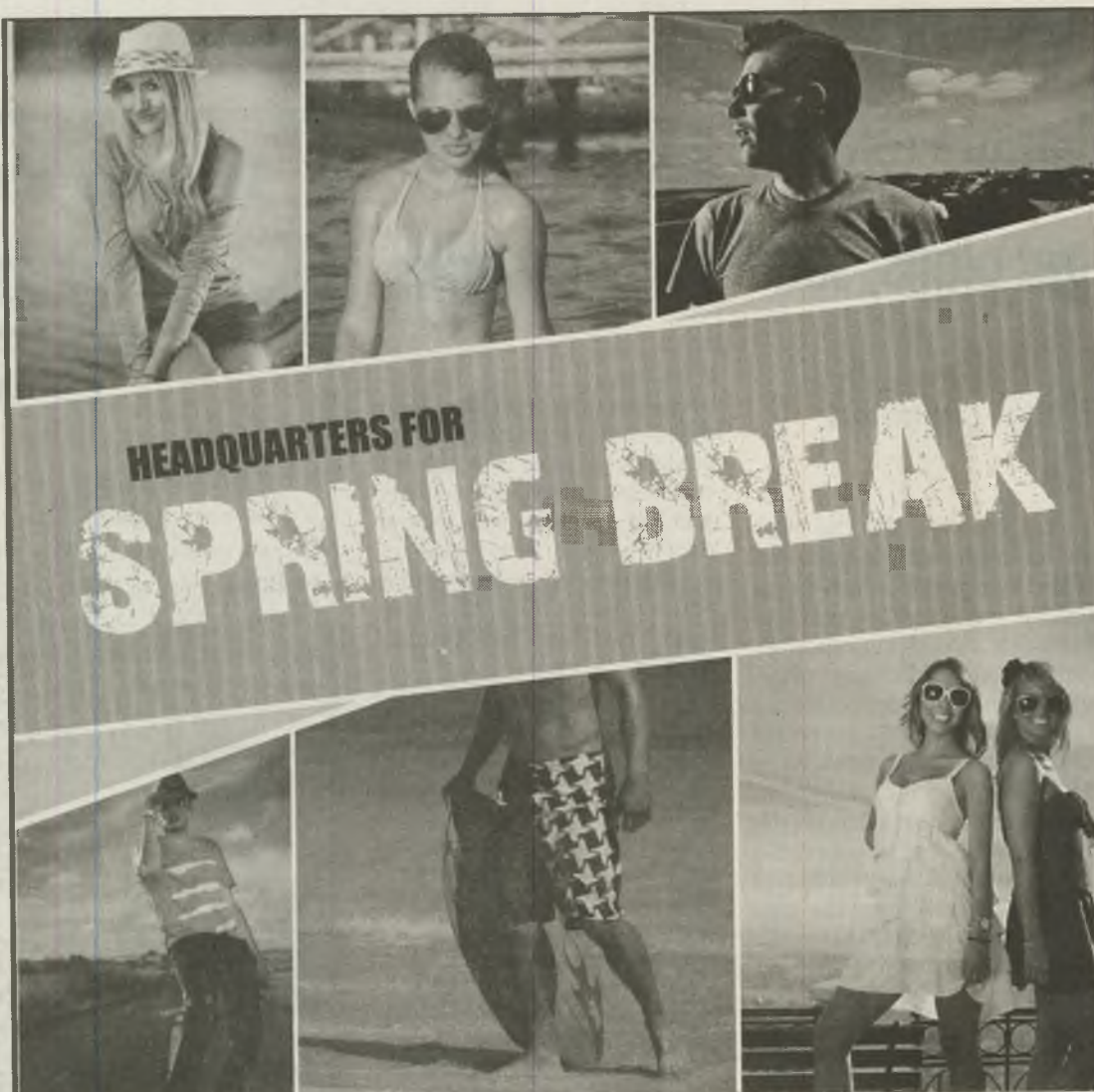
The student with the handgun was not related to the incident at Subway.

Varso said the university policy only extends to people carrying a weapon on their person and concealed carry laws allow a licensed person to keep a gun in his/her locked trunk.

The YSU Right to Know report shows one weapon possession violation arrest in 2009 and five weapons possession violations student conduct referrals from 2007 to 2009. The report does not specify what weapon type.

In September 2008, police filed a report about a student who was robbed walking back to her car on Phelps Street. The victim reported that the man appeared to have a gun in his pocket.

In March 2006, a security officer at Maag Library witnessed a lab assistant chasing a man out of the library after the man punched him in the face. The report stated a 6-inch knife, witnesses saw on the suspect, was recovered from a nearby trashcan.



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Senate rejects 2 partisan budget plans, setting up new talks

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WASHINGTON The Senate on Wednesday soundly rejected two partisan bids to cut federal spending this year, defeats that should clear the way for serious bipartisan negotiations over a budget compromise before the government runs out of money at the end of next week.

Both proposals needed 60 votes to pass, and neither came close. Republicans wanted to cut \$61 billion from the current year's spending, while Democrats wanted a test of how their \$6.5 billion counteroffer would fare.

The Republican plan lost 56-44, with all 44 votes for it from Republicans. Opposing it were 51 Democrats, two independents and three Republicans. The GOP senators who voted no were conservatives Jim DeMint of South Carolina, Mike Lee of Utah and Rand Paul of Kentucky. They wanted even deeper cuts.

The Democratic proposal got fewer votes, losing 58-42. The 42 yes votes were from 41 Democrats and one independent, but 10 Democrats — including some moderates upset about how small the cuts would be and some liberals who thought they were too deep — joined 47 Republicans and one independent to oppose the plan.

Few were pleased with the choices.

"Both bills are dead, and they deserve to be dead," said Sen. Ben Nelson, D-Neb., who voted against both proposals. "One bill cuts too little. The other bill has too much hate. Neither one is serious."

Budget deliberations now are expected to follow several paths.

One is a resumption of talks led by Vice President Joe Biden, who's out of the country but returning Friday.

At the same time, Republicans in the House of Representatives are preparing another short-term budget bill that reportedly would cut about \$2 billion per week from spending while keeping the government running until mid-April.

All the cuts, as well as those rejected Wednesday, would come from only a small piece of the budget, non-defense domestic discretionary programs, which make up only 12 percent of federal spending.

Many lawmakers would

prefer a longer-term agreement that would target the big-budget programs that drive up federal debt, including Medicare and the military, even though they're popular with voters.

"It's time we come together and we solve these big problems," said Sen. Tom Coburn, R-Okla. "It means some senators are going to lose their seats if they do the best, right thing for America."

Coburn is one of six senators, three from each party, who've been meeting privately for weeks to draft a long-term budget overhaul. He wouldn't discuss details of their deliberations Wednesday.

Another negotiator, Senate Budget Committee Chairman Kent Conrad, D-N.D., was up-beat after Wednesday's votes.

"We need recognition that we need a comprehensive, 10-year plan, and in talking to my colleagues, there's growing momentum in that direction," he said.

Any such pact would face its toughest path in the Republican-led House. On Feb. 19 it approved the \$61 billion in domestic cuts for the seven remaining months of this fiscal year. They include paring such programs as job training and employment grants, health centers, high-speed rail, border security, diplomatic programs and the Corporation for Public Broadcasting.

In a statement of official policy Wednesday about that House bill, the White House said such cuts were unacceptable.

"If the president is presented with a bill that undermines critical priorities or national security through funding levels or restrictions, contains earmarks or curtails the drivers of long-term economic growth and job creation while continuing to burden future generations with deficits, the president will veto the bill," the White House budget office said in a statement.

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Rep. Peter King: Terrorism investigator or witch hunter?

William Douglas
MCT

WASHINGTON Extraordinary public scrutiny will focus Thursday not only on the topic of a widely publicized House of Representatives committee hearing — the radicalization of American Muslims — but also on the man who'll wield the gavel.

Some elected officials, civil liberties groups and American Muslim organizations fear that Rep. Peter King, R-N.Y., the chairman of the House Committee on Homeland Security, will preside over an inflammatory inquiry akin to former Sen. Joseph McCarthy's infamous 1950s "witch-hunt" investigations into communist anti-American activities.

Others, however, including top officials of the Obama administration, say there's a real threat to U.S. security from domestic terrorists, in particular from Muslims attracted to jihad, and that investigating that threat is a legitimate task for Congress.

What happens in King's hearing, the first in a series, and its effect on the American people will depend largely upon how King — a blunt, media-savvy, 10-term conservative Republican — handles it.

"It's a very touchy subject because of the legacy of 9-11 and because of efforts of President Bush and President Obama to play down the antagonism or suspicions of many Americans towards Muslims," said Bruce Buchanan, a University of Texas political science professor. "How this plays out, of course, hinges upon how Mr. King conducts the hearings. Bottom line, this has the potential to exacerbate those feelings rather than relieve them."

King's critics don't view him as an honest broker. They point to some of his assertions after the terrorist attacks of Sept. 11, 2001, such as when he said that Islamic fundamentalists controlled 85 percent of the mosques in America.

They also question his commitment to combating terrorism, citing his fervent support in the 1980s and 1990s for the Irish Republican Army, whose military wing engaged in terrorist bombings against the British.

"He has shown a remarkable lack of sophistication and nuance on this issue," said Tom Parker, a counter-terrorism expert for Amnesty International and a former British intelligence officer. "That's clearly the approach he's taking at the Muslim community; he's tarring people with a broad brush."

King's response to his critics: So what? The hearing isn't about him. It's about "The Extent of Radicalization in the American Muslim Community and the Community's Response," he said, citing the title of his inquiry.

"If this was World War II, if Germany was trying to recruit German-Americans, it would make no sense to investigate African-Americans," King said in an interview with McClatchy, regarding the complaints that he's unfairly targeting the Muslim community.

"This is political correctness," King said. "I'm surprised and disappointed at the mainstream media for getting so hysterical. This is a major threat to the United States — the attempted radicalization of Muslim Americans — and we can't ignore that threat."

In that conviction King isn't alone; the Obama administration apparently thinks so, too. Director of National Intelligence Dennis Blair warned the Senate Select Committee on Intelligence last year that the allure of al-Qaida for "some disaffected young Muslims ... includes, unfortunately, Americans."

"Although we don't have the high-level homegrown threat that faces European countries right now, we have to worry about the appeal of that figures like Anwar al-Awlaki exert on young American Muslims," Blair testified, speaking of the U.S.-born cleric who's advocated violence against the United States and who'd been in contact with Fort Hood shooting suspect Nidal Hasan and "underwear" bombing suspect Umar Farouk Abdulmutallab.

In a 2009 speech in New York, Homeland Security Secretary Janet Napolitano said the U.S. was seeing a spike in arrests of individuals who were suspected of plotting terrorist attacks or supporting overseas groups such as al-Qaida.

"Home-based terrorism is here," she said. "And, like violent extremism abroad, it will be part of the threat picture that we must now confront."

Even Attorney General Eric Holder conceded last year that homegrown terrorism "is one of the things that

keeps me up at night."

However, the administration is struggling, just as former President George W. Bush's White House did, to balance security concerns with sensitivity to avoid being viewed as hostile to Muslim Americans and one of the world's largest religions.

White House officials have said they welcome King's hearing, but they took pains Sunday to deliver a message of tolerance. Deputy National Security Adviser Denis McDonough said that "Muslim Americans are not part of the problem, you're part of the solution" in a speech to a Muslim group just outside the nation's capital.

One key premise of King's inquiry is that American Muslims aren't cooperating enough with federal and local law enforcement to help root out radicalized individuals. But Muslim-American groups, administration officials and some terrorism experts say that Muslim Americans have played active roles in thwarting potential attacks.

Overall, from December 2008 to December 2010, 126 people — 50 of them American citizens — were indicted on terror-related charges in the U.S., Holder said last year.

A study released last month by the Triangle Center on Terrorism and Homeland Security, a research center in North Carolina, found that the number of Muslim Americans who were involved in or arrested for terrorist acts declined from 18 in 2009 to 10 last year. The study also credited tips from the Muslim-American community for thwarting 48 of 120 terrorism cases alleged to involve Muslim Americans over the last 10 years.

King, on CBS's "Early Show" Wednesday, called the study "skewed." The report's author, Charles Kurzman, said he stood by his work.

Abed Ayoub, the legal director of the American-Arab Anti-Discrimination Committee, worries that King's hearing could end up doing more harm than good in fostering better relations between Muslim Americans and law enforcers.

"There already is a strong dialogue and connection with the law enforcement communities," Ayoub said. "We don't know what his motives are and what he's trying to accomplish. It seems pretty political."

King's supporters disagree. They see the hearings as an obligation of Congress.

"This hearing isn't about profiling; it's about protecting our homeland," said Jay Sekulow, the chief counsel for the American Center for Law and Justice. "The hearing represents a sound strategy to address what most Americans understand: that there is a very real and growing threat to our national security and way of life."

A new poll by the Pew Research Center illustrates the divide. The survey found that 58 percent of people 30 and younger think that Islam doesn't encourage violence more than other religions do. However, a

45 percent plurality of people 50 and older said that Islam was more likely to encourage violence.


By political party, conservative Republicans said Islam encouraged more violence than other faiths did by 66 percent to 21 percent. Among moderate and liberal Republicans, 46 percent thought that Islam encouraged more violence, and 47 percent said it didn't.

Conversely, liberal Democrats said by 61 percent to 29 percent that Islam wasn't more likely to promote violence than other religions were. Conservative and moderate Democrats agreed to a smaller degree, 48 percent

to 31 percent.

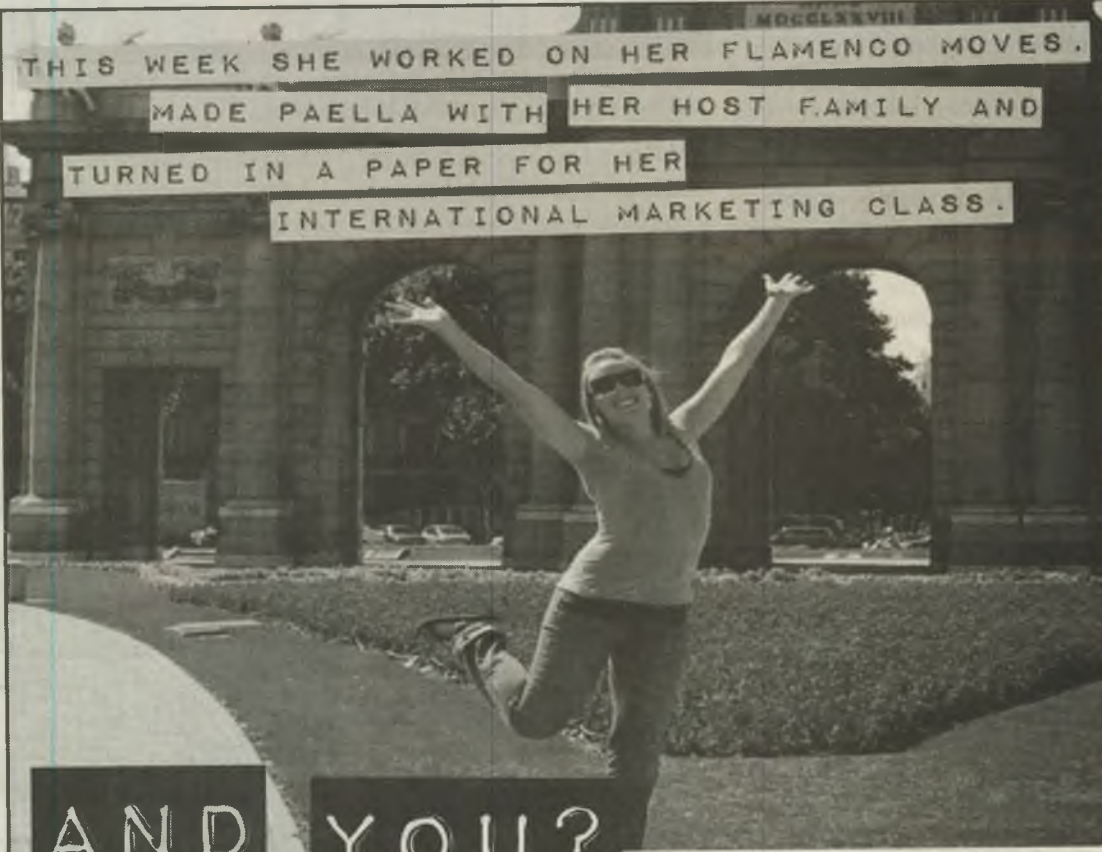
As for King's commitment to combating terrorism, he makes no apologies for supporting the IRA. He said his contacts with the organization's political wing and its leader, Gerry Adams, made him a valuable go-between that helped broker the Good Friday peace accords in Northern Ireland. Former President Bill Clinton and former British Prime Minister Tony Blair have verified that claim publicly.

King says his critics are comparing apples to oranges when they lump radical Muslim Americans together with IRA terrorists.



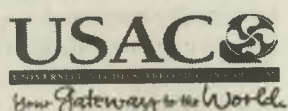
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Pavlik sets sights on Lopez

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Youngstown boxer Kelly Pavlik is getting ready to square off against undefeated and relatively unknown Alfonso Lopez.

Pavlik will take on Lopez on May 7 in Las Vegas, in a fight that is an undercard to Manny Pacquiao versus Shane Mosley.

"He's a tough kid," Pavlik said. "He'll be ready to fight and is somebody that I'll have to stay on my toes and can't take lightly."

To study Lopez, Pavlik uses YouTube videos since he has not seen him much on TV.

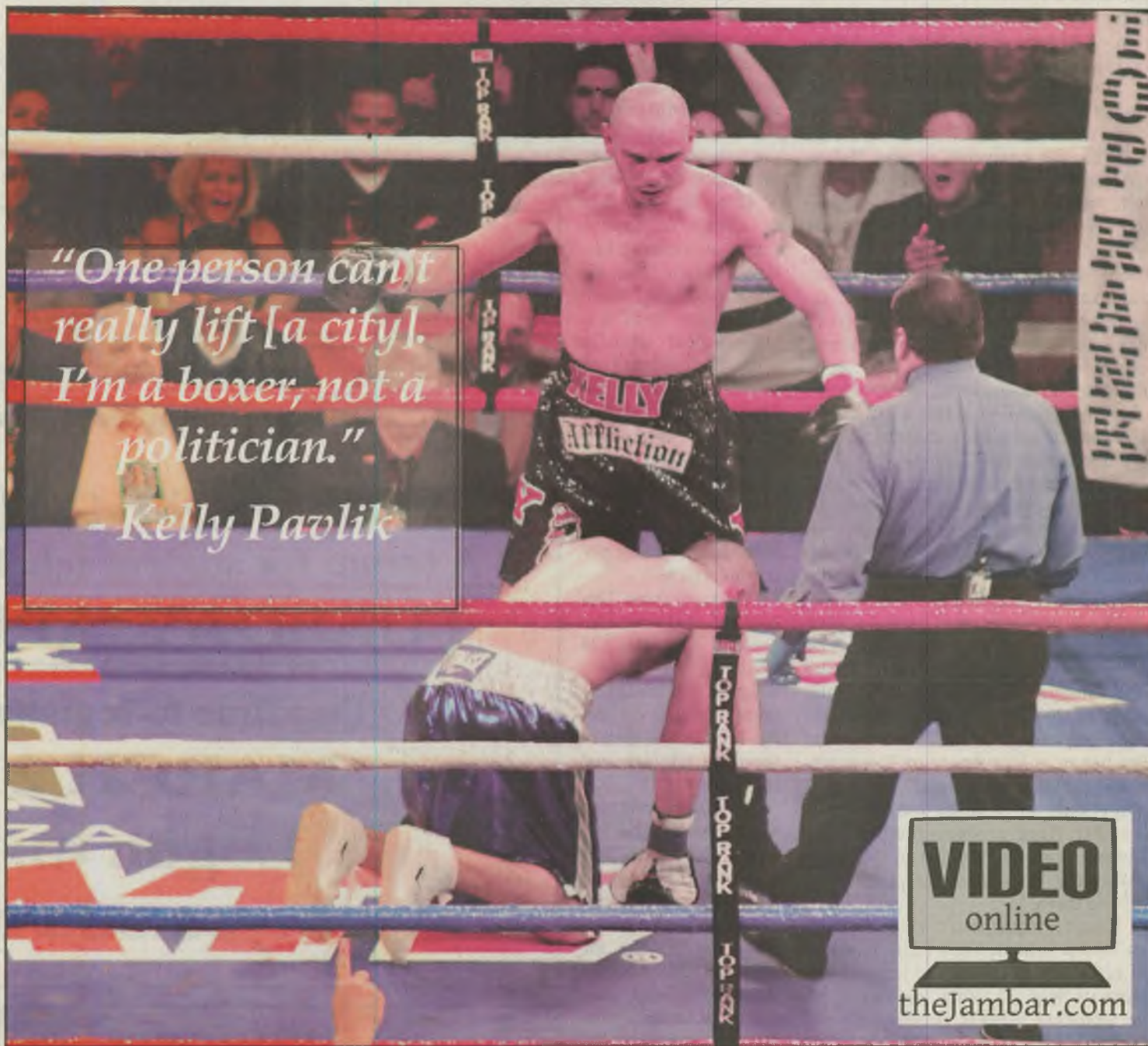
"I think he is going to be a very good opponent for me," Pavlik said. "I think it's going to be a huge fight. What I mean by that is not so much name recognition, but I think that my performance is going to be the main key. I got to go out there real good because if I don't, it's going to open the doors for people to say that my career is done."

In Pavlik's more recent fights, he said he has relied on his power. As he trains for Lopez, he said he must "get back more into the boxing [aspect]," which he practiced early in his career.

Pavlik weighs in around 195 pounds, seven more than trainer Jack Loew mentioned last week. Because Lopez is a light heavyweight, Pavlik must get to 171 pounds. Pavlik said he has some work to do.

Pavlik is lightly training before he begins his eight-week workout for the fight.

"[We] start the eight-week training on Monday," Pavlik said. "Now we're just going



Kelly Pavlik downs Miguel Espino in their bout, which took place Dec. 19, 2009 at Beeghly Center. Pavlik won the fight by way of TKO in the fifth round. Jambar file photo.

three days a week so that when we do get into full go, I'm not sore. That's why now we're just keeping everything loose and getting ready to go when I get into the eight weeks."

When Pavlik trained for his

Youngstown fights, he said local fans were behind him 100 percent. He said fans along the streets yelled and cheered him on, which gave him the motivation to fight.

When asked if he can be-

come one of the faces of Youngstown again, Pavlik paused for a brief moment but responded modestly.

"I think in a way, yes," Pavlik said. "One person can't really lift [a city]. I'm a boxer, not a politician. I can lift them

up for that night or for that month emotionally, I guess, and spiritually, but as far as lifting people in Youngstown, realistically it's highly impossible to do that ... it'll give a little pump for the area for a little while."

Women's basketball closes season of rebuilding

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Women's basketball head coach Bob Boldon accepted a rather tall order when he inherited a winless team.

He turned the program around and sent the team in a new direction, breaking its streak of horrific proportions by winning consecutive games early on against Bucknell University and Ohio University.

From then on, it was an up and down season, with emphasis on the latter.

"It took us a while to get through some things earlier in the year," Boldon said. "It was kind of a one step forward, two steps backward kind of thing."

That was until the last week of the season.

The first week of March went exceptionally well for the Penguins, as they defeated

the University of Illinois at Chicago and Loyola University to earn the ninth place seed in the conference tournament.

"We started to take a couple steps forward and no step backwards toward the end of the season," Boldon said.

The Penguins were matched up against Loyola in the tournament, and went down to the wire with the Ramblers, before losing 49-47.

"You'd think if you could hold someone under 50 you'd win the game," Boldon said.

The Penguins finished 6-24, 4-14 in the Horizon League. This is a step in the right direction from a year ago.

The Penguins won six more games than they did last season.

Junior guard Tieara Jones finished first in blocks with 39.

Kenya Middlebrooks, also a junior guard, was the second leading scorer on the team and



Junior guard Macey Nortey chases down an opponent. Nortey is one of five seniors returning next season. Photo by Nick Young/The Jambar.

made 60 three-pointers.

The season standout was undoubtedly sophomore forward Brandi Brown, who led the league in total points with 597, and her 277 rebounds put her in second place.

"Brandi was fantastic. She ended up averaging 22.6 points per game in conference play. Offensively, she was awesome," Boldon said.

The all-around player was dubbed Second-Team All-Ho-

zison League honors.

"[She's] a kid who's doing a lot of different things," he said. "She's going to be the focal point of our offense for the next couple years."

Having already signed three new recruits, Boldon and staff are looking to fill the rest of their available scholarships. In turn, this will breed competition for starting positions as well as court time.

"For me, it's exciting. I think that competition helps prepare you for competition on the floor," he said.

As for Brown, a player Boldon builds the team around, it'll relieve some of the pressure.

"[This will put] some good shooters around her and stretch out the floor. With that comes some responsibility on her part to step up her game," Boldon said.

Penguins golf back fore spring action

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SPORTS REPORTER

Golf returns to Youngstown State University for its spring season after a five-month winter layoff.

Women's head coach Roseann Schwartz said the five-month break is detrimental to her golfers.

"It's going to be a challenge after a long winter," Schwartz said. "It's a disadvantage because we played inside all winter."

To resume the 2010-2011 season, the golfers will complete Friday in Mims, Fla., in the Sunshine Spring Classic, which will be hosted by the University of Detroit.

The season began Sept. 6 and 7 at the Youngstown State Invitational in Columbiana. The Penguins finished second out of eight teams.

On Sept. 27-28, YSU played in the Ball State Invitational and finished eighth out of 14 teams. The Penguins finished first out of six teams in the Robert Morris University

Holiday Inn Colonial Classic on Oct. 11 and 12. The team finished the first half of the season at the Dayton Invitational on Oct. 18 and 19, ranking third out of 10 teams.

Senior Katie Rogner got off to a hot start as she finished the YSU Invitational in first place. At the event, she recorded the best low round, 70, in Horizon League history. She also finished fourth in the Ball State Invitational, second in the RMU Holiday Inn Colonial Classic and 13th in the Dayton Fall Invitational.

Junior Samantha Formeck finished right beside Rogner in the events. She placed third, ninth, first and second respectively. She holds the school record for best finish percentage at 88.8, and she holds the school record for best scoring average of 77.57 and 5.83 versus par for a player's career.

Sophomore Sarah Heimlich has enjoyed moderate success with top 15 finishes in three of the four events, including eighth place at the RMU Holiday Inn Colonial Classic. Freshman Angela Molasky

finished seventh.

Schwartz has been the only women's head coach since the team began in 1996. YSU won the Horizon League championships in 2003 and 2009 and was runner-up in 2005, 2006, 2008 and 2010.

YSU has a young team with one senior, two juniors, one sophomore and three freshmen. The Penguins signed three incoming players for the 2011-2012 season on Nov. 24. They are Allison Mitzel, Sana Khan and Aislynn Merling.

SCHEDULES

MEN'S TENNIS

March 14- @ Bethune-Cookman
March 15- @ Northern Illinois (in FLA)
March 15- @ Western Illinois (in FLA)
March 18- TOLEDO

WOMEN'S TENNIS

March 16- @ Pittsburgh
March 19- BOWLING GREEN
March 26- @ Milwaukee
March 27- @ Green Bay

BASEBALL

March 11- @ Tenn. Tech
March 12- @ Tenn. Tech
March 13- @ Tenn. Tech
March 16- @ Xavier

SOFTBALL

March 11- @ Savannah St.
March 11- @ Savannah St.
March 13- @ South Dakota
March 13- MANHATTAN