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## Academic entitlement popular with students

Samantha Cavalier  
REPORTER

In contrast to students of the past, today's college students are more likely to expect a grade of "A" or "B" just for putting simple effort into a class, rather than receiving the same grade for actually mastering the material.

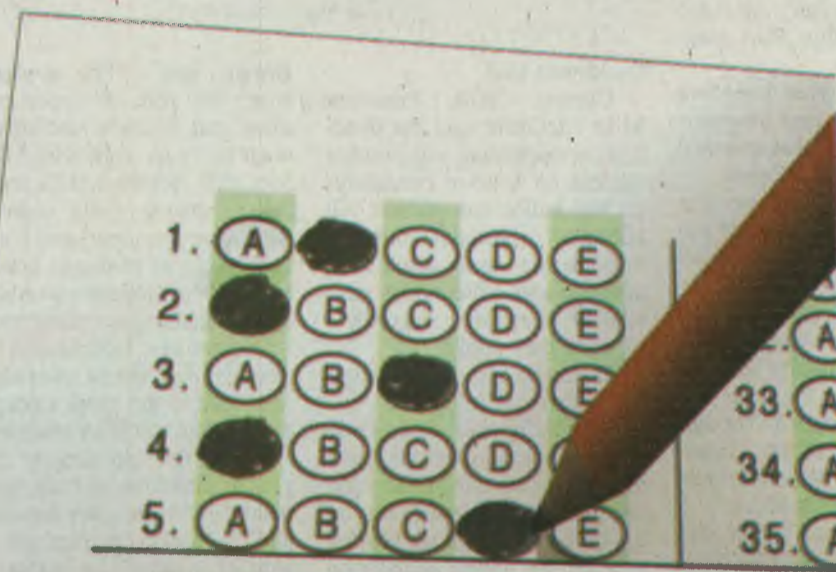
According to a recent study from the Journal of Youth Adolescence called Self-Entitled College Students: Contribution of Personality, Parenting and Motivational Factors, researchers have found there has been an increase in the sense of academic entitlement amongst college students over the years.

The study tested multiple characteristics of students and discovered three that have potentially contributed to this increase in academic entitlement. They include pressure from families, technological advances and faculty evaluations.

First, the dynamics of families play a crucial part in increasing this superior mentality among students. According to the study, "More academically-entitled students report that their parents expect them to outshine others in their academic performances and provide them with material rewards when they do well."

These particular students

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*"My parents won't let me leave the house until my schoolwork is done and I'm 19."*

Ashley Delery, freshman

## Community college may affect YSU admission

Doug Livingston  
REPORTER

The Eastern Gateway Community College is expected to be up and running with minimal classes by fall.

The Ohio Board of Regents, in cooperation with Youngstown State University, has been pushing for the creation of a community college in the Mahoning Valley.

YSU professor Nathan Ritchey, who is heading this collaboration, said "sometime in the next few months" Ohio legislation providing for this project will be put through Congress. Draft language for this bill appeared one month ago.

The initial curriculum offered at Eastern Gateway will be an associate's program in registered nursing [RN], Ritchey said. The community college will take licensed practical nurses [LPN] and allow them to become RNs in only two years, as opposed to a required four-year term at YSU. This program is "borrowed" from a similar program offered at the Lorain County Community College.

The emergence of another college in the area will affect prospective college students directly.

Youngstown State University "could possibly raise their admission status," said YSU professor Cryshanna Jackson.

President David Sweet confirmed these ideas, agreeing that YSU will not retain its open admission policy, although this open admission policy works well for the Youngstown area.

"When you're the only university in the area, you don't want to put your admission status too high," Jackson said. Thus, by admitting a wider range of students, colleges ensure a higher population.

According to the State of College Opportunity in Ohio's 2005 report, 50 percent of high school graduates attended college. Additionally, 46 percent of Ohio undergraduates were enrolled at public, four-year institutions, while 31 percent were enrolled at public two-year institutions.

The opening of a community college in the Mahoning Valley may have economic repercussions for Youngstown State University. Thirty-one percent of high school graduates may have the choice of attending a college other than YSU to receive a two-year degree. The other 46 percent may attend a community college to begin their college education, further depriving YSU of sufficient enrollment numbers.

Though Ritchey agrees this project raises doubts about YSU future enrollment, he proposes that the end justifies the means.

"How do you get the thousands of people in the Mahoning Valley into an education pipeline that will lead them here?" Ritchey said.

Advocates like Ritchey maintain the idea that creating this college will serve to place Mahoning Valley citizens on a higher education path that will eventually bring more

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## U.S. students underperform in science, math

Suncica Tatic  
REPORTER

U.S. students may be underperforming when compared to their international peers.

According to The United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization statistics, in 2006, 5.1 million students graduated from four-year colleges in China. In the same year, United States graduated 2.6 million students, taking second place.

This year, 23 million Chinese students are enrolled in four-year colleges. In the U.S., that number is 17 million.

International comparisons in student performance are relatively new and harder to track. The U.S. Department of Education takes part in four programs, which compare performance in students of various ages in areas of literacy, mathematics and science. According to their most recent numbers, U.S. students are consistently outpaced by their peers in countries such as Japan, Singapore, Canada and the United Kingdom, in areas of science and mathematics, but also, increasingly, in the

area of literacy as well.

In a new comparison study by the Department of Education, which ranked adults in six countries in numeracy and literacy, U.S. adults placed 5th, outpacing Italy and being outperformed by Norway, Bermuda, Switzerland and Canada.

In the televised address to Congress, as well as other numerous speeches, President Obama has placed high importance on improving the quality of education in the U.S.

Peter Reday, assistant professor of marketing at Youngstown State University, acknowledges the U.S. possibly lags behind other nations in producing graduates in areas of mathematics and science. He has traveled extensively and lived in Asia. However, he doesn't see an immediate cause for concern.

"America is really known for innovation," Reday said. "While those nations that perform so well in math and science are really only good at process improvement." He sees education as very important, but also explains that creativity and innovative spirit, which is what has driven the U.S. so far, is not something that can be taught in the classroom.

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Peter Reday, assistant professor of marketing

## Student government appropriations run dry one month early

Michael Bury  
REPORTER

The Student Government Association at Youngstown State University has run out of funds to give to student groups.

Each year, SGA is allotted roughly \$35,000 to appropriate to students. SGA President Mike McGiffin said SGA usually runs out of funds to allot to student groups in March and receives another \$10,000 from YSU.

McGiffin said the reason they didn't receive the extra \$10,000 is because the budget was slashed across the state by 25 percent. This budget cut affected

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Cynthia Anderson, vice president of student affairs

YSU, causing the university to withhold the extra \$10,000 that SGA would normally receive.

"YSU is in saving-mode right now," McGiffin said.

Cynthia Anderson, vice-president of student affairs, said the university did not cut SGA's budget. She said she fought to

keep their budget intact.

"I have protected student government every year since I took this job. Their budget never gets cut," Anderson said.

SGA vice president of student affairs Sarah Stafford said that there are no groups that she can think of that didn't receive funds

after following the process correctly. Stafford said they usually stopped giving out funds in April in the past, but this year it happened in March.

"We got the process done faster because we knew what we were headed for," Stafford said. For student groups, this means

that there are no funds available through student government until the end of the fiscal year, which ends in June.

"Come June, the doors will open again," McGiffin said.

McGiffin said SGA had a policy in place stating they would not give out more than seven percent of the budget to any single student group. This worked out to be about \$2,300 per student group.

This is not the first time SGA has not had money to give out to student groups, said Martin Manning, SGA advisor and associate director of student life.

"It's not at all unusual to be in the middle of March and to be out of funds," Manning said.



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# Fed moves to boost lending

Kevin G. Hall  
MCCLATCHY NEWSPAPERS

The Federal Reserve's surprise announcement Wednesday that it would purchase more than \$1 trillion in Treasury securities and mortgage bonds in hopes of sparking greater economic activity shows that Chairman Ben Bernanke is working hard to keep his pledge to do whatever it takes to reverse the nation's deep recession.

The Fed's rate-setting Federal Open Market Committee ended a two-day meeting with the announcement that it would leave its benchmark federal funds rate near zero. That was expected. Unexpected was word that the Fed would now aggressively purchase assets to get money flowing across the broader economy.

"It's a decision by the committee to go all out," said Laurence Meyer, a former Fed governor from 1996 to 2002, joking that "every move these days is historic and unprecedented."

Throwing caution to the wind, the Fed committee said it would purchase another \$750 billion of top-rated mortgage-backed securities issued by Fannie Mae and Freddie Mac. Those two mortgage finance titans were seized by the government in September.

The new purchases will bring the Fed's total purchases of Fannie and Freddie mortgage bonds this year to \$1.25 trillion. The Fed said it would also double its purchase of Fannie and Freddie debt, to \$200 billion.

Those two moves are designed to boost the flow of mortgage finance and revive the moribund housing market nationwide. In a second and related move, the Fed said it would purchase, over the next six months, up to \$300 billion in medium- and long-term Treasuries. This action seeks to lower borrowing costs of all sorts for consumers and businesses, and to boost housing affordability by knocking fixed mortgage rates below 5 percent.

"The Fed is essentially underwriting half of the gross issuance in the (mortgage-backed securities) market and 30 percent of the gross issuance in the Treasury market," wrote Ethan Harris, the

*"This underscores our belief that a combination of monetary, credit and fiscal easing will slow the recession in (the second quarter) and spark a modest recovery by year-end."*

Laurence Meyer, a former Fed governor

co-head of U.S. markets research for Barclay's Capital in New York, in a research note. "With the rest of Washington moving in slow motion (and in some cases hindering the revival in capital markets), the Fed continues to move ahead aggressively."

The aggressive Fed actions were expected later in the year, and the Fed may have been trying to gain some shock value with an element of surprise. It wrested attention away from bailout and bonus controversies — for the afternoon at least — and drove up stocks. The Dow Jones Industrial Average closed up 90.88 points to 7486.58. The S&P 500 finished up 16.23 to 794.35 and the Nasdaq rose 29.11 points to 1491.22.

The Fed's actions aren't without potential consequences.

"In the short run, Fed easing is a plus. Over the longer run, however, a long period of easy monetary policy may generate more problems down the road with a combination of higher inflation premiums and a weaker dollar to boot," said John Silvia, the chief economist at Wachovia, in a note to investors. "Higher long-term (interest) rates are the likely outcome."

But that's tomorrow's problem. The bold Fed action followed an unprecedented television interview with Bernanke. Appearing Sunday on CBS' "60 Minutes," Bernanke said that "the Federal Reserve is here and is going to do everything possible to support this recovery."

Meyer interpreted for McClatchy Newspapers: "Recently they've shown some reluctance to buy Treasuries ... (But) today they've said let's do everything, let's do it all, and let's be very aggressive about it. Let's leave no doubt we mean what we say in our statement that we'll use all available tools."

The Fed's benchmark federal-funds rate remains in a range that floats between zero and a quarter of a percent. The Fed statement said that rate — which influences the prime rate charged by banks to their best customers — is expected to stay at these historic lows "for an extended period."

The Fed is turning to the only alternative left: printing more money to circulate in the economy.

"We see this as equivalent to a (three-quarters of a percentage point) cut in the funds rate," wrote Harris of Barclay's Capital. "This underscores our belief that a combination of monetary, credit and fiscal easing will slow the recession in (the second quarter) and spark a modest recovery by year-end."

The Fed wasn't as date-certain. In its statement, the Fed noted only that "policy actions to stabilize financial markets and institutions, together with fiscal and monetary stimulus, will contribute to a gradual resumption of sustainable economic growth."

The big announcement of heightened Fed intervention to drive loan rates down was preceded by a rundown of grim economic data.

"Job losses, declining equity and housing wealth, and tight credit conditions have weighed on consumer sentiment and spending. Weaker sales prospects and difficulties in obtaining credit have led businesses to cut back on inventories and fixed investment. U.S. exports have slumped as a number of major trading partners have also fallen into recession," the Fed said.

# Study: Charter school students may be more likely to graduate, go to college

Martha Woodall  
THE PHILADELPHIA INQUIRER

Charter schools generally cannot take credit for boosting test scores, but there is intriguing evidence that students at charter high schools may be more likely to graduate and attend college, a national study concludes.

The Rand Corp. study, which was released Wednesday, examined charters in eight states. Rand, a nonprofit research organization in Santa Monica, Calif., also examined charters in Chicago, San Diego, Denver, Milwaukee, Pennsylvania, Ohio, Texas and Florida.

A year ago, a Rand report on charter schools in Philadelphia found that their students performed about the same as students in district-run schools.

Charter school research has become politically charged, with dueling views. Some reports have concluded that students at the nation's 4,100 charter schools outperform their counterparts in traditional public schools. Other investigators have said charter students do no better than public school students and often do worse.

Researchers involved with the Rand report said they had used performance data of individual students over time to try to evaluate charter schools more accurately. Their work received

financial support from several nonprofit foundations, including the Bill and Melinda Gates Foundation and the William Penn Foundation. Bill Gates supports charter schools, and the Gates Foundation has provided millions of dollars to help successful ones expand.

The new information on high schools was limited to schools in Florida and Chicago because only they collected the information. The data indicate that even though students at charter high schools do not have better test scores, they have higher probability of graduating and attending college.

"Going into this, we did not anticipate finding any dramatic effect for graduation or college-attending," said Ron Zimmer, one of the lead authors of the work.

Researchers found that students from charter middle schools who attended charter high schools were between 7 and 15 percentage points more likely to graduate. They also concluded that students at charter high schools were between 8 and 10 percentage points more likely to go to college.

Zimmer, an associate professor at the School of Education at Michigan State University, said researchers were intrigued by the findings and interested in exploring the issue further. He noted, though, that few states provide the data necessary to track

students beyond high school.

A 2004 study gave a hint of high school success for students in charter schools in Philadelphia. The Greater Philadelphia Urban Affairs Coalition told the Philadelphia School Reform Commission that a small study it had conducted found that students at charter high schools performed better than their counterparts in the district's comprehensive high schools.

Here are some of the key findings in the Rand report:

There is little evidence that charter school students in elementary grades perform better than students in traditional public schools, but more information is needed to assess the performance of elementary charter schools.

Fears that charter schools are "skimming off the highest-achieving students" are unfounded; charter students have about the same test scores as the students at the traditional schools they left.

In their first year, charter schools' test scores typically lag behind nearby traditional public schools, but scores improve in later years.

On average, students at middle and high school charters perform about the same as students in regular public schools.

The Philadelphia data spanned the school years 2000-01 through 2006-07.

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### OUR SIDE EDITORIAL

## Standouts, not handouts

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Nothing of value comes without hard work. This is one of the harsh lessons of adulthood, especially now. It is not enough to just show up, and minimal effort will usually be met with minimal reward.

Though this may be a cold reality, it is reality nonetheless. Yet a recent study shows that an increased number of students have a sense of academic entitlement. They believe that since they pay for a class, a good grade is included in the package.

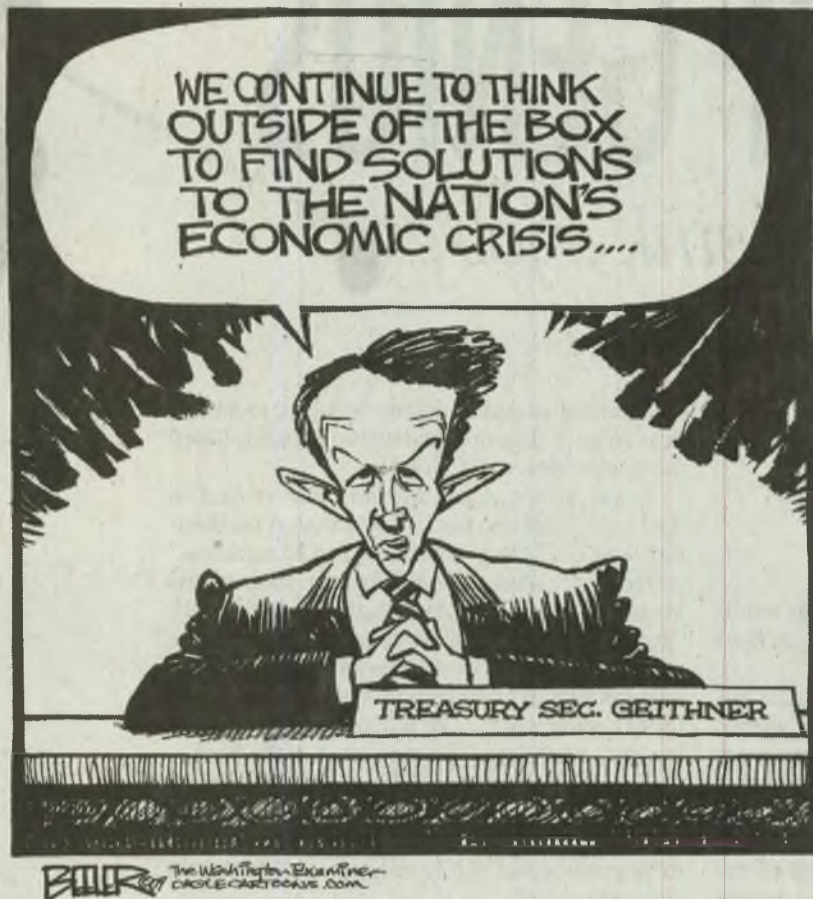
It isn't. Furthermore, if it were, we would be sacrificing something far more valuable than our tuition dollars. We would quite literally be sacrificing our education.

Even in the easiest of job markets, those who excel in their fields are the ones who are willing to go the extra mile. Those who fail are often the ones who sit around complaining about all the things that haven't been handed to them.

This is a lesson for professors to learn as well. You're not in this to be liked, and if you are, you probably won't last long.

We don't pay for grades. We pay for education. That is a two-way proposition. Those whose job it is to teach need to apply the appropriate standards, even if it doesn't make them any friends. Grades of A or B should be reserved only for those who put forth extraordinary effort. This means more than coming to class. It means applying oneself to the best of one's ability.

Coming from an area like Youngstown is already looked upon by many as a strike against us. It's up to us to work that much harder to stand out.



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

### COMMENTARY

## Unchecked growth: The suicide bomb

Jimmy A. DeFoor  
MCT

We are weapons of mass destruction. We are the suicide bombers hiding sure destruction under our clothing.

Collectively, we are the major terrorist threat that will destroy the American dream of an ever-better tomorrow even if we manage to not destroy the nation itself. The 60 million residents we will add during the next 21 years will certainly damage our quality of life and that damage will be lengthy and extensive. President Obama must recognize this and make the reduction of our population growth as significant a national priority as reducing our carbon emissions.

In fact, reducing U.S. carbon emissions long-term necessitates that we control our population. No matter how much we slash the carbon emissions of each resident, we will always return to higher total emissions unless we control population.

Curtailing population growth also is as important to long-term

U.S. fiscal health as fixing the economy and reforming health care. Our 60 million new residents will increase the population by 20 percent. Half will come from immigration.

These new children and adults will demand at least a 20 percent increase in government services at all levels: trash dumps, water reservoirs, prisons, courts, police, schools, hospitals and highways. Furthermore, the additional expense won't be evenly distributed.

More than 38 million of the new residents will be concentrated in six states: California, Florida, Texas, Arizona, Georgia and North Carolina.

Texas will house 9 million by itself. Where will Texas put them? Will 3 million go along the coast so that they will be exposed to the hurricanes that enter the gulf? Will 2 million reside in Austin and San Antonio, where water shortages are now a way of life? Will we put 3 million in Dallas and Fort Worth, where roads are already overloaded and commute times are often an hour?

Will the final million live near Lubbock and Amarillo and con-

vert thousands of acres of our best cropland to housing and streets?

And what of the impact of population growth elsewhere? California, Arizona, Florida and Georgia are expected to add more than 26 million people. Florida's 10 million will be exposed to frequent tropical storms across its width of 150 miles. California, Arizona and Georgia already lack sufficient water for their cities and their farms.

Where will they get the water needed for their 16 million additional people? We must take action now to restrict our population growth. We must reduce total immigration into the United States from its current 1 million to 1.5 million people per year to no more than 500,000 per year, which will be 200,000 more people than our annual emigration.

Given that almost half of our current immigration is illegal, we must adjust annual legal immigration to compensate for the illegal totals that are allowed each year. This means that if we allow 300,000 illegal residents each year, we can only allow 200,000 legal residents across all categories: refugee, family member and

employee-sponsored.

We must strengthen efforts to limit illegal immigration by finding employers who hire undocumented workers and levying increasing fines for repeat offenses. We must start a national campaign to encourage families to limit their number of children to two. We must remove the tax subsidies for any children born after their first two siblings.

If we initiate these steps, we can lower U.S. population growth over the next 21 years from 60 million to only 20 million.

Last, we must begin to dedicate U.S. foreign aid primarily to those countries that will take action to reduce their birth rates. Already, nearly 1 billion people of the world's 6.7 billion inhabitants are chronically hungry most days. Given that food shortages will only expand as the world's population grows to 8.4 billion in 2030, we won't have enough food to send to those countries that will not work hard to control their populations.

There are only so many seats on the lifeboat named Earth. We must reserve them for the people who will row to safety together.

### COLUMN

## Dierkes deliberated



## Get lucky with the Lord

Doug Dierkes  
COLUMNIST

Alabama is not a state known for its production of intellectual property. The common perception of its residents is that stereotypical image of "Deliverance" hillbillies, sleeveless flannel shirts, and double-wide trailers covered in empty Budweiser cans, so it seems natural to assume from this bias that nothing smart can come from those people. But there is one man, using a creative interpretation of the word of God, to earn a gold star in my book.

The man is pastor Jerry Lawson, of the Daystar Church in Good Hope, Alabama.

The idea is the church's sermon series titled "Great Sex: God's Way"

Oh yes, this is real. If I was making this up, then I'd be saying Jesus supported gay rights.

Now, the message of the pastor isn't as sinful as it sounds. Jerry Lawson is preaching that heterosexual marriage is the only way God intends for people to enjoy sexual pleasure. Pornography, adultery and lusty thoughts toward coworkers are still branded as evil, as is engaging in intercourse before getting hitched. This message is just as important in every other Christian church, but the flashy marketing is what's getting under the skin of these small town citizens.

My opinion of the issue? I think it's great that we're having a discussion on how sexuality is viewed in the Bible without mentioning brimstone or sodomy. Religious leaders across the state have a chance to say that sex is a natural part of being human, and that denying it will cause more problems than engaging in controlled, God-approved sex. But no, they'd rather continue beating the same old drum of "all sex is bad, especially for teenagers."

This bothers me. Christians finally have a chance to confront the issue of sex and morality, and they're wasting it to point accusations at the one worshipper with the balls to take a firm stance on the issue that doesn't involve throwing around images of Hell. Ignoring a problem doesn't make it go away, just ask anyone who tried driving with a flat tire. The average American teenager knows how to have sex, but what they don't know is how to properly prevent some of the problems that sex can cause.

Educating children about sex isn't a perverted thing to do. It's the proper thing to do. The world is full of dangers out there, and leaving our offspring ignorant of these hazards will hurt them more than confronting them about it ever will. If our parents aren't going to do it, then someone in the community has to.

Any volunteers?

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## THE JAMBAR ASKS *What's on your mind?*



"One, how many more orientations will there be this week? Two, who is that man over there and why is he staring at me?"

Andy Schumaker, junior



"It's nice outside."

Danielle Green, freshman



"Going home."

Amanda McCool, freshman



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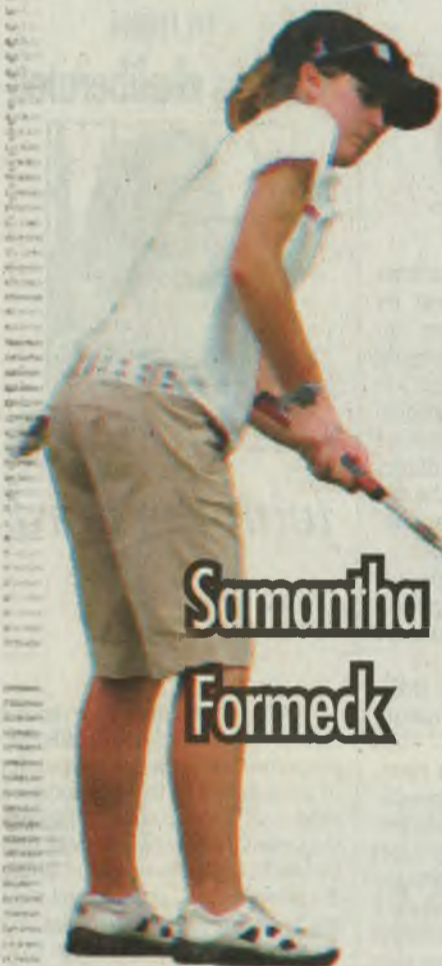
# STROKE OF GENIUS

## Can golf help you sink a job?

Alicia Tattillo  
REPORTER



Katie Rogner



Samantha Formeck

Will golf help your career?

Golf has been a staple of the business world for centuries, but golf might be losing its hold on the cubicle culture.

According to [www.cio.com](http://www.cio.com), in an article entitled "Does Playing Golf Help Your Career," surveys show "playing golf with business peers and corporate partners isn't as critical as career enhancing and networking activity that everyone once thought it was."

Youngstown State University director of career and counseling services Gary Boley agreed with the theory.

"Golf at one time was looked upon as a more relaxing sport to play while conversing with colleagues; however, I don't know if it's still relevant today," Boley said.

Though golf will help workers gain exclusive conversations with some of their business leaders or executives, the significance of playing golf is dependent on the organization and its culture, Boley said. Different organizations value different sports or hobbies.

Though not all companies utilize golf as a communication tool, gender equality is present among those who do use it.

While some may think men are the only ones who benefit from golf as a relationship-builder, Boley said today he sees just as many women as he does men playing golf.

"The game is the same for men and women; women can play just as well as the men," Boley said.

Although some may still not consider golf to be a business investment some seem to think of "golf being the perfect field for the business world today."

According to [www.fortunewatch.com](http://www.fortunewatch.com), founder of Corporate Masters tournament and managing director of professional sports, Jaime Cunningham looks at golf as a beneficial networking tool when used properly.

"Top executives in many parts of the world know that once you get a potential client on the golf course, you can learn all about them," Cunningham said.

Cunningham said playing will lead to a business relationship or a friendship formed, based on competition and rivalry.

In the article, Cunningham often related to the book "Deals on the Green: Lessons on Business and Golf from America's Top Executives," referring to when Donald Trump once talked about how his business partners used golf: "some of his biggest business decisions were made on a golf course. The real estate mogul uses his playing companion's on-course behavior to decide whether he would be a worthwhile business associate," Trump stated in the book.

Like Cunningham, YSU junior Ryan Joyce said, "Playing golf is like an informal business meeting." Joyce said although one doesn't have to be really good at it to enjoy it, golf is a great networking tool.

"My buddies and I go a lot in the summer. We love it," Joyce said.

Other students agreed. YSU golfer, sophomore Spenser Sulzener, said golf is large networking tool, and can be definitely used as an advantage to sell your business.

"When you sell your product, you're selling yourself. What better way to do that while playing golf and showing your skills?" Sulzener said. "If you go out and you're a good golfer and you're trying to sell your idea, chances are you're going to make a deal."

Freshman Tony Washington has been playing gold since the age of fifteen and said he will use his golf expertise into his business ventures.

"I recognize that playing golf can be a business meeting in some cases. I have been on the golf course many times and seen many CEOs and executives having casual conversations. It just looks like a great networking tool," Washington said.

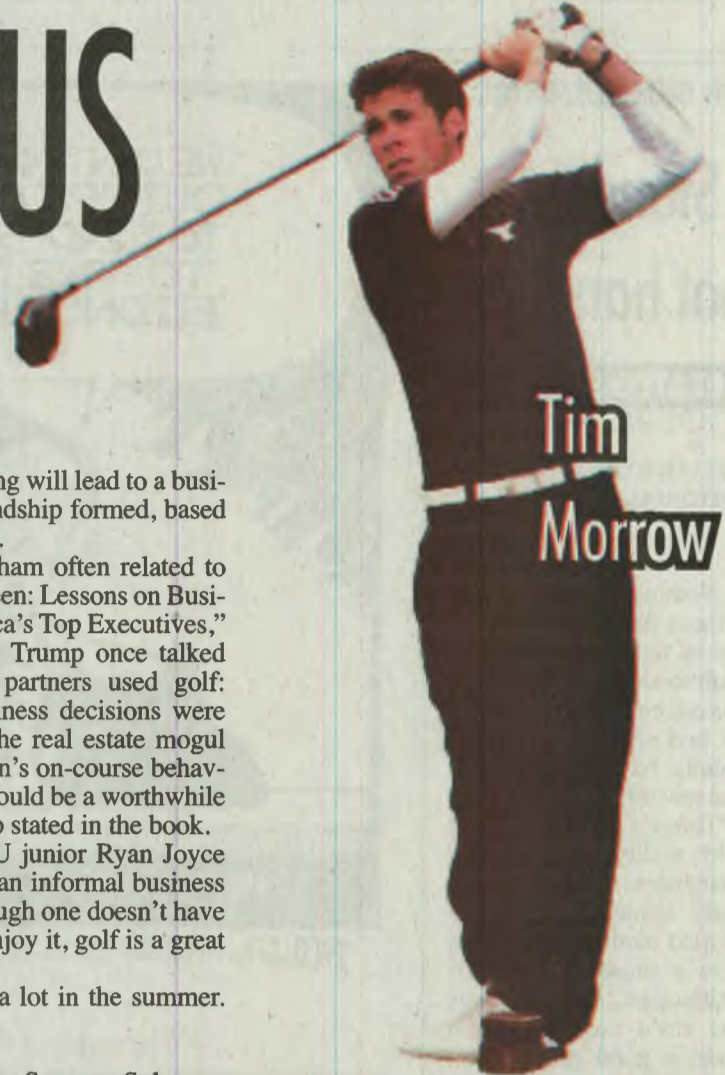
Still, others think that golf isn't something they need to learn for business success.

While sophomore Devanuel Samuel agreed that golf is prevalent among CEOs and executives, he does not feel that it's a huge networking tool.

"I don't think it's that important," Samuel said.

Senior Kristen Wells said she never thought about learning how to play golf.

"I heard that golf is great for networking, but my major is nursing and I don't think it would be relevant in my career," Wells said.



Tim Morrow



Spencer Sulzener

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# An uphill climb

## Living with multiple sclerosis

Samantha Physher  
REPORTER

A wave of relief and panic swept over Youngstown State University senior Anna Minor when her mother was diagnosed with multiple sclerosis two years ago.

Minor said it had been a long road to discovering the diagnosis, adding that her family knew there had been something wrong with her mother.

Her mother had been having problems walking and said every time she took a step, it felt like she was stepping into a hole.

At first, the doctors couldn't pinpoint what it was, she added. "There was a sense of panic because we didn't know what that would mean for my mom," Minor said. "It was a bittersweet moment."

Minor's mother is among one of the 18,000 Ohioans affected by MS, according to information provided by the National Multiple Sclerosis Society. Four hundred thousand people are diagnosed with MS nationally.

"MS is a chronic, unpredictable disease of the central nervous system," said Guyla Wehman, public relations specialist for the National Multiple Sclerosis Society, Ohio buckeye chapter.

It strikes people in their prime, between 20-50, and affects twice as many women than men.

Treatment for the disease varies on symptoms, which can include vision problems, fatigue and in severe cases paralysis, said Wehman.

There are disease-modifying drugs that are used for treatment, which can lessen the severity of the symptoms, but overall there is no cure for MS, added Wehman. Although the cause of MS is unknown, there is a lot of research being completed in Northeast Ohio in order to find the cause of MS, such as possible genetic and vitamin D links, said Wehman.

"It's been difficult at times, basically because of the way the

disease goes," said Minor. "You don't know how the disease will progress."

Living with a small and limited amount of energy also frustrates her mother, Minor said. Whenever the family travels, they have to stop and let Minor's mother regain her energy.

"My mom puts up a brave front; she talks about it in matter-of-fact terms, not how it affects her emotionally," added Minor.

### MS: An unpredictable disease

Multiple sclerosis, a chronic autoimmune disease, disrupts communication between the brain and other parts of the body.

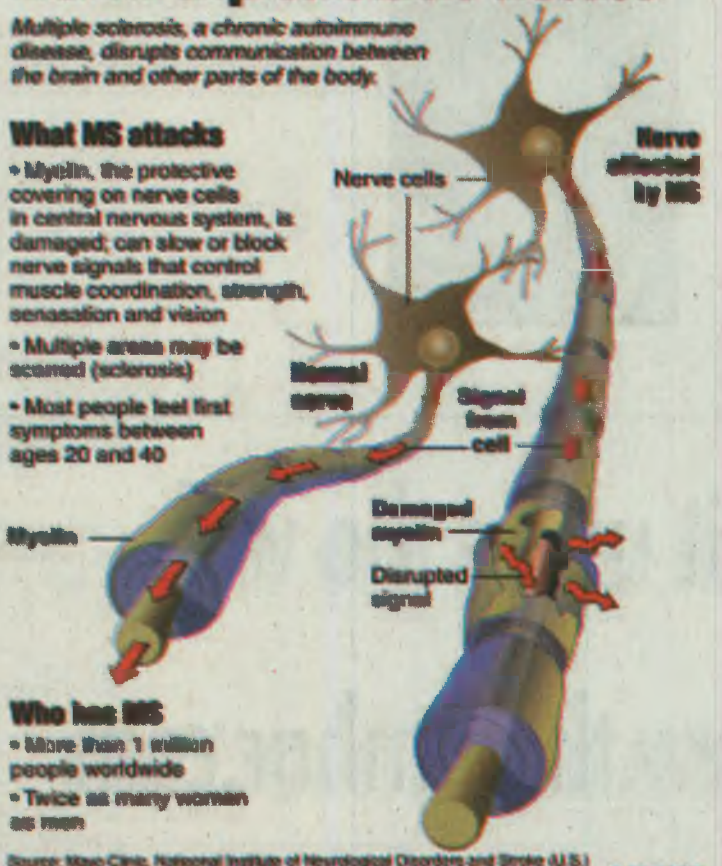
#### What MS attacks

- Myelin, the protective covering on nerve cells in central nervous system, is damaged; can slow or block nerve signals that control muscle coordination, strength, sensation and vision
- Multiple areas may be scarred (sclerosis)
- Most people feel first symptoms between ages 20 and 40

#### Who has MS

- More than 1 million people worldwide
- Twice as many women as men

Source: Mayo Clinic, National Institute of Neurological Disorders and Stroke (U.S.)  
Graphic: Lee Hocking, Jody Trebb



# Digital Life: Celebrities take to Twitter, but for most, it's a one-way tweet

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CHICAGO TRIBUNE

Stars they're just like us! So trumpets Us Weekly magazine in a regular feature that pictures celebrities buying toilet paper and wearing sweatpants at the airport. Now, famous people are joining the "micro-blogging" service Twitter, making them even more like us, or at least like a few million of us.

Of the famous Twitter accounts that have been verified as real, some of the active ones are Ashton Kutcher (aplusk), Demi Moore (mrskutcher), Shaquille O'Neal (THE\_REAL\_SHAQ) and Sean "Diddy" Combs (iamdiddy). In the past week, I've learned that Combs fasted for 48 hours drinking only natural juice, and that O'Neal was sad about losing a game on his birthday.

It's riveting stuff. But I would caution against embracing the notion that celebrities on Twitter are just like us. Fans who think they are getting closer to their star crushes by befriend-ing them on Twitter likely are headed for disappointment.

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are supposed to be two-way. In other words, these Web services should facilitate communication and build relationships among their members. The Twitter twist on virtual friendships is that members can "follow" others, or sign up to receive their updates, without those people's permission.

Within industry circles or groups of friends, the prevailing etiquette dictates that you reciprocate when you are followed. I'm happy to follow other bloggers and media professionals even if we've never met, and the resulting conversation can be interesting.

The normal rules of engagement do not apply to celebrities. Kutcher follows 55 people and has more than 292,000 followers, for example. This is not two-way communication.

In fact, the huge disparity between numbers of followers and follow-ees means that celebrities are using Twitter as another broadcast system for their public relations needs.

Ian Corbin created celebritytweet.com in November to aggregate feeds from famous people. This week, he launched a free iPhone application for his site all "for the good of Internet stalking," as he put it. But he's not buying into the mystique.

When fans get a response from celebrities, "they com-

pletely flip out about it," said Corbin, 28. "They'll say, 'I got my first celebrity tweet! Like it's a badge or something. ... You get as much communication if you go see Shaq play basketball and wait for him to come out and he says, 'Hey, what's up?'"

Twitter enables celebrities to project an image of wanting to connect with fans. Sometimes they do just that. Moore recently had an adorable exchange with a 15-year-old boy from Knoxville, Tenn., who asked: "do you ever follow or talk to non working actors or famous people?"

Her reply: "of course we do do you?" before asking about his homework.

But even if celebrities are posting updates on social media without the filter of their publicists, they still have an image to maintain. The entertainment industry is a personality-driven business, and it's naive to think that a Twitter account is exempt from a celebrity's deliberately crafted persona.

Sending digital mash notes to celebrities in the vain hope that they'll validate my wit is a fruitless pursuit that ignores many of Twitter's benefits.

"Most of them are boring," Corbin said of celebrity tweeters. "There are so many more people that post links to interesting stuff or videos that are funny."

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# Penguins come up short in home opener



Starting pitcher Chris Warner tries to pitch out of a jam in the second inning. Photos by Brian Cetina.



Sophomore outfielder Joe Iacobucci tries to connect on a pitch delivered by the Pittsburgh Panthers.

**Josh Stipanovich**  
SPORTS REPORTER

Trailing 7-0 in the fifth inning did not jolt the Youngstown State University men's baseball team as they almost erased the seven run deficit with a late rally of their own Tuesday afternoon at Eastwood Field.

The rally came up just short as the University of Pittsburgh shut the door in the ninth inning, handing the Penguins a 7-6 loss in their home opener.

The heart of the order came through for Pittsburgh to start off the second, which allowed them to run out to an early 3-0 lead. They added four more in

the fourth inning thus extending their lead out to 5-0.

That would be the only scoring they would do the rest of the game as the Penguins bullpen took it from there on out.

Senior Chris Warner led the second off with a walk for the Panthers which was then followed by a double to right center by junior Danny Lopez, allowing Warner to advance to third.

With no one out and runners on first and second, Penguins starting pitcher Corey Vukovic came out of the stretch and threw a fastball up and in on Matt Litzinger, but Litzinger connected on a three-run homerun over the right field wall. The Panthers had three quick runs with nobody out.

Vukovic and the Penguins'

defense were able to stop the bleeding and headed into the dugout for the bottom of the inning down by three.

YSU came back in the bottom of the third frame loading the bases without stringing together a single hit.

Freshman Jeremy Banks led the third off with a walk and advanced to second after a ground-out. Junior C.J. Morris came up to the plate and was down in the count early but was able to advance to first on a wild pitch despite striking out.

Morris easily stole second, leaving first base open for senior John Koehnlein who walked to load the bases with one out. The Penguins were unable to show anything for it and left the bases loaded.

The Panthers came out the very next inning and put up a four spot on the Penguins, and they headed into the dugout with a lot of work ahead of them down by seven runs midway through the game.

After an energetic pep talk from head coach Rich Pasquale, the Penguins were able to turn things around as they slowly began chipping away at the lead.

Junior Ryan Dunford, who started the game for the Panthers, came into the fifth inning throwing a no-hitter, but the Penguins ruined it with a leadoff double by junior Jeremy Banks that ignited the Penguins' offense.

Sophomore Joe Iacobucci came to the plate and crushed a liner to right-center allowing banks to score for YSU's first

run of the ballgame.

The very next inning, the Penguins' late rally continued as Iacobucci hit a sacrifice fly that allowed junior Casey Holland to come around for their second run. Two batters later, Koehnlein singled to bring in two more Penguin runs, and a wide throw to first by Panthers short stop Danny Lopez narrowed the margin to two.

They were not done yet as junior Eric Marzec led off the top of the seventh with a solo blast of his own to bring the Penguins within one run heading into the final two frames.

Down only one run heading into the bottom of the final inning, the Penguins rally came to a quiet end as junior Nate Reed was able to close it out for the

Panthers giving them their ninth win of the season.

Dunford received his second win of the season for the Panthers, and Vukovic was charged with his second loss for the Penguins. Reed earned his first save of the season.

Despite coming up short, Pasquale knows just how good his ball club is.

"We just got to keep going. We just got to keep working hard and getting after it," Pasquale said after the game. "We're right there, and as I told [the team], we're a good baseball team," he added.

The Penguins begin a nine-game road trip Wednesday as they take on Akron University at 3 p.m.



Coach Brian Gorby stands in front of the many trophies he and his staff have won in his successful reign as the men's and women's track and field coach here at Youngstown State.

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## Success breeds success; coach Gorby says

**Keith Langford Jr.**  
SPORTS EDITOR

The Youngstown State University athletics department has been lucky and fortunate to have a track and field coach who made a definite impact on the sports atmosphere.

Brian Gorby, who is entering his 17th year as head coach of the track and field team, has enjoyed great success in his regime. Gorby and his staff have won 16 indoor and outdoor championships in the past 16 years.

"You usually can't win all of these championships without being surrounded with supreme athletes," Gorby said. "Success breeds success."

Gorby has had the distinct honor of being named the Horizon League Conference and Mid-Continent Conference Coach of the Year an astounding eight times, including last season where the women's track and field team won the 2008 indoor and outdoor championships.

"We have great chemistry. It's a team effort ... we see ourselves as a family. I could not do it without my staff," Gorby said of his staff, which includes some former Penguins. "We have had coaches who have competed here at Youngstown State, and it's kind of neat that they can bring that to the table."

Assistant Coach Shawn Cobey, who Gorby refers to as his "right-hand man for the past seven years," assists with the throws. Other assistant coaches on the team are Marcella Bolha, who coaches the jumps, Rick Penniman, who coaches pole vault and David Townsend, who coaches sprints.

"[Townsend] has been great for the program because he has helped build up the sprints program," Gorby said.

"There is no way I could do all of this without their help." Gorby and his staff work hard to do the best they can.

"We work 80 to 100 hours per week. It's pretty much a 24/7 job. My BlackBerry is always going off," Gorby said. "The will to pre-

pare to succeed has to be stronger than the will to succeed."

Gorby knows a lot about the sport of track because he used to be a distance runner. His personal best time of two hours and 26 minutes in a marathon ranks him as one of the nation's top runners.

He said he wasn't the most gifted athlete in the world, but his hard work ethic propelled him forward. Now he uses this sentiment with his student athletes.

"If I had natural talent, I could not [be] able to relate to the students like I do," Gorby said.

"You can communicate with them and especially understand what they are going through."

Intramural coordinator Joe Conroy used to have an office next to Gorby and said Gorby is an excellent coach. Conroy, a former YSU volleyball coach, had nothing but good things to say about Gorby.

"His ability to connect with student athletes is one of his best qualities, along with his desire to win," Conroy said.

## Video games and sports

*Intramural program winding down but activities are plentiful heading into the second half of spring semester*

**Keith Langford Jr.**  
SPORTS EDITOR

The intramurals sports department just keeps chugging along with the variety of sports it has to offer each semester.

Some of the events and sports are new, such as the NBA 2K league, and some are returning favorites.

Volleyball, which begins Thursday, returns with men's and women's leagues. Intramural coordinator Joe Conroy said volleyball has always been one of the more popular sports at Youngstown State University.

Halo singles are also on tap for intramurals.

"Halo singles will be just as popular as the Halo doubles league, because all of the people who did doubles will do singles and possibly bring more people," Conroy said. The Halo singles league begins on March 24.

Sticking with video games, NBA 2K and Call of Duty will go on as well as Halo.

The NBA 2K league is a brand new league being introduced this semester. "We are following in the success and popularity of the Madden and

Halo leagues by the student body who come out to play these games," Conroy said.

The Call of Duty tournament will be during Exam Jam, which takes place during final exams week. The tournament will be in the Chestnut Room in Kilcawley Center and will feature 16 giant screens.

Another interesting sport for the remainder of the semester is 7-on-7 short-field soccer.

Short-field soccer will take the place of indoor soccer, which was held last spring inside of Stambaugh Stadium. Soccer will be played outdoors on Beede Field. The field will be split into two fields, sideline to sideline. The goals will be the goals used for indoor soccer, but the soccer ball will be an outdoor soccer ball.

The most popular sport in the fall returns for the spring, but with a little twist.

The flag football tournament differs from the fall league because this tournament is a single-elimination tournament, whereas the league in the fall has five weeks of play in addition to playoffs.

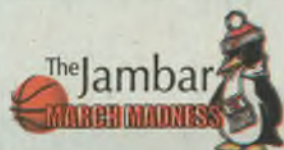
The limit for teams for the tournament is set at 12, so the first teams who submit their

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squads get to play. The deadline for teams is April 7. The tournament takes place on April 19 and April 26.

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