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## Bridges expands their support

Tyler Williams  
REPORTER

Youngstown State University's Bridges Out of Poverty Student Union is using grant money to expand their mission of helping financially stressed students in their college career.

The Raymond John Wean Foundation awarded the student group \$3,000 last year. Another \$500 is in the pipeline from the Community Foundation

of Western PA and Eastern OH.

The money will provide the group's "home base" in the Lincoln Building with office supplies, train administrators to aid students and offer networking opportunities.

"Now, it's just a matter of ... upgrading our vision — making it stronger, making it more solid and reaching out to students that sort of fall between the cracks," said Deaudra Edgerson, president of BOPSU.

This year, the group has its sights on

transportation for college students traveling from Trumbull County.

Edgerson said transportation is a shared problem among members of the student body.

"When we start talking about it, we realize, like, this is a common problem. It's not just me; it's actually quite a few students," Edgerson said.

In March, the group submitted a proposal to the Northern Trumbull County Community Foundation, requesting funds for bus passes that the

group would give to students.

On March 21, the foundation notified the group that it would receive a \$500 grant.

The group hasn't received the money yet, but once it is received, the group members plan to purchase 66 Western Reserve Transit Authority monthly bus passes for the entire year and give them to students in need of transportation.

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## WATTS the award?

Frank George  
ASSISTANT NEWS EDITOR

The American Council of Engineering Companies of Ohio has recognized Youngstown State University's Watson and Tressel Training Site for its unique design.

The WATTS received ACEC 2013 Engineering Excellence Awards in energy and in building/technology systems.

The training center is 125,000 square feet, and includes indoor football facilities, a 300-meter track, long jump and high jump pits, batting cages, a putting green and locker rooms.

The ACEC of Ohio is a non-profit association comprised of engineering firms that provide professional services across the state.

Donald Mader, executive director of ACEC of Ohio, said the ACEC gives one Grand Award, then gives second- and third-tier awards. The WATTS received a third-tier award.

This year, 29 projects were submitted to the Engineering Excellence Awards program; all 29 received an award.

Mader acknowledged the WATTS' energy efficiency.

"The judges were impressed, first and foremost, by the fact



Track and field athletes use the Watson and Tressel Training Site on Monday. The WATTS was recently awarded two ACEC Engineering Excellence Awards for energy and building/technology. Photo by Marissa McIntyre/The Jambar.

that the [WATTS] building is very efficient," Mader said. "It is built according to sustainable design criteria."

John Hyden, executive director of facilities at YSU, said he is pleased with the positive

attention that the WATTS has received.

"This facility has been operationally very successful and has garnered the attention of a broad spectrum from athletes and architects through adminis-

trators and politicians. It is truly an impressive facility," Hyden said.

MS Consultants, Inc. provided design services and construction administration for the WATTS. Anthony Hayek, vice

president of architecture at MS Consultants, Inc., served as director of the WATTS project.

Hayek said the WATTS employs energy-efficient glass,

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## WYSU's legacy to continue with license renewal

Caitlin Sheridan  
REPORTER

The Federal Communications Commission recently renewed Youngstown State University's license for 88.5 WYSU-FM through 2020. The FCC requires a renewal of this license every eight years.

The FCC regulates interstate and international media. According to its website, "The FCC's goal is to make high-quality affordable communications services available to all Americans."

WYSU was founded in October 1969. This fall, the radio station will celebrate its 44th anniversary.

Gary Sexton, WYSU's director, said he is proud of the license renewal and of the station's accomplishments.

"The station reaches more people on a weekly basis than any YSU unit," he said.

Sexton said that renewing WYSU's license provides the station with the opportunity to review its services and procedures.

"A license renewal is a validation from the

FCC that we are doing what we are supposed to be doing, and it feels great. We wouldn't be able to broadcast without a license renewal," he said.

Sexton said his main goals for WYSU include representing YSU, reaching as many members of the region as possible and providing the audience with quality news, music and entertainment.

Tricia Perry, who worked at WHOT-FM and WKBN, is a new addition to the WYSU team. As the station's new funding officer, she will focus on marketing and social media, as well as grant writing.

Perry said she is a bit of a news junkie. "It's an honor to work here. WYSU is unique in this community, and it is part of the culture, providing music, entertainment, commentary and news," she said.

Perry said that with the license renewal, WYSU has a bright future.

"WYSU has a great legacy here. It is a charter NPR station, and has been serving Youngstown State and the Mahoning Valley for 44 years," she said. "The renewal means that this will continue."

## Thursday Night Fever

Justin Carissimo  
NEWS EDITOR

On Thursday, Youngstown State University's Ballroom Dance Club will hold a dance event, Swingin' Back to the '50s, at Kuzman's Lounge in Girard.

Members will offer swing dancing lessons from 7:30 to 8 p.m., as well as a "Grease"-inspired dance-off with prizes for first-, second- and third-place winners.

Dan Pacella, treasurer of the dance club, said he didn't know how to dance until his freshman year at YSU.

"It's a different experience. Our president got me into swing dancing when it was held at [the former] Cedar's

Lounge downtown," Pacella said. "It's a great way to open students' eyes to all the cool events available around campus."

The Youngstown-Warren chapter of USA Dance helped the YSU Ballroom Dance Club organize the event. Pacella said the local chapter wanted to support the club, as well as provide an opportunity for students to unwind.

"They helped us out a lot, and they enabled us to have the event at Kuzman's," Pacella said. "The group that goes down to Cedar's for Swing Night in Youngstown every Thursday will also be in attendance."

Bryce Carsone, president

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## Texas prison gang to get scrutiny in double slaying, sources say

Kevin Krause

DALLAS MORNING NEWS (MCT)

The killing of the Kaufman County, Texas, district attorney and his wife is likely to turn up the heat on the notorious Aryan Brotherhood of Texas prison gang.

Suspicion already had fallen on the Aryan Brotherhood after Assistant District Attorney Mark Hasse was gunned down Jan. 31 near the Kaufman County Courthouse.

Now, with the slaying of District Attorney Mike McLelland and his wife, Cynthia, at their home near Forney, law enforcement sources say authorities will pursue any possible connections between the cases and the violent white supremacist gang.

Federal, state and local law enforcement dealt a serious blow to the gang in October with the federal racketeering indictments in Houston of 34 alleged members, including four top bosses. The Kaufman County district attorney's office was part of the multi-agency task force credited with bringing the cases.

In December, the Texas Department of Public Safety warned that the Aryan Brotherhood could be "planning retaliation against law en-

forcement officials" who helped secure the indictments in Houston.

"High-ranking members ... are involved in issuing orders to inflict 'mass casualties or death' to law enforcement officials who were involved in cases where Aryan Brotherhood of Texas are facing life sentences or the death penalty," the department said.

It also warned that the gang was "conducting surveillance on law enforcement officers."

Shortly after that alert, Hasse was killed in front of witnesses.

An official with the U.S. Marshals Service recently said in a widely circulated email that the Aryan Brotherhood was the focus of its investigation into Hasse's death.

Ordered killings are among the gang's regimen of terror and mayhem, federal authorities say. Most of the killings, though, are committed against other members, according to court records, typically for such things as cooperating with law enforcement and stealing drugs.

In the Houston case, members are accused of issuing orders to kill rival gang members. They also have been accused of attempted murder, kidnapping, assault, drug dealing, weapons traf-

ficking, arson and counterfeiting, court records show.

In one case, a member was ordered to kill a recruit and make it "as messy as possible" to send a message to other gang members about cooperating with police. Another member was ordered to kill a recruit and return with his severed finger as a trophy.

Kelly Ray Elley, who was one of those indicted last year, told a gang enforcer in 2008 about his plan to kill a police officer, court records show.

Matthew Orwig, former U.S. attorney for the Eastern District of Texas, said that if the gang is still at the top of the suspect list, he expects state and federal agents will step up their questioning of members inside and outside of prisons across the state.

Orwig said the investigation was already high profile and will have an even higher priority now. He said he wouldn't be surprised if U.S. Attorney General Eric Holder will be given regular real-time updates.

"There is going to be a lot of resources devoted to this and a lot of attention paid to it," he said.

Orwig said it's too soon to tell whether the nation is entering a new era in which law enforcement will be subjected to systematic retribution similar to what occurs in

other countries.

"There certainly is a real troubling boldness to these offenses," he said. "Part of the goal of a domestic terrorist organization is to instill fear in people."

The Aryan Brotherhood of Texas formed in the early 1980s within the Texas prison system for white members only, but it also operates outside prison walls. The gang employs a paramilitary structure in which soldiers take orders from officers with a chain of command that includes captains, majors and generals.

The prison gang is one of 12 recognized by the Texas Department of Criminal Justice, according to a 2007 publication. The list includes the Bloods, Crips, Aryan Circle and several Hispanic gangs such as the Mexican Mafia.

The Aryan Brotherhood's rules are written into a "constitution," and membership is for life. The punishment for disobeying an order or violating the rules ranges from beatings to death.

When released from prison, gang members are expected to report immediately to outside leaders and continue in the organization's ongoing criminal enterprises. All members are required to attend monthly meetings to discuss crimes, turn over

money from those crimes and dish out beatings of fellow members if needed.

The gang's activities in Texas include selling methamphetamine and cocaine, as well as firearms, court records show. At least one of the members indicted in Houston is accused of selling stolen pickup trucks to drug cartels in Mexico.

On March 19, the state of Colorado's prisons chief was killed at his home. The suspect, Evan Spencer Ebel, was a member of the white supremacist 211 prison gang. He was killed two days later in Texas while trying to escape police in Decatur. Officials have said they had not found any connections between him and the Hasse slaying.

The reward in the Hasse case is up to \$100,000, but no arrests have been made.

McLelland was among those who had considered whether the Aryan Brotherhood could have been behind Hasse's killing.

Shortly after the Colorado killing, McLelland told The Associated Press that his office had prosecuted several gang members and that it had a strong presence in his county.

"We put some real dents in the Aryan Brotherhood around here in the past year," he said.

## Immigration plan down to devilish details

Franco Ordonez

MCCLATCHY NEWSPAPERS (MCT)

WASHINGTON — Politics still might get in the way of a final agreement on a bipartisan immigration bill.

Now that labor and business have agreed on an immigrant temporary-worker program, a bipartisan group of eight senators say they've cleared every major policy hurdle and are ready to introduce the most dramatic overhaul to the U.S. immigration system in decades.

But first they have to write the bill, and that's rarely an easy task.

After weeks of speculation that an agreement was in jeopardy amid stalled talks and public bickering between the U.S. Chamber of Commerce and the AFL-CIO, Senate staff members are working the plan into draft legislation.

The "gang of eight" senators have worked out the major concepts, including placing the 11 million illegal immigrants now in the country on a path to citizenship, beefing up border security, establishing a nationwide system to verify the legal status of workers, punishing businesses that hire illegal immigrants, and allowing more agricultural and highly skilled immigrant workers to stay in the

country.

But they still may hit several stumbling blocks, as broad concepts must be turned into specific details that can sustain legal scrutiny. A key aspect of the proposal, for example, is that the borders must be secure before newly legalized immigrants are put on a path to citizenship. The members must come up with a system to measure border security, and whether they think the borders already are secure enough depends on what side of the aisle they sit on.

The senators also are planning to rewrite the laws to give preference to future immigrants based on potential job skills, with less emphasis on family connections. The system would award points for an immigrant's various characteristics, and it would place greater emphasis than the system does now on the immigrant's ability to make long-term economic contributions.

Sen. Patrick Leahy, D-Vt., the chairman of the Senate Judiciary Committee, has agreed to consider the bill later this month, according to Sen. Charles Schumer, D-N.Y.

Schumer; Sen. Lindsey Graham, R-S.C.; and other members of the "gang of eight" took to the airwaves Sunday to herald the historic agreement, announce plans to unveil the legislation next week and call on President Barack Obama to help

them make their case to the public.

On Monday, Obama applauded the progress and promised to remain engaged. But he cautioned that the legislation has yet to be presented, White House press secretary Jay Carney said.

"We're not celebrating prematurely," Carney said. "We await the product."

Indeed, one member of the bipartisan team, Sen. Marco Rubio, R-Fla., who's frequently mentioned as a 2016 presidential contender, appeared to be distancing himself from his excited colleagues.

"Reports that the bipartisan group of eight senators have agreed on a legislative proposal are premature," he said in a statement Sunday.

Rubio faces a dilemma. He's a favorite of die-hard conservatives, who have a strong say in Republican politics. But if he has national ambitions, he also must show broad appeal, particularly to the center-right, and immigration might be a key part of such a strategy.

Some political observers questioned whether Rubio was trying to lay the groundwork for removing himself from the group, but analysts such as Lance deHaven-Smith said Rubio had too much to lose.

The political science professor at Florida State University described Rubio as acting like a "reluctant

bride."

Rubio can't afford to lose Hispanic support by walking away from the agreement, deHaven said.

"But on the other hand, if he rushes to this with open arms and culminates the marriage with glee, he alienates the tea party. He's going to the altar with his head down and shuffling," the professor said.

The gang of eight senators began crafting ideas for an immigration overhaul after the November elections, in which Hispanics voted overwhelmingly for Obama over Republican Mitt Romney.

The agreed-on guest worker proposal initially would provide 20,000 visas. The numbers would increase later, based on market demands and unemployment numbers, but wouldn't exceed 200,000 per year.

"With the agreement between business and labor, every major policy issue has been resolved on the gang of eight," Schumer said Sunday on NBC. "Now everyone, we've all agreed that we're not going to come to a final agreement until we see draft legislative language and we agree on that."

The other senators in the group are Democrats Richard Durbin of Illinois, Robert Menendez of New Jersey, and Michael Bennet of Colorado, and Arizona Republicans Jeff Flake and John McCain.

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"I have ridden buses before, and I know that having a pass would mean so much and just one less thing that a student would have to worry about," said Rebecca Banks, secretary of BOPUSU.

Banks added that many people take transportation for granted, but for those in need, a bus pass would be a great help.

Even though the central aim is to provide bus passes to students from Trumbull County, James Martin, vice president of BOPUSU and the proposal's author, said that any student in need of transportation can receive a pass.

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recycled building materials and an under-floor hydronic heating system.

Hayek said M/S Consultants, Inc. is happy to work with YSU.

"We've done a lot of work with the university. Our company has a lot of employees that went to YSU," Hayek said. "We are big advocates of the university."

Hyden noted that despite its size, the WATTS remains pleasing to the eye.

"I expect that the building component [of the ACEC award] was due to the efforts to design

"Any student here at Youngstown State University that is in need of assistance for that, they can come to home base, and we [are] more than welcome [to] help them," Martin said.

On April 16, the Bridges Out of Poverty Student Union will also be joining with the Mahoning Valley Organizing Collaborative and other area groups to present the documentary "The House That I Live In." The documentary will discuss the impact of drugs on communities relating to poverty. The event will also involve a panel discussion. A location has not been determined yet.

what is essentially a big barn in an aesthetically pleasing fashion," Hyden said.

In addition to the ACEC awards, the WATTS has received honors in the past. Last year, the building achieved LEED Silver Certification from the U.S. Green Building Council for its design and sustainability. In addition, the WATTS was featured on the front cover of College Planning & Management magazine in December.

"We are quite pleased with the [ACEC awards], and we have received a lot of national recognition for the WATTS," Hayek said.

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of the dance club, said the group chose the "Grease" theme because it's members' favorite flick.

"Swing is a very social dance, and everyone has so much fun with it. There's a lot of individual things you can do with it," Carsone said. "We're using songs from the movie and similar rules to make it as 'Grease' as possible."

For those who aren't into swing, regular party music and dancing will also fuel the night. Carsone said most members of the club are beginners.

"Of course, not all people in the club are beginners, but we recently held a ballroom

night, and most of us were beginners. We're all on the same page," she said.

Kuzman's will be decorated with crepe paper, just as it was in the movie. Some club members will be dressed in poodle skirts for fun, but dressing up is not required.

"It's this big conformation of people of all ages that you see in the movies — an event you might not know is so close and local," Pacella said.

The group will also provide free desserts to participants. Admission is \$5 per person, and the event is open to anyone 18 years of age and older. The dancing will conclude at 11 p.m.

## College affordability is a struggle as state aid drops, tuition rises

Renee Schoof  
MCCLATCHY NEWSPAPERS  
(MCT)

WASHINGTON — Making college more affordable to more people continues to be elusive, and the recent recession hasn't made it any easier.

States have cut their support for public colleges and universities — deeply, in some cases — and schools have raised tuition as a result. They've also dropped classes, eliminated faculty and reduced other services to compensate.

For high school seniors nervously waiting for admissions decisions this spring from public colleges and universities, the recession's impact might mean fewer acceptances, in some cases, and higher costs for many who do get in, according to a study on the impact of state education cuts by the liberal-leaning Center on Budget and Policy Priorities.

"A lot of groups are calling for states to figure out a long-term strategy for funding higher ed," said Julie Bell, the education program director for the National Conference of State Legislatures. "Almost nobody thinks states are going to return to where they were."

States began trimming their budgets after the recession took hold in 2008, according to the center, a research group that studies the impact of government spending on low- and moderate-income people. Few took steps — such as raising taxes — to replace what they'd lost, it noted.

"It's a really dangerous trend" because tuition will keep growing beyond what increasing numbers of people can pay, said Phil Oliff, an author of the report.

More than three-quarters of U.S. undergraduates are enrolled in public colleges and universities, according to federal data. More than half of the money those schools received last year came from local governments, and most of that was tax revenue, the center reported.

But from Massachusetts to New Mexico, states on average are spending less per student — about \$2,350 a year, or 28 percent — than they did five years ago, the center said.

Eleven have cut their financial support per student by more than a third, it found, while states such as Florida, Idaho, South Carolina and Washington have slashed

### State cuts to higher education

State spending on higher education is down 28 percent since the recession began. Change in spending per student, 2008-13:

■ \$1 to 1,400 ■ 0 to -1,999 ■ -2,000 to -3,499 ■ -3,500 or more



- 11 states have cut funding by more than a third; Arizona and New Hampshire, by half
- Arizona and California have raised tuition at four-year schools by more than 70 percent

- States provide 53 percent of the revenue for instruction at public colleges and universities
- When states cut instruction funding, colleges and universities must cut spending, raise tuition
- Other cuts: faculty positions, course offerings, closing campuses, library services

Source: Center on Budget and Policy Priorities Graphic: Judy Treible © 2013 MCT

even deeper, cutting back college support by nearly 40 percent or more.

California cut its higher education aid from nearly \$3 billion in 2007-08 to about \$2 billion currently, a 29 percent drop. A \$125 million increase is expected for next year, as a result of tax increases approved by voters.

But the loss of state aid has taken a toll. The California State University has had to turn away 20,000 qualified applicants every year for several years, said Mike Uhlenkamp, a spokesman for the chancellor's office.

Meanwhile, annual tuition at four-year-public colleges increased by an average of \$1,850 — 27 percent — from 2008 to 2013, adjusting for inflation.

Tuition costs in California rose 72 percent, according to the report, though at \$5,472 per year it's still a bargain com-

pared with other places, Uhlenkamp said. Florida, Washington and Georgia weren't far behind, with hikes of more than 60 percent.

The College Board reported last fall that the average tuition and fees at four-year public universities totaled \$8,655 for the 2012-13 school year.

North Carolina has cut state higher education aid by nearly 15 percent since 2008.

Gov. Pat McCrory's budget proposal last week includes a 5.4 percent reduction in state spending for the University of North Carolina system next year. He also asked for a 12.3 percent tuition increase for out-of-state students at UNC-Chapel Hill and other five other schools in the system. Last year, tuition and fees increased an average of nearly 9 percent for in-state undergraduates in

the UNC system.

Beyond tuition, the report noted that schools have found other ways to compensate for the loss in state aid: "Public colleges and universities also have cut faculty positions, eliminated course offerings, closed campuses, shut down computer labs and reduced library services, among other cuts."

At the same time that states and the schools they support grapple with money problems, student loan debt has been growing. Twenty years ago, fewer than half of students at four-year public and private institutions graduated with loans, according to Lauren Asher, the president of the Institute for College Access and Success, a nonprofit group that's working to make college more accessible.

Now, two-thirds shoulder an average debt of \$26,600.

"The big driver of student debt is college costs have risen faster than family income and the availability of grant aid," Asher said.

States are starting to put budgets in place for next year. But without knowing what the federal budget for higher education will look like — such as whether Pell Grants, which aid low-income students — will continue and in what form, "it makes it very hard for them to plan," Bell said.

Since only about a third of the students who attend four-year institutions graduate in four years, "the real issue is how to get kids through quicker so it costs the state and them less," she said.

Several ways of speeding up the process are under discussion. One is to make it easier for students to transfer without losing credits. Another is to offer online courses.

California state Senate President Pro Tem Darrell Steinberg introduced a bill earlier this month that would require public colleges to accept credits for online courses for students who were on waiting lists for the in-class versions. Otherwise, he said, they often need more time to graduate if they can't get off the waiting lists.

But Sandy Baum, a senior fellow at the George Washington University Graduate School of Education and Human Development, cautioned: "There should be flexibility, but we might risk just handing out pieces of paper to people who really haven't had a college education. It's just something to watch."

## Alleged threats cause FAU to put communications instructor on leave

Andrew Abramson  
PALM BEACH POST  
(MCT)

BOCA RATON, Fla. — The Florida Atlantic University instructor who asked students to step on a piece of paper with "Jesus" written on it as part of a communications class exercise has been placed on leave by the university, not for his conduct but for safety reasons.

Lisa Metcalf, director of media relations for FAU, released a statement Friday afternoon saying that Deandre Poole "has been placed on administrative leave effective immediately for safety reasons. As a result of the reaction to a recent exercise in Dr. Poole's intercultural communications class, the instructor's personal safety has been compromised."

Metcalf said the decision also "will prevent further disruption to the day-to-day operations of Florida Atlantic University."

Metcalf said FAU has no police reports but other agencies might be investigating. Poole will continue to be paid by FAU, Metcalf said.

Susan Reilly, a colleague of Poole's in the School of Communication and Multimedia Studies, said the department has "received all kinds of horrible threats."

"They're awful, racist and threatening to hurt him. It's very bad," Reilly said. "They're acting like he's the villain and he's not."

Poole is vice chairman of the Palm Beach County Democratic Party. John Ramos, state Democratic committeeman and friend of Poole, said Friday that the Democratic Party office also has received threatening calls, which have been forwarded to the Palm Beach County Sheriff's Office.

"He's not picking up his phone. I've heard that he has been threatened," Ramos said. "This whole thing is totally preposterous. If you know the man you'd know he's a good Christian man, a bright, intelligent church-goer. He's a very honorable man and I feel so bad for him."

Terrie Rizzo, chair of the Palm Beach County Democratic Party, said the party has received dozens of "racist and vile" phone calls and emails and that the sheriff's office "took it seriously and they're concerned."

Last week, FAU released a statement saying Poole was "a non-tenured instructor on an annual appointment" and that "no students were forced to take part in the exercise."

Poole used the exercise during a March 4

class at FAU's Davie campus.

Ryan Rotela, a Coral Springs student, said he raised objections March 4 when Poole used the exercise in an intercultural communications class on FAU's Davie campus. Officials said the exercise was taken from an instructor's manual for the class textbook, "Intercultural Communication: A Contextual Approach."

Rotela said Poole brushed him off in class and told him to leave the classroom when he tried to talk to Poole afterward.

Poole has not returned calls or emails for comment.

Rotela complained to Poole's supervisor and a few days later received a disciplinary letter from FAU telling him not to attend class because he had been accused of threatening his instructor.

He then went to WPEC-TV, which aired a report last week.

FAU gave WPEC a statement defending the exercise, but has reversed course since — apologizing to Rotela, allowing him to return to class with another instructor and saying it would no longer use the "Jesus" exercise.

Reilly, Poole's colleague at FAU, criticized the university for how it handled the situation.

"It was an exercise in religious tolerance," Reilly said. "It was an exercise to examine people's emotional responses to religious terms. At no point did he say kids had to do anything."

Reilly said Poole grew up in a poor neighborhood in Riviera Beach, was mentored by a minister and went on to study at FAU and Howard University, earning a doctorate. Reilly said Poole was teaching at FAU's Davie campus because there are more minority students there and he wants to help kids who grew up in a similar situation to him.

"The church was his refuge from the street and he was encouraged," said Reilly, who said Poole had been instructed not to talk publicly. While Poole is now on leave and might be able to speak up, Reilly said he has been told by university officials he should leave town for the weekend because his home address has been circulating.

Not all professors at FAU are defending Poole. William McDaniel, president of the faculty senate, said in an email earlier this week that no faculty member he's spoken with "in any way approves of Mr. Poole's choice to use such an insensitive exercise" and that "using the exercise shows a complete lack of discretion by the instructor."

## Student who says she was sexually assaulted claims university retaliation

Jane Stancill  
THE NEWS & OBSERVER  
(MCT)

CHAPEL HILL, N.C. — Landen Gambill, the University of North Carolina-Chapel Hill student who faces an honor court trial following her public allegations of being raped by a fellow student, has filed a federal complaint accusing the university of retaliation.

Gambill's attorney, Henry Clay Turner, wrote a letter to UNC-CH Chancellor Holden Thorp, saying the complaint had been filed Monday with the U.S. Department of Education's Office for Civil Rights. That's the same agency already investigating the university for its handling of sexual assault cases following a January complaint by Gambill and several other women. In a related matter, the university is being reviewed by federal officials for possible violations of the Clery Act, a federal law that requires campuses to disclose crime statistics.

Turner demanded that the university dismiss the case and said Gambill won't participate in what he called the honor court's "reckless prosecution." Gambill was charged with an honor code violation for intimidating the man she says raped her, though she has not identified him publicly.

"The retaliatory charges against my client are inappropriate, unconstitutional, and utterly without merit," Turner wrote.

Gambill could face a range of sanctions from the honor court, up to and including expulsion.

The honor court has been run by students since 1875, and university officials have said they do not intervene to either bring or drop charges against students.

Turner disputed that, citing a clause in the code saying the chancellor has the ultimate re-

sponsibility for matters of student discipline, even though that is typically delegated to students and faculty.

Gambill has been outspoken during several rallies on campus, where she talked about her allegations of sexual assault having been mishandled by the university. Last year, the student she accused of rape was cleared in a judicial hearing before a panel of students, faculty and staff.

The attorney for the male student has said he has suffered from widespread media coverage of Gambill's public remarks, and even though she has not identified him, some people on campus know his identity. His educational experience has been jeopardized by the stressful situation, his attorney has said.

But in Monday's letter to Thorp, Turner wrote that Gambill has a First Amendment right to speak about her experience as a survivor of sexual violence.

"Nor will she be deterred by the University's recent troubling attempts to silence and discredit her by wrongly implying that Ms. Gambill's allegations of sexual assault were untrue," he wrote.

He cited a passage in a series of emails posted on the Orange Politics blog, between UNC-CH Vice Chancellor for Student Affairs Winston Crisp and Carrboro Mayor Mark Chilton.

In the exchange, Crisp wrote, "I know of no circumstances where the good faith report of a rape would result in Honor Code Charges."

He was responding to Chilton, who had written a student attorney general, asking her to clarify whether reporting a rape would amount to a violation of the honor code.

"Mr. Crisp's not-so-subtle, and profoundly inappropriate, implication was that Ms. Gambill's allegations were false and made in bad faith," Turner wrote.

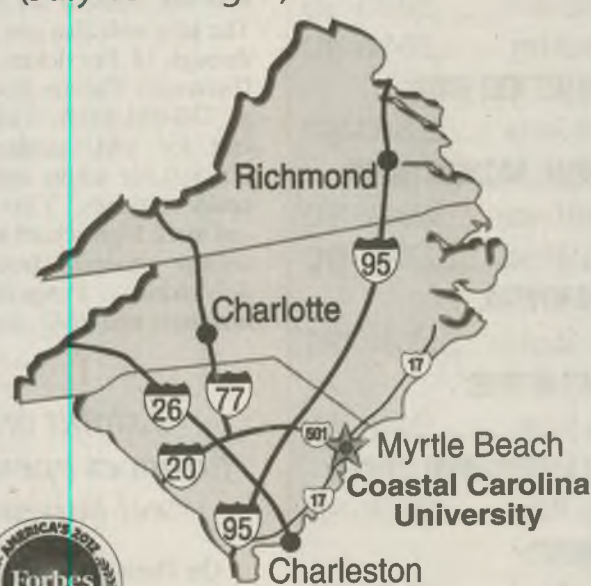


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**'Gemini' opens at  
Spotlight Theater  
on Thursday**

This weekend, University Theater will perform Albert Innaurato's dramatic comedy "Gemini" in Bliss Hall's Spotlight Arena Theater. Thursday through Saturday performances will begin at 7:30 p.m., while Sunday matinee performances will begin at 3 p.m. "Gemini" contains adult situations and coarse language, and it is not suitable for children. The play will also run April 12 through 14. For tickets, call the University Theater Box Office at 330-941-3105. Tickets are free for YSU students with ID, \$10 for adults and \$5 for senior citizens, YSU faculty and staff, high school students, college students from other universities, Penguin Club members and YSU alumni.

**Exhibit on  
furnaces opens at  
steel museum**

On Thursday, a photographic exhibit of the steel furnaces in Hubbard will open with a reception from 5 to 7 p.m. at the Youngstown Historical Center of Industry and Labor. The exhibit, "Iron Valley: A Century of Change at Hubbard Furnace," will feature 32 photos from the 1870s to the 1960s. Admission is free. For more information, call 330-941-1314.

**Wednesday's career  
fair open to  
students, alumni**

From 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. on Wednesday, the YSU Office of Career Services will present its Spring 2013 Career Fair in Kilcawley Center's Chestnut Room. The career fair is open to current YSU students and alumni, and more than 80 employers are scheduled to attend. Students may pre-register for the event by calling 330-941-3515; pre-registrants will receive a "Career Fair Survivor's Guide" booklet, along with expedited check-in and a pre-printed nametag on the day of the career fair. The first 100 students who pre-register will also receive a book about post-college life and resume paper. Attendees are encouraged to dress professionally and bring multiple copies of their resume.

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Letter to the Editor



# And all that Jazz

**Marissa McIntyre**  
ARTS & ENTERTAINMENT  
EDITOR

Campus jazz musicians are going to paint the town with their smooth sound and bomb beats.

The Youngstown Jazz Collective, a nonprofit music-oriented student organization, recently raised nearly \$4,000 to produce, record and print their first CD, "Absent Dreamers."

The nine-track album was composed and produced by Youngstown State University students Mark Higgins, Kevin Snyder, Rob Chase, Jim Weltman and Clay Colley.

"We wanted to do an original Youngstown project," Chase said.

After a failed attempt two years ago, the group decided to give it another try with the support of David Morgan, an associate professor of jazz studies and string bass, and Jack Ciarniello, an instructor of music recording.

"The second go around, [David] asked us what we wanted to do," Higgins said. "Dave really helped because I had never tried to write anything before."

The students said that before this project, they hadn't tried to compose anything original.

YJC was awarded an undergraduate student research grant of \$1,000. The

group raised the remaining funds through bake sales and through the website Kickstarter. They exceeded their goal, raising more than \$2,000.

"We really worked from nothing," Snyder said.

The group recorded on campus and is anticipating the release of the album. The CD will be available in a physical format as well as on

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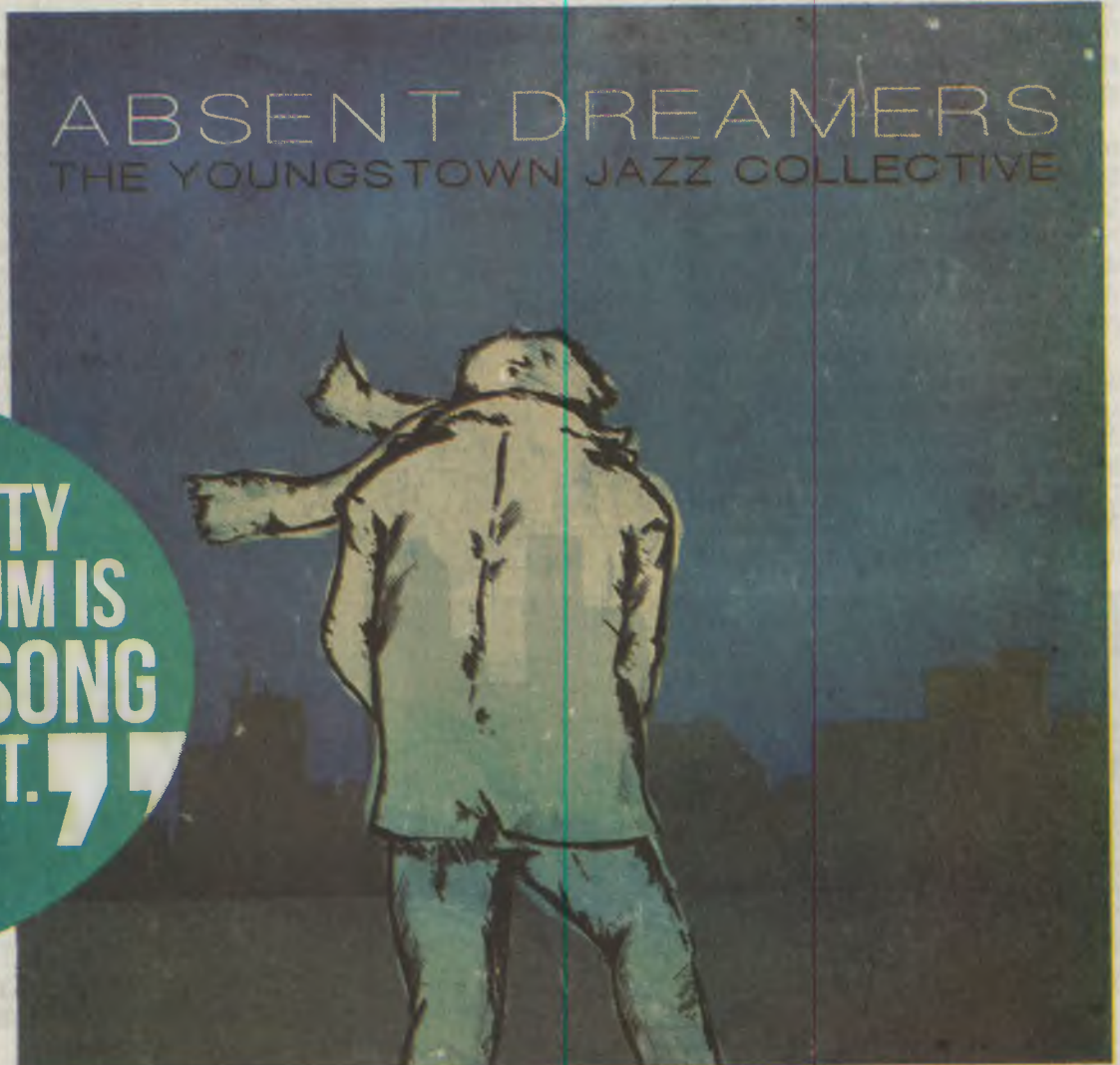
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THE YOUNGSTOWN  
JAZZ COLLECTION

iTunes and CD Baby.

"This is also going to be a good way to promote the university for incoming music students," Snyder said. "Like, here is a physical copy of an original project students did."

Higgins said the last time a CD was released from the jazz ensemble was in 2006, and that while that project was mostly arrangements, the CD will be original.

The students have taken the typical jazz sound idea and have added elements of nontraditional sounds to their arrangements.



Bren Munroe, a graphic design student, designed the album cover for the Youngstown Jazz Collective CD. In return, they performed for the opening night of the Juried Art Exhibition. The nine-track album will be available April 22. Photo courtesy of Bren Munroe.

"The idea behind the composition was different music styles and use the jazz big band behind it. There are elements of hip-hop and pop, so it goes back to the '60s and '70s when fusion jazz came back because of rock 'n' roll," Chase said.

Snyder said everyone involved with the project enjoyed the recording process.

"With jazz, I can do whatever I want and it's OK," he said.

Higgins added that he enjoyed writing jazz pieces because it allowed band members to be more creative.

"If you broke up the album and listened to my songs, there is definitely a certain music style that I tried to emulate," he said.

The album will be released on April 22 at Nighttown in Cleveland Heights.

"The beauty of this album is that no one song can define it," Chase said.

To celebrate the album's release, the jazz studies program will host a free concert. It will be held in the Chestnut Room of Kilcawley Center on Monday at 8 p.m.

# Bashing for beats

**Taylor Phillips**  
ARTS & ENTERTAINMENT  
REPORTER

Comedians, bands and Youngstown State University students will fill the Lemon Grove on Saturday night starting at 6 p.m. for the second annual Rookery Radio Benefit Bash.

Since 2011, Rookery Radio has served as an on-air outlet for YSU students who have a passion for radio, even if they are not communications majors.

Adam Earnhardt, chair of the communications department, oversees Rookery Radio.

"This is the anchor event to end our communications week," Earnhardt said. "This year, we have expanded the event by bringing in three bands, especially our headliner, Runaway Dorothy."

Earnhardt said Runaway Dorothy is a New York City-based band managed by YSU graduate Ryan Mishko.

This year, two stages will be set up in the Lemon Grove to accommodate three bands and two comedians. This will allow for constant entertainment throughout the evening. Another thing different about the bash is Lemon Grove's larger location.

Earnhardt said the turnout last year was overwhelming.

"The place was packed," Earnhardt said. "That was the old location, too, so we hope to pack the bigger location this year, too. We hope to bring 500 to 600 people throughout the night this year."

Earnhardt also said the Lemon Grove has been really helpful both this year and last.

To benefit the station, drink specials, a chance auction and a \$5 cover charge will help raise money for Rookery Radio. The proceeds will all go to defraying the station's operational costs, such as licensing fees, new monitors and headphones.



Rookery Radio held their first benefit bash at the old Lemon Grove last year. The second annual benefit bash will be Saturday at the Lemon Grove from 6 p.m. to 1 a.m. Photo courtesy of Nancy Barker.

David Tamulonis, co-host of "The Dave and Jared Show," said the station relies on donations to stay operational.

"Since we are a nonprofit student organization and this event is really big for us," Tamulonis said, "the proceeds really help us stay up and running."

"Everything adds up," Earnhardt said. "This is our only benefit event, so we are really excited about it."

Besides benefitting the station, the bash also helps to get Rookery's name out to the YSU campus, as well as the Youngstown area.

Matt Roth, junior host, said this is just the beginning for the station.

"The benefit bash is a good way for us to branch out to not just the campus but also the community," Roth said. "It also helps for us to recruit more [disk jockeys] for next semester."

The benefit's biggest sponsor of the night was their new partner, the WBCB/The CW.

"One of the great things about this is that it really highlights our relationship with the WBCB/CW," Earnhardt said. "They have been fantastic to help promote Rookery in the community."

Roth also said he is grateful to the WBCB/CW.

"We are really thankful for everything," Roth said. "Besides the CW, we are also really thankful for everyone at the CW, we are helping us out for the second year in a row."

The Rookery staff encourages YSU students to attend the benefit.

"It's a great time; I went last year, and it was really fun," Tamulonis said. "The bands this year all sound pretty good, and there's some cool stuff being raffled off, so it should be a good great time."

For more information on Rookery Radio visit the station's website, <http://www.rookeryradio.com>, or visit the Lemon Grove on Saturday from 6 p.m. to 1 a.m.

# Students on spring break aid repairs after Sandy

Patricia Alex

THE RECORD (HACKENSACK, N.J.) (MCT)

HACKENSACK, N.J. — Hundreds of college students have descended upon the Jersey Shore during spring break this year to help with cleanup and rebuilding in the wake of super-storm Sandy.

And the state's public architecture school is bringing its expertise to bear in offering to help local officials and groups with research and design as the area rebuilds.

The project at the New Jersey Institute of Technology — dubbed Resilient Design — will look at lessons gleaned from other flooded areas, from Venice to New Orleans, and is setting up studios throughout the affected areas of the state, said Thomas Dallesio, the project manager.

In the meantime, more than 400 students from the school are among those spending spring break helping out on the state's battered coastline. Others, from state schools including Fairleigh Dickinson University, Rutgers and Bergen Community College, are lending a hand, as are more than 500 col-

lege students from out of state, some coming from as far as Iowa, Colorado and Georgia throughout March and April.

The students are helping out with debris removal, painting, putting up drywall and whatever else needs to be done as cleanup continues from the monster storm that pummeled the region in late October.

Last week in Union Beach — a hard-hit town near Raritan Bay — a group of FDU students hauled debris from the site of damaged ranch homes that were recently razed on Raritan Street. There were physically heavy items — cinder blocks and metal piping — and emotionally heavier ones — like a waterlogged photo album and family Bible.

"It's very sad," said Cindy Rodriguez, 19, an FDU student from East Orange, N.J. "I can't imagine how it must have been (for the homeowners) to come back here."

Olga Carr, who lives across the street in a house that is more elevated, said her neighbors fled as the water from the bay and a nearby creek inundated the town. "Once the water reached the top of their kitchen cabinets, they were done," she said.

Unlike the Jersey Shore's barrier islands, where many of the damaged properties were second homes, the homes in this blue-collar town were primary residences. Carr said she wasn't sure where her neighbors had gone or if they would rebuild.

"It's tough today, because there are so many personal effects here — it's heart-wrenching," said Matt Krayton, a residence life coordinator at FDU's Florham Park-Madison campus.

He said the school and the students plan to maintain a relationship with the people of Union Beach after the debris is hauled away, helping to raise money for building supplies and other needs.

Farther south, another group of FDU students, from the Bergen County campus, was helping out in Ortleigh Beach, one of the hardest-hit communities on the Atlantic coast.

Jessica Harris, director of student life at the Teaneck-Hackensack campus, said she was gratified that she got to nail in planks for the new boardwalk.

"A lot of us are from New Jersey, so it was only right that we worked here and 'took care of home,'" she said.

But help came from afar, too. A former plumbing supply warehouse on Fisher Boulevard in Toms River

was converted into sleeping and eating quarters for more than 500 out-of-state students slated to arrive throughout the month of March, said Steve Boisvert, director of Community Collaborations International, a group that coordinates alternative spring break programs in the United States and abroad.

Students were coming from Ohio State, Georgia Tech and Wake Forest, to name a few, said Candace Linn, coordinating the Toms River site. They were hauling debris, painting houses, putting in drywall and helping with after-school programs in the counties of Monmouth, Ocean and Atlantic, she said. "We try to support the work the local non-profits are doing," she said.

Boisvert said community service spring breaks, which provide an alternative to traditional beach bacchanals, are a growing movement. About 80,000 students participated in such projects this year, compared with 10,000 in 2004, he said.

Boisvert's group has worked with thousands of students from nearly 70 universities, putting them to work at disaster relief and other locations.

"I always say it's the spring break you'll never forget instead of the one you can't remember," said Boisvert.

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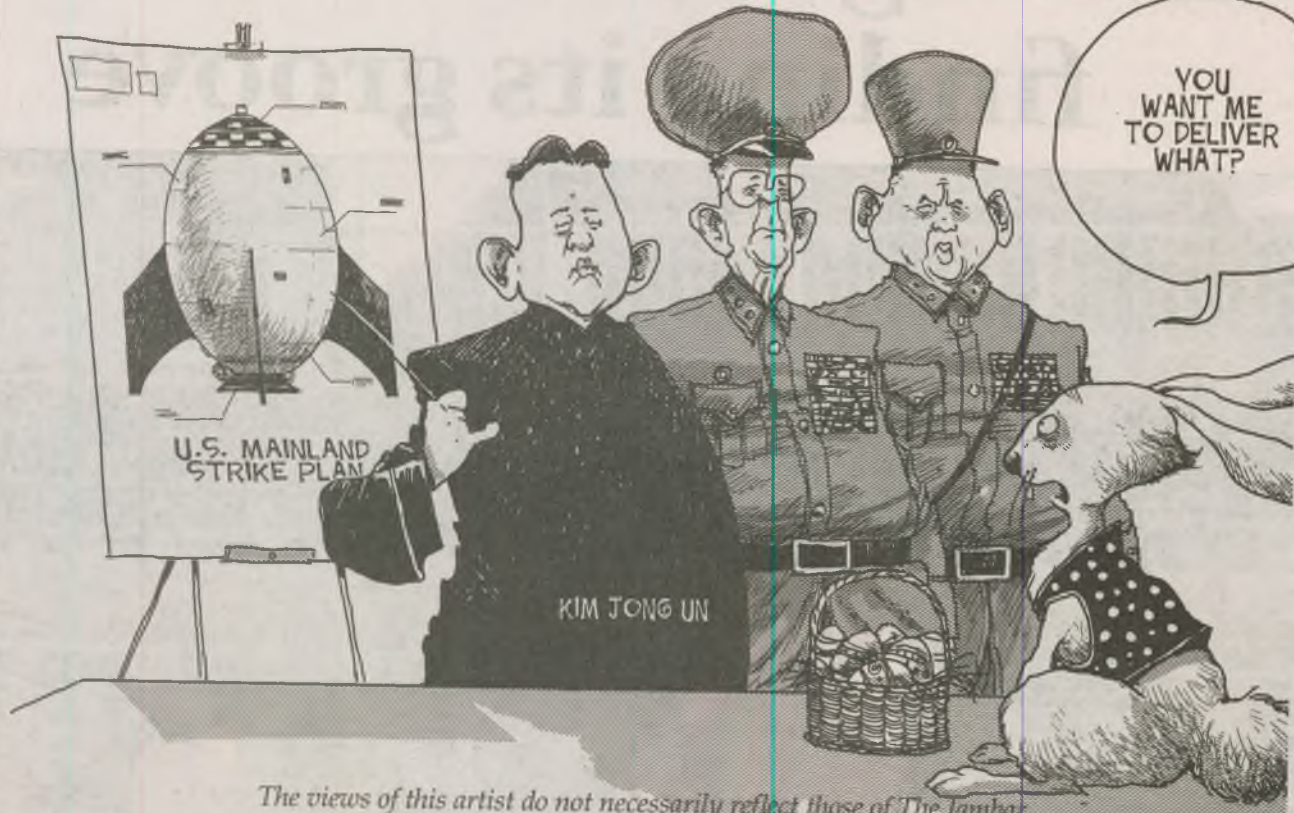
## Did you make the list?

As the end of the semester draws near, tempers run high and patience grows thin around campus. So, to illustrate what we mean, here's an extensive, if incomplete, list of things that are pissing us off.

Ain't nobody got time for that:

- 1) People who post long-winded Facebook rants about their personal problems.
- 2) YSU parking tickets are three times as expensive as city parking tickets, and they raised parking pass prices last summer to do what exactly?
- 3) Inappropriate use of the word "literally." No matter how mad you get, your head is not "literally" going to explode.
- 4) Snow in April.
- 5) People who plaster their fresh-out-of-the-placenta babies all over Facebook. You're 22, for crying out loud.
- 6) People who don't use headphones when listening to music on their phone.
- 7) Nickelback fans.
- 8) Middle-aged men who use the word "bro" in a non-ironic sense.
- 9) Professors who make you buy the textbook but never make you use it.
- 10) Duck-faced, muscle and/or sideways peace sign selfies.
- 11) Hippies.
- 12) Hipsters.
- 13) People who pretend to be hippies and hipsters.
- 14) Hippies and hipsters who have no self-awareness.
- 15) The Man.
- 16) The parking meters shouldn't have to be fed every 30 minutes. Ain't nobody got time for that.
- 17) Cops who park illegally and turn on their lights to run red lights.
- 18) People who play the acoustic guitar on benches inside and outside Kilcawley.
- 19) Baseball.
- 20) People who post their own name on YSU Crushes.
- 21) When YSU Crushes and YSU Confessions don't update for hours. Ain't nobody got time for that.

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## LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Athletics does not make a profit.

I just had to get that out of my system after reading the "Success equals sales" article in Thursday's Jambar. In the article, Rick Love, associate director of athletics, said, "The money that is raised from ticket sales goes back into the general athletic department budget, first and foremost paying for scholarships. ... Any money left after balancing the budgets can be used for capital improvements, such as new equipment or new uniforms."

This statement is profoundly misleading and leads the reader to infer many things that are simply not true. The first part of the statement is true where he says that money raised goes back to the general athletic budget, but the clear truth ends there. The rest of the statement is murky.

For example, Love implies that the \$90,000 in season ticket sales is used first and foremost for paying for scholarships.

However, this cannot be true. According to Appendix D of the fiscal year 2013 YSU budget, in 2013, from the general fund of the university (and thus from student tuition dollars) the university contributes more than \$9.05 million to athletics, with \$4.18 million going to "scholarship support" and the rest to operating costs.

This goes into athletics' overall

budget along with all of the money made from ticket sales. In the expense section of Appendix D of the FY 2013 budget, it indicates that exactly that \$4.18 million is expended on scholarships. So, Love's statements cannot possibly be true, as not a single cent of any ticket sales goes to paying for scholarships.

Not a cent!

All of the scholarship money is paid for out of the \$810 per student (roughly 10 percent of overall tuition) that goes from our tuition through the general fund to athletics. Students should not be misled to think otherwise.

In the second half of the statement, Love says that after balancing the budget, the leftover money goes to things like capital improvements.

Now, some of the ticket money may go to that, but unless Love was referring to the subsidized athletics budget, their budget is in no way balanced.

Athletics brings in \$2.9 million in revenue and spends \$11.96 million, resulting in a deficit of more than \$9 million.

A deficit of more than 300 percent makes the federal budget deficit look tiny in comparison (that sound you hear is Rand Paul having a heart attack).

Love mentions that leftover money is used for capital improvements like equipment and

uniforms, but perhaps athletics should use its leftover money for something else, like keeping promises.

When the YSU football team played the University of Pittsburgh, the Student Government Association sponsored two large buses full of students to go to Pittsburgh and support our team.

After denying our request for tickets to the game for each student on the buses, athletics promised \$500 to help with part of the cost of the second bus.

However, after the game, SGA had a lot of trouble receiving the money from athletics, and after many delays, SGA finally received \$0. The buses cost more than \$1,775.

I would not manipulate facts to Jambar reporters to make my books look better, so I do not want anyone acting like everything is fine and well in this case, when clearly a small increase in ticket sales will not make a large difference to the amount of scholarships or new athletic facilities.

The biggest reason athletics even exists is because of tuition-paying students.

Cory Okular  
SGA PRESIDENT

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When the Skeggs Lecture Series was established and endowed by the family of Leonard T. Skeggs in the mid-1960s, the family set criteria the speakers were required to observe.

Besides delivering a free speech open to the university community, the lecturer was required to spend the day before or after meeting with students and faculty in classroom and small groups.

The first few Skeggs lecturers, including the inaugural speaker, Theodore C. Sorenson, were generous with their time and accessible to the trustees, faculty and students. And they met with the local press, including reporters from The Jambar. (Sorenson was John F. Kennedy's speechwriter and had just written a huge best-seller, "Kennedy,"

when he visited YSU in 1966.)

Along the way, apparently in hopes of getting bigger and bigger names, the university speech committee waived the condition of spending time with students and faculty. The relatively lesser-known speakers, such as Donald Johanson (discoverer of "Lucy"), have made themselves accessible but the more famous have not. While they haven't insisted in their contracts that all the red M&Ms be removed from their candy dishes, they have, in too many instances, behaved like self-centered rock stars.

When Colin Powell was the Skeggs lecturer, the former U.S. secretary of state and chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff, was driven from the airport to Powers Auditorium, where he gave his canned

speech and was whisked back to the airport for which he was paid \$70,000.

The university speech committee and the Skeggs family should remember the purpose of the lecture series, not just to hear someone well-known, but to have that well-known person meet and hold discussions with YSU students and faculty the day of their address.

Dennis LaRue

(LaRue graduated from YSU with a bachelor's degree in 1969 and with a master's degree in 1994.)

## Congress should let states collect online sales taxes

The Seattle Times  
(MCT)

Congress has taken an overdue but encouraging step toward harmonizing sales-tax enforcement between online and brick-and-mortar retail sales.

As part of the ongoing budget debate, a supermajority of 75 U.S. senators recently endorsed with an advisory vote the Marketplace Fairness Act. It was not a binding vote, but suggested a decade-long battle over online sales taxes is nearing an end.

The act, pending in the U.S. House and Senate, streamlines collection by requiring states to sign onto a multistate agreement.

Washington state already has. And it stands to be a huge beneficiary. The state Department of Revenue estimates it could generate about \$284 million in 2013-15, and \$845 million in 2015-17.

Those are not new taxes. Those are existing taxes not currently collected simply because a purchase was made online, instead of in person.

Washington's homegrown e-commerce giant, Amazon.com, reiterated its support in a letter in February to Rep. John Conyers, D-Mich., ranking member of the House Judiciary committee, where the legislation is currently parked.

The added tax revenue could

seed the next generation of online entrepreneurs with investment in public and higher education.

It is also an issue of fairness. A 1992 U.S. Supreme Court decision, Quill v. North Dakota, ruled that an online retailer is not required to collect state sales taxes if it doesn't have a physical location in the state. Resistance to online sales tax collection once centered on the fragility of e-commerce.

A generation later, the online economy is roaring — look no further than the Amazon-fueled building boom in Seattle. Today, the notion of giving a big price break to online retailers over brick-and-mortar stores is as antiquated as a floppy disk.

## Settling in, YSU baseball finding its groove



Jack Graham takes a swing during a home game last season. YSU will host the University of Akron and the University of Wisconsin-Milwaukee this week. Photo by Dustin Livesay/The Jambar.

Steve Wilaj  
SPORTS EDITOR

Early in the season, the Youngstown State University baseball team desperately wanted to take a step forward and get off to a good start.

It didn't happen, as the Penguins were 3-16 a month in.

It was then that first-year head coach Steve Gillispie realized his team needed to do something else.

"I think everybody just had to settle in and take a deep breath after a coaching change," he said.

After doing just that, Gillispie and YSU have been breathing easier — and winning.

Since falling to the University of Pittsburgh, 16-1, on March 10, the Penguins are 4-3. They are coming off their first series win of the season, taking two of three games at conference foe Wright State University over the weekend.

"It's always big to get a conference win, especially on the road," said junior outfielder Mike Accardi. "Talking to the guys, a lot of them never beat Wright State at their place. So, it was really good to get that first series win. Everybody's really pumped about it and excited."

On Thursday, YSU routed the Raiders, 10-1, behind Accardi's three hits and a strong outing from starting pitcher Blake Aquadro (seven innings, one earned run).

After a 5-3 loss on Friday, the Penguins bounced back for a 7-4 victory on Saturday. Marcus Heath hit two homeruns, while starting pitcher Patrick O'Brien went 6.2 innings and allowed three runs.

"[It's] the important parts of the game — pitching and defense — that keep you in it and win it; we did particularly well," Gillispie said. "We didn't give up many runs because we played good defense. We ran some balls down in the outfield and turned a couple double plays. Offensively, we hit with some power, which we hadn't done much of."

Heath was particularly effective over the weekend, batting .333 and earning Horizon League Hitter of the Week honors. Second baseman Neil Schroth also had an exceptionally strong weekend, collecting six hits in the series.

"Everything went well," Accardi said. "We didn't boot the ball around a lot. We played pretty solid defensively and got some timely hits when we needed them. Just everybody contributing really paid off for us."

While Gillispie said he was pleased with YSU's progression coming off a victory at Ohio University on March 19, he's happy to see the upward trend continue.

"I thought this weekend was probably the most sustained effort, and hopefully that is a sign of us getting better," he said.

This week could go a long way in finding out.

On Tuesday, the Penguins will travel to Ohio State University to play the

Buckeyes (16-8). They will then travel back to Youngstown to begin a home stretch that will carry through Sunday.

"Ohio State is a great opportunity to play an in-state rival," Accardi said. "We really wanted to play them and got our opportunity."

Believe it or not, when YSU hosts the University of Akron on Wednesday at Eastwood Field in Niles, it will be the team's first home game of the season.

"There's not a whole lot you can do about it," Gillispie said. "You have to sort of take what you are given, and our kids did a great job of staying with the program and staying with the game plan to move forward."

The previously scheduled home-opening series against Chicago State University on March 22-24 was rained out.

"Everybody was a little down, but we just kept working at it," Accardi said. "We have a big home weekend series coming up against [the University of Wisconsin-Milwaukee], so we're real pumped about that."

Indeed they do, as the Panthers (11-11, 7-2) will enter Eastwood Field as first place in the Horizon League. The three-game series will stretch from Friday to Sunday.

All signs point toward the weather cooperating.

"It's a big weekend as far as us trying to climb a little closer to them in first place," Gillispie said. "I think it all blends together for what should be a great weekend and should be good baseball for everybody to watch."

### SPORTS BRIEFS

#### Heath picked as HL Hitter of the Week

For his performance last week in three games at Wright State University, YSU first baseman Marcus Heath was named as the Horizon League Hitter of the Week. Against the Raiders, Heath batted .333 (3 for 9), with all of his hits going for extra bases. He also walked three times and was hit by a pitch for a .600 on-base percentage. On Friday, Heath doubled and had four RBIs. On Saturday, he hit a solo homerun in the first inning, followed by a three-run homerun in the fourth inning.

#### Grambling, Jarrett finish strong

On the final day of the Raleigh Relays at the Paul Derr Track, YSU sprinters Ciara Jarrett and Nina Grambling placed third and fourth, respectively, in the finals of the 100-meter dash. Jarrett finished with a time of 11.96 seconds, while Grambling finished in 11.97 seconds. Also, in the 4-x-100 meter relay, the men finished ninth with a time of 41.69 seconds. The team consisted of Tarelle Irwin, Marquis Williamson, Davon Reed and Michael Davis. In the hammer throw, YSU's George Thomas finished 16th with a toss of 50.63 meters.

#### Pompeo has a record-breaking performance

On Friday evening at the Raleigh Relays, Youngstown State University junior Anna Pompeo broke the school record for the 10,000-meter run with a time of 35:25.96. The previous best time was 35:29.01, which was set by Laura Thomas on April 24, 1999. Overall, Pompeo finished 14th in Friday's event. Previously, her best time was 36:22.12.

### PENGUIN SPOTLIGHT



Neil Schroth

Year: Junior  
Height: 5'9"  
Hometown: Hollidaysburg, Pa.  
Position: Infield

In YSU's 7-4 victory at Wright State University on Saturday, second baseman Neil Schroth went 2 for 5 at the plate, doubling once and scoring twice. In Friday's 5-3 loss, Schroth had two hits, while in Thursday's 10-1, win he hit a three-run homerun. On the season, Schroth has a .306 batting average, seven RBIs, one homerun and 11 runs scored. After lettering his first two seasons at YSU, Schroth was redshirted last season. Still a junior, he is a psychology major.

## From one nation to another

Derik Sheppa  
REPORTER

Annina Brendel — a Youngstown State University freshman, tennis player and native of Germany — is already on her way to making her collegiate tennis career a successful one.

Brendel, a freshman psychology major, has played tennis since she was 6 years old. Originally from Hagenbach, Germany, Brendel came to the U.S. in August after graduating from the Europa-Gymnasium Worth School.

"The people are friendly. I feel really welcome here," she said. "It's a great opportunity to combine studying and to play a lot of tennis."

Brendel said the choice to

come to YSU was easy.

"I liked all of the coaches, and I believed the team would be very good," she said.

Since playing for YSU, Brendel has won the Horizon League Female Athlete of the Week honors for Feb. 11-17. The accolade marked the first of her collegiate career.

"I am very proud to win the award," Brendel said. "It's a great honor."

Carolyn Jesko of Boardman, a junior psychology major and Brendel's teammate, said she has noticed a definite growth in Brendel, both as a tennis player and as a person.

"When she first came to YSU, she was pretty quiet," Jesko said. "During our trip to our first tournament, she had us laughing the whole time.

Her sense of humor is great and quirky. She constantly is trying to get better, whether she is running at the Rec, having extra court time or hitting against the wall in Stambaugh."

Brendel has put her hard work and dedication to the test with a record of 9-7 in dual matches.

Margarita Sadovnikova, a junior from Russia, said she thinks Brendel provides the team with more than just talents.

"She is very determined and is absolutely a hard worker. She brings that fighting edge and spirit to the team," Sadovnikova said.

Brendel is the first to admit that she has work to do to improve her tennis game.

"My forehand is my best stroke, but I definitely need to improve my footwork and my volleys," Brendel said.

In addition to her performance on the court, Brendel applies her sense of dedication to her academic career.

"Outside the court, she is very dedicated in her studies. I know she loves her major and spends a lot of time there," Sadovnikova said.

Jesko said Brendel is a great student who is persistent in her studies, and the two often help each other out with coursework.

Brendel said her future is still uncertain.

"I want to go back and live in Europe, but you never know what the future holds," she said.