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SGA debates for first time since 2008



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The Jambar moderated this year's SGA presidential and vice presidential debate in Peaberry's Cafe on Monday afternoon. Candidates fielded a variety of questions and spoke about several campus issues they hope to resolve. Photo by Lamar Salter/The Jambar.

Josh Stipanovich
EDITOR-IN-CHIEF

Student Government Association President Nicholas Meditz sat front and center as he watched the future of the organization he has governed during the past academic year debate and tackle campus issues.

"A lot of what I saw today has been reoccurring problems throughout SGA and the university for many years. I hope that they will be able to tackle these issues, but I think more or less, they're ongoing issues that will require attention for years to come," Nicholas Meditz said following the first SGA debate the university has witnessed since 2008.

The debate, which was held Monday afternoon in Peaber-

ry's Cafe in Kilcawley Center, saw three tickets — Elyse Gessler, Justin McIntyre; Gary Davenport, Molly Toth; Ryan Meditz, Sarah Stafford — answer several questions by moderator Joe Giesy, news editor of The Jambar, and students in attendance.

While many issues were discussed, three remained consistent: student life, academic affairs and communication.

Gessler, vice president for Student Life, said most student concern is included in the four areas of SGA focus: student life, academic affairs, university affairs and diversity.

"No matter what we do on campus, we are all here to receive an education, [and] therefore academic achievement is a large concern," Gessler said.

Davenport, vice president for University Affairs, rebut-

ted when he said he's worked with students on each of the four SGA focus areas.

One vital issue he and running mate Toth have been researching is ways to inform students of the state budget, and how the recent cuts will affect tuition costs, Davenport said.

Ryan Meditz agreed with Davenport in the sense that tuition costs will be and always are a major concern for students.

"Every action [students] take could increase the cost of their tuition," Ryan Meditz said.

Davenport added that parking and smoking are other issues students are concerned with, and thus far in the 2010-11 academic year, Davenport and the University Affairs

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Campus Connection

What's your question for SGA candidates?



"Why doesn't Nick put his expensive coffee machine out in the main office?"
Ed Wrask,
junior



"I like this campus, so I really am satisfied."
Tarelle Irwin,
sophomore

Grant allows YSU students to tutor in city high schools

Andrea DeMart
NEWS EDITOR

According to the Trends in International Mathematics and Science Study, the U.S. is among the lowest-ranking countries in mathematics and science achievement worldwide.

A grant provided by the Ohio Department of Education is looking to change the way local students view mathematics by providing Youngstown high school students with additional education.

"Mathematics: Gateway to Y.O.our Future" was provided to the College of Science, Technology, Engineering and Mathematics along with the Beeghly College of Education at Youngstown State University to provide tutors

within the Youngstown school system during the spring semester.

"The purpose of the grant was to improve the mathematical preparedness of ninth and tenth grade high school students so that they are Algebra II ready," said Mary Lou DiPillo, interim dean of education. "And so that they pass the Ohio Graduation Test."

The grant specifies the three high schools in Youngstown — Chaney, East and Youngstown Early College — and appoints one teacher from each school as the "point person" who encourages students to apply to participate in the program.

Chaney and East were allowed 15 students per school, and YEC was allowed 10. Students applying are

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Safety panel responds to recent dangers on campus

Kevin Alquist
REPORTER

Following the discovery of several live bullets, a robbery at gunpoint and bomb threats on campus, the Student Government Association University Affairs Committee and the Youngstown State University Police hosted a safety panel.

"As a member of the Student Conduct Board, I can say that gun charges are taken and dealt with seriously, and I have no tolerance for illicit guns on campus," said Vice President for University Affairs Gary Davenport.

YSU prohibits carrying, displaying or using a firearm and/or other weapon by all students, faculty, visitors, vendors and contractors while on univer-

sity property, according to the University Guidebook's policy 7001.03 regarding deadly weapons.

"Guns and other weapons are not permitted on campus," said Judith Gaines, executive director of Student Life. "You cannot even carry a fake weapon that would cause a panic or fear in other students."

The policy defines a deadly weapon as all firearms — functional, non-functional or simulated — as well as any live ammunition. Also included on the list are pellet and paintball guns, explosives, knives or swords, clubs or collapsible batons, and a number of other specific items.

Included in the list of weapons defined in the University Guidebook are slingshots, air soft guns and Nerf

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Engineering major is a moneymaker, according to survey

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ARTS & ENTERTAINMENT
REPORTER

Engineering students at Youngstown State University are the most likely to make higher salaries after graduation, according to a recent study by PayScale, Inc.

PayScale, an online salary, benefits and compensation information company, used its databases to conduct a study on the highest and lowest paid undergraduate majors from 2010 to 2011.

The top of the list was dominated by occupations in engineering ranging from petroleum engineering, which has a mid-career median pay of \$157,000, to civil engineering, which has a mid-career median pay of \$93,400.

YSU offers civil and environmental, chemical, electrical and computer, mechanical, and industrial engineering, all of which were high on the list.

Jalal Jalali, chairman of the electrical and computer engineering department, has seen engineering evolve for 27 years at YSU. He believes engineering is part of a "national trend for economic development."

"Engineers are the main component for inventing new technologies that will take our nation and even our world to the next level," he said. "For example, when you build a car, it has a lot of components that need to be made."

Jalali said there are around 500 engineering students and 500 engineering technology students at YSU. The difference, he said, is that engineer-

ing students deal more with designing and creating, while engineering technology students use more applied tactics for putting devices together.

Sophomore Jake Kretsoulas is an electrical engineering major, which according to PayScale has a starting median pay of \$60,800 and a mid-career median of \$104,000.

"There seems to be a less and less engineers so there's more of a demand for them nowadays," Kretsoulas said.

He added that engineers he knows who have graduated from YSU have been told during job interviews how great it is that they graduated from YSU's excellent engineering program.

The PayScale study also revealed some of the lowest paid majors that can be chosen by an undergraduate student.

Some majors with the lowest potential for median salary include religious studies, paralegal studies/law, culinary arts and athletic training.

Elementary education was the lowest paying career choice offered at YSU, with a starting median pay of \$31,600 and a mid-career median of \$44,400.

Early childhood education professor Lauren Cummins said these numbers could be low because elementary education is often combined with preschool education, which is very low paying.

"I think if someone is called to work with preschool children, they will," she said.

Cummins said there is an initiative in place in Ohio called Step Up to Quality that provides salary incentives, better insurance and other

perks for preschool teachers to help keep people interested in the job.

Despite the potentially low pay for early childhood education majors, it is one of YSU's biggest majors with close to 600 students, Cummins said.

Upon hearing about the findings, YSU junior Taylor Richards was concerned.

"I feel like once I spend all this money on school, I won't have enough money to pay my student loans back or even make money in the long run," she said.

Some of the majors in the middle of the list included nursing, political science and various foreign languages.

For more information on what majors fall where on the list, visit <http://www.payscale.com/best-colleges/degrees.asp>.

Spammers tap into Facebook

Pete Carey
MCT

SAN JOSE, Calif. Interested in a free iPad like the one your Facebook friend got by filling out a survey?

Curious about that "friend" request from someone you don't know?

Want to see that video a friend recommended on your Facebook news feed that shows a whale hitting a building in Japan's tsunami?

Don't bite or click. They're spam, or worse.

Such attacks have long been common with email. Now social media are the new targets, and Facebook with 500 million users is the biggest target of them all.

"It's a spammer's dream," said Kurt Roemer, chief security strategist for Citrix Systems. "You have all your friends, business connections, who you do banking with, who you travel with all kinds of aspects of your life. Facebook has a great reputation, but this one thing's dragging them down."

Facebook says fighting spam is "a top priority" and has a large team of investigators working on it. The company has sued spammers successfully, winning \$2 billion in judgments, and has added new security features, along with advice for users on how to protect against spam.

"It's an arms race," said Pedram Keyani, leader of a Facebook Site Integrity team. "We are constantly adapting our strategy to handle changes in their tactics."

The spammers make money by driving people to sites that pay them for clicks. "Ninety-nine percent of this is financially driven," Keyani said.

The assaults on Facebook users have a common denominator, said Kevin Haley of Symantec, a major Internet security company. "It really begins with tricking a user into helping. The relationships are what they're counting on to help spread things. If I can get you, then I can get all your friends, and then I can get all their friends."

Phishing uses fake messages to direct users to sites for knockoff products, or to pages that can capture your computer and turn it into an automaton that floods your friends with spam. Users can also be tricked into downloading malware onto their computer. The malware is activated when a user innocently clicks on a button on a scam Web page. Then it sends friends of the user messages, directing them to a website that infects their computer.

A technique called "like-jacking" tricks users into "liking" a page when they visit it. The "Like" button on Facebook lets a user share content with friends. When users click the button, the content shows up on their home page and can show up on friends' news feeds.

"Fill out the survey to win the iPad, and you end up subscribing to the joke of the day for \$5 a joke, charged to your cell phone," said Chester Wisniewski of Sophos.com, an

online security company.

If you click on the alleged video of the whale hitting the building, you instantly spam all your friends, said Jeremy Gin, chief executive officer of SiteJabber.com, a San Francisco online consumer protection site.

One Internet worm hijacks your Facebook account, sends messages to your friends and harvests their accounts and passwords.

Carol Hoover, executive director of the Eyak Preservation Council in Alaska, may have been a victim.

"Somehow they became a friend of mine, stole my profile, my picture, emailed a lot of my friends in waves," she said. The fake Carol Hoover would chat with her friends, saying things like "Did you win your \$50,000 dollars yet?" "Have you heard from the Obama administration?" Their English is bad, they drop words," Hoover said.

She complained, and the imposter was removed. "There's an aspect of it that's frightening," she said. "But I really enjoy Facebook. It's a huge social networking tool."

While the amount of spam has grown, Facebook's Keyani said the number of actual attacks in which a Facebook account or computer is taken over by spammers is less than one percent of the social network's 500 million users. That's still a lot of users 1 percent would be five million of them.

Keyani said he's "really proud" of the fact that there is far less spam and danger of

malicious attack on Facebook than on Internet email. "Our response time to a threat is very fast, within minutes," he said.

Facebook has developed a couple of spam and malware detection systems to protect users. One, called "linkshim," evaluates websites associated with spam attacks. A user who is about to click on one is directed to a warning page. Another, called "roadblock," looks for unusual activity from users, like massive email blasts. If a malware infection is detected, McAfee security software cleans up their account and logs them back on.

Julien Sobrier, senior security researcher for Zscaler, a Web 2.0 security provider, said he would like to see more protection against unapproved widgets that can be downloaded from the Internet and used with Facebook. Facebook might limit the number of people who can click on one until it is proven to be a trusted item, similar to what Facebook does with approved applications, he said.

But the best anti-spam tool is user awareness.

"First review privacy settings," said Roemer of Citrix. "If you let anybody find you, anybody's going to find you. When it gets into friends of friends, anything can happen."

Beyond that, be careful what you download, and check out Facebook's security pages.

"Education on what you should and shouldn't install on your machine solves 99 percent of this," Keyani said

Students take on the world

Caitlin Fitch
REPORTER

In May, 10 Youngstown State University students will travel to South Africa to help children affected by poverty, thanks to a new student-run nonprofit organization. Those students involved in this organization, Project Learning Around the World, are Debbie Reed, Cara Riffe, Mathew Hirschl, Brooke O'Neill, Shawn Burton, Elizabeth Bruchs, April Courtney, Kristin Hans, Maura Picciano and Victoria Aikens.

Project Learning adviser Audrey E. Ellenwood said the group of undergraduate and graduate students is excited about the trip, which will last from May 14 to 28.

"The group is collecting educational supplies and monetary donations to give to the children affected by AIDS and tuberculosis," Ellenwood said.

Ellenwood said many schools in South Africa have no playground equipment. "While we are in South Africa bringing school supplies — pencils, and books, and crayons — we will also be talking with school personnel about what playground equipment to build," Ellenwood said.

She also added that any contributions would make a world of difference to these children who have barely anything.

"These children ... are poverty stricken. Their school supplies are limited as well. In schools, there is one pencil to five children," Ellenwood said.

Ellenwood said YSU would host a lecture from a South African professor in June.

"We have a lot of good things planned," Ellenwood said.

Ellenwood said YSU administrators were excited about the new organization and its upcoming plans.

Reed, a graduate student and acting president for the organization, said she wanted to be a part of the group because of what it stands for.

"The focus is what made me want to be a part of the group, and because of the world outreach," Reed said.

Reed added that she is looking forward to meeting different people during her trip to various cities in South Africa.

"We are going to Knysna, Johannesburg and Kruger, which is one of the biggest national land reserve parks in the world. We get to learn about the history of South Africa, meet different people and help the education of poverty," Reed said.

CORRECTION

It was reported in the March 1 issue of The Jambar that the Dana School of Music funded and sponsored this year's "Fun with Opera" event, but Opera Western Reserve, a performance platform for aspiring artists from Northeast Ohio and western Pennsylvania, was responsible for it. We deeply regret the error.

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guns. The full list can be viewed at the YSU website by entering "weapon" into the search bar.

"We're gathering students to do a safety class, which will touch on the best safety practices and self-defense methods," Davenport said.

Present at the classes will be a "police officer dressed in a punch-proof suit to practice on," he said.

For now, the YSU Police Department encourages students to contact them if they see or hear anything that seems suspicious. For instance, if a student overhears someone who claims to have a gun in his or her bag, the student should call the police without hesitation.

Students could also report a situation to the Stu-

dent Threat Assessment Team, or STAT, an active group of YSU staff members who provide resource information to faculty, staff and administrators dealing with students who may be distressed, disruptive, threatening or otherwise problematic.

STAT is meant to engage faculty and staff in effective reporting and response to a situation that may become dangerous. It is also used to help students display safety concerns on campus.

University police officers are also actively engaged in continuing education training that involves hostage negotiation and identifying and appropriately dealing with people who become a threat to campus due to mental illness.

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**QUEST held
on campus**

On Tuesday, QUEST will host the annual forum for YSU students to speak about their academic achievements with the community of the university. Topics will range from executive compensation and windmills to Al Capone and Bob Dylan. The event will be held in Kilcawley Center and is free and open to the public.

**Derek Penn speaks
in Williamson Hall**

On Thursday at noon, Derek Penn will speak in Room 3422 of Williamson Hall as a part of the Williamson Symposium Lecture Series at YSU. Penn is a native of Youngstown and is managing director and head of equity sales and training at Pershing LLC. Lectures will also be held at 2 and 6 p.m. in the auditorium of Williamson Hall.

**Greek Sing held
on Saturday**

YSU's Greek Sing, which has been a campus tradition for 59 years, will be held in Stambaugh Auditorium on Saturday at 6 p.m. Greek Sing will consist of YSU's sororities and fraternities performing several musical routines and talents. Admission will be free.

**YSU STEM
Showcase to feature
student projects**

On Sunday from 2 to 5 p.m., Moser Hall is hosting the YSU STEM Showcase for students and parents of all ages who are interested in careers dealing with science, technology, engineering and mathematics. Research and other projects by students in YSU's STEM college will be presented, including the concrete canoe, mini Baja car, steel bridge, moon rover and more.

POLICE BRIEFS

**Student convinced
by false email**

On Thursday, YSU Police received a report that a student had signed up for an Internet scam sent through YSU email. The student gave personal information to what was thought to be a legitimate company offering a job. The false company sent a check in the mail and requested that the student cash it and keep 10 percent of the funds. Officers picked up the check, the shipping package it was in and copy of the email from the student's residence.

**YSU parking card
stolen from unlocked
car**

On Thursday, a student reported that a YSU parking permit had been stolen from the student's vehicle in the M-2 parking deck. The student had parked there on Tuesday and left campus. When the student returned to the vehicle on Thursday, the permit was missing. The student claims that the vehicle was unlocked when the permit was removed.

**Professor found
drunk in office**

YSU Police received a call on Thursday regarding a glass door that had been smashed with a rock in Ward Beecher Hall. When police arrived at the building, they found a professor sitting in his office alone with the strong odor of alcohol coming from his person. When the officer questioned him, the professor said that he had a few beers and did not want to drive his car, so he decided to stay in his office. When questioned about the broken glass, the professor claimed he could not remember whether he had broken it or not and questioned why he would do such a thing. The professor agreed to pay for the damage and was cited for criminal damage.

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quired to have completed or be enrolled in Algebra I and also maintain good attendance.

"This is actually called a demonstration grant," said Leslie Reedy, program manager. "We are demonstrating to these state entities that, 'Yes, we will see gains,' as a result of the tutoring in these tutees."

More applications were accepted than there were positions available, with all applicants given a pre-test. From those applicants, a random sampling was made to determine who would actually enter the program.

"This grant was not targeted towards the lowest performing," DiPillo said. "They wanted strong students, not necessarily the best but those that have the potential, that with a little help with some tutoring ... that they could become better in math so that they would be ready for that Algebra II course."

Reedy solicited the university with a focus in STEM and BCE and also through the Eastern Gateway Community College for suitable tutors.

"We wanted 40 tutors because in a perfect world ... it would be one-on-one tutoring," Reedy said. "Spring is an extremely difficult semester schedule-wise, work-wise, athletics-wise."

Tutoring began March 22, with 14 YSU students serving

as tutors. The tutors participate in two 1.5-hour sessions per week within the schools, tutoring students after school.

"It's working out beautifully because the point teachers who are the representative teachers of the three high schools were able to group students as they thought they should be grouped, where they would receive the most effect from the tutoring," Reedy said.

Jonathon Bezilla, YSU graduate student in middle childhood education and tutor, said he works with students on specific math problems.

"[The students are] very willing. They're very interested in everything," he said. "I'm barely doing any of the work. I just point out a few things here and there that they miss, but for the most part they know what they're doing."

Bezilla said this has helped him determine that he is in the right field and given him experience with students.

"We asked them basically, if they have any homework that they need help with, that's what we're going to help them with," said Ashlee Dawson, double education major and tutor. "If not, we have worksheets and exercises that we can use to help strengthen their skills in any of the areas that they have problems with."

Dawson said the students she has worked with have

shown an interest in learning math skills, but sometimes forget the basics.

"They know what they're doing. They just kind of need reminded to take a break, slow down, think about what you're doing [because] you do know the material. You just kind of rush through it," she said.

This grant program also provides a professional development component for the high school math teachers and enrichment sessions for the tutees, which are forthcoming.

The program ends May 15 and the tutees are required to take a post-test, which will gauge the effectiveness of the program.

"The students of course are all fired up because they want the netbooks," DiPillo said. "If they successfully complete their end of this tutoring, they attend the sessions and they're participating in the sessions ... and take the post-test, they will get this netbook."

The grant is connected to the Summer Bridge Enrichment Program, which brings high school juniors and seniors to campus during the summer to work on developing their math skills in expectation of a career within a STEM field.

"We all know that STEM careers are the focus of jobs right now," DiPillo said. "We're looking for good people to go into those fields."

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Student involvement in the 2011 Student Government Association election campaigns is more important than it has been in years.

The Jambar hosted a presidential debate among the three presidential tickets on Monday and fleshed out some of the major issues they plan to look at if elected to executive office.

SGA needs to improve communication with students, media outlets like The Jambar and The Vindicator, and its own ranks.

No matter what issues are at hand, nothing can be resolved if SGA members do not communicate properly.

During the debate, presidential candidate Ryan Meditz said most of the communication is done outside of SGA meetings, yet the only time the entire SGA meets is during SGA meetings. This means that communication between members needs improved.

Presidential candidate Gary Davenport brought up issues with too much communication occurring through email, rather than face-to-face conversations, which slows down communication.

We believe the SGA candidates need to take a hard look at the role SGA plays in dealing with student organizations and Greek Life.

Presidential candidate Elyse Gessler asserted that more students must know about the funds available to them through SGA.

We agree.

Davenport rebutted by saying an overabundance of application approval would quickly deplete the funds. While Davenport is right, this should not deter SGA from encouraging a competitive application process.

Students need to get involved to ensure that the correct candidate is chosen to best support the student body. During these times of a state budget crisis and high unemployment rates, strong representation is one of the most important lines of defense for YSU students.

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Tear down your altars and lifeless idols



Who is John Galt?

Chris Cotelesse
COLUMNIST

The short answer: He is the pivotal character in "Atlas Shrugged," an upcoming movie based on the novel by Ayn Rand.

The long answer: John Galt is the ideal person. His genius contributes to the survival of every human being. Without him and his predecessors, humanity would never have emerged from caves or built cultures.

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In "Atlas Shrugged," John Galt invents a motor that would generate clean energy for the world to use. Pollution would be drastically reduced. There would be no more wars over access to oil. In effect, he would save the planet.

There's just one catch: People would benefit without paying.

The fictional United States is practically a socialist government. Galt is afraid his invention will be appropriated for the greater good. So he and his two buddies set out to collapse the national economy and the government, building their own society based on free enterprise.

All of Rand's works involve a struggle between altruism and egoism, the individual versus the group.

To her, a group was an entity that fed on individuals. Social Security, Medicare and even federal student loans oppress the individual.

Conservatives love Rand's novels and philosophy because of her emphasis on capitalism and individual rights.

They overlook that her philosophy is incompatible with the message of Jesus Christ, namely the sacrifice of a perfect individual for the benefit of humankind.

Conversely, John Galt watches the world burn in order to escape paying taxes. He directly contributes to death, destruction and chaos because more important than his accomplishment is that he be paid for it.

Rand's distrust of socialism was accurate. If everything belongs to the group, then a person's talent can be exploited in favor of those who can contribute nothing.

But unfettered capitalism doesn't care about the talented or the worthy. It gives preference to the rich and powerful, leaving everyone else at the mercy of the almighty dollar.

I am proud to live in a mixed economy that allows individuals to succeed, while providing access to opportunities.

The John Galts of the world are necessary for the advancement of the human race, but they could not survive without the group to support them.

Who would build Galt's motors if not the unskilled masses who work in factories? Who would grow his food, make his clothes or build his house?

We are nothing if not ourselves and even less without one another.

LETTER TO THE EDITOR

In February of 2010, a student received a call from YSU Police. The student's driver's side window was broken from the three inches of snow we got, according to the officer. Yes, because we haven't seen cars under FEET of snow in New York made from the same factories ours were. Recall that several weeks before that we had 19 inches and his car ran perfectly after he cleared it off, with all the windows attached. The student couldn't bring forward sufficient evidence to argue with the officer because there was no video evidence because the cameras in the R-1 lot were *not on* (not broken, not on). How did he know this?

Because a friend of his was leaving for work an hour before that and had NO car left in the lot. She got an update call from YSU Police that night saying they couldn't identify the culprits because the camera facing *directly* at her car wasn't on!

What do the YSU Police do with this lot? It took weeks for them to call and get the lights fixed after the female student kept going to Parking Services to get them to complain to police because she didn't know who to yell at in Parking Services. Finally they got the idea: "Maybe we should fix those."

Were the police helpful when MY car was stolen and I was freaking out? Absolutely yes, but what the HELL are they doing when they aren't talking to the victims? Doing the stereotypical donuts and coffee? I still have not been told whether the cameras are on or not in the R-1 lot, something that is pretty important to me. My friends and I now have a joke that, "Hey, my car's still here."

Advice to the student who had rocks total his car? Welcome to my life, but I have no idea how Parking Services is not liable with keeping up with *servicing* their lots. My deepest empathy.

By the way, my Buick has never been found and it has been over a year, and I would like it back. But, to be honest, I'm much more worried about losing my Malibu I got over the summer. So, if anyone sees a dark Malibu with several funny bumper stickers on the back, and it's not me or my sister driving it, please call me ASAP.

Heather Miller
Youngstown

Mercury rule can help clean air

McClatchy-Tribune

It took the Environmental Protection Agency two decades, but it has finally proposed a tough rule to make power plants reduce mercury emissions. That long overdue step will make our primary energy source, burning fossil fuels, less of a hazard to our health.

Mercury, a toxic metal, can damage the developing brains of children. So the state's Department of Health issues advisories on how much fish caught in our waters can safely be eaten. In many of them, mercury levels in fish are so high that the department tells women younger than 50 and children younger than 15 to eat no fish caught there.

Much of the mercury comes from power plants in the Midwest and Pennsylvania. For dirty coal plants, the rule requires installation of existing technology to cut emissions of mercury and other toxic metals — such as arsenic, chromium and nickel.

In the George W. Bush presidency, the EPA had proposed a less stringent standard. But in 2008, a federal appeals court rejected the weaker rule and ordered the agency to obey the clear intent of the Clean Air Act.

The EPA says the rule will cost affected utilities \$10.9 billion in 2016, but that it will save far more by lowering the costs of health care associated with pollution. And it will create thousands of jobs. Those estimates will be subject to airing at public hearings on the new rule.

Until the distant day when we can stop using coal and other fossil fuels, we need tough rules like this one to make them cleaner.

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Kick off your shoes



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Students walk barefoot for cause

Kacy Standohar
REPORTER

Roots and Shoots, a national organization with a student chapter at Youngstown State University, is committed to making the world a better place. On Tuesday, its members are asking students to lose their shoes.

The organization is participating in TOMS "One Day Without Shoes" and is encouraging the student body to join them in facing unusual conditions for one day.

Participants will walk on campus barefoot to experience what it is like being a child in a poor, underdeveloped country, having to walk without shoes for miles.

TOMS, the event sponsor, is a national shoe company that, with every pair of shoes purchased, donates a pair

to children in need in 23 countries in a strategy called "One for One."

According to the "One Day Without Shoes" website, "One Day Without Shoes" is the day we take off our shoes to raise awareness of the impact a pair of shoes can have on a child's life."

Also, the website explains the reason for the event: "Curiosity leads to conversation, which leads to action. Action will ultimately lead to change."

"We mostly want to promote this organization and what they do," said YSU Roots and Shoots President Gina DeCarlo.

While the event is for a good cause, some safety concerns exist.

"The diabetics in our group will be wearing sandals. We will just have to be extra careful of not stepping on anything that could possibly cut our feet," she said.

Student Hillary Lenton, a Roots and Shoots member participating in the

barefoot walk, is not concerned with stepping on anything that may be dangerous to her feet.

"Campus is clean for the most part," she said.

No precautionary measures have been taken to clear the walkways of YSU.

"As far as I know, there are only a few of us who are going to participate, if the weather cooperates," DeCarlo said. "If it is still snowy, we will only go barefoot inside. This event is mostly celebrated in southern U.S. where it does not snow on April 5. Still, we'll do what we can."

Roots and Shoots members do not expect any specific turnout numbers. However, anyone who wishes to participate or has seen the signs and looked up the TOMS website is more than welcome.

"It will be those of us in the group going barefoot about our day, not to-

gether as a group, but individually," DeCarlo said.

Lenton said most people take for granted something as simple as a pair of shoes and need to think about those less fortunate.

"We walk to school each day with shoes, while they walk through gravel and dirt," Lenton said.

Lenton also shared her experience doing volunteer work in New Zealand last year. She said the kids do not wear shoes and cannot participate in school activities because of it.

"We can go barefoot for one day and cause a commotion, but there are children all over the world that go barefoot daily," DeCarlo said. "The difference is they most likely don't have access to clean water and medical care."

Although Roots and Shoots has not donated anything as a group, DeCarlo hopes to have a larger group participating next year.

Jones for Revival pulls in patrons

Pat Donovan
REPORTER

On Friday night, the Lemon Grove Cafe packed in nearly 300 for a concert featuring local jam band Jones for Revival.

Some Lemon Grove employees said the all-ages show was one of the downtown venue's busiest nights. The turnout was so good, they said, that the band was invited back for an encore performance on Saturday.

"Both nights were a great turnout," said Lemon Grove owner Jacob Harver. "It's the first time we've had a band play back-to-back nights at the Lemon Grove. I think everyone had fun, and we were excited to see so many people come out to dance and enjoy the music and the atmosphere."

The band, made up of lead guitarist and vocalist Jim DeCapua, drummer Gino West, and bass guitarist and vocalist Dave Lynn, was without keyboardist Ryan Mitiska. Friend and former band member Fred Burazer filled in on the keyboard and saxophone.

Burazer said he enjoyed playing with Jones for Revival.

"I just love to come out and see other people who enjoy the same things I enjoy: good music, friends and fun. The whole ceremony of us playing for people is just an awesome thing. I will always love playing with these guys," he said.

Jones for Revival started

their set at 10:30 p.m. Friday night, following an opening set by Liam Jones and the Overtones. The band continued to play well into early Saturday morning, ending their set sometime around 2:20 a.m., much to the crowd's dismay.

"I could have kept dancing all night," said Christina Salata, a Youngstown State University sophomore. "Jones for Revival always puts on a great show."

Although the Lemon Grove concert was a representation of the band's popularity in the area, there is much more to the story of the band, like the root of their passion for music and their message to listeners.

"Well, basically when you are jonesing for something, you want it, even need it, and the revival is something beyond the mainstream," DeCapua said. "We represent the underdogs in life, so the revival is bringing back the music to the people. We are trying to create a vibe with our music focused on the positive, happy side of life."

This attitude of pushing musical limits to create a unique atmosphere is something that transcends highly defined musical genres and is emulated in the improvisational jam style of the Jones for Revival sound.

"What I call a jam band is basically a band with no rules and no right or wrong. There has never been a time in the history of this band musically that someone said, 'Aw man, that isn't Jones enough.' There are no limitations," DeCapua said. "Members of a jam band



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will wear the same worn-out T-shirt to 30 shows in front of thousands of people, but they will be embarrassed if they play the same song two times in a week. That's a good example of how we feel about our music. We want to push the limit and surprise our listeners every time."

Jones for Revival was founded in 2003 and has since endured many changes. One thing that has remained constant throughout the years is their music.

"It's not going to go away. Basically, the band and our concept just can't be stopped. Jones for Revival is something that keeps growing and changing, but I don't see anything ever stopping us from playing music and building this thing," DeCapua said.

West has been playing with Jones for Revival for the past four years and juggles his studies at YSU with his love and dedication to music. West is a junior at YSU studying foods and nutrition and said that sometimes playing and traveling to out-of-town shows can be a challenge.

"When we were traveling a lot more, it got a little overwhelming. I really had to prioritize and keep everything written down," West said. "I had Monday through Thursday for schoolwork. Then, come Friday, it was time to pack up the van and take off for the next show. It was tough, but it's all about balancing work and play. My work just happens to be playing the drums."

Jones for Revival has had

two national summer tours across the country and also regularly travels to play shows in Cleveland, Pittsburgh and West Virginia. In 2008, the band hosted a summer music festival, Jonesfest, and has been hosting the festival annually ever since.

"This year is a little different. There are only a few bands on the ticket, but we are going to give everyone the full Jones experience with a four-hour set," West said. "[Nelson Ledges is] just a whole other place. It's almost hard to explain to someone who hasn't been there. But if you want an instant smile and some great music, come check us out."

This year's festival, Jonesfest IV, will be held at Nelson Ledges Quarry Park on May 28. The cost is \$20.

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committee have worked directly with students, faculty, staff and administration on them.

"We need to come up with a practical [smoking] policy," Davenport said. "Our concern is the students' concern, which is about health."

On Friday, Davenport and his committee sent President Cynthia Anderson a letter in regard to the frequent, "most consistently concerned about" smoking issues Youngstown State University faces.

The letter included suggestions on how the university and SGA can work collaboratively to deal with this issue.

"As we all know right now, the [smoking] policy is a little vague, [and] people aren't aware of it," Davenport added.

One idea Ryan Meditz said was left out of Gessler's and Davenport's answers on student concerns was student safety.

Ryan Meditz said he and running mate Stafford are for the part-time and full-time YSU police force expansion, which would hire at least

three full-time positions.

Ryan Meditz added that one idea he and Stafford are looking into is holding student safety panels.

"Problems are unavoidable, but if students are aware of certain situations, they can try to not put themselves into those situations," Ryan Meditz said.

Another major initiative is to increase and fix lighting fixtures throughout surrounding areas and parking decks on campus.

"Well-lit areas deter crime," Ryan Meditz said.

Each candidate agreed that communication within the student body must be improved. Davenport said in order to do this SGA must maintain the "students' pulse."

"What it requires is dialogue with students," Davenport said.

Meditz said one reason for the lack of communication is because of SGA's diversity.

"We represent a very diverse group of students, but because there's that lack of communication, [and] be-

cause there's that lack of representation, it's very hard for us to say that we adequately represent the diverse group of students that we're supposed to represent," he said.

But before SGA reaches out to students, Davenport said SGA members must be willing to do the work to improve SGA's communication with members and committees.

"The shortfall [of SGA] is to be able to reach out to everybody in student government, and that actually involves calling people and talking to them face to face," Davenport said.

Ryan Meditz and Gessler disagreed and said the communication within SGA is effective. They added it is the communication among the student body that is a concern.

"I know that we're all on the same page about most things. Our meetings are run very efficiently, and there's a lot of communication within the given week between meetings that happen," Ryan Meditz said.

However Gessler said she and running mate McIntyre are proposing job

evaluations for executive committee members. While she added that the idea is in its early stages, it has been well received.

"I just personally thought something we really need to make sure that the executive committee is doing everything inhumanly possible to ensure that they are giving their best not only to SGA but the student body," Gessler said. "Evaluations are very effective."

It would require monthly or bi-monthly evaluations among executive committee members.

"Therefore, we would know what's going on with each other," Gessler said. "We have an opportunity to say, 'Hey, this event did a great job, but you might want to do it this way next time.'"

Afterward, the vice presidential candidates answered three questions, which were aimed toward campus concerns, streamlining ideas and vice president roles.

Voting for SGA president and vice president will be April 11 and 12.

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Senior Zach Rodgers, right, takes a stick to the face while unleashing a shot on goal. This is something lacrosse players must become accustomed to, as it happens frequently. Photo by Jordan D. Uhl/The Jambar.

Lacrosse presses on without coach

Jordan D. Uhl
SPORTS EDITOR

Men's lacrosse, another club team at Youngstown State University, lacks a coach but is making do with the resources it has.

"It's just us. We've [got to] get things done on the field," said Frank Baverso, club president and senior.

The team hosted Kent State University on Friday at Cardinal Mooney High School, and a frigid atmosphere set the backdrop for a physical, hard-fought game.

YSU drew first blood, scoring mid-way into the first quarter. Unfortunately for the Penguins, it would be their last lead of the game.

The Golden Flashes caught YSU off guard, and their potent offense scored a baker's dozen worth of goals en route to a 13-7 victory.

"I felt like at the beginning we weren't doing what we had to do: hustling. We weren't playing smart," said club Vice President Zach Rodgers.

Baverso's critique of the team's performance regarded another aspect.

"We never really have effort problems. The biggest problem is just knowledge on the field," Baverso said. "We have guys coming in for defense and offense and it's on

"I'm going to say it's me being soft. It hurts now but whatever. Pain heals, chicks dig scars, glory lasts forever."

-Frank Baverso,

senior

us because we don't really have a coach."

If anyone would be seen as leaders it would be Baverso and Rodgers who identified areas in need of improvement before the team heads into the remainder of its schedule.

"Taking the shots we need to take," Rodgers said. "When you get a team as good as Kent, you have to take every opportunity you can get and we didn't do that today. It's a tough loss."

Baverso emphasized the importance of better technical skills like ground balls, hitting and scoring.

"It's a team sport, and if you don't execute in any of those, you're going to lose the game," he said.

A dangerous game because of its physicality, Rodgers has witnessed many broken bones due to frequent hits.

"The first couple seasons you play, you're not used to it. Eventually you get used to the stick hitting and the shots to the ribs," Rodgers said.

That being said, he wears only arm pads, gloves and helmet.

"It takes a real tough person to come out and play it," Rodgers said.

During the third quarter of Friday's game, Baverso went down with a rolled ankle. Without stopping play, he clawed his way to the sidelines, taped it up and was back in action in a matter of minutes.

"I'm going to say it's me being soft," he said with a laugh. "It hurts now but whatever. Pain heals, chicks dig scars, glory lasts forever."

Surely someone charging at you full speed isn't something the average person would ask for, but Baverso's mentality prepares him for a typical lacrosse game.

"Hit or be hit. [If a] guy's coming after me, it's him or me," Baverso said.

The team had one day to rest, heal and prepare before its next game against the University of Akron on Sunday.

The Penguins saw this as an opportunity to rebound and defeated the Zips 11-6. This improved YSU's record to 4-2 on the season.

Rugby squad finishes second

Jordan D. Uhl
SPORTS EDITOR

The Youngstown State University rugby club placed second in the Highlander Collegiate rugby tournament in Pittsburgh this weekend. This was the second tournament the up-and-coming team competed in this season.

Its first game was against the host, the Westmoreland Highlanders. An older, more experienced team still participated despite not being comprised of college students.

The Penguins, coming off a good outing last weekend, held their own against the Highlanders, drawing 5-5.

"It was a good match," said club treasurer and sophomore James Toliver. "A lot of times when you go against a good team that's experienced, you get bulldozed. But that didn't happen."

Senior and Vice President Brett Grabman felt partly responsible for the tie.

"I missed a tough conversion by a foot," he said. Missed conversion attempts have plagued Grabman all season, and have been one of his biggest self critiques.

The Penguins won their second game against the University of Pittsburgh at Johnstown, 19-5.

"A lot of times when you go against a good team that's experienced, you get bulldozed. But that didn't happen."

-James Toliver,
sophomore

Simply put by Toliver, "It wasn't a blowout but we did win. It went really well."

This victory propelled YSU to the championship game to face a team that spoiled the Penguins' time at the Pittsburgh Rugby Collegiate Classic last weekend, the Washington and Jefferson College Presidents.

It was a different day but a similar result, as the Presidents shut YSU out 38-0.

This didn't bother Grabman whatsoever as he took something different out of the end result.

"During the championship, we were dead but played with a lot of heart," Grabman said. "It was a prideful moment. Nine out of 15 of our guys in the championship are in their rookie season, and we still finished in second. This was 10 times better than the last tournament."

"We worked a lot more cohesively as a team. There wasn't as much confusion," Toliver said.

He added that W&J was a fast team that was untouchable if it had a breakaway.

YSU will focus on play before hosting Lorain County Community College at home on Saturday.

Judgment calls and getting players out of their comfort zones on the field are some of the areas the team will work on.

"It's experience and field awareness, which comes with practice and time," Toliver said.

SPORTS BRIEFS

Men's and women's tennis pick up wins

The YSU men's tennis team picked up a 4-3 win in comeback fashion on Sunday morning's matchup with Valparaiso University. YSU dropped the doubles point, but won four of six singles matches. The YSU women's team dominated Valparaiso 7-0. YSU won all three doubles points, and won all the singles matches in straight sets. The men's team will travel to face Butler University on Saturday and Wright State University on Sunday. The women will travel to Butler on Saturday as well.

YSU baseball wins series at Le Moyne

The YSU baseball team won two of a three game series over the weekend against Le Moyne College. On Saturday, the Penguins played two of their games in a doubleheader. Le Moyne picked up a win in the first game 8-4. Kevin McCulloh continued to struggle, picking up the loss that made him 1-5. Armani Johnson provided two of YSU's six hits in the opener, while Le Moyne as a team cranked out 16 hits.

In the second game of the doubleheader, Phil Klein picked up his third straight victory of the year. The Penguins provided serious offensive help, getting five runs on 11 hits. Klein only allowed one run on five hits in seven innings.

In a 17-inning thriller, the Penguins came away with a third win. The Penguins led the game 4-1 in the ninth when Le Moyne staged quite a comeback, scoring three in the bottom. The two teams would remain scoreless until the top of the 17th when Jeremy Banks hit in Joe Iacobucci with an RBI triple. Robert Switka gave the Penguins seven strong innings, allowing one run. Iacobucci went 4-8 on the day. YSU will play at the University of Akron on Tuesday.

YSU softball swept at Wright State

The YSU softball team dropped two games in Saturday's doubleheader and a game on Sunday to be swept by Wright State University. On Saturday, the Penguins dropped the opening game 7-1. YSU only mustered one hit and four runs. In the second game, YSU continued to struggle, losing 8-2. Five errors would kill the Penguins. It would be a case of deja vu for the Penguins in Sunday's final game, where YSU lost 12-2. YSU allowed seven runs in the first inning to put itself in a deep hole. The Penguins would never recover and would allow Wright State to complete the sweep. YSU falls to 15-13 (0-6) and will host the University of Toledo on Wednesday.

Tennis teams cruise past Valpo for weekend splits

Joe Catullo Jr.
SPORTS REPORTER

The Youngstown State University men and women's tennis teams concluded home conference matches this weekend. After Saturday's losses to the University of Illinois at Chicago, both teams finished by defeating Valparaiso University.

The men lost to UIC on Saturday, 3-4. After dropping the first three singles matches, YSU went on to take the last three with wins from freshmen Zeeshan Ismail and Rodrigo Campos and senior Rob Emig.

Tied 3-3 heading into the doubles competition, YSU dropped all three matches to drop the series. UIC improved to 4-9 on the season and 1-2 in the Horizon League.

On Sunday, freshman Max Schmerin, Ismail, Campos and Emig won in the singles competition. However, YSU was swept in the doubles competition again. Valpo dropped to 5-10 on the season overall and 0-4 in the conference. Sunday's matches marked the first regular season Horizon League win for the Penguins since March 2005.

Head coach Mark Klynsner said he was satisfied with how the weekend played out but was optimistic about the



Staying focused on the ball, freshman Rodrigo Campos prepares to return the serve. Photo courtesy of Sports Information.

team's doubles competition. "We're playing a lot better, [and we] are more confident. We feel like we can play with everybody in the conference. Guys are more comfortable playing singles. [Against UIC.] we had our chances. We're set up well for next weekend," Klynsner said.

As for the women, UIC swept the Penguins in all seven matches. UIC improved to 11-3 overall and 4-0 in the conference on the season.

"We competed hard against UIC, but they were just the better team," said head coach

Michele Grim.

The Penguins emphatically bounced back on Sunday, sweeping Valpo. YSU did not let Valpo, earn its first win of the season as the team dropped to 0-12 overall and 0-5 in the Horizon League.

The winners on Sunday included sophomore Margarita Sadovnikova,

freshmen Gimena Puppo and Karolina Sjkovist, senior Hannah Patten, freshman Carolyn Jesko and sophomore Annie Jesko.

There was not just one catalyst on the team Sunday, Grim said. It was a team effort throughout the day.

The men rank seventh in the Horizon League at 5-10 [1-3 in the conference], and the women rank sixth at 5-7 [2-2 in the conference]. Both teams will take the road for their matches at Butler University on Saturday and Wright State University on Sunday.

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April 15- CLE. ST.

BASEBALL

April 5- @ Akron
April 8- BUTLER
April 9- BUTLER
April 12- @ Kent St.

SOFTBALL

April 6- TOLEDO
April 9- @ UIC
April 10- @ UIC
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April 16- FAIRMONT STATE
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