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YSU Foundation unveils strategic plan for 2013-2018

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The Youngstown State University Foundation held a press conference Wednesday morning to reveal its 2013-2018 strategic plan.

While developing the comprehensive strategy, the YSU Foundation focused on governance, board development, financial policies and relationships with the university.

Paul McFadden, president of the YSU Foundation, said the plan "will definitely cogitate to assist students here at YSU."

"We hope to give students the financial means to pursue their education," he said.

In 1966, YSU President Howard W. Jones established the Youngstown Education Foundation, whose mission was to support scholarships and student initiatives.

"President Jones was a tremendous visionary, and he understood higher education," McFadden said. "The barrier students have to education is finances."

Since being formed, the YSU Foundation has established the Leslie H. Cochran Scholarship, Scholarships for Excellence and various athletic scholarships. The foundation recently hit its \$200 million mark in assets.

"It was time for us to take a step back, look at the foundation and decide where we want to go from here," McFadden said.

McFadden added that the foundation is in the top third in the nation in terms of assets.

"We are very proud from



Paul McFadden, president of the YSU Foundation, poses for a photo during a press conference held in Williamson Hall. The foundation, having surpassed \$200 million in assets, unveiled its 2013-2018 strategic plan on Wednesday. Photo by Chris Cotelesse/The Jambar.

where we are today and are very thankful to the founders," he said.

McFadden said he's hopeful that the YSU Foundation will reach another million as a landmark in 2016, when it will celebrate its 50th anniversary.

Marco Comichista, a

senior intern for the foundation, said he thinks the YSU Foundation can easily achieve this goal.

"The YSU Foundation is all in support for the students and leaving the financial burden of going to college and getting that secondary education," Comichista said. "It's

taking us to a different level from managing and endowing our gifts, and gives more focus on handling the money that comes in."

Comichista added that McFadden is a great leader for the YSU Foundation; anything is possible with him as a leader, he said. Addon-

nus Harden, a student assistant for the foundation, said the YSU Foundation's future is bright.

"This is a great step for us because it is really an announcement of the university spreading its goals and really opening up to the community," Harden said.

YSU ROTC member selected for award

Drew Zuhosky
REPORTER

Sgt. 1st Class Rigoberto Torres from Youngstown State University's ROTC has been elected into a private leadership organization within the U.S. Army.

The Sergeant Audie Murphy Club admits enlisted non-commissioned officers whose military and professional performance, leadership qualities and achievements have met their standards.

Torres received a Purple Heart after taking shrapnel from an improvised explosive device to his shoulder and the back of his head.

"My injuries were not as devastating as losing life, limb or eyesight," he said. "But they affect me as I see my brothers in arms with these types of injuries, and sometimes I ask myself, 'Am I worthy for such a prestigious award?'"

Torres is now among the 2 percent of non-commissioned officers who have been admitted to the organization. He's the only non-commissioned officer from YSU to be elected to the regional chapter of the Sergeant Audie Murphy Club, the Cadet Command's 7th Brigade.

The regional chapter covers ROTC programs in Indiana, Michigan, Kentucky, Ohio and Tennessee. Torres will be inducted into the club during a ceremony in Fort Knox, Ky., on April 30.

Torres is a senior enlisted instructor, and he teaches entry-level military science courses at YSU. He drew on his combat experience in Iraq to build his leadership skills.

"For me, serving in combat for my country was an honor, but also one of the scariest and emotional times



Members of YSU's ROTC program perform drills on campus. Photo courtesy of YSU ROTC.

of my life," he said. "Combat is, filled with uncertainty and a lot of mental barriers you, as an individual, have to overcome."

Even with both good and bad memories of the military, Torres recommended programs like the ROTC to students who are looking to become leaders.

"Through classes and field training, we provide college students with the tools to become an army officer without interfering with their other classes," he said. "ROTC also provides students with discipline and mon-

ey for tuition while enhancing your college experience." Torres said the people he has come to know through the military have become more than co-workers — they're comrades.

"I have made lifelong friends and have experienced an emotional roller coaster with these brave soldiers that will stick with me forever," he said. "I have no painful moments, because I think things happen for a reason, and we, as soldiers, have to adjust and be prepared for the next day's events."

Student is charged in Texas college knife attack

Los Angeles Times
(MCT)

A male student who fantasized about stabbing people was charged Tuesday in connection with an attack that injured 14 people, two critically, at a Houston-area community college, authorities said.

Dylan Quick, 20, faces three counts of aggravated assault with a deadly weapon. He is suspected of acting alone in what one official described as a "building-to-building" attack at the Lone Star College-CyFair campus about 30 miles northwest of Houston.

"According to the statement the suspect voluntarily gave investigators, he has had fantasies of stabbing people to death since he was in elementary school," the Harris County Sheriff's Office said in a statement late Tuesday. "He also indicated that he has been planning this incident for some time."

Quick used a razor-type knife that left pieces of blade in at least one victim, and the handle was found in Quick's backpack, the sheriff's office said.

The attack came less than three months after a shooting at another Lone Star campus north of Houston. The Jan. 22 shooting wounded three people and led to calls for increased security at Lone

Star's six campuses, which serve 90,000 students.

After Tuesday's attack, the more than 6,000-student CyFair campus was locked down, then closed for the day. A dozen victims were hospitalized with lacerations, authorities said. Two declined treatment at the scene.

The first calls to police, at 11:12 a.m., reported a "man on the loose stabbing people," Harris County Sheriff Adrian Garcia said.

Student Michael Chalfan Jr., 22, of Houston said he saw the suspect run from about five law enforcement officers outside the campus Health Sciences Center before a civilian tackled him with the help of police, who used a Taser to subdue the suspect.

The tackler, Steven Maida, said he was leaving the school bookstore when he heard a girl screaming. "My friend got stabbed in the face," then saw another girl who had been stabbed.

Maida, 21, of Katy, Texas, said he ran into a nearby building, where he saw a young man who had been stabbed in the head and police chasing a suspect. He joined in.

"He saw us coming and he ran to a building, and we almost lost him," he said.

Eventually, Maida said, they caught up with the suspect near a parking lot and

Maida tackled him. He said the suspect had a fold-out hunting-style knife in his pocket and didn't say anything.

Chalfan said emails circulating among his friends after the stabbings included a picture of one woman, a purported victim, with a box-cutter blade lodged in her cheek.

Nursing student Jeff Demolli, 19, of Houston said he saw four people leaving on stretchers with wounds to their necks and faces.

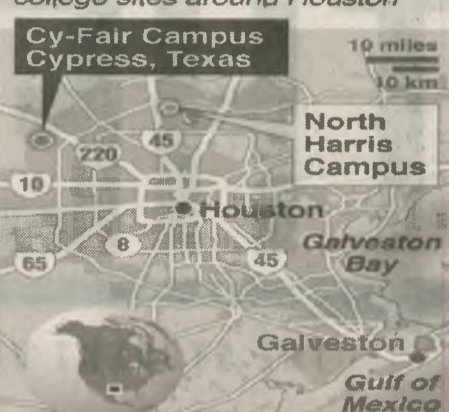
"Thank God it was a knife. It could have been a gun or an assault rifle," said nursing student Evaristo Terrones, 20, of Hockley, Texas.

"I would like to know why he did what he did, why he went around stabbing people," said Terrones, who added that he thought the campus should have more security and that teachers should be armed. "You just never know when someone is going to attack."

Jonathan Clayton, 20, was in the Health Sciences Center near where officials said the stabbings began. During the lockdown, he led fellow students in prayer.

"It's pretty terrifying," Clayton said as he left campus with his parents, saying he would return when classes resumed Wednesday. The attack was scary, he said, but school officials "handled it perfectly."

Lone Star College Network of seven community college sites around Houston



Stabbings rampage, April 9
• 11:12 a.m. local time
 Male suspect "running loose, stabbing people," according to incoming 911 calls; Harris County Sheriffs Dept., other agencies, respond
• Injuries At least 14 hurt; two critically, four in fair condition; four victims airlifted
• Suspect One male in custody; buildings searched
Shooting, Jan. 21
• Gunfire exchanged between two suspects at North Harris campus; two injured
 Source: ESRI, AP © 2013 MCT

Analysis: North Korea plays a weak hand to advantage

Los Angeles Times
(MCT)

North Korea is sometimes mocked as the mouse that roared, one of the poorest countries in the world threatening two economic and military giants, the United States and South Korea.

But under Kim Jong Il and now his 30-year-old son, Kim Jong Un, North Korea has proved itself the master at playing a poor hand. Indeed, it uses weakness to its advantage. Like a barefoot man who doesn't fear the man with shoes, North Korea behaves like it has nothing to lose.

South Korea has twice the population and 40 times the economic might of North Korea. The South has a highly sophisticated military and a strong U.S. alliance. But North Korea is also one of the most militarized nations on Earth, bristling with nuclear and conventional arms that could inflict horrific damage on its southern neighbor, albeit at a suicidal cost.

North Korea's bombastic propaganda machine need only issue a missile threatening to turn Seoul into a "sea of fire" and the South Korean stock market takes a beating.

"It is difficult to keep North Korea under control despite the fact that the U.S. and South Korea are superior in military force, because they know that we won't use force first," said Park Syung-je, a military analyst at the Asia Strategy Institute in Seoul.

South Koreans have largely grown inured to the constant threat, but some acknowledge an underlying fear.

"North Koreans are scary. They are full of spite," said Kim Sung-ya, a well-dressed woman in bright lipstick and sunglasses who was strolling through a Seoul train station. "I'm afraid that they might

fire something first."

On several occasions, most seriously in 1994, the U.S. contemplated a pre-emptive strike against the North Korean nuclear compound at Yongbyon, but quickly abandoned the idea. There is no doubt that if such a strike spun into a full-scale war that the United States could easily defeat North Korea — according to some estimates, in less than three days.

But victory would come at an unthinkable cost. Half of South Korea's 50 million people live within a three-minute flight of North Korea, and the thriving metropolis of Seoul is only 30 miles away. The North Korean capital, Pyongyang, is within 70 miles of the border. Both sides could expect horrific casualties.

North Korea does not have a workable nuclear weapon or intercontinental ballistic missile thus far, but it has the fifth-largest army in the world, more than 1.1 million soldiers under arms and another 4.7 million on reserve, according to the International Institute for Strategic Studies. Most of the North's force is pointed like a dagger at South Korea. According to the London-based institute, it has 8,000 artillery systems and 2,000 tanks at the demilitarized zone on the border.

A computer simulation done in 1994, when the Clinton administration was contemplating airstrikes to take out the nuclear complex at Yongbyon, projected that if North Korea went all-out in retaliation, as many as a million South Koreans could be killed, as well as thousands of American troops stationed near the DMZ, according to a former South Korean official.

U.S. military planners use the phrase the "tyranny of proximity" to describe the geographic situation.

If the U.S. and South Korea launched a quick, all-out blitz against North Korea, there would be heavy casualties

on the North Korea side. In a slower, more cautious campaign against military targets, losses would be greater south of the border, according to Park.

"Ultimately, North Korea is bound to lose, but millions of people would die," Park said.

Another scary scenario: A conventional war could quickly turn nuclear. In a much-discussed article that recently ran on the Foreign Affairs magazine website, scholars Keir A. Lieber and Daryl G. Press said that Kim Jong Un, fearing the same fate as other defeated leaders such as Iraq's Saddam Hussein and Libya's Moammar Gadhafi, could be tempted to use a crude nuclear weapon, delivering it through a guerrilla commando raid or some other unconventional means.

"Nuclear weapons are really the weapons of the weak," said Lieber, an associate professor at Georgetown University, in a telephone interview. "If North Korea is facing conventional defeat, which seems likely given the superior might of the combined forces, they might not see any other option for avoiding regime change."

North Korea also deploys the craziness card to its advantage. The colorful bombast of its infamous propaganda mouthpiece, the Korean Central News Agency (threatening to "break the waists of the crazy enemies, totally cut their windpipes and thus clearly show them what a real war is like") is designed not merely to intimidate but to convince the outside world that it is dealing with lunatics. And of course, when dealing with lunatics — as with suicide bombers — the whole premise of deterrence breaks down.

The rhetoric has become especially fevered in recent months, during a cycle of escalation that began with North Korea launching a rocket in December and conducting its third underground nuclear test



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in February, predictably leading to international condemnation and stiffer sanctions, which in turn led to the stream of invective from Pyongyang.

The United States has responded militarily by shifting additional naval resources to the region and saying it will send a mobile missile defense system to Guam. After North Korea announced this week that it was reactivating the plutonium-producing reactor at Yongbyon — long mothballed under an international agreement — Defense Secretary Chuck Hagel described the reclusive dictatorship as "a real and clear danger and threat."

As if to second that declaration, North Korea promptly

Exacerbating tensions

North Korea has barred South Koreans from crossing the border to work at the Kaesong Industrial Complex, the latest in a series of actions that have heightened tensions between the two nations.

Recent actions

- Dec. 12, 2012** North Korea launches rocket; says it put a satellite in orbit
- Feb. 12, 2013** North conducts underground nuclear test
- March 11 U.S.**, South Korea begin yearly military drills
- March 19** U.S. flies B-52 bombers over South Korea
- March 27** Pyongyang closes military hotline with Seoul
- March 28** U.S. flies B-2 stealth bombers over South
- March 30** North states, it is in "state of war" with South
- April 2** North says it will restart its Yongbyon nuclear reactor
- April 3** North bars workers from South from Kaesong plant

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said it was targeting the United States with "smaller, lighter and diversified" nuclear weapons.

Pyongyang likes to keep the atmosphere at a fever pitch for both international and domestic political purposes.

For decades, North Korea has kept its population in a state of military alert, using the threat of imminent imperialist invasion as an excuse for chronic food shortages and deprivation. The increased Pentagon deployment in the Pacific and the use of B-52 and stealth bombers in simulated raids in recent military exercises has been spun by North Korean propagandists into proof positive of what they've been warning about all along.

YSU takes a byte out of Windows 8

Drew Zuhosky
REPORTER

For the past few weeks in Kilcawley Center, Youngstown State University has offered a demonstration of Microsoft Windows 8 — brought to YSU by Campus Entertainment, a college marketing agency.

Windows 8 replaces the traditional start button with tile- and charm-based navigation. Users can move around these icons as they please to access programs more easily.

One application that stood out among students was a program known as SkyDrive, which allows users to access files from anywhere.

"The whole cloud computing system with Microsoft SkyDrive, the new advances in Microsoft Word, PowerPoint. They're all

tools we, as students, use," said YSU student Paul Emig.

Emig said Windows 8 is useful to YSU students.

"Being a Windows-based university, most of your projects are done via Word, Excel or PowerPoint," he said.

Windows 8's new interface, along with a few other features, caught Emig's eye.

"We have these things called LivePals where, which can automatically update you whether you're getting a new email. You can link it up to your Facebook and Twitter accounts," he said.

Like Emig, YSU student Leanne Johnson said she enjoys Windows 8, especially since it is user-friendly.

"I think it's really easy to use, and they'll be able to use the touch screen," she said. "It's easy to access it and not have to always use a keyboard. Students can access tiles for research."

Johnson said the design sets Windows 8 apart from competitors.

"[I like] the interface and also the more modern look with the tiles," she said. "It also has all your office programs, the Excel [and] PowerPoint, so students can use it in class for projects."

Even following the demonstration period, Johnson said she wants to continue to spread the word about Windows 8.

"I'm going to promote it more," she said. "I'm definitely going to recommend it to teachers. In the business school, you can take it on internships."

Given the plethora of features, Johnson said she almost can't quite pinpoint the feature she enjoys most on Windows 8.

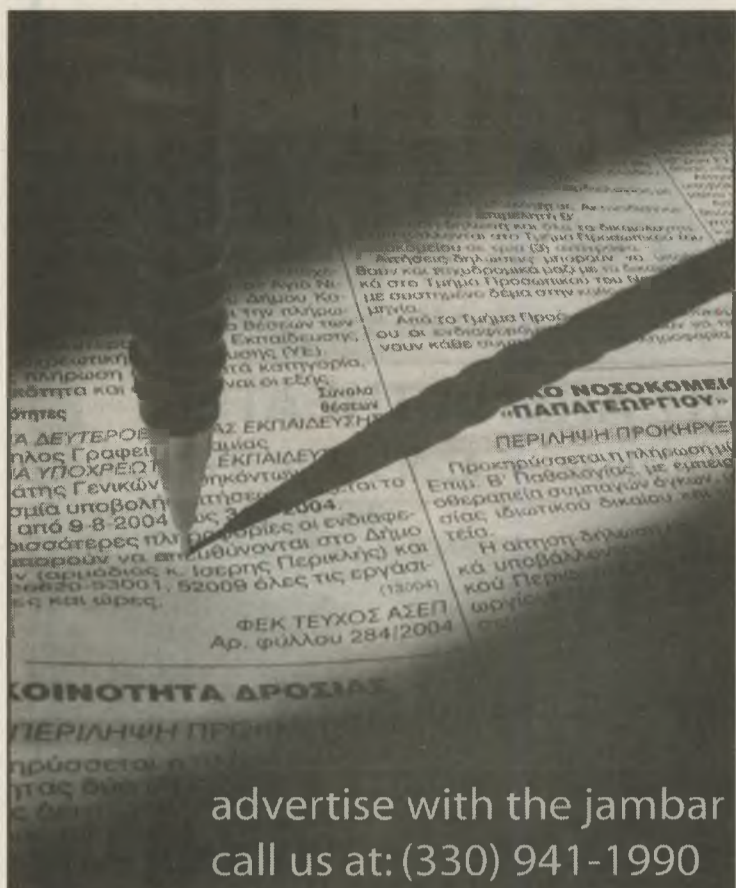
"There are so many different things it has," she said. "But definitely the SkyDrive [is] the best. I like everything about it."

CORRECTION

In the article "Starfish to be implemented across campus" published in Tuesday's edition of The Jambar, the reporter wrote "the Starfish software resulted in improvements to GPA and credit hours completed."



"The GPA for freshmen in 2011 showed a cumulative of 2.39; in 2012, it had increased to 2.46. In addition, the percentage of credit hours earned out of attempted hours was 75.98 percent in 2011, and it increased to 80.73 percent for fall 2012."

Becky Geltz, the director of the YSU Office of Institutional Research and Policy Analysis, said that although the numbers are accurate, she could not say whether the improvements are directly correlated with the Starfish software.



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The YSU Office of Financial Aid and Scholarships will host two workshops in April to help students gain a better understanding of how they can deal with their student loan debt. At 1 p.m. on April 23, Becky Davis of Great Lakes Higher Education will speak, while at 10 a.m. on April 24, Jeff Johnston of Sallie Mae will speak. Both presentations will be held in the Gallery Room of Kilcawley Center. For more information, call 330-941-3398 or 330-941-2490.

Stocks Essay Competition deadline approaches

The last day to submit essays in the fifth annual Stocks Essay Competition is April 22. The first place winner will receive \$250, while the second and third place winners will receive \$150 and \$100, respectively. All undergraduate students at YSU may enter the contest. Essays should be written on any economic topic that is relevant to society, have a clearly defined policy issue that is analyzed from all sides and include a policy solution that is based on the arguments presented; each essay should be between 1,600 and 2,400 words. Submit essays to neohara@ysu.edu. Ten finalists will be invited to a dinner on April 30, where the winners will be announced. For more information, visit <http://web.ysu.edu/class/economics>.

STEM showcases student work

Students in YSU's College of Science, Technology, Engineering and Mathematics will show off their work at the annual STEM Showcase, which will be held from 2 to 4 p.m. on April 21 in Moser Hall. Various student projects, like the concrete canoe and moon rover, will be on display, and visitors will have the opportunity to meet with STEM faculty, students and industry representatives. Tours of the facilities will also be available. For more information and to register, contact Daniel Suchora at 330-941-3017 or dhsuchora@ysu.edu.

POLICE BRIEFS

Burnt food sets off alarm

On Monday morning, a YSU police officer reported to the Flats at Wick after a fire alarm had been activated. When YSU Police arrived on the scene, they discovered that the alarm had been triggered by burnt food. The Youngstown Fire Department reset the alarm after inspecting the room.

Employee finds property in Cushwa

Around 10:45 p.m. Sunday, a female employee of janitorial services approached a YSU Police officer while he was conducting a routine security check in Cushwa Hall. The employee said she had found someone's property in the basement lecture hall. The officer took the property and brought it to the police department for safekeeping.

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A new 'alternative' on campus



YSU freshman Aspen Glaspell (right) orders a pulled pork sandwich from The Alternative food truck on Wednesday. Frank Mason (left) and his wife Sue, from Slippery Rock, Pa., decided to bring their truck to YSU after visiting a friend in an area hospital. Photo by Chris Cotelesse/The Jambar.

STAFF REPORT

As Youngstown State University weighs its options on food service carriers for next year, a husband and wife duo say they'll do their best to fill students' stomachs "until it starts snowing again."

Frank and Sue Mason, restaurant owners from Slippery Rock, Pa., fired up their fryers for the second day at YSU, serving burgers and barbeque on Lincoln Avenue from The Alternative food truck.

Frank Mason said they'll be there

five days a week from 10:30 a.m. until late afternoon, as long as the weather permits.

In Slippery Rock, the couple owns another truck stand alongside a restaurant. For Mahoning County, the couple was able to get a vendor's license to sell their goods.

Sue Mason said that when they came to Youngstown to visit a friend at a local hospital, they saw that the students at YSU needed more food service.

"We saw that you guys just didn't really have too much," Sue Mason said. "We decided to see if we could bring the food truck over here and kind

[of] see how it goes."

They hope to serve food at homecoming and other YSU events.

"I find college kids eat and need something better than, say, McDonald's. This is all fresh-made food," Frank Mason said.

Aspen Glaspell, a YSU freshman, ordered a pulled pork sandwich with cheese fries for lunch on Wednesday. He had class near Lincoln Avenue and wanted to try something new.

"It's a long walk to get from all the way over here and back over to Christman," he said. "I've seen [the food truck] before, and I never actually went to it. So, I figured I'd see what it was."

Glaspell said he enjoyed his meal and said he will be back another day.

Frank and Sue Mason said they'd be open to menu suggestions from students.

"We're just geared for the students," she said. "You guys have taken out school loans galore to go to school. You need somewhere that you're [going to] get a [half] decent meal at a decent price with a decent quantity of food."

For more information on The Alternative food truck, contact the Masons via email at thealternativefoodtruck@hotmail.com or on Twitter @foodalternative.

No two pieces are the same



Mallery Kohut and Kelly Montgomery offer information about the Puzzle-A-Thon at a table in Kilcawley Center. They said they hope that the Puzzle-A-Thon will be an annual event. Photo by Taylor Phillips/The Jambar.

Marissa McIntyre ARTS & ENTERTAINMENT EDITOR

At the Newman Center on Wednesday, the Alpha Xi Delta sisters at Youngstown State University will host their first Puzzle-A-Thon to raise money for their philanthropy, Autism Speaks.

For the Puzzle-A-Thon, teams of four will race against the clock to put together a puzzle. As the rounds continue, the puzzles get progressively harder. The event is open to the public, and registration is \$5 per person.

"We wanted to do something new and something different to really catch people's attention," said Amanda Vestal, a sophomore and an Alpha Xi Delta sister.

Vestal has taken on the bulk of the planning. She said it's been a stressful process, but that she's excited to see the outcome.

Mallery Kohut said she's looking forward to the Puzzle-A-Thon because "it's something different."

"We normally do a walk," she said. "You don't see a lot

of people doing puzzles today, so it's nice to give them something new."

Vestal said she is confident the turnout for the Puzzle-A-Thon will be strong, and hopes to see the event grow in the future. She said she encourages everyone to participate.

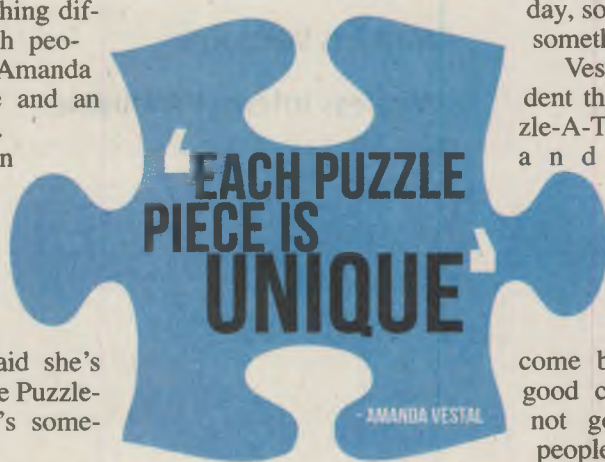
"I would encourage them to come because it is a really good cause. Even if you're not good at puzzles, find people for your team who are. You're still donating and raising awareness," she said.

Vestal said the sorority will still host a walk for autism during the fall semester.

"There is no actual cure for it, but what a lot of people don't realize is that doesn't mean they can't function in everyday life," Vestal said.

Vestal and the other sorority sisters all wear a puzzle piece charm on a necklace to accompany their sorority's philanthropy. Like puzzle pieces, no two cases of autism are alike, she said.

"One of their sayings is, 'Each puzzle piece is unique,'" Vestal said.



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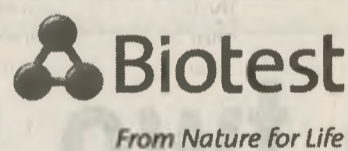
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Ohio needs to run the race

President Barack Obama released his federal budget proposal for fiscal year 2014 on Wednesday after much anticipation, criticism and pure politics.

Much can said about the proposed cuts to Social Security and a tax hike on the wealthy, but that's not our territory.

Beneath the criticisms and complaints, the Obama administration remains committed to higher education, requesting more than \$70 billion, including Pell grants, for discretionary education appropriations.

Under this proposal, Pell grants remain intact, with a \$5,645 maximum. Should Congress approve, they will remain untouched through the 2015-2016 academic year.

Throughout his political career, Obama has reiterated his belief that a well-educated populace is a key component of a nation's success, and an investment in education is one of the wisest.

However, the days of blindly throwing money at state higher education systems and hoping for the best are over.

We couldn't be happier.

Building on the program's initial success with K-12 schools, the Obama administration has redesigned Race to the Top and requested \$1 billion to fund a college-level version.

However, during the race to the top, some will be left behind.

Only five states will receive the lion's share of the funding, each receiving anywhere from \$198 to \$495 million.

Gov. Kasich, Board of Regents: Take notice and take control.

On Tuesday night, the Ohio House of Representatives' Finance and Appropriations Committee released its revamped version of Kasich's budget proposal.

While the funding mechanism remains primarily unscathed, the House has proposed allowing universities to capitalize on a one-time tuition increase of 6 percent rather than an annual 2 percent increase.

While a spike in tuition costs may result in short-term gains, state leaders need to consider other possibilities.

One of the measures RTTT uses to decide a winner is affordability.

A study conducted by the College Board found that the national average tuition cost for four-year public institutions is \$8,655. In Ohio, the statewide average is \$9,394.

Under the proposed biennial budget, YSU students would watch their tuition jump from \$7,712 to around \$8,170 if the House's version is enacted.

Kasich has repeatedly beat his chest over what he's done as governor. How many more times do we need to hear about how high Ohio is now ranked in job creation? It's time he does something better. Defy reason.

Increase state funding, and slash tuition rates. Make us more competitive for some of that federal money.

Then he'll have something new to brag about.

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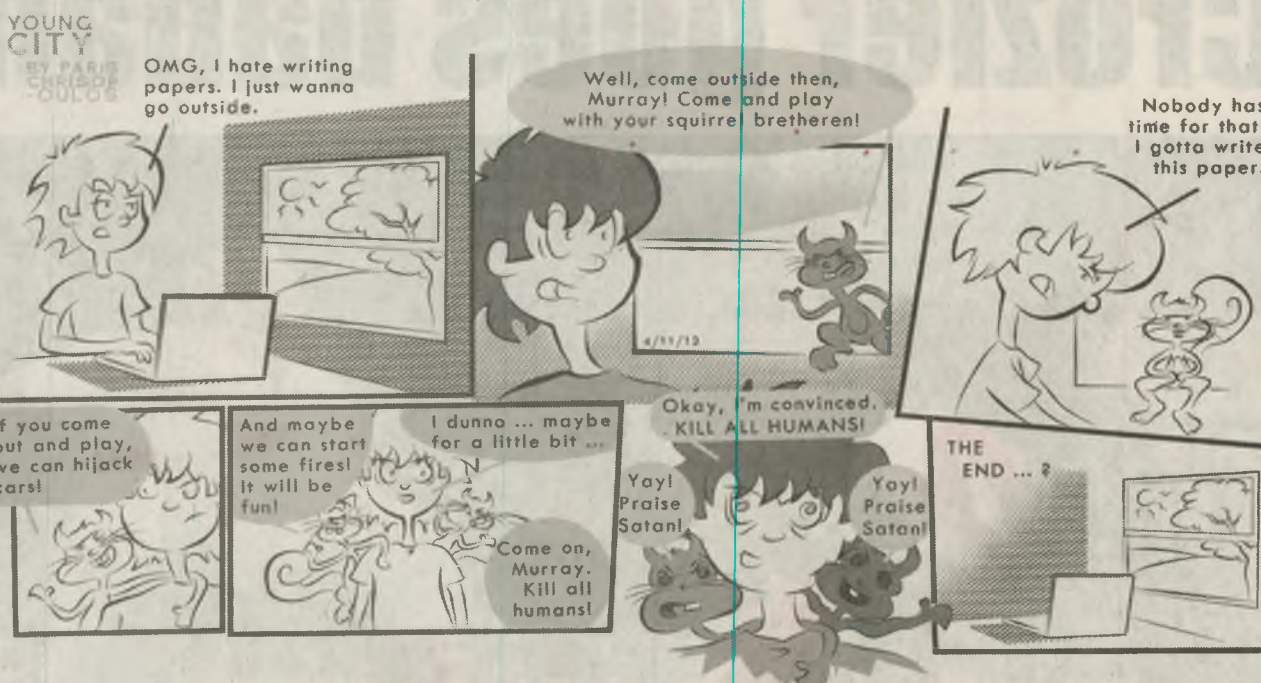
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What FDR said about Jews in private

Los Angeles Times (MCT)

In May 1943, President Franklin Roosevelt met with British Prime Minister Winston Churchill at the White House. It was 17 months after Pearl Harbor and a little more than a year before D-Day. The two Allied leaders reviewed the war effort to date and exchanged thoughts on their plans for the postwar era. At one point in the discussion, FDR offered what he called "the best way to settle the Jewish question."

Vice President Henry Wallace, who noted the conversation in his diary, said Roosevelt spoke approvingly of a plan (recommended by geographer and Johns Hopkins University President Isaiah Bowman) "to spread the Jews thin all over the world." The diary entry adds: "The president said he had tried this out in (Meriwether) County, Georgia (where Roosevelt lived in the 1920s) and at Hyde Park on the basis of adding four or five Jewish families at each place. He claimed that the local population would have no objection if there were no more than that."

Roosevelt's "best way" remark is condescending and distasteful, and coming from anyone else it would probably be regarded as anti-Semitism. But more than that, FDR's support for "spreading the Jews thin" may hold the key to understanding a subject that has been at the center of controversy for decades: the American government's tepid response to the Holocaust.

Here's the paradox. The U.S. immigration system severely limited the number of German Jews admitted during the Nazi years to about 26,000 annually — but even that quota was less than 25 percent filled during most of the Hitler era, because the Roosevelt administration piled on so many extra requirements for would-be immigrants. For example, starting in 1941, merely leaving behind a close relative in Europe would be enough to disqualify an applicant — on the absurd assumption that the Nazis could threaten the relative and thereby force the immigrant into spying for Hitler.

Why did the administration actively seek to discourage and disqualify Jewish refugees from coming to the United States? Why didn't the president quietly tell his State Department (which administered the immigration system) to fill the quotas for Germany and Axis-occupied countries to the legal limit? That alone could have saved 190,000 lives. It would not have required a fight with Congress or the anti-immigration forces; it would have involved minimal political risk to the president.

Every president's policy decisions are shaped by a variety of factors, some political, some personal. In Roosevelt's case, a pattern of private remarks about Jews, some of which I recently discovered at the Central Zionist Archives in Jerusalem and from other sources, may be significant.

In 1923, as a member of the Harvard board of directors, Roosevelt decided there were too many Jewish students at the college and helped institute a quota to limit the number admitted. In 1938, he privately suggested that Jews in Poland were dominating the economy and were therefore to blame for provoking anti-Semitism there. In 1941, he remarked at a Cabinet meeting that there were too many Jews among federal employees in Oregon. In 1943, he told government officials in Allied-liberated North Africa that the number of local Jews in various professions "should be definitely limited" so as to "eliminate the specific and understandable complaints which the Germans bore towards the Jews in Germany."

There is evidence of other troubling private remarks by FDR too, including dismissing pleas for Jewish refugees as "Jewish wailing" and "sob stuff"; expressing (to a senator) his pride that "there is no Jewish blood in our veins"; and characterizing a tax maneuver by a Jewish newspaper publisher as "a dirty Jewish trick." But the most common theme in Roosevelt's private statements about Jews has to do with his perception that they were "overcrowding" many professions and exercising undue influence.

This attitude dovetails with what is known about FDR's views regarding immigrants in general and Asian immigrants in particular. In one 1920

interview, he complained about immigrants "crowding" into the cities and said "the remedy for this should be the distribution of aliens in various parts of the country."

In a series of articles for the *Macon (Ga.) Daily Telegraph* and for *Asia* magazine in the 1920s, he warned against granting citizenship to "non-assimilable immigrants" and opposed Japanese immigration on the grounds that "mingling Asiatic blood with European or American blood produces, in nine cases out of ten, the most unfortunate results." He recommended that future immigration should be limited to those who had "blood of the right sort."

FDR's decision to imprison thousands of Japanese Americans in internment camps during World War II was consistent with his perception of Asians as having innate racial characteristics that made them untrustworthy. Likewise, he apparently viewed with disdain what he seemed to regard as the innate characteristics of Jews. Admitting significant numbers of Jewish or Asian immigrants did not fit comfortably in FDR's vision of America.

Other U.S. presidents have made their share of unfriendly remarks about Jews. A diary kept by Harry Truman included statements such as "The Jews, I find, are very, very selfish." Richard Nixon's denunciations of Jews as "very aggressive and obnoxious" were belatedly revealed in tapes of Oval Office conversations.

But the revelation of Franklin Roosevelt's sentiments will probably shock many people. After all, he led America in the war against Hitler. Moreover, Roosevelt's public persona is anchored in his image as a liberal humanitarian, his claim to care about "the forgotten man," the down-trodden, the mistreated. But none of that can change the record of his response to the Holocaust.

The observance of Holocaust Memorial Day begins Sunday night. It is the annual occasion to reflect on the Nazi genocide and the world's response to it. In the case of the United States, it is sobering to consider that partly because of Roosevelt's private prejudices, innocent people who could have been saved were instead abandoned.

Bob Ray Sanders: Future of newspapers, journalism brighter than you think

Fort Worth Star-Telegram (MCT)

The guest of honor at a small luncheon hosted by Texas Christian University Chancellor Victor Boschini last week was David Sanger, chief Washington correspondent for *The New York Times*.

The conversation among the 10 people gathered around the purple cloth-covered table quickly turned to the changes new technology is making to the news business, and the impact they would have on newspapers in particular.

During our discussion, I also heard myself saying things I was already planning to tell several hundred college journalists and instructors meeting in Fort Worth at the spring convention of the Texas Intercollegiate Press Association.

I spoke there Friday for their Hall of Fame Luncheon, which honored two new inductees, broadcast legend Dan Rather and Kathleen McElroy, a former sports editor and editor for news administration for *The Times*.

As one who has been an eye-witness to change in the business, having been around since the Linotype machine (Google it), I told the students

that although some newspapers may have the feel of mausoleums, don't write the industry's obituary just yet.

Yes, we have changed, becoming a "digital first" enterprise with emphasis on getting information quickly to the website, often long before it appears in a print edition. Along with the printed word, we now have audio and video to help tell our stories.

But the main reason I'm convinced the industry is a long way from being on its deathbed is because of those young, eager, talented students I saw in that hotel ballroom who are the future of this business. I've been encouraged by the journalism I've seen taught and practiced on college campuses, and I'm eager for these multi-skilled individuals to join our ranks.

These young men and women are trained to deliver news on a variety of platforms. They're able to report, write, photograph and use technology in ways that dazzle old fogies like me.

Despite all their talents and capabilities, though, I told them what I had expressed to Sanger and the other TCU luncheon guests a few days earlier: We still need more people in our profession with passion and compassion, who care about things that affect other people's lives.

I bluntly explained to them that we don't need more pretty faces (if

that's all they have to offer) or people interested only in their own careers. I'd like to see more journalists interested in truth rather than gossip and rumor; willing to listen, in addition to asking questions; able to report facts instead of just voicing opinion.

While we still need watchdogs, we do not need pack dogs, lap dogs, dirty dogs or mad dogs — we've got enough of those.

We don't need you in this business, I said to them, if you are more concerned about what happens in people's bedrooms than about what happens in the boardrooms, legislative hearing rooms, city council chambers and executive offices around the country.

Some of the young people told me they were ready to accept my challenge.

After talking with them, seeing that determined look on their faces, I left feeling inspired, and confident that many in that room will enter the profession one day and take their rightful places as integral parts of the news-gathering industry.

Long after I'm gone, there will be those who will keep coming, continuing to infuse new blood into a patient some already have declared dead or dying.

They are our hope. They are indeed journalism's future.

Crozier goes bananas



Kelly Stowe slides into third base, beating the tag by the University of Detroit Mercy's Kayla Kostich. YSU won the game, 8-0, on Tuesday. Photo by Dustin Livesay/The Jambar.

Steve Wilaj
SPORTS EDITOR

After waking at 8:15 a.m., softball pitcher Casey Crozier ate a banana and headed to McCune Park for the Penguins' matchup against the University of Detroit Mercy.

"Typical Wednesday morning," she said.

But her starting pitching performance was anything but typical.

In an 8-0 victory for Youngstown State University, Crozier no-hit the Titans in five innings of play. She allowed just one base runner and retired the last 13 batters she faced.

"I'm proud of what Casey did," said head softball coach Brian Campbell. "It's a great honor to be able to do that."

Crozier became the first YSU softball player since 2003 to throw a no-hitter. Neither Crozier nor Campbell were aware of the feat until late in the game.

"When I came in the bottom of the fifth, that's when [my teammates] said we need two runs, and they were like, 'You

have a no-hitter.'" Crozier said. "I was like, 'Really?'"

Campbell was just as clueless.

"I didn't even know until I looked at the stat sheet," he said. "The reason behind that is that I knew she was going good. Until I actually looked at that and realized that, I didn't even know it myself."

While Crozier was excited for her performance, she was pleased with something else.

"I'm glad that we jumped on them early," she said.

YSU scored four runs in the first inning, keyed by a Vicky Rumph two-RBI single.

"I think it gave our whole team momentum because we have just come off from our loss yesterday," Crozier said. "Being able to jump on them in the first inning was awesome, and I felt like everybody executed and did their job."

But on this day, Crozier — who struck out seven Detroit batters — executed the best. Take it from starting catcher Rumph.

"I'm just confident in every single pitch that Casey has; that's the most important

part," she said. "I can call anything at any given time and know that she'll throw it for a strike. Her drop ball today was just perfect. When she's on with that pitch, we can do a lot of awesome things."

The Penguins were coming off a doubleheader split against the Titans on Tuesday. They won the first game, 5-0, as Crozier pitched a three-hit shutout, but Detroit salvaged the second game, defeating YSU, 4-2.

"It was heads and tails different from yesterday," Rumph said. "We were aggressive. We took it to them right from the start. I think yesterday's loss really helped get the fire under us today."

Sarah Ingalls paced the Penguins with two hits — including a home run — and two RBIs. Courtney Ewing had two hits as well.

With the victory, YSU improves to 8-14 overall and 3-3 in the Horizon League. Detroit falls to 4-28 overall and 1-4 in the conference.

"I think it's great," Campbell said of the no-hitter. "But at the end of the day, we're excited about how they came back from yesterday's second game."

SPORTS BRIEFS

Women's golf places second at Niagara

On Tuesday, the YSU women's golf team took second at the Niagara Purple Eagles Invitational, held at the Niagara Falls Country Club. The University of Detroit Mercy posted a two-round 630 to win the invitational, while Saint Francis University was third, Robert Morris University was fourth and Niagara University finished fifth. YSU had a two-round score of 636. The Penguins will next compete at the Ohio State Invitational on April 20 and 21 in Columbus.

YSU baseball falls to Panthers

YSU and the University of Pittsburgh were tied at 3-3 through five innings in Tuesday afternoon's Eastwood Field matchup, but Pitt scored five runs in the sixth, four in the seventh, five in the eighth and seven in the ninth. Pitt beat the Penguins, 24-7.

Men's golf takes 11th at NYX Hoosier

In Bloomington, Ind., over the weekend, the YSU men's golf team placed 11th at the 18-team NYX Hoosier Invitational at Indiana University's golf course. YSU carded rounds of 297 and 299 on Saturday, and finished with a 297 on Saturday. Overall, the Penguins had a total of 893, tying with the University of Detroit Mercy. Indiana won the tournament with an 850. YSU will next compete at the Detroit Titans Invitational, which begins Friday in Highland, Mich.

PENGUIN SPOTLIGHT



Sarah Ingalls

Height 5'7"
Year: Junior
Position: Utility
Bats/Throws: R/R
Hometown: McDonald
High School: Ursuline

Utility player Sarah Ingalls anchors the YSU women's softball team. Ingalls, an exercise science major, played in 20 games during her freshman year — and started in 10 of them. That year, she had a .200 batting average, with a double and four RBIs. In her sophomore season, Ingalls appeared in 45 contests, starting in 42 at first base or as the designated player. She had a .289 batting average, with a .467 slugging percentage; she also had four doubles, four home runs and 16 RBIs. As a sophomore, Ingalls compiled five multi-hit games and four multi-RBI performances. Recently, she went 3-3 with two RBIs in Tuesday's 5-0 victory over the University of Detroit Mercy.

Home at last

Corey Bartek
SPORTS REPORTER

At this point in the season, members of the softball team didn't expect to have quite as many cancellations as they do. They also didn't expect that Tuesday would be their very first home game of the season. But, thanks to Mother Nature, that's how things played out.

After having eight games canceled, head softball coach Brian Campbell said his team is excited to get back on the field.

Thursday's doubleheader against Saint Francis University — in which Youngstown State University won both games — was the team's first action since March 14, when the Penguins competed at the Rebel Games in Orlando, Fla.

"You can go through practice and you can continue to work hard, and we do, but you can't simulate games, being off for three weeks," Campbell said.

The Penguins sit with a 7-14 overall record and are 2-3 in Horizon League play. They've played just 21 games — the least amount in the entire league.

While YSU is in fifth place in league standings, a few players are experiencing individual success.

Samantha Snodgrass has the third-best batting average in the league (.387), and Casey Crozier has the third-best ERA average (.225). Infielder Kelly Stowe recorded an 11-game hitting streak and is batting

.286 for the season.

Stowe said it's been difficult dealing with the cancellations.

"We've been anxious to play all season," she said. "Then, being canceled for two or three weeks after Florida, it was hard."

Stowe added that the team has a new attitude going into conference play.

"There's a total difference between the early tournament and conference games. It's a lot more intense and a lot more of the softball we like to play," she said. "Seeing that real competition is bringing us all together. It's just finally clicking."

While the weather has increased the amount of time the Penguins have spent in the Watson and Tressel Training Site, it hasn't changed Campbell's expectations of or goals for his team.

"You have to adapt and control the controllables," he said. "But we definitely are looking forward to being at home for a little while."

The Penguins hosted a three-game series against the University of Detroit Mercy that began on Tuesday. On Saturday and Sunday, YSU has a three-game home set with Loyola University Chicago. In all, nine of their next 11 games are home contests.

Campbell praised his players on their toughness and ability to fight.

"With this team, it's an attitude of [continuing] to work hard from the first pitch to the last pitch," he said. "Just to improve."



Caroline Krombach makes a catch during YSU's 8-0 victory over the University of Detroit Mercy on Wednesday. Photo by Dustin Livesay/The Jambar.

While Stowe said she understands that goal, she has higher expectations for the Penguins.

"We're dead set on one goal: We want to make the tournament," she said. "We're all in it for one reason and one reason only, and we'll do whatever it takes to get

that win."

Campbell prefers to take things one step at a time with the hope of reaching the end goal.

"We want to go in and play hard to compete for that particular game," he said. "When you approach it game by game, it's a lot easier."