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SGA takes mediating route to on-campus smoking debate

Andrea DeMart
NEWS EDITOR

A letter drafted by the University Affairs Committee of the Student Government Association to President Cynthia Anderson addresses the long-standing concerns with on-campus smoking.

Jack Fahey, interim vice president for Student Affairs and ombudsperson, said the initial concern over smoking was voiced during the Q-and-A sessions with Anderson.

He said the administration was waiting on the letter after hearing Gary Davenport, SGA vice president for University Affairs, had established an ad-hoc committee to address the smoking concerns.

"Before the university tried to tackle [the concerns] from afar, from above, we really wanted to have some input from Student Government in terms of what they felt was the right balance to take and what they thought might work," Fahey said.

Davenport said in an email interview that the letter comes after much

exploring and discussion.

"It's the result of a semester's worth of exploring this issue, reaching out to students, faculty, staff and administration, and discussing possible solutions based on what we learned," he said.

So far there has not been a meeting of the ad-hoc committee and Anderson but "there needs to be now," he said.

"We basically said to them, 'Complete your work, let us know what your recommendations are going to be and then let's sit down,'" Fahey said. "Really what needs to happen next is we need to get into the [details] as to how we're going to enforce it, how many and where should we add little smoking pods ... should we be spending our money to do that?"

Davenport said that because smoking is prevalent, it is the most complained about issue.

"It does affect the well-being of students, especially those with health issues. While there are more pressing issues on campus, the smoking issue is always there after they have been addressed," he said.

SGA President Nick Meditz did not see a copy of the letter before it was sent to Anderson, but said the intent of

the committee was appropriate.

"Most of the people congregate and smoke right in front of ... doors so the students have to go through like a cloud of smoke, and as a nonsmoker that could be quite awful," he said.

Students can generally smoke anywhere outdoors, leaving nonsmokers irritated with a trail of smoke in their path.

"I think it sucks that people think they can smoke wherever they want on campus. It's disrespectful to the people who don't smoke," said sophomore Ross Lopez.

In the letter, Davenport mentioned posting additional signs around campus regarding the smoking policy, including locations of designated smoking areas.

Last semester, at each of DeBartolo Hall's entrances, SGA hung state-issued no-smoking signs next to maps representing smoking area locations.

Designated smoking areas are near Cushman Hall, behind Kilcawley Center on Elm Street, and also at the Cafaro and Lyden dormitories.

YSU junior Nicole Angelilli said on-campus designated smoking areas are useless.

"There's a force called wind that doesn't care where you're smoking. It's going to push the smoke wherever it wants," she said. "Smokers need to be considerate of those who don't smoke, and those who don't smoke need to steer clear of the smokers."

Fahey said there is not a problem with students knowing the designated smoking areas, but more that students don't want to go to the areas.

"They need more spaces," he said. "Students that are smokers feel like having to walk to a parking lot or to a sidewalk on the edge of campus is crazy."

Fahey used a hypothetical example to explain his point: "I've only got seven minutes to get to my class — which is about the amount of time it takes to have a cigarette — so I can't walk to [the designated area]. I have to walk to my biology class."

Meditz said he was not convinced that properly placed signage would reduce student confusion, but he said it couldn't hurt to try.

"There's only so many things that can be done because a lot of these sug-

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On Monday, almost 400 people participated in the first day of voting for the 2011 Student Government Association elections. Catie Carney, pictured, commissioner of the elections board, said she heard murmurs from students about all three candidates during the voting process but did not know which way the votes were going. Voting begins again Tuesday at 11 a.m. and will close at 5 p.m. The new SGA representatives and executive body will be announced Wednesday afternoon. Photo by Joe Giesy/The Jambar.

Scholarship memorializes Youngstown realtor

Joe Giesy
NEWS EDITOR

Realtor Vivian Martin was killed on Youngstown's East Side while showing a house in September. Now, one association is continuing her memory through a college scholarship fund.

The Youngstown-Warren Realtist Association established the scholarship, which is intended for African-American high school seniors graduating from the city school systems of Youngstown and Warren.

The Youngstown State University Foundation will also match any funds raised by up to \$5,000.

"What we're attempting to do is relate this to Vivian's life," said Linda Booker, a mortgage loan broker at Huntington National Bank and friend of Martin.

Martin left school at an early age but later earned her GED diploma and received an associate degree in labor studies from YSU. She also received bachelor's and master's degrees, then became a real estate agent and eventually a broker.

"She'd be humbled and honored all at the same time," Booker said about the scholarship being named after Martin. She and Martin worked together before Martin founded her own real estate company, Essence Realty.

Booker said the scholarship allows more inner-city public school students who are at risk of not receiving higher education to be reached.

"Our mission typically is to reach out to the unserved and underserved," Booker said.

Booker said education is vital and that the association wants to provide support so that education is available to more inner-city students.

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Students can feel safe at Goo Goo concert

Kevin Alquist
REPORTER

Youngstown State University students planning to attend the Goo Goo Dolls concert on Tuesday night need to keep in mind concert safety while enjoying the show.

Less than three weeks ago, a 19-year-old man ran through a 1-inch thick glass window at the University of Pittsburgh's Petersen Events Center during a concert and fell four stories to the ground. He was pronounced dead at UPMC Presbyterian from massive head trauma.

Incidents like this make it necessary to remind students of appropriate

behavior when attending an event such as the Goo Goo Dolls concert.

"[Covelli Centre security and staff] do not sense an immediate threat of danger for this concert despite the recent events on campus, but will continue to exercise the utmost caution and security measures, as would be the case for any concert or event," said Kelsey Rupert, marketing manager for the Covelli Centre.

The Covelli Centre has a set of building security policies and will take the necessary steps to ensure the safety of all those who attend the concert on Tuesday night.

Concertgoers may not bring alcohol to the concert. All cans, bottles or flasks will be confiscated. Alcohol will be served at the con-

cert, but Rupert said patrons must provide proper identification.

Concertgoers are also expected to abide by the conduct regulations of the Covelli Centre. The use of illegal substances and public drunkenness will not be tolerated and are grounds for eviction from the event. Also included on the guest conduct list are participation in a fight, attempts to enter areas that are deemed "off limits" and failure to follow the smoking policy.

Some items not permitted in the Covelli Centre are weapons of any kind, large bags or concealed containers, video recording equipment, and outside food or drink.

The Goo Goo Dolls will be playing all of their hits as well as songs from their 2010 album,

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STEM students showcase work, research

Caitlin Fitch
REPORTER

A concrete canoe, 3-D printer, steel bridge, crop duster plane and moon buggy were on display outside and inside the lobby of Moser Hall on Sunday for the College of Science, Technology, Engineering and Mathematics' annual showcase.

Mark Harvey, senior mechanical engineering major, was partly responsible for building the crop duster plane. He said that after two semesters, it felt good to see his project finished.

"We haven't test flown it yet, but within two weeks this plane will be off the ground, and hopefully it works," he said. "We wanted to enter the plane in a contest, but looked and we had missed the deadline."

Dan Suchora, professor and chairman of the mechanical and industrial engineering department and coordinator of the event, said the showcase has been held annually for



From left to right, Donald Leshner, Craig Butrick and Wael Ilayan are the three STEM students who manufactured the self-driving car. All three students are seniors majoring in electrical engineering at YSU. Photo by Caitlin Fitch/The Jambar.

three years.

"This year has definitely had the biggest turnout, no doubt because of the weather," he said.

Suchora also said the projects are a direct result of the engineering students' hard

work.

"There are at least 20 to 25 projects on display, and the students are excited to show their work," he said.

Craig Butrick, senior electrical engineering major and co-creator of a self-driven car,

said he and his group members worked hard to make their design.

"With the magic of the Internet, we were able to design a program that sends messages to the car, and it will drive itself and can be used anywhere

with a signal," he said.

Butrick said that these creations could aid the military in times of distress.

"The ideas can be modified to fit in any car, vehicle with two pedals and a steering wheel. This version is more of a prototype, and if mass-produced would be more neat," he said.

Brooke Johnson and John Terzak, along with other mechanical engineering majors, did their project on hydraulics.

"We are testing the hydraulics to see if they can operate at the speed of wind. We did the test, and the concept works. Now the prototype needs to be built," Terzak said.

William Hrinko, an engineering technology instructor, said Sunday was the first time the showcase was held outside. He was happy with the turnout.

"We invite the community, send invitations to employers, and welcome and encourage media to attend this event. These students are the future engineers and have worked hard," he said.

Future of paper books up in the air

Chelsea Miller
ARTS & ENTERTAINMENT
EDITOR

New advancements in technology have led to faster, easier ways of communication. With the invention of the e-book, readers can upload several of their favorite novels to a portable electronic device. Now, one library in California is considering the switch to an Internet-based model that may eliminate all of its paper books.

A kiosk would allow patrons to chat with the off-site librarians. Books could also be ordered and dropped off at a locker until picked up by patrons.

According to the city of Newport Beach's website, this option is only being considered at the Balboa Branch Library because "visitor data from the Balboa branch indicates that residents use the branch primarily for reading, using the Internet and studying." The branch would be considered a "digital library,"

but paper books would still be available at the library's other branches.

This digital concept is being integrated in other businesses as well, sometimes with negative effects.

The 40-year-old bookstore chain Borders filed for bankruptcy in mid-February after numerous attempts to incorporate new technology into its stores. The chain is in the process of closing more than 200 of its stores.

Some Youngstown State University students, such as professional writing and editing major Emily Grdina, use e-books frequently and prefer them to standard books.

"I have a Nook, and I use that a lot," Grdina said.

But others cite cost as a reason they haven't used e-readers.

"I'm poor," said freshman Meredith Baird, who added that technology isn't always reliable.

Health sciences librarian Maria Barefoot is aware of the switch to using new technology in libraries. Barefoot,

who works at YSU's Maag Library, said she believes the same technology that those at the Balboa Branch Library are considering could possibly be implemented at Ohio libraries.

"Almost everything is primarily accessed online as it is, and print collections are getting smaller and smaller. That's no doubt about it at all," Barefoot said. "It's a matter of how long."

Barefoot is not concerned about her job, though. She said as technology changes, libraries would adapt.

"I just think it's another change," she said. "People will always need to read, and whether it's on the computer or whether it's in print version, it's going to change things. But it's not like it's going to destroy libraries or anything like that. It will just be a different library."

And many still prefer paper books to electronic ones.

"I like the feel of it and just turning the page ... and the smell of it," said freshman Eruj Arif. "I think there will always be a place for them."

Campus Connection

What are your thoughts on e-books?



"I have a Nook, and I use that a lot."
Emily Grdina,
freshman



"I prefer using regular print books because those devices are too expensive."
Jennifer Neff,
sophomore

CORRECTION

In the Thursday, April 7, edition of The Jambar, the wrong headshot was used in our Campus Connection for the story "Big screen flexes its 3-D muscles." The picture should have been of sophomore Alex Brown and not freshman Cody McGann. We deeply regret the error.

Rocking the Relay and supporting the survivors

Chelsea Telega
REPORTER

Survivors and supporters plan to rock downtown Youngstown on May 7 as part of the second annual Rock the Relay, organized by a local Relay for Life team.

Team Jared organized the first Rock the Relay, held last April. Team Jared participates in the Relay for Life in Boardman and wanted to raise as much money as possible for the American Cancer Society with their efforts.

"We really weren't sure how it was going to go, but we ended up raising \$2,000," Garrett Kimmel, a sophomore at Youngstown State University and one of the coordinators of the benefit, said about last year's event.

Kimmel has high hopes for the outcome of this year's Rock the Relay after seeing the amount of success it had last year.

"We're expecting to double what we did last year," he said. Kimmel put forth his efforts for the event by performing last year as a former band member of SicKasMe. Now Kimmel takes care of the technical aspects and said he thoroughly enjoys it.

"I strongly believe in the local music scene and doing what I can to help the cause," Kimmel said.

The Lemon Grove Cafe will host the event. It will feature local bands, and provide food and drinks. All money earned will be donated to the American Cancer Society to help the fight against cancer.

Lemon Grove owner Jacob Harver said he was happy to provide a location for people to gather for such a fantastic cause.

"It's a great honor to host a noble community effort like this. It's going to be an all-around good night, and we're looking forward to it," Harver said.

Last year, the Rock the Relay benefit was held at Jillian's in Boardman. However, the food, drink and entertainment complex closed recently so a new venue was chosen. Many people put together a collaborative effort to make this fundraiser possible for the second year.

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gestions are going to take money, and money's obviously a big issue around the campus lately," he said.

Fahey said the university is not going to invest any significant funds in "helping people do something that the whole world knows is inherently dangerous."

Meditz also said students seeing a sign would not necessarily persuade them to walk to a designated smoking area.

"I think they may read the sign and they might be more aware of it ... but as far as actually abiding by it, I'm not sure that that would actually happen," he said.

Fahey said smokers tend to use sheltered areas that are located at the main entrances of the buildings, such as the eaves by Cushwa Hall and Kilcawley Center.

With other ideas for reduc-

ing campus smoking, SGA is leaning toward the thought of a citation system. YSU Police can only report students who are smoking in a non-smoking area to the Student Conduct Board. However, if a citation system was correlated with the smoking policy, SGA feels that smoking will decrease as the number of citations increase within a certain area.

Fahey said the hardest part is enforcement.

"You don't want to have your police officers running around campus enforcing smoking when they should be making sure that people aren't stealing cars and keeping our students safe at night and those kinds of things," he said. "By the same token, somebody has to do that."

Being concerned for his well-being and for that of other nonsmokers, Lopez said

he believes in respect for the YSU campus.

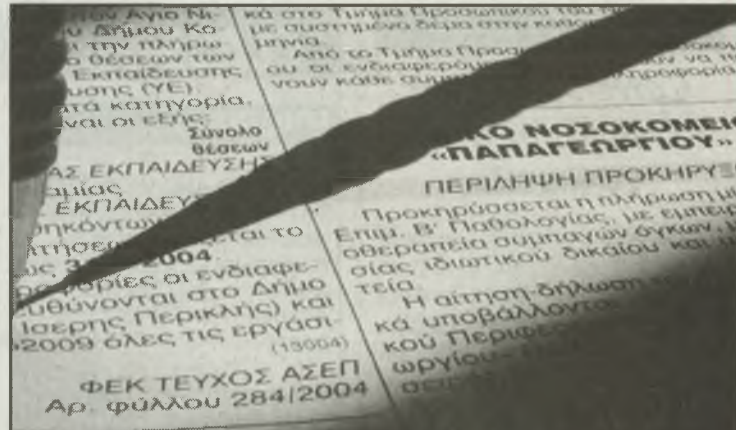
"It makes the campus look trashy when people throw their cigarette butts all over the place," he said.

SGA and University Affairs find it more important to discuss these suggestions with the campus community and those who are willing to see a difference in campus smoking.

"I think we all understand that we need to make things a little bit more convenient for smokers so that they'll get out of the doorways, which will be a good thing for everybody," Fahey said.

Additional reporting by Jenna Medina.

****President Cynthia Anderson could not be reached for comment****



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Careers in Aging Day planned for Wednesday

Careers in Aging Day will be held from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. Wednesday in the Chestnut Room of Kilcawley Center. The event will provide information about professions related to aging and aging research, raise awareness about older populations and their needs, and inform students and the public of the academic programs available.

LGBTQIA celebration set for Tuesday

"StandOut 2011," an artistic celebration of the lesbian, gay, bisexual, transgender, questioning, intersex and asexual community, will be held from noon to 2 p.m. Tuesday outside Kilcawley Center. The event will feature informational tables for community organizations and sponsors, banner and rock painting, ribbon giveaways, a bake sale and live performances.

Flute festival to be held in Bliss

The 18th annual Dana School of Music Flute Festival will be held from 8:30 a.m. to 4 p.m. Saturday in Bliss Hall. The event includes workshops, vendor exhibits, guest artist performances, a master class and a closing concert. Participants should bring their own instruments. The cost is \$16 per student if registered prior to Saturday and \$20 at the door.

Philadelphia Eagles VP to speak at Communication Week

Pamela Browner-White, a YSU alumna and senior vice president for the Philadelphia Eagles, is the featured speaker for Communication Week. Her presentation, "Adventures of a Communications Professional," is scheduled for April 21 at noon in the Williamson College of Business Administration, Room 3422.

POLICE BRIEFS

Alarm set off at Flats at Wick

On Friday, YSU Police received a call regarding an activated fire alarm at the Flats at Wick. When police arrived on the scene, firefighters had already silenced and reset the alarm. The alarm was set off by steam coming from a bathroom shower.

Assistant harassed with notes

On Thursday, YSU Police received a call from an administrative assistant who had received several harassing notes via campus mail. The most recent message received read: "Support SB 5, Fire Domhoff, Be Happy." YSU Police brought the note to the YSU Police Department for safekeeping.

Students found with drugs and alcohol

An officer patrolling campus on Friday approached a running vehicle on Adams Street. As the officer approached the car, two students quickly exited the vehicle. When the officer approached and asked if everything was all right, he could smell alcohol. After the vehicle's driver continuously ruffled through his pockets, the officer searched them and found a pipe, a pill bottle containing marijuana and an open bottle of vodka. It was later discovered that the vehicle had fictitious plates, and the car was towed.

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"Something for the Rest of Us."

The Goo Goo Dolls are an alternative rock band formed in 1986 out of Buffalo, N.Y. In the band's early days, vocalist and guitarist John Rzeznik and bassist George Tutuska recorded original material along with a variety of covers by artists like The Rolling Stones, Creedence Clearwater Revival, Phil Collins and Prince. They have been labeled as punk rock, college rock and, eventually, alternative rock.

Albums such as 1995's "A Boy Named Goo" and "Dizzy Up the Girl," a 1998 release, launched the Goo Goo Dolls up the charts, producing hit singles such as "Name," "Iris," "Black Balloon" and "Slide."

After "Dizzy Up the Girl," the band did not put out another album for four years until "Gutterflower" was released in 2002.

Rzeznik told Star News Online that the latest album, released in August, "seems to be addressing the kind of the angst and uncertainty of the times that we're living in, but on an emotional level."

The concert is presented by Penguin Productions at Youngstown State University in conjunction with the Covelli Centre. Student tickets are available for \$10 with presentation of a valid YSU ID.

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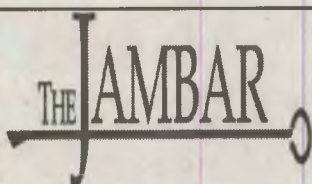
"With this year's venue at the Lemon Grove, we are right in there with the rest of Youngstown's awesome music scene, and all for an awesome cause," said Nick Uroseva, a coordinator of the event.

Uroseva played a part in designing show posters and participated in the planning this year. He was involved last year by introducing Team Jared to his brother's band and offering a performance for a fundraiser.

Tickets are on sale for \$5. Various local bands are slated to perform at the event including North Shore, Sincerely Kate and Neon Avenue. Day-of-show tickets will be sold at the door for \$8.

A recording of all of the bands will be sold as another fundraising effort.

Uroseva said he hopes that the event continues to be an annual success. He said he could not think of a better place to host the event this year.



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Club sports take a back seat

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They walk on our campus, represent our university in every game and even don the Penguins logo on their uniforms, yet our student club athletes are largely unnoticed.

There are 10 club sports at YSU, and none receive adequate support physically, emotionally and certainly not financially.

James Toliver, treasurer of the rugby club, said he requested funds from the Student Government Association on behalf of the team, but what they received "wasn't anything."

"We represented the school, but with very little financial support," Toliver said.

Most of the group's expenses are paid out of pocket, which may not seem like much, but one must consider what goes into it. Referee and tournament entry fees, uniforms and gasoline are just a few. The team must also provide its own transportation.

"They could do more, especially for club sports doing as well as rugby," Toliver said.

Our club sports have proven it's possible to gain national recognition.

Hockey is a club sport at YSU that has been successful in its sixth year with the College Hockey Mid-America conference. Last season, the club was able to continue the tradition without a head coach for the first month of the season.

Hockey has grown enough that it's now recruiting former junior hockey league players who have the potential to be minor league NHL players.

So far this semester, the rugby team totes an undefeated record in exhibition play. Last weekend, the team placed second in the Highlander Collegiate tournament.

Granted, university support of clubs isn't a national trend, but YSU consistently prides itself on being the vanguard.

Even with the school's financial situation, we still should provide the means for a medical unit being on hand, especially with the physical nature of many of the clubs, in support of our fellow Penguins.

YSU should become a leader, not a follower. There is no reason not to embrace club sports. YSU can pride itself as one of the first universities to recognize and support club sports.

The university should take measures to ensure that these clubs can continue this tradition, while at the same time using a growing popularity to market itself as a school that takes pride in every Penguin.

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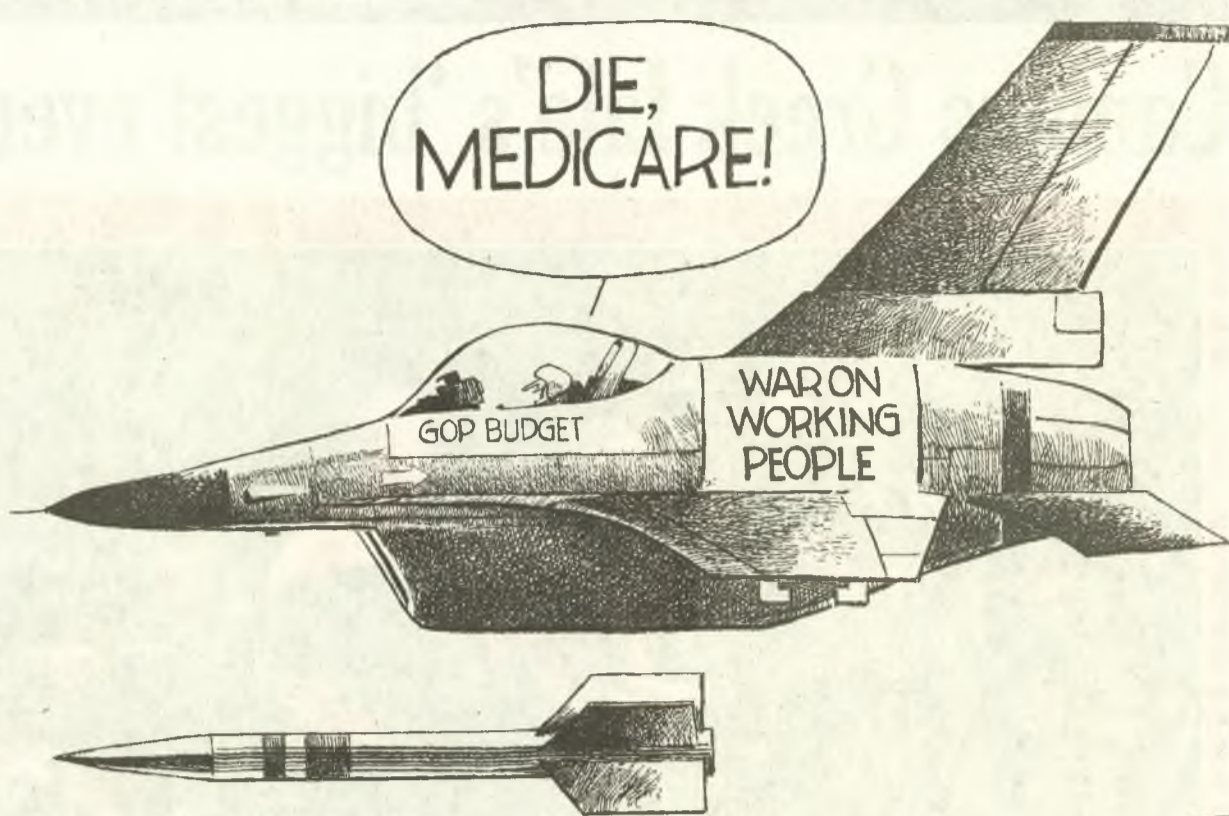
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Tear down your altars and lifeless idols



Let's talk about stress, baby

Chris Cotelesse
COLUMNIST

Every morning, I wake up knowing I have a mile hike ahead of me. And after I put in almost 12-hour days between classes and two jobs, I make the return trip along the same route.

At least it isn't snowing anymore. It's that time of the semester where all of my classes and professional responsibilities hit me at once. For months they've been lurking in the shadows, conspiring for the right time to attack.

It seems this week presented itself for an opportunity to exhaust my already limited supply of get-up-and-go. Over the weekend, I put together three videos for The Jambar's YouTube account, wrote a draft for a story about the MetroParks system and studied for a test in Press Law and Ethics.

And it's not over. I have a test in Human Sexuality and a meeting for a final project in Professional and Technical Communication.

Now I'm sitting (I'm actually alternating between standing and pacing) in front of a computer, trying to write a column for you all to enjoy.

During my first semester as columnist for The Jambar, my thoughts and viewpoints flowed out of me like piss on dollar draught night. But this afternoon, I met a student who put everything in perspective for me.

After learning of my position on The Jambar staff, she said, "Oh, you're the guy that bangs fat chicks."

I've written about religion, politics, war and philosophy, and I'm remembered for a mention of my aesthetic preference of curvy women. I still receive high-fives at bars for a column I wrote about pornography. It was my most popular one ever.

This is my legacy. So all of these things are going through my head on Monday at 5:13 p.m. This column has to be edited for content and copy by 7 p.m.

My dad's a bum. My mom is married to an idiot. I'm 27 years old with at least a year to go on a bachelor's degree. Sometimes I feel like I'm never going to start a real life, like I'll just be working forever without any payoff.

And, when I am at my emptiest point, I lie down and go to sleep, knowing I have two 1-mile hikes ahead of me.

I wake up every morning, tie my boots and hit the pavement because the only other option is surrender.



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Empower the FCC to protect Internet access

Seattle Times
MCT

Even the Federal Communications Commission's timid assertion of rights and protections for consumers on the Internet continues to inspire the wrath of Republicans.

The U.S. House of Representatives cleared the way for a resolution disapproving of the FCC's net-neutrality guidelines adopted in December. Debate and a vote on the resolution, a formal device used by Congress to block actions taken by federal agencies, is pending.

The target: net-neutrality rules that require owners of the Internet's infrastructure to treat all content equally. Even with expected House approval, the resolution should not clear the Democratic Senate, and it is still subject to a presidential veto.

The White House on Monday threatened just such an action, as it raised concerns about a threat to innovation on the Internet and consumer abuses without net-neutrality rules.

Oregon congressman Greg Walden proposed the rule-blocking resolution. News accounts quoted the Republican chair of the Communications Subcommittee as saying the FCC's Open Internet Order would prohibit religious organizations from creating specialized services.

Earlier this month, a lawyer for Consumers Union, publisher of Consumer Reports, said they hear from consumers, small businesses, religious organizations and civil-rights groups that open Internet rules are critical to protecting equal access.

The House is primed to go after FCC rules that should be stronger, not weaker. Broadband providers must not be able to invent tiered rates and tinker with speed and delivery to the detriment of broadband customers.

Campus Greek Life's 'biggest event' takes the stage



Sorority Alpha Xi Delta performed their rendition of several one-hit wonders Saturday night including "It's Raining Men" by the Weather Girls and "Jerk it Out" by Caesars. The group performed alongside other sororities and fraternities for a chance to win first-place recognition at Greek Sing. Photo courtesy of Mike McGiffin.

John Cutlip
REPORTER

Youngstown State University's sororities and fraternities took to the stage on Saturday for this year's Greek Sing — a sing and dance competition held at Stambaugh Auditorium.

Greek Sing's theme was "one-hit wonders and then some," and the audience was treated to familiar tunes such as "Funkytown," "Kung Fu Fighting" and "Baby Got Back," all with a Greek Life spin.

But the competition itself is certainly not a one-hit wonder, as Greek Sing enters its 59th consecutive year.

"It's a night where everybody comes together, puts

Greek Sing 2011 winners

First place fraternity: Sigma Tau Gamma

Runner-up: Sigma Alpha Epsilon

First place sorority: Zeta Tau Alpha

Runner-up: Delta Zeta

First place open class: Katie Petrosky and Anna Magazzeni, Alpha Xi Delta

everything aside ... and they compete in a fun way," said Greg Gulas, assistant director of student programming.

Gulas, who helped orchestrate the event, said the chapter members are extremely dedicated to the night of song and dance.

"They don't just pick this up for weekend practice," he said. "They've been working on this for two or three months."

After an introduction by Jared Buker and Jessica Sarich, Greek Life co-chairs, students dressed in costumes and makeup (and even drag) sparkled in the spotlight with choreographed dance routines and vocal prowess. Some performers made and memorized their own parodies to the songs, such as Alpha Xi Delta sorority members Katie Petrosky and Anna Magazzeni's "Greek

Life Baby," a parody of "Ice Ice Baby" by Vanilla Ice.

"It's a great event for the Greeks every year to look forward to," Sarich said, adding that the competition helps decide the fraternity and sorority of the year, but it's also good "just for bragging rights."

"It's full-out singing and dancing," she said, comparing the event to a night on Broadway. "They're putting on a show."

Both Sarich, a member of Zeta Tau Alpha, and Buker, president of Alpha Phi Delta, performed that night along with their hosting duties. Buker also played piano for the opening act, "Lean On Me."

Buker's fraternity performed "Mambo No. 5" by Lou Bega, "We Fly High" by Jim Jones, "Itsy Bitsy Teenie Weenie Yellow Polka Dot Bikini" by Brian Hyland and "Teach Me How To Dougie" by Cali Swag District.

"We worked really hard on it," Buker said. "We've been practicing a lot."

Prior to the performances, a slideshow was played, and chapters did cheers and chants to fire up the crowd.

The event was judged by local TV and radio personalities Rob Decker, Jeff Kelly, Jim Lohoy, Greta Mittereder and Justine Thomas.

Greek Sing also doubles as the yearly awards ceremony, and trophies were doled out for a variety of categories including the Panhellenic Service Award and the IFC Philanthropy Award.

Raffles were held, and Greek Life merchandise was sold to help fund the event and raise money for various endeavors.

Jared Buker is an arts and entertainment reporter for The Jambar. His comments and inclusion in the article was necessary given his position and involvement.

University Theater presents 'La Perichole'



PHOTO COURTESY OF ANNA RUSCOTT

"I like working with everybody in the crew because we've all become one big happy family."

-Kayla Wilson

Jared Buker
ARTS AND ENTERTAINMENT REPORTER

University Theater will combine humor and music in its performance of the French operetta "La Perichole," which debuts Thursday and runs through Sunday in Bliss Hall's Ford Theater.

Stage Director David Vosburgh said the performance, which he described as a "tuneful romantic comedy," would be a big hit.

"In the course of several years, you hope you've cov-

ered all the styles of opera," he said. "The show is quite funny. It's kind of a farce."

Taking place in Peru, the story revolves around La Perichole, a beautiful street singer, and her singing partner, Piquillo. Neither can afford to eat. But when the viceroy falls for La Perichole and offers to make her one of his mistresses, she agrees and writes a farewell letter to her love with the hopes of improving her situation. In the spirit of farcical comedy, the mayhem leads to a happy ending.

Youngstown State University graduate John Simsic will direct the orchestra, which will be accompanied by Gi-

rard's youth choir, during the opera.

He added that YSU alumni would join the show's cast. Almost 30 performers will be on stage.

The cast was selected at the end of fall semester, and has been practicing two hours a day, five days a week, ever since.

The lead roles for Thursday's and Saturday's performance will be played by senior Trevor Coleman and junior Kayla Wilson, both performance majors. On Friday and Sunday, the lead roles are played by sophomore music education major Cory Davis and junior performance major

Molly Scherer.

Coleman said he has performed operas before, three of which were at YSU. He said that his mother would be flying in from Key West, Fla., to see the show.

"I'm very excited," he said. "It has been a very great opportunity for me to challenge myself with this role."

Wilson, his co-star, shares the same enthusiasm about the operetta. It will be the second opera of her career where she plays the lead role.

"I like working with everybody in the crew because we've all become one big hap-

py family," she said.

Davis is excited about his first opera performance, although he said he has done countless other shows.

"I feel pretty confident, but anytime you perform in front of an audience, there will be some nerves, or at least there should be," he said.

His co-star in the performance, Scherer, is "excited and nervous" about her first leading role in an opera.

"I think it should be a good house," she said. "Tickets are already selling."

The two-hour performance begins at 7:30 p.m. Thursday through Saturday and 3 p.m. on Sunday.

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"We're priming the pump," Booker said. She added that the association hopes that by giving students a chance to attend college one year, they will continue and obtain a degree.

The Youngstown-Warren Realist Association has an annual scholarship that it gives out to two students from Youngstown and Warren. Now with a name change and the luncheon fund drive, Booker hopes to make it available to more students.

Booker said the scholarship amount and number of recipients has yet to be determined.

Funding for the scholarship kicks off at a luncheon on April 23 where the director of YSU's Office of Equal Opportunity and Diversity, Yulanda McCarty-Harris, will be the keynote speaker.

On top of being honored through a memorial scholarship, Martin was also named Honorary Realist of the Year. The realist designation was developed for African-American real estate professionals after they were denied membership to the National Association of Realtors before the Civil Rights Movement.





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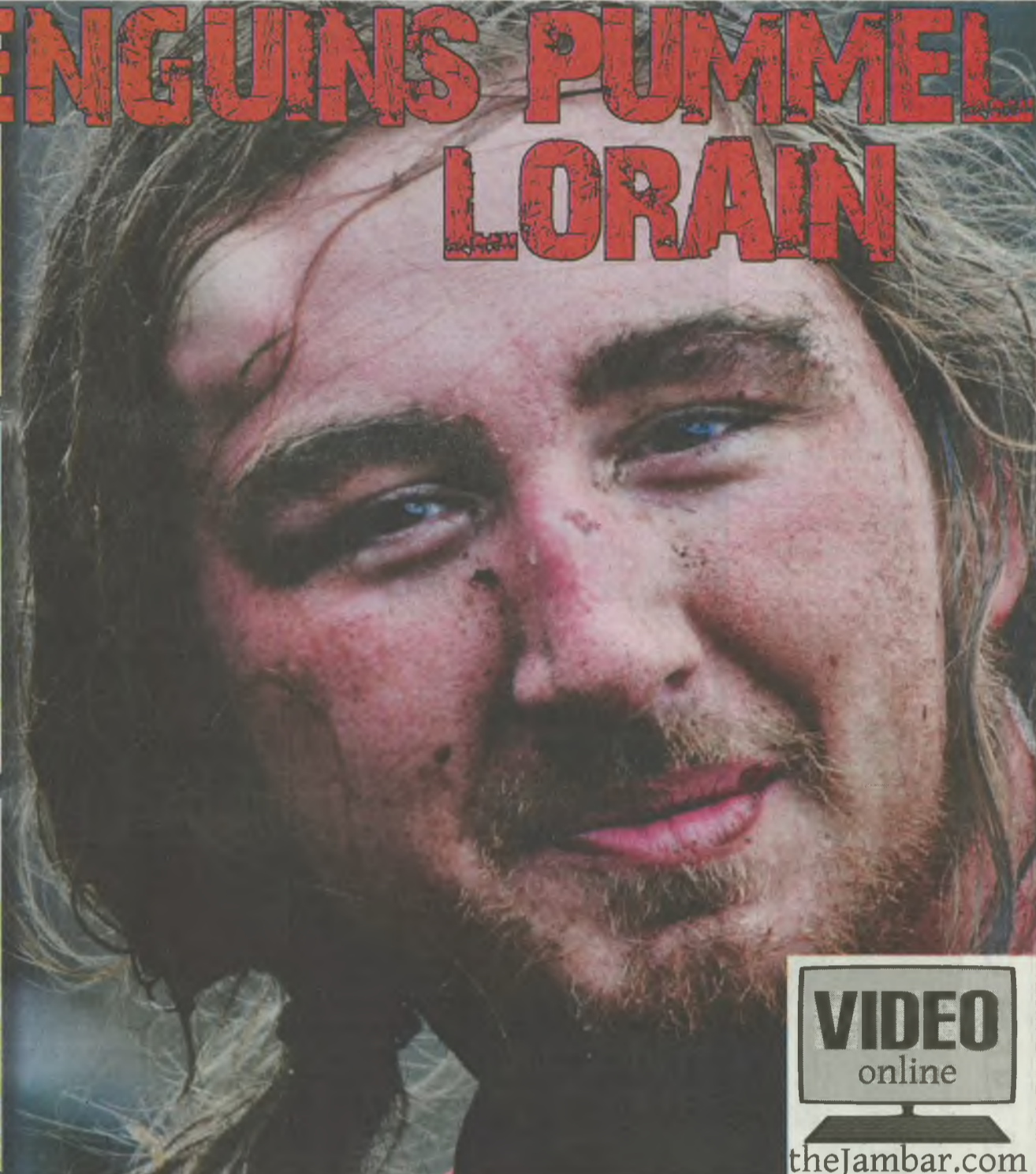
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PENGUINS PUMMEL LORAIN



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(Top to bottom) Two Lorain County Community College players run to their teammate's aid after a devastating hit left him with a broken shoulder blade. A Lorain player lies unconscious and concussed. YSU senior Shawn McClellan tackles an opponent in an effort to gain ball control. (Background) John Hooker, a junior, developed a large knot on his forehead after being kicked in the face during a scramble for the ball. Photos by Jordan D. Uhl/The Jambar.

Jordan D. Uhl
SPORTS EDITOR

In a game that ended with a 911 call, Youngstown State University's rugby team defeated Lorain County Community College on Saturday at Mill Creek Park's recreation field, after the third debilitating injury forced the game to be cut short.

The Penguins led 20-0 when the game was stopped.

Players from both teams were forced to maneuver around numerous mud patches and puddles throughout the game, which presented both a challenge and detriment to both sides.

"That's a big thing, trying to get traction. Especially for our faster guys," said James Toliver, a sophomore and club

treasurer.

"We feel right at home in the mud," said club President Shawn McClellan. "[They] had a lot of really fast guys, and I think if it were different they would have scored at least once, maybe twice."

Darnell Newett scored first for YSU when he ran in a try midway through the first half to make it 5-0. Neither team could capitalize on close scoring opportunities in the first half.

The second half was a much different story.

McClellan posted a try to make it 10-0. Shortly afterward, club Vice President Brett Grabman jumped on a loose ball in the try zone to increase the Penguins' lead to 15.

With just a few minutes remaining before the stoppage, Adam Hauser scored his first

try ever in as many games.

Hauser, a Youngstown Early College student, said he plans to continue playing and enjoyed being able to hit people without pads.

The game was hindered by injuries, partly because of the field conditions. However, some of them were incapacitating, with one YSU and two Lorain players being sidelined.

Junior John Hooker took a cleat to the face, which produced a knot larger than a golf ball on his forehead in a matter of minutes.

Two players from LCCC were injured as well. LCCC's team captain Anthony Leeper refused to give their last names, but one, Dan, was knocked unconscious and the other, Chris, broke his shoulder blade, which was the cause of the stoppage.

Recently recovering from

a collarbone injury, McClellan said Chris told him he felt a sharp pain up his neck and that his arm had gone numb. Paramedics were called, and the game was stopped. After a medical examination, it was determined that Chris broke his shoulder blade.

"It's pretty s----- since our season's probably over," said freshman Anthony Leeper. "We don't have enough numbers."

The team, which has been in existence for only a few months, now risks eradication as a result, but Leeper said he doesn't believe this will scare away potential newcomers.

"We went 3-1, so that's not bad. Hopefully we can get more people," he said.

McClellan is all too familiar with these types of injuries, having played for six years.

"This is a very new team,

so they're just getting used to it," McClellan said. "I've been run over, laid out, knocked out, punched in the face, whatever. Anyone it's just like, 'Alright, let's go.'"

"I know next game that kid is going to be terrified, if he does play again. If he even wants to play again," Toliver said.

Both players mentioned how intimidating their first injuries were.

"You just [need to] get over it," Toliver said, whose nose injury caused him some hesitancy before attempting tackles for a short while.

The nature of the game had its after effects. Only a few Lorain players showed up to the social, a rugby tradition where the teams meet afterward for drinks and fellowship.

Lacrosse club promises 'landslide' victory against Fairmont State



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A Slippy Rock University player is propelled into the Youngstown State University goalie during Friday night's game. The player was shaken up momentarily but was back in the action in a matter of seconds. Photo by Jordan D. Uhl/The Jambar.

Jordan D. Uhl
SPORTS EDITOR

Despite a late offensive surge, the Youngstown State University lacrosse team fell short to Slippy Rock University, 8-6.

Starting off the game cold, the Penguins found themselves trailing by five.

"When you come out 5-0, you're not going to beat anyone," said senior and club Vice President Zach Rodgers.

Before half, the Penguins were dealt another blow. A vicious hit took goalie Rich Stout, a senior, out for the remainder of the game.

"It obviously didn't help that Rich went out," Rodgers said.

Stout is expected to return for the next game.

After half, the Penguins began to mount their offensive, slowly but surely. As the final minutes of the fourth quarter approached, YSU was firing on all cylinders as the team

scored four goals in seven minutes.

The burst of efficiency wasn't enough to overcome the deficit, and the Penguins were still behind as time expired.

"If we would have come out in the beginning like we did in the second half, we could have had a chance," said senior and club President Frank Bavero. "But that's typical YSU lacrosse. Since my freshman year, we've always been a slow-starting team."

Bavero sees this as an accurate depiction of the team's season, gaining momentum as the year progresses.

"We only have two games left. Hopefully we can pick it up and get going," he said.

After the loss to Kent State University on April 1, Rodgers and Bavero commented on different areas where the team could improve. With a week to focus their efforts, there were mixed results.

"In terms of ground balls,

I didn't see much of a difference. We need to get working on that," Rodgers said. "Shooting-wise, I think our percentage was a little bit better. We took a little more opportunities too."

Bavero said the approach the Penguins took on fundamentals was modest.

"[It] comes from being smart. Just making the right pass, making the right hit, doing the right things," Bavero said.

Now the Penguins must prepare for Fairmont State University, a team that many Penguins believe poses no threat.

"I'm guaranteeing a huge victory. Landslide, 15 points or more. We'll win, guaranteed," Bavero said.

Rodgers agreed, and he even went further down the schedule.

"We'll come out next week to beat Fairmont State, then we'll beat Carnegie Mellon [University], and we'll finish the season strong, see where that takes us," he said.

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