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## YSU contributes to the cleanup

Justin Carissimo  
NEWS EDITOR

On Saturday, Jubilee Gardens will partner with Youngstown State University to clean up the Lafayette Street garden from 9 a.m. to noon.

For almost 30 years, the garden has provided space to residents of the Mahoning Valley. Jubilee Gardens will provide gardening space, plowing, water, plants and seeds to support gardeners.

Pat Lowry, president of the Jubilee Gardens board, said YSU faculty members are involved in several local cleanups.

"Gardening is a passion for me and really good for those involved. This is an opportunity for us to get with other people and volunteer for tangible benefits," Lowry said.

Other YSU professors are currently working with Jubilee Gardens. Lashale Pugh, an assistant professor of geography, helped organize the cleanup on Lafayette and a future cleanup on Todd Lane.

John Jackson, an associate professor of biology at YSU and campus adviser for the YSU College Democrats, wants to encourage his student group to help with the work.

"Student groups usually do some type of community service, so this seems like a nice fit," Jackson said.

Gary Walker, YSU biology professor, organizes cleanups at local prisons every spring. This year, the Trumbull Correctional Institution will participate in the events.

Various businesses donate seeds to Jubilee and provide enough for the organization to carry out its work. Jubilee provides plants for gardeners and gardening organizations.

Jubilee Gardens has provided tomato plants and seeds to St. Patrick's Iron Roots.

Lowry said he encourages participants to bring family and friends.



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## MAGNET helps YSU impact manufacturing

Justin Carissimo  
NEWS EDITOR

Youngstown State University announced a partnership with the Manufacturing Advocacy & Growth Network on Wednesday.

On Wednesday morning, members of MAGNET met with YSU President Cynthia Anderson and professors from the College of Science, Technology, Engineering and Mathematics in Williamson Hall to discuss the partnership benefits.

MAGNET is an economic development organization located in Cleveland. The organization plans to help YSU connect with small to midsize manufacturing companies throughout the Mahoning Valley.

Michael Hripko, director of research and technology-based economic development for

the STEM College, said collaborating with MAGNET expands the territory for university students.

"The first thing we're going to see is more co-op opportunities — more companies here for career day, more academic work that involves real-life problem solving throughout Ohio," Hripko said.

He said that companies will have the chance to take advantage of YSU's resources.

John Schober, MAGNET's director of innovation, said manufacturers in Ohio approach MAGNET hoping to have a better interaction with the region's colleges and universities.

"Sometimes, they find it difficult to work with universities, to talk with the right people, to know what assets are there and how to work with those assets," he said. "There are

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## Top Youngstown law enforcement still true to YSU roots

Frank George  
ASSISTANT NEWS EDITOR

John Beshara, Rod Foley and Jerry Greene have hung out since their teenage years, working out at the Mahoning Barbell. Today, they still work together, but no longer as teenagers at the gym.

Youngstown State University Police Chief John Beshara, Youngstown Police Chief Rod Foley and Mahoning County Sheriff Jerry Greene hold some of the Valley's top jobs in law enforcement. All three are YSU graduates with more than 20 years of law enforcement experience, and

they express a mutual respect for one another.

"I am always talking to Jerry, and I am always talking to Rod — even more so than my wife," Beshara said. "We are very much so friends."

Greene said the three met while in high school, but that they did not become close friends until beginning their careers in law enforcement.

"I have known Beshara and Foley for longer than I have been in law enforcement. The relationship developed once I started my career," Greene said. "I have always had a great respect for them. They

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# Fear of finals

Drew Zuhosky  
REPORTER

As finals week approaches, many may not be aware of the resources that Youngstown State University provides to help students achieve academic success.

Jack Fahey, YSU's vice president for student affairs, has some advice for students who are already prepping for finals.

"Start early to create study guides, review materials, etc.," he said. "Finish final papers and assignments as early as possible to allow more time for finals study."

Fahey said students should use the buddy system when studying, as "learning is a team sport." He suggested forming study groups.

However, Fahey cautioned that final exam preparation is a mix of physical and mental readiness.

"Maximize your health — and brainpower — during finals. Eat, sleep and exercise properly," he said. "[Don't] use last-minute cramming, stay up late or all night [or] spend needless time worrying about things that are beyond [your] control."

Students may feel overwhelmed at this point in the semester, Fahey said, but YSU provides several resources geared toward helping its students succeed. For instance, the university offers the Center for Student Progress, the Mathematics Assistance Center and

the Writing Center, among others.

Kayla Boye, a peer tutor at the YSU Writing Center, said students should make use of every moment in order to finish their essays as soon as possible.

"Most papers suffer due to procrastination and the effects of working under pressure," she said. "If you can be proactive and eliminate those variables, you can set yourself up for a successful writing process."

Boye said she often sees students "overwriting" in their essays.

"Students feel the need to write with more words than necessary to convey their message," she said. "It becomes difficult for the reader to weed out the fluff from the substance. If you need to add length to your paper, don't succumb to adding 'BS.' Make every word essential."

Students sometimes experience difficulties when translating their words from mind to paper, Boye said.

"This stems from natural differences in communication styles," she said. "Some of us are better with in-person conversations than textual explanations, so our thoughts become jumbled in the writing process. To organize your thoughts, consider making an outline before tackling the rough draft of your essay."

The YSU Writing Center is open weekdays from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. For more information, call 330-941-3055.



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7,000 to 8,000 small manufacturers around Northeast Ohio. MAGNET wants the university to interact with as many as possible."

Schober said interns may overlook smaller manufacturers and focus on bigger names like Delphi and V&M Star, and that small companies can give students work experience.

"We want to have a bigger impact on the economy, and this is the vehicle for us to do it," Schober said.

MAGNET has collaboration agreements with YSU, Kent State University, Cleveland State University, Case Western Reserve University, Lorain County Community College and the University of Akron.

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have good management, and they have unquestionable intelligence."

Foley said his relationship with Beshara and Greene enables collaboration.

"John and I were blessed to be appointed to our current positions at nearly the same time. Now that Jerry has been elected as county sheriff, it will make collaboration between agencies much more effective," he said.

Foley also extended advice for YSU criminal justice majors.

"Get to know your fellow classmates. On a daily

basis, I'm interacting with fellow Penguin graduates," Foley said. "The relationships forged in the classroom will make you more effective and productive when you enter the criminal justice vocation."

Beshara, Foley and Greene work toward a similar goal: to serve the community.

"As friends, colleagues and professionals, we work together to better the community. We serve our community in whatever way is needed," Beshara said. "I love the job."

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## Second annual Endure for the Cure set for Saturday

Cory Bartek  
SPORTS REPORTER

On Saturday, more than 50 participants will run through a two-mile course on Youngstown State University's campus to benefit the American Cancer Society.

This is the second year that the Student Recreation Advisory Committee is hosting the Endure for the Cure. Last year, the event raised around

\$1,000.

Stephen Horn, a member of the Endure for the Cure committee, said he wants to surpass last year's donation amount, primarily to help out a former employee whose mother was diagnosed with breast cancer. He encourages students to participate.

"People should help out because, obviously, it's a great cause. You're not only getting involved with your community, but doing something great

at the same time and getting a workout," he said.

Endure for the Cure is an all-weather event, and Horn said he is optimistic about the forecast. But if the elements don't cooperate, he won't be concerned.

"Right now, we're looking at cloudy and 64 degrees, so the heat won't be bad," he said. "I think the weather actually can be a challenge itself, so it will just add to it."

Those interested in partici-

pating can register at 8 a.m. on Saturday at Alumni Plaza, which is located off of Armed Forces Boulevard. The cost is \$15 for students, \$20 for faculty, \$20 for members of the YSU Alumni Society and \$25 for community members.

Those interested can also pick up a form in the Andrews Student Recreation and Wellness Center and return it with cash or a check to Ryan McNicholas, YSU's fitness and wellness coordinator.

Participants must be at least 16 years old, and those under the age of 18 who wish to participate must have a parent's consent, Horn said.

The first wave of runners will begin at 9 a.m. Saturday. "The more people, the better," Horn said. "We want to keep this event going strong for years to come."

For more information, contact McNicholas at 330-941-2207 or ramcnicholas@ysu.edu.



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*McDonough to display graduating students' work*

The Spring Graduating BFA Show will open with a reception from 6 to 8 p.m. on Friday at the McDonough Museum of Art. The exhibit, which features work by students graduating this semester from the YSU Department of Art, will remain on display until May 10; it features the artwork of 17 students and includes drawing, painting, graphic design, photography, sculpture, video and Web design. The McDonough is open 11 a.m. to 4 p.m. Tuesdays through Saturdays. Admission is free, and the museum is open to the public. For more information, call 330-941-1400.

*Open meetings scheduled for presidential candidates*

Next month, the three final candidates for the position of president of YSU will visit campus. Randy J. Dunn will visit on May 2, James D. Moran III will visit on May 6 and William R. Decatur will visit on May 8. All will participate in the following events on their respective visiting days. An open forum with the faculty, academic chairs and Academic Senate leadership is planned for 1:30 to 2:30 p.m., and an open forum with YSU students will follow from 2:30 to 3:15 p.m. Finally, an open forum with the university community will be held from 3:30 to 4:30 p.m. All forums will be held in Tod Hall. For more information, including the vitae of each candidate, is available at <http://web.yсу.edu/presidentialsearch>.

**POLICE BRIEFS**

*Vandalism at Mighty Moe's*

On Friday YSU Police were dispatched to the vacant Mighty Moe's on Elm Street. After arriving on the scene, police discovered property damage consisting of spray paint graffiti on two walls. On one wall, a spray painted picture of a symbol was illustrated in black paint, while on the other wall were the letters "NERO" in blue paint. YSU facilities spray-painted over the graffiti with the color of the original wall.

*Money found at Cafaro House*

On Sunday, an officer assigned to Cafaro House located a \$10 bill by the south side door. The officer recovered the money and stored it in an evidence locker for safekeeping.

*Debit card found at Rec Center*

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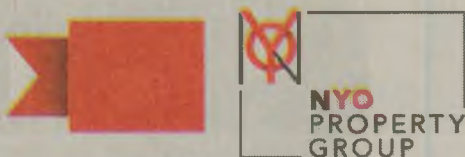
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# Heck yeah, hookah!

Marissa McIntyre  
ARTS & ENTERTAINMENT  
EDITOR

Youngstown State University student Dana Aburahma will spend her summer immersed in the culture of Palestine — a place where tank tops and shorts are considered a faux pas, even in the blazing heat.

Even though most of Aburahma's family lives in Palestine, a piece of home isn't too far away for Dana Aburahma and her brother, Adham Aburahma.

Dana and Adham Aburahma's father, Emad Aburahma, opened Youngstown's first hookah bar on Belmont Avenue in order to bring some of their family's culture to the Mahoning Valley.

The Hookah Cafe has been thriving for nine years now.

"Everyone that comes here we know, so it's like one big happy family," Dana Aburahma said.

Dana Aburahma said it's traditional to smoke hookah socially in Palestine.

"People over there don't really smoke or get drunk. It is very religious," she said.

Dana Aburahma said the Hookah Cafe has a great atmosphere, adding that students often study there.

"It's a quieter setting here, and the mood is very calming," she said.

The dim lighting and soft music playing in the background sets the mood for customers.

Both Adham and Dana Aburahma spend a lot of their time at the hookah bar.

Adham Aburahma said he's there every day from the time it opens at 6 p.m. until close at midnight, or 2 a.m. on Fridays and Saturdays.

"All of my friends come down



John Helms and Adham Aburahma hang out at the Hookah Cafe after school on Monday. Aburahma's family runs the Hookah Cafe and enjoys interacting with the customers. Photo by Marissa McIntyre/The Jambar.

here, and this is where I get all of my work done. It's also a relaxing place to work," he said.

On Monday, YSU seniors Katie McCullough and Alexa Kensinger visited the Hookah Cafe to relax while preparing for finals.

McCullough was a first-timer, but Kensinger has been a regular at the Hookah Cafe since high school.

"It was just cool to hang out and not have to be at home all the time. We obviously couldn't go to bars," Kensinger

said. "Now, we can go to bars, and we keep coming back."

McCullough said she enjoyed her first hookah experience and said she will return.

"It tastes good, and it's nice and relaxing here," she said.

Adham Aburahma said smoking hookah is a different experience than smoking more conventional tobacco products.

"It's not dried tobacco like cigarette

tobacco is. It's moist and is soaked in flavored syrup for a few years," Adham Aburahma said.

The cafe offers more than 100 flavors to pick from.

YSU junior Mike Weaver befriended the Aburahmas while working seasonally at the Hookah Cafe.

"I like hookah. It's delicious, and this is a cool place to chill," Weaver said. "It's nice to come here after a long day."

## Mother Nature calls for rain Earth Day celebrated indoors



Michelle Gbur, Nick Fischer and Matt Melito answer questions about the environment and represent the Youngstown State Environmental and Animal Rights Coalition at the YSU Earth Day celebration on Wednesday. Photo by Cassandra Twoey/The Jambar.

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On Wednesday, Youngstown State University's celebration of Earth Day was moved inside of Kilcawley Center due to rainstorms.

Participants didn't let the unfavorable weather discourage them, as community and

student organizations crowded the first floor of Kilcawley to spread the word about environmental sustainability.

The Youngstown State Environmental and Animal Rights Coalition had a table set up to answer questions from students. Matt Melito, a member of YSEARC, said group members were able to inform a lot of people about

veganism.

"I myself am vegan, and it struck me as one of the most important issues," he said. "Informing people about the vegan diet and how animals are treated is important to me."

Melito said some students were misinformed about the vegan diet (including what they can and cannot eat), but changed their minds about

veganism after being properly educated.

"Knowing and telling them about the diet has helped," he said. "We're not necessarily telling others to adopt the diet, but to see why it's important to others."

Melito has been a member of the group for a month, and said he's excited to continue his involvement with YSE-

ARC.

"It's important to know what's going on with the environment," he said.

Carolyn Carney, another YSEARC member, said it's important to inform others about the importance of environmental preservation.

"A lot of people have been stopping by for information," she said.



## 'Murica

Society really needs to change. After Facebooking and tweeting all day at work and school, it's really nice to come home and submerge oneself in an hour of celebrities jumping off the high dive, a "Jersey Shore" spinoff and "Entertainment Tonight."

Speaking of, "ET" just teases stories. They never really get to the point.

All they do is lead you on. And you know what we need more of? Game shows!

Once the primetime reality shows die down, what better than everyday people doing stupid things to win money?

Nothing. That's what!

That is, as long as it doesn't interfere with a sporting event.

Thank the Lord we have three days of the NFL Draft to distract ourselves from the real world this weekend.

The experts on ESPN — man, those guys are smart. Have you met anyone else that can dissect and analyze sports like they're Shakespeare?

Ph.D.s? No way.

It's the washed up, former NFL players that really know what's up. We should strive to achieve that level of brilliance and proficiency in something so important to human development.

And we can never have too much stuff. Ever.

Think about it: When haven't you needed a metal bowl that you can make hard tortilla shells in? Taco night will never be the same at your house.

Also, get a shrinking hose to save time after you wash your car so you can spend more time playing Temple Run and Fruit Ninja.

The fact of the matter is the news is depressing, and we shouldn't have to deal with it. Politics are really boring. The stock market is hard to figure out. The world's problems will sort themselves out. We don't need to get involved.

We should all strive for the easiest, most sugarcoated form of entertainment to escape from the horrors of reality.

Only then will we truly find happiness. And that's what makes America the best country in the world.

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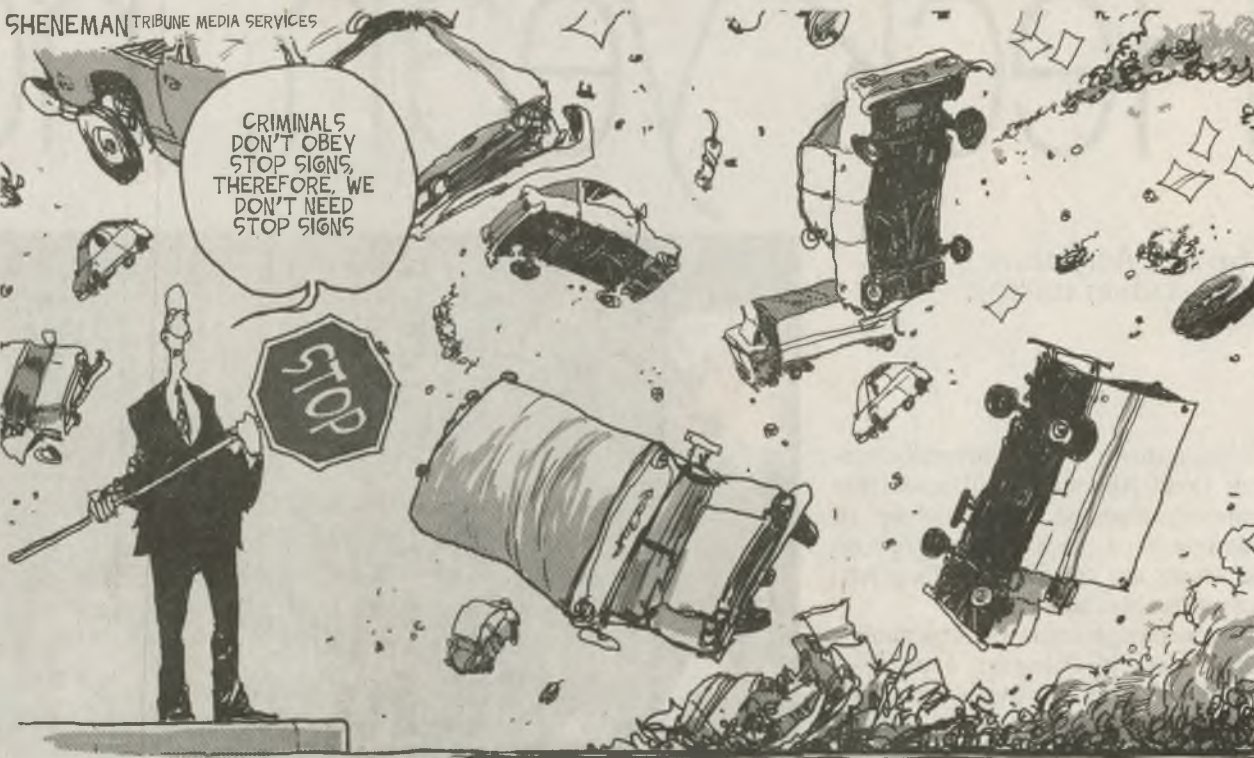
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## Bad journalism fuels terrorism hysteria

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(MCT)

What is wrong with the New York Post?

Thursday morning, the tabloid newspaper's front page featured a huge photo of two young men with backpacks, with the giant headline: "Bag Men: Feds seek these two pictured at Boston Marathon."

In the online story, the pair's faces had big red circles around them. Yes, sort of like targets. Turns out, the young men had nothing to do with the blasts.

Thursday afternoon, the Post backpedaled: "Investigators have now cleared the two men whose pictures were circulated last night in an email among law enforcement officials, sources told The Post today. Authorities determined neither had any information or role in Monday's attacks at the Boston Marathon."

After an appropriate hail of criticism, Post Editor Col Allan, incredibly, defended his decision to smear two innocent men. And yes, that was a smear.

"We stand by our story," Allan said in a statement sent to several news organizations. "The image was emailed to law enforcement agencies yesterday afternoon seeking information about these men, as our story reported. We did not identify them as suspects."

True. The story didn't identify the pair by name, and did not call them "suspects." But by making a lame pun about their backpacks, the Post leaped past any kind of journalistic restraint and implied the men were suspects in the case. How could you read the photo and the giant headline any other way?

ABC News tracked down one of the young men, ac-

tually, a teenager, slimed by the Post.

"Salah Barhoun, 17, said he went to the police yesterday to clear his name after he found himself tagged in pictures online. He had just gone to watch the race, he said, but soon after the explosions, he was singled out by Internet sleuths as looking suspicious. Federal authorities passed around images of Barhoun, attempting to learn more information about him, sources told ABC News."

When the FBI did release photographs of two men it is seeking in connection with the attacks Thursday afternoon, they didn't look anything like the two young men whose lives the Post tried to ruin.

News organizations have performed spectacularly this week, but it is their unfortunate lapses that will be remembered, and probably taught as cautionary tales.

On Wednesday, CNN, Fox News and the Associated Press erroneously reported that an arrest had been made in the case. Other outlets, including The Times, then reported what those other news outlets were saying. NBC and the New York Times did not report the faux arrest, nor did they report what others were saying.

But CNN had a double dose of egg on its face when veteran reporter John King said his sources told him that the arrestee was a "dark-skinned male." King qualified the statement as much as possible, and cautioned not to leap to conclusions, but once he uttered the phrase, the damage was done.

Claims feed into stereotypes and affirm our worst prejudices. A Saudi Arabian kid running from the blast must be the suspect. A couple of swarthy backpack-toting kids watching the race must be the suspects. The New York Post promulgated both those stories.

This is how hysteria starts.

## Congress should extend low-interest rate for federal student loans

The Seattle Times  
(MCT)

Congress must act again to stop student-loan interest rates from doubling to 6.8 percent.

Lawmakers should know the drill by now. They voted last summer to extend the lower interest rate.

The current interest rate of 3.4 percent expires in July, and a lack of action would be costly. The rate increase on federally subsidized Stafford loans would cost nearly 10 million borrowers about \$1,000 each year over the life of the loan.

That's real money to college students. Last year, 45 percent of the freshmen enrolled in Washington state's public higher-education system took out loans for college. Students are graduating from insti-

tutions in this state with an average debt of \$22,244, according to the Project on Student Debt.

U.S. Rep. Suzan DelBene, D-Wash., is pushing a legislative solution that ought to garner support from her colleagues, including the rest of Washington's delegation.

The first-term lawmaker is co-sponsoring a bill that would keep the low interest rate for two years. Meanwhile, Congress would work on a long-term solution to slow the rapid accumulation of student-loan debt.

A long-term approach is needed. It must be one that broadens access to college, makes it more affordable and increases college-completion rates.

Half of all college students borrow to pay for school. The average student-loan borrower graduates

with \$27,000 in loans. On top of that, they face a weak job market. They should not be burdened with high interest rates as well.

College-debt strategies should prioritize low-income and middle-class students completing college without having to rely on loans.

A second priority ought to be no-interest loans and those with affordable, income-based repayment plans for middle-income students.

A Congressional Budget Office report from February said the federal government makes 36 cents off every student-loan dollar it spends. Student loans could bring in \$34 billion in profit for the government next year.

The problem is not the revenue, but what ought to be done with it. It should be used to subsidize the cost of higher education.

### Need Advice?

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## Grambling flourishing in 'second chance'



YSU freshman sprinter Nina Grambling nears the finish line in the 100-meter dash during a home meet earlier this season. Photo by Dustin Livesay/The Jambar.

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Sitting inside a locker room of Jesse Owens Memorial Stadium in Columbus, Nina Grambling — a freshman sprinter for the Youngstown State University track and field team — had just placed second out of 38 competitors in the 100-meter dash with a time of 11.73 seconds.

Along with her teammates, as well as athletes from other competing schools, Grambling was simply trying to keep warm and avoid the 40-degree temperature before she ran the 200-meter dash at the 28th Jesse Owens Track Classic, which took place on Friday and Saturday.

Suddenly, Richard Jones, an assistant track and field coach for Ohio State University, entered the room. With his entrance, Grambling knew the drill.

"I go to get up, thinking we're about to get kicked out again," she said.

Prior to the 100-meter, Jones ordered everyone except his Buckeye competitors to exit the locker room so he could coach his athletes privately. Remembering this, Grambling was halfway up from her sitting position when she noticed Jones' stare.

"I was like, 'Are we getting kicked out? Do we have to go?'" she said. "He was like, 'No. You can stay. You earned your right to stay. You whooped on my girls today.'"

Jones proceeded to call out his OSU runners.

"He walks over to his girls and was like, 'This girl ran the 100, you whooped on her. This girl, she's a senior, you whooped on her,'" Grambling recalled. "I'm sitting there so embarrassed."

Saying a quick "OK" and exiting from her half-stance, Grambling sat back down.

"It was so awkward, but funny at the same time," she said.

### Resentment and revenge

As if her natural talents weren't enough, Grambling's performance at the Sea Ray Relays at the University of Tennessee on April 11-13 was

keyed by a motivating factor: revenge.

Coming out of GlenOak High School in Canton in 2011 — where she holds the school record in the 100-meter, 200-meter and long jump — Grambling chose Miami University of Ohio to continue her track career.

She spent only one year there.

One night, Grambling and her teammates ran into trouble with the campus police. Given the option of either all involved getting into trouble or only one of them, Grambling took the fall for her teammates.

"The next day, I went and told the coach what happened," she said. "He told me I couldn't be on the team anymore. After that, all the girls dropped me. It was crazy."

Without the aid of her athletic scholarship, Grambling left Miami.

"My roommate moved out of our room, and she was like my best friend there," she said. "It all made me a little bitter. I have a little bit of built-up resentment."

Luckily, she released some of that resentment at the Sea Ray Relays where she received the opportunity to compete against her former Red-Hawks teammates.

"I saw them, and they acted fine like, 'Oh, hi, Nina. What's up?'" she said. "But I don't think they expected me to be anything special."

However, she turned in a special performance by running an 11.80 in the 100-meter dash — a time that was good enough for third place. But her highlight came in the long jump competition.

"When I went to Miami, I asked the coach if I could long jump," Grambling said. "He told me I was going to be just a sprinter because he didn't think I had the potential to compete competitively in college long jump."

She finished in fifth place with a leap of 5.76 meters.

"Oh, I'm sorry, who made it to finals at Tennessee down south? Oh, that was Nina," she said. "What? I can't compete in long jump? Get outta here."

Even better, Grambling did it in front of her former coaches, who were seated directly

across from the long jump platform.

"I was just so mad," she said. "I was trying to go so hard, just so they would see. After everything was done, he was like, 'Good job, Nina.' I just said thanks."

Minus the drama, it was a performance Brian Gorby, head track and field coach at YSU, had come to expect from Grambling.

"Between the white lines on the track, she's been fantastic," he said. "I know Miami maybe didn't go real well, but when she came here, we definitely got a tremendous athlete."

### Second chance

Grambling calls her match with Youngstown State University "heaven sent." Based on the events that occurred, it's hard to argue.

The summer after leaving Miami, Grambling came to YSU to visit her friend Katrina Rettburg, a YSU high jumper.

"[Rettburg] had a recruit with her. She showed the recruit around and everything, and she was showing me too," Grambling said. "I was just here to visit a friend. But in the morning after her visit was done, we walked [the recruit] outside because [assistant] coach [David] Townsend came and was picking her up."

Ironically, Townsend coached with Grambling's former summer track coach while she was still in high school. By doing so, he was familiar with Grambling and her abilities.

"He was like, 'How are you doing? Where are you running?'" Grambling recalled. "I was like, 'I'm actually not running right now.'"

Eventually, Grambling set up her official visit with YSU and became a member of the school team shortly afterward.

"It was heaven sent, because otherwise, I don't know what I would be doing," she said. "It's like a second chance — a glorified second chance."

This outdoor season, Grambling has placed in the top five of the 100-meter in all four meets. Her season-best time occurred in Columbus. She won the Northeast Ohio Invitational 100-meter on April 6.

In addition, her Sea Ray Relays long jump is a team best for the season, and she is

part of the 4-x-100 relay team that placed first at the NEO Invitational.

But along with her impressive numbers, Gorby enjoys something else about Grambling.

"When I got to meet her, I saw that her personality is upbeat, positive and contagious," he said. "I just thought that this young lady is going to be not only great for us on the track, but off the track as well."

Although Grambling is only 20 years old, Gorby sees a leader in the freshman.

"I think she's a great leader in regards to just picking everybody up," he said. "It seems like whatever she's doing, it's not all about her. She's definitely a team player."

### No regrets

Grambling knows it may seem odd, but to calm her nerves before many races, she relies upon the song "Just a Friend" by Mario.

"When I'm getting ready, it's just in my head," she said. "Sometimes, I sing it out loud, and people just look at me like I'm weird. But I am weird, so that works."

What may also seem weird is that even with all of her success, Grambling admitted, "I don't really know a lot about track."

She goes to senior teammate Ciara Jarrett for guidance.

"I look up to her. She knows what she wants and how to do it," Grambling said. "She gets nervous at track meets, but she doesn't let it get to her head like I do."

So, early in her collegiate career, Grambling has plenty of time to improve on controlling her nerves. She also has the rest of this season and the next three years to accomplish her track goals of breaking records and winning the Horizon League conference.

Furthermore, she's glad that time will be spent at YSU.

"Miami was a good school, but I didn't get along with them nearly as well as I get along with people here," she said. "I regret that all of that went down, and I ended up getting into trouble, but I don't regret coming here. I wouldn't be nearly as happy as I am now."

### SPORTS BRIEFS

*Baseball wins one, loses one in KSU doubleheader*

Starting pitcher Blake Aquadro had a no-hitter through five innings in the first game of a doubleheader against Kent State University on Tuesday at Schoonover Stadium. In this first game, YSU defeated KSU, 10-4. This win broke the Penguins' eight-game losing streak to the Golden Flashes, and it was also the first victory for the Penguins in Kent since 2005. However, the Penguins lost to the Golden Flashes in the second game, 5-2. YSU's record is now 13-29, while Kent State is 20-20.

*Women's golf pursues HL championship win*

The women's golf team will seek its third Horizon League victory when league championships begin on Friday at the Mission Inn Resort Golf Course at Howey-In-The-Hills, Fla. YSU's lineup for this year's event includes Allison Mittel, Aislynn Merling, Sarah Heimlich, Sana Khan and Emily Rohanna; four of the five competed at last year's event. For the past two years, the Penguins have finished fifth at the championships.

### PENGUIN SPOTLIGHT



Nick DiNello

Height: 5'9"  
Year: Junior  
Hometown: Boardman  
High School: Boardman  
Previous College: Southern Union/Ohio Dominican  
Position: Infielder

The newest member of the Youngstown State University baseball team is journeyman infielder Nick DiNello. The junior, originally from Boardman, attended both Southern Union State Community College in Alabama and Ohio Dominican University before coming to YSU. In high school, DiNello took All-Federal League honors as a junior and a senior, leading the Spartans in batting average for all four years. He also played on the Boardman High School football team. At Southern Union, DiNello appeared in 31 games, and he scored 17 runs and drove in 13; he also tallied five multi-hit games. At Ohio Dominican, DiNello batted .254 with one home run, 21 RBIs and eight stolen bases. He also posted three two-hit games and four multi-RBI games, hitting .295 in conference contests. So far this season, DiNello has played in 27 games for the Penguins, batting .222 with two home runs, two stolen bases, 16 runs and 19 RBIs. During the first game of a doubleheader on Tuesday, DiNello picked up a double and an RBI single, carrying the team to a 10-4 win over Kent State University.