




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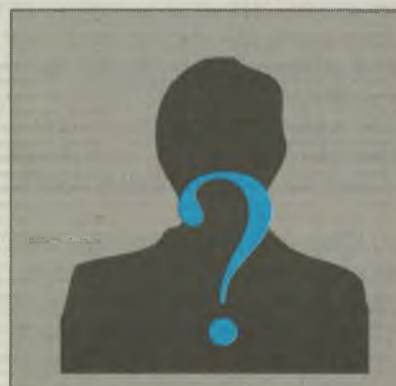
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## Executive positions vacant midway through semester

**Marissa McIntyre**  
REPORTER

Empty staff positions, at the executive level, remain open halfway into Youngstown State University's fall 2010 semester.

Positions include executive director of enrollment services, executive director of research and policy analysis, and vice president for university advancement.

Jack Fahey, interim vice president of student affairs and ombudsperson, shed light on the reason why some of these positions will be filled quicker than others.

Fahey said the executive director of enrollment services position has been vacant for years. The position wasn't immediately filled as a way to cut costs because of a tight budget. This position requires working closely with admissions, scholarships, financial aid and registration.

Fahey said other staff members

and directors are picking up the slack until the position is filled.

Fahey said the position is less likely to be filled in the foreseeable future.

"I don't see it being filled soon, definitely not this year. It's a very valuable, high-level position. It's very important, however, with it being a tough budget year, and [it] will most likely be another tough budget year next year," Fahey said.

"Right now, we have the opportunity to save funds and use them," Fahey said. "The directors are doing a good job of picking up the slack ... they are all veterans who would know the job, and they know what they're doing."

Fahey also addressed the blank position of vice president for university advancement. YSU directors are reporting to Fahey and other assistants to YSU President Cynthia Anderson.

Unlike the open executive director of enrollment services position, Fahey said he sees the vice president for university advancement

being filled soon.

"It would surprise me if it's not filled by the end of the fiscal year," Fahey said.

Regarding the vacant executive director of research and policy analysis, this position has also been vacant for the past few years.

YSU Provost Ikram Khawaja said the decision to leave this position open was made after former Executive Director Gordon Mapley left in 2008.

"Vacant positions are periodically reviewed, and some may be filled as a result of those reviews. At the present time, this position is still on hold," Khawaja said.

Those who would normally report to this position are reporting to the senior assistant to the president, as well as the associate provost.

Khawaja said the position would be filled if, as a result of the reviews, the work wasn't efficiently completed. The position will remain open until then, or if funds present the opportunity to do so sooner.

## YSU looks to implement background checks on students

**Andrea DeMart**  
ASSISTANT NEWS EDITOR

Youngstown State University is looking to implement a new part of the application process that is becoming mainstream among other public universities across the country.

Jack Fahey, interim vice president for student affairs and ombudsperson, said YSU might require a background check for all students applying to the university depending on approval from the board of trustees.

This comes in connection with the 2020 Strategic Plan and the efforts to create a more stringent enrollment process.

"[We] haven't had a host of problems," Fahey said. "[YSU] has been the open enrollment university for the area, here to serve everyone."

YSU does not require background checks on all students applying to the university, though students looking to live on campus are subject to the screening.

Some majors require the added security. "Some individual programs do the checks for state requirements ... criminal justice, teaching, daycare," Fahey said.

Fahey said he feels the added security could be beneficial. The admissions office is working on compiling a report about how other public universities in Ohio handle the background checks.

"[We are] talking to other directors in the state on who is doing what," said Susan Davis, director of undergraduate admissions. "One-third ask the questions on the application."

Davis said a decision should be made soon on whether YSU plans to add the question, as the applications are usually printed during the summer months.

"I think the time has come where we have to make a decision, one way or another," Davis said. "If you do ask, be prepared to take action."

Davis said if it were added to the application, the question would most likely be, "Have you ever been convicted of a felony?"

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PHOTOS COURTESY OF THE CANDELLA FAMILY

Donn Candella, facilities repair worker at YSU, will be honored at an away tailgate Saturday at the DeBartolo Stadium Club in Stambaugh Stadium. Candella received two transplants from his brothers in attempt to combat leukemia.

## Candella family saves one of their own

**Jared Buker**  
ARTS & ENTERTAINMENT REPORTER

Nearly three years ago, Donn Candella was hired by Youngstown State University to work in the facilities and maintenance department. Six months later, he was diagnosed with a rare form of leukemia known as myelodysplastic syndrome.

After several failed chemotherapy treatments, Candella and his family were left with one option: allogeneic bone marrow transplant.

Candella leaned on his brothers for support. Of his five brothers, two were exact matches. His younger brother, Terry Candella, was selected as the donor, and the operation was considered a success.

After the operation, Donn remained in the Cleveland Clinic for more than four months.

In June, Donn's routine blood work revealed that his MDS had returned. It developed into a threatening disease called acute myeloid leukemia, and doctors gave Donn a 30 percent chance of remission after chemotherapy.

Without chemotherapy, Donn would only have six months to live. Candella's wife, Gloria Candella, was devastated by the news.

"The doctor said at this point many people decide to return home and try to enjoy the remaining six months with their family," Gloria said.

Donn and Gloria decided that wasn't an option, and he was readmitted to the Cleveland Clinic where he stayed for five weeks of intense chemotherapy.

During his treatments, Donn visited an intensive-care unit twice because of a suspected blood clot in the cavernous sinus at the base of his brain, which caused a fever of 105.7 degrees.

After seven bone marrow aspirations and two spinal taps, Donn and his family received the news that his AML was in remission.

His doctors thought another bone marrow transplant was necessary but dangerous. They decided to give him a stem cell transplant instead, with Donn's brother, Keith Candella, as the donor.

Keith injected himself with a drug called Neupogen for five days to increase his total stem cell count. Later, doctors harvested Keith's stem cells for two days and brought them to a lab to be prepared.

On Sept. 21, Donn received the stem cells through a Hickman catheter, which is a central line placed into his chest. Because of a high risk of infection, Donn is contractually obligated to stay in the Cleveland area for a 30-day post-operation period.

When he isn't undergoing treatments or tests, he stays at the American Cancer Society's Hope Lodge.

Gloria said Donn is excited to come home, though the Candellas don't know if the stem cell operation will cure Donn's disease.

"We are very optimistic," Gloria said. "We have to. We have two small children to take care of and raise."

While Donn and Gloria remain in Cleveland, family and friends who reside as far away as Fort

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## Student falls victim to cyberbullying

**Marissa McIntyre**  
REPORTER

According to iSafe, a non-profit organization that promotes safe and responsible Internet usage, 42 percent of students have been bullied through e-mail, text messaging or social networks. In other words, they've experienced cyberbullying.

Christine Cullen, a Youngstown State University student, has been a victim of cyberbullying.

Cullen said she has been dealing with degrading comments made on Facebook and Twitter for the past six months from someone she considered a friend in high school.

"She was taking pictures of me when I wasn't looking, or I didn't even know she was around, and would post them with degrading comments," Cullen said.

She said the ordeal had gone too far when she started receiving threatening text messages stating that her bully was waiting for her to get out of class; the bully also began following her around campus.

"I basically had the evidence at hand so I went to the clerk of courts, met with everyone I needed to determine if I needed to get a restraining order," Cullen said. "I currently have a temporary protection order. The next time we meet with the court it will be to determine how long."

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**NEWS BRIEFS**

**Documentary to be shown at Steel Museum**

As part of YSU's celebration of Hispanic Heritage Month, an award-winning documentary will be screened 5 p.m. on Thursday in the Youngstown Historical Center of Industry and Labor, located at 151 Wood St. The film, "Which Way Home," features the struggles faced by child emigrants traveling to the United States from their homelands. The free screening will be followed by a panel discussion.

**Dana Vocal Society to perform in Bliss Recital Hall**

On Sunday at 4 p.m., the Dana Vocal Society will perform in Bliss Recital Hall. The program, themed "An American in Paris," will feature selections by Debussy and Mozart, among others. The performance is free and open to the public.

**POLICE BRIEFS**

**Laptop stolen from parking deck**

On Monday, a laptop was stolen from a student's car parked in the M-2 deck, likely between 11 a.m. and 1:45 p.m. The student did not lock the car before going to class; it was unable to be locked due to a previous auto accident.

**Student injured at Rec Center**

YSU Police responded to a call at the Andrews Student Recreation and Wellness Center after a student fouled another while playing basketball. The student fell down and began bleeding from a laceration to the foot. Police found a small pool of blood on his left sock. Paramedics elevated his foot and transported him to an emergency room for further treatment.

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## Ohio's relaxed vehicle inspections create difficulties for Pa. residents

Lindsey Ramdin  
REPORTER

Pennsylvania residents who are in the market for a new car will have to jump through a few more hoops than Ohio residents when purchasing a vehicle.

Each state determines whether vehicle inspection is required and the specifics of that program.

Ohio is one of few states that do not require drivers to have their cars inspected.

States that require vehicle inspection mandate that cars carry valid inspection stickers that signify the car has passed state regulation. The inspection addresses safety issues that range from tire safety to emission standards.

In most states that require vehicle inspection, the inspections are done by state-operated garages, with the exception of Pennsylvania, where inspections are generally done by privately owned garages.

The Pennsylvania Department of Transportation requires that owners have up-to-date inspection verification of the following car parts: suspension components, steering, braking systems, tires and wheels, lighting and electrical systems, mirrors, windshield washer, defroster, wipers, fuel systems, speedometer, odometer, exhaust systems, horns and warning devices, the body, and chassis.

Pennsylvania residents who buy a car in Ohio will have to

make sure the car is valid to drive in the state.

Youngstown State University student and Ohio resident Marshall Beckett recently purchased a used car from a dealership that had the vehicle pre-inspected.

"I had no idea that some states require inspection of new cars," he said.

Beckett said he was thankful to not have to go through the extra process of having the car inspected like Pennsylvania residents.

Representatives from Toyota of Boardman said that Ohio does not require vehicle inspection or require dealers, new or used, to guarantee that a car that will pass inspection.

Sometimes dealerships in Ohio will let customers know if the car could theoretically pass an inspection, as a way to let them know there are no problems with the car before they purchase it.

These inspections are a way the government helps control automobile safety in an effort to reduce automobile accidents, which has caused some controversy over whether or not a state should mandate inspection.

In a study done by students at Michigan University, crash data from the Fatality Analysis Reporting System determined that vehicle safety inspection programs have significantly less fatal crashes than states without programs.

The students at Michigan concluded that the benefits of safety inspection programs outweigh the relatively low costs of getting a car inspected.

## Diversity Day explores cultural experiences

Zachary Humphries  
REPORTER

The seventh annual Diversity Day took place Wednesday in Youngstown State University's Cushwa Hall with two morning sessions, lunch and two afternoon sessions.

YSU student Steve Ampah from Ghana discussed marriage issues within his culture and what is considered proper and improper.

One drastic change from the American culture, Ampah said, is that women have marriage age requirements. They must be at least 26 years old,

but men just need money and a stable job.

"Anyone with money and a good job usually gives \$200 in an envelope at the wedding," Ampah said.

Tachibat Turel, a faculty member in the human ecology department, spoke on behalf of her native country, Turkey. She explained that Turkey is on two continents, Asia and Europe. Turel also discussed Turkey's population, the bodies of water that surround Turkey and the country's dominant religion: Islam. Approximately 98 percent of the population is Muslim.

"People are very tolerant for different religions, and

[they're] open to diversity and cultures in Turkey," Turel said.

Patti Masseri, a dietetics major, said she was impressed with Turel's presentation and was surprised that religious groups can get along in Turkey. "I feel like we are behind as a country because we separate people still, and in Turkey they see everyone as a whole," Masseri said.

She was also intrigued to hear from Turel that clothes constructed in Turkey are "very cheap and well-made."

"That means us girls might have to make a trip," Masseri said.

During lunch, participants

shared different cultural food choices with one another. Faculty members and students discussed their feelings and emotions from the morning sessions.

In the afternoon, Muslim students from YSU discussed their experiences as Muslims in the U.S., and student Arielle Mincher discussed her trip to Israel to conclude the program.

Diversity Day is planned to take place again next year in October, which has been designated as Diversity Month.

## Previously unavailable property information now online

Dan Pompili  
NEWS EDITOR

After more than a year of creative efforts, the Regional Property Information System is now fully functional and available for online use.

A collaborative project by Youngstown State University's Center for Regional and Urban Studies and the Youngstown Community Agency has taken information that was previously spread over various agencies and organizations and made it available in one place at the click of a button.

All tax, ownership, demographic and crime information is provided for any property in Youngstown and Mahoning County.

The project began on the heels of a study commissioned by Wick Neighbors, Inc. Wick Neighbors called in the National Vacant Properties Campaign to assess various concerns about Youngstown lands.

Among the recommendations the NVPC cited was the creation of a central property database.

John Bralich of the CRUS said the department took on the project because they have certain licenses, and certain equipment — like global imaging systems — that would qualify them for such an undertaking.

Bralich has completed various mapping projects for Wick Neighbors and for the City of Youngstown.

He said during the planning stages, they spoke to Case Western Reserve University about a similar website they had created called NEO CANDO, that maps

properties and stores information for Cuyahoga County and the City of Cleveland.

Bralich said RPIS is modeled on NEO CANDO.

The idea of the website is to help the county and city identify problems within the neighborhoods and attack them, but he said he believes use of the site will be widespread among groups and organizations — like community block watches — and private citizens.

Among available data, the website offers a grading system for properties. If a house is graded "A" then it is "move-in ready." Houses graded "F" are an immediate hazard and need to be demolished as soon as possible.

"There was a specific focus for the use of it," Bralich said. "But in the end, I believe its use will be multi-faceted."

Roger Smith of the Lien Forward Ohio Regional Council of Governments is also excited about RPIS.

"It was sorely needed," he said. "We've got a real nice start to a comprehensive database ... to help organizations make decisions."

Lien Forward Ohio is a government collaborative intended to help restore lien-held properties to productive use by allowing citizens to purchase them.

Smith said that just the other day his agency used RPIS to research properties around YSU.

Bill D'Avignon, deputy director of the Youngstown City Planning Department, said the city is already using the site to look up info "on the fly."

Bralich said the data was compiled through reaching out to the city, county, police, U.S. Census Bureau and various other agencies.

He said he created two maps, one for the city and one for the county. The city map is based on geo-coding (address-based) and is less accurate in terms of where crimes and arsons occurred. Geo-coded information looks at general patterns.

He said the information for crime statistics is as accurate as the police records it was based on.

County data, however, is parcel based and very accurate. He said the property information and tax lien information is also close to 100 percent accurate.

The site is also based on Census Tract information, which is based on U.S. Postal Service reports. This is aggregated quarterly data, updated four times annually.

Bralich said that the website is by no means a finished product. He said the website is updated almost daily or as frequently as new data is obtained. He said he wants to expand it to include 1990 census data and include 2010 census data as soon as it becomes available next year.

"In the future, we'll be able to start gathering trends," Bralich said.

Bralich also said he hopes YSU administration recognizes the site and his department's work as "urban research" in the spirit of YSU's new designation as an urban research university.

"Also in terms of community outreach, this is a part of that identity," he said.

Bralich said he hopes students will also find the site useful for research and learning about the community, and that their research can thereby benefit the community.

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YSU's application currently asks the question, "Have you ever been suspended for a non-academic reason?"

Davis said the main goal is to determine if the student is going to be a risk to themselves or others.

The university has several programs in place for student security.

The Student Threat Assessment Team is a group of faculty, staff and administrators trained to deal with students who may be problematic or distressed.

They are trained on what to look for in disruptive students and what to do in a threatening situation.

One of the STAT goals is to "centralize collection and as-

essment of 'red flag' student behavior."

Another program in place is the Emergency Alert Notification System. Students, faculty and employees are encouraged to sign up for the YSU Alerts, which are campus-wide text messages and e-mails that send alerts and instructions during an emergency situation.

The admissions office is expected to complete its report by the end of the month for administrators to review the possibilities.

**EDITOR'S NOTE:** Scott Schullick, chair of the YSU Board of Trustees, could not be reached for comment before the end of Wednesday's production.

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Cullen said the hatred the bully had toward her seemed to come out of nowhere. She also said it was easy for the bully to do this because of all the outlets she had to her.

"She was actually one of my friends in high school. I have pictures of us at school dances. We had been over to each other's houses before. Suddenly she decided, I guess, that she didn't like me, and she put it all over the Internet," she said.

Cullen said the person who threatened her did plead responsible in front of the school's board of discipline.

"She said that one of the reasons was that I was mean to her, but I honestly did nothing to provoke her. I always wonder how things got this far,"

Cullen said.

Cullen said she can't believe she has a restraining order against someone who used to be her friend.

She blocked her bully from her Facebook and Twitter accounts and has changed her privacy settings.

YSU has taken notice of the various forms of harassment that have been happening to students.

The Student Threat Assessment Team, created by the university as part of the community safety initiative, is one outlet the university has to report any form of threats witnessed on campus.

Another way to report any misconduct is to contact the school conduct board at 330-941-2103.

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Myers, Fla., traveled to Youngstown to care for their children.

Their children, 12-year-old Anthony and 7-year-old Adriana, attend Campbell Middle School and Campbell Elementary School, respectively.

Donn's goal is to successfully receive his transplant, return to work at YSU and spend as much time with his family as possible.

"Donn truly loves his work at YSU and his coworkers, and [he] definitely wants to return," Gloria said. "Donn's attitude and outlook during this two-year ordeal is truly inspirational."

To raise awareness and take notice of the hardships Donn and his family have gone through, the facilities and maintenance department will be hosting an away tailgate at the DeBartolo Stadium Club

inside Stambaugh Stadium.

YSU's game against Western Illinois University will be televised at 7 p.m. Doors open at 5:30 p.m. The tailgate will include gift baskets, raffles, a 50/50 drawing, food and a cash bar.

Facilities employee Kay Helscel helped plan the event. During her own battle with cancer, she said Donn was there for her.

"Donn inspired me through my treatment for breast cancer and taught me to keep my sense of humor even when there was not much to laugh about," Helscel said.

Tickets for Saturday's event are available at the door of the DeBartolo Stadium Club for a \$10 donation. Early tickets can be purchased at the YSU Facilities Department on Wood Street. For more information call 330-941-2953.

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As students, The Jambar staff encourages the increase in prestige that a closed-enrollment would provide to our university and our degrees — however slight.

Accepting new students based on their merit could improve YSU's graduation rates. Based on the new funding formula, the university would then bring in more revenue.

The undecided and/or unmotivated would be better served by the discounted tuition of a community college, while YSU would be able to focus its resources on those students committed to their careers.

This is why we feel that closed enrollment is a positive move for YSU, and background checks can help the university take one step closer to this goal.

But, while screening prospective students makes our university and degrees more respectable, we have some concerns and unanswered questions.

What are the qualifications, or disqualifications, of a screening process, and what constitutes a felony worthy of rejection?

As YSU gravitates toward closed enrollment, all is not lost for those who no longer meet the academic requirements for the university. A few years at a community college could give these students the ability to come to YSU later.

But will such ability be granted to those felons denied acceptance to YSU?

The penal system is supposed to be about rehabilitation. Felons have many rights taken away from them upon exiting their correctional facility. How do we expect these persons to rehabilitate themselves when even their capability to seek education can be taken away?

One's station in life is largely based on the level of education one has completed. Keeping these persons on the track to rehabilitation from acquiring a higher education is, in effect, jamming the gears of the correctional process.

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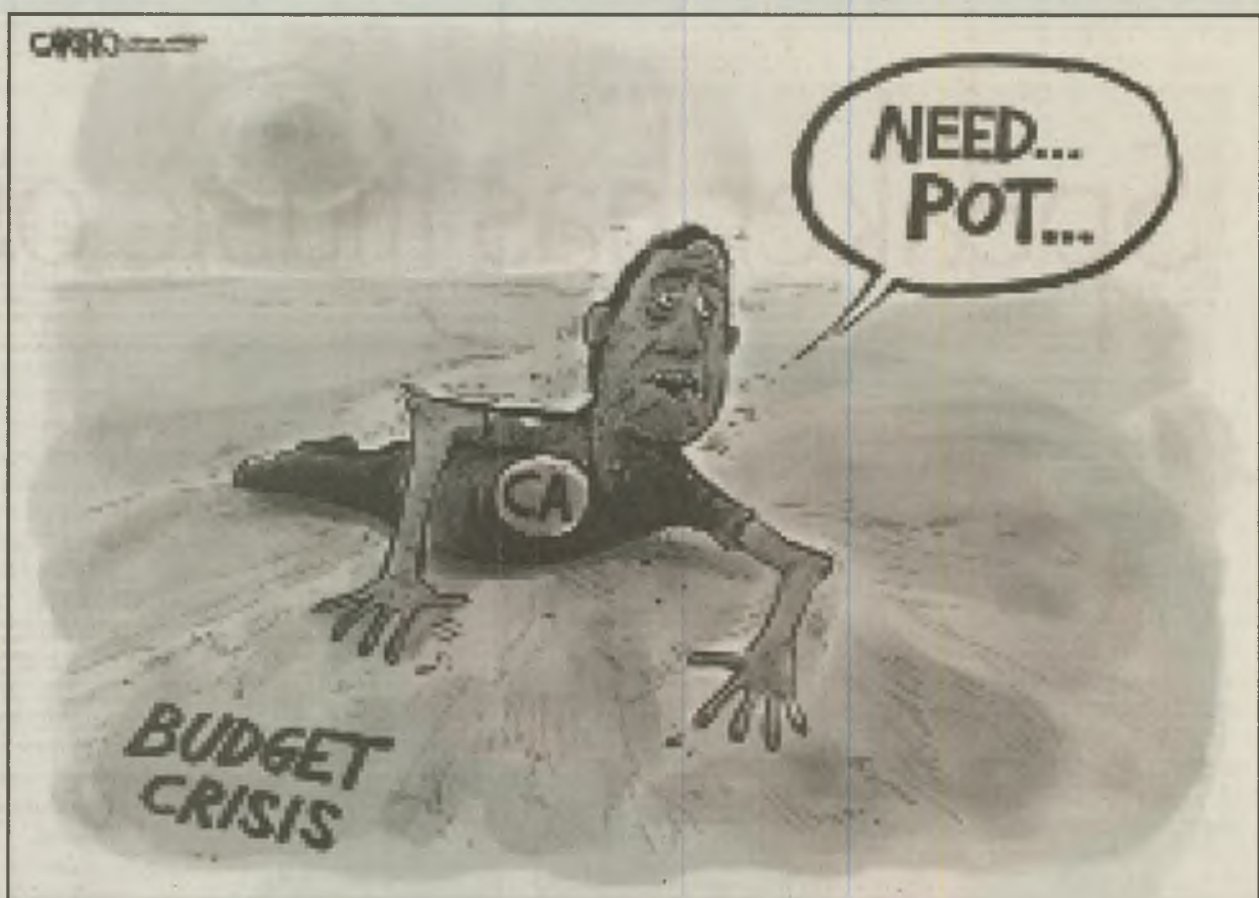
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### Should students be screened for background checks? Why or why not?



*"Yeah, I think it's a good idea. I mean what if someone had shot someone in the past or something like that."*

Zach Lord, freshman



*"Yeah, I do think that students should be screened, but then again people do change, but then again it depends on how extreme of a crime it is."*

Beth Earles, sophomore



*"If you've been convicted of a felony, and it's been years since then and the crime isn't too extreme, then no one should have that hanging over their head. That shouldn't be the reason an individual is denied an education."*

Zeke Lessis, freshman

## The right to speak offensively

Los Angeles Times  
MCT

The Supreme Court heard arguments Wednesday in a case that sorely tests the principle, articulated by Justice Oliver Wendell Holmes Jr. nearly a century ago, that "we should be eternally vigilant against attempts to check the expression of opinions that we loathe."

The case involves the Westboro Baptist Church, a deranged anti-gay religious group that routinely shows up at the funerals of American soldiers to express its bizarre belief that U.S. combat deaths are divine retribution for America's tolerance of homosexuality. In 2006, the group picketed the funeral of Lance Cpl. Matthew A. Snyder, a Marine killed in Iraq. The protesters held signs reading "Thank God for Dead Soldiers," "You're Going to Hell" and "Semper fi Fags."

Snyder's father sued the church for "intentional infliction of emotional distress" and other civil wrongs, but a lower court held that the picketers were protected under the First Amendment. The Supreme Court is now being asked to reverse that decision.

The justices may be tempted to rule against the protesters out of understandable sympathy for Snyder's father. They should resist the temptation. Allowing even private figures to recover damages for distress caused by the political or religious speech of others would be a dramatic departure from the court's protection of free expression no matter how offensive. And it would have reverberations in settings far removed from military funerals.

This case is not about whether protesters can be prevented from engaging in face-to-face harassment of mourners. The picketers complied with local ordinances and police instructions and stood a safe distance 1,000 feet, according to an appeals court judge away from the Catholic church where Snyder's funeral took place. Albert Snyder, the dead Marine's father, didn't see their signs until he watched television later in the day. As a brief from a group of First Amendment scholars puts it, Snyder is complaining not of physical interference but of "psychological intrusions stemming from the content of the protesters' message."

That's clear from the fact that Snyder's suit is also based on a screed posted on the Internet by a church member several weeks after the funeral. It alleged that the elder Snyder and his ex-wife had "taught Matthew to defy his creator," "raised him for the devil" and "taught him that God was a liar." The U.S. 4th Circuit Court of Appeals ruled, correctly, that a reasonable reader "would understand it to contain rhetorical hyperbole, and not actual, provable facts about Snyder and his son."

The appeals court's most important finding was that the church, however outrageously, was addressing matters of public concern, just as Jerry Falwell and Pat Robertson were when they suggested that the 9/11 terrorist attacks were God's punishment for toleration of abortion and homosexuality. No doubt that statement caused emotional distress for relatives of 9/11 victims, but it was constitutionally protected. The court should rule that the First Amendment also protects the ravings of the Westboro Baptist Church.

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## Speaker has music on the mind



**Jared Buker**  
ARTS & ENTERTAINMENT  
REPORTER

Youngstown State University's Dana School of Music will kick off its Musicology

Lecture Series with Tamara Levitz, a professor at the University of California, Los Angeles.

The lecture takes place Friday at 4 p.m. in Bliss Recital Hall and is free to the public.

Beforehand, Levitz will

give a convocation on "music and identity" at 11 a.m. and then meet students for lunch.

Levitz's lecture, titled "Resurrecting the Past: The Politics of 1930s Neoclassicism," will discuss Igor Stravinsky's political motivations for turning

to a classical style in his melodrama "Persephone" in 1934.

Levitz said she feels a "great energy coming out of Youngstown."

"I have met music students from YSU and have been very impressed by their energy, passion for music and training," she said. "I feel quite honored by the invitation."

The lecture will explore Stravinsky's outlook on style and how it influenced debates about religion, the Russian Revolution and French emigre culture.

Levitz said the American outlook on musicology originated in Germany in the late-19th century. At this time, there was a debate over natural science and science involving the human condition that gave rise to disciplines like musicology.

Today, the study of music in America is broken down into music education, music theory, musicology and ethnomusicology, which is the study of the social and cultural aspects of music and dance.

Musicologists can study music history, interpretation, sound and reception, Levitz said.

Levitz dreamed of becoming a musicologist at age 6. She has a degree in music history from McGill University in Montreal, her hometown. She earned a master's degree in musicology, as well as French and German literature, in Berlin. She has also earned a doc-

torate at the Eastman School of Music in Rochester, N.Y.

"I consider myself a historian of music," she said. "I like to investigate how music was made, performed and received in the past, and what it meant in the societies in which it was produced."

Levitz plays the piano and flute, and wanted to be a performer as an undergraduate.

Now, her busy schedule gives her little time to play.

"It can be very difficult to continue to perform when one becomes a musicologist because both careers require such dedication," Levitz said.

In recent years, scientists and musicians have explored music as a means of therapy.

After graduating from YSU in 2008 with a bachelor's degree in applied music, Nathanael Welch attended Baldwin Wallace College to study music therapy.

Welch said music therapy is not what it sounds like.

"[Music therapy] is a health care profession, with music being the means through which you achieve certain therapeutic goals," Welch said. "But it is definitely not just listening to music to make you feel better; it is a lot more involved than that."

As a teenager, Levitz took night classes on music therapy.

"Music therapy has influenced what I do, and part of me still would love to be a music therapist," Levitz said.

## Dental student 'bites' into acting dream

**Chelsea Miller**  
ARTS & ENTERTAINMENT  
EDITOR

One Youngstown State University student may soon have the chance to fulfill his lifelong dream of acting. Jose Morales, junior biology/pre-dental major, recently entered the 14th Annual Hollywood Awards and was chosen out of thousands of entries to represent the top 10.

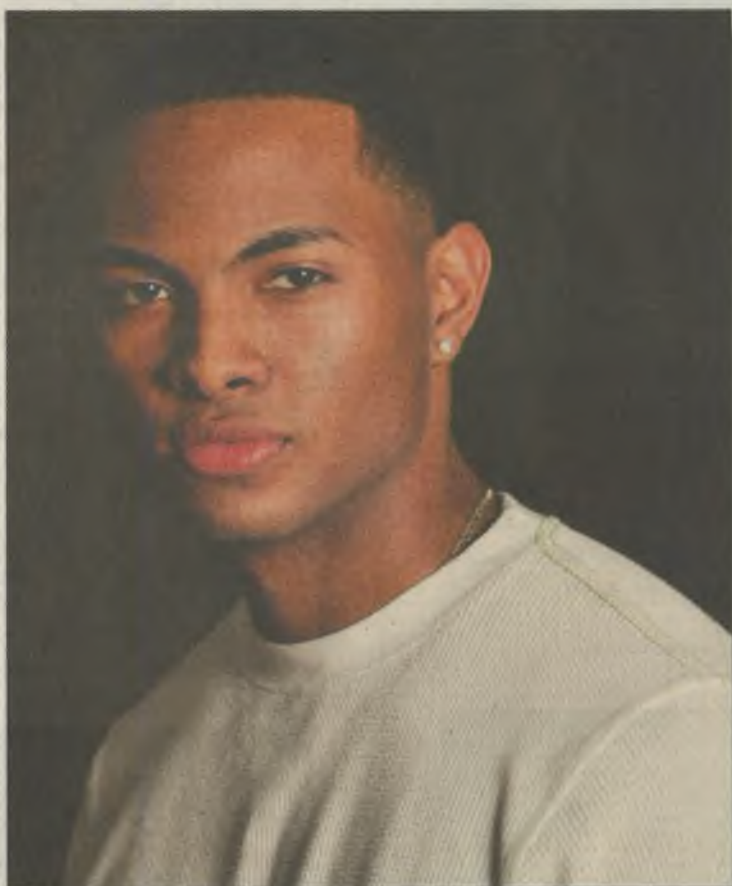
The Hollywood Awards were created to honor excellence in the art of filmmaking, as well as creative talent across the world. The Discovery Award, for which Morales is competing, is a contest featuring monologues or two-person scenes from actors across the country who were chosen by the Casting Society of America.

The top 10 are featured on Yahoo! Movies and are chosen by online voters. The winning man and woman will be flown to Hollywood, Calif., to the Annual Hollywood Awards Gala to receive his or her award. Morales currently sits in fourth place overall.

Morales said he believes the exposure will help boost his career.

"Win or lose, I feel like something good will come of it," he said.

Morales has always been interested in acting, but while playing basketball in high school, acting took the back burner. Now, he said, he has the time to pursue acting and has landed small roles in Pittsburgh in "Love and Other Drugs," starring Jake Gyllenhaal and Anne Hathaway, and



Junior Jose Morales entered the 14th Annual Hollywood Awards in an attempt to further his acting career. The Hollywood Awards recognize amateur talent from across the country. Photo courtesy of Jose Morales.

"The Next Three Days" with actor Russell Crowe.

Morales credited his mother, Audrey, with encouraging him to go after his dream. Audrey Morales said her son had always shown an interest in acting as a child, and she pushed him to pursue it.

"I told him to always follow his dreams," she said. "If there was something deep down in your heart that you had a yearning to do, go after it and not be afraid because everyone has a gift."

Audrey acknowledged that

Youngstown is a hard area in which to break into acting. She said she told Jose to follow his dream, but to also stay in school and have a back-up plan.

For his monologue, Jose performed a scene from "The Fresh Prince of Bel Air." He said Will Smith is the actor he admires most, and the scene he chose captured Smith's best performance.

"Will Smith is my favorite actor, by far," he said. "A lot of people think that was one of his best acting scenes ever ...

*"Win or lose, I feel like something good will come of it."*  
-Jose Morales

he hasn't got his Oscar yet, but I'm rooting for him."

Mark Mehley, Jose's friend, said he believes the Hollywood Awards will jumpstart Jose's career.

"I was excited when he first told me about it. I think it was a great opportunity. He seems very passionate about it," Mehley said.

Voting for the Discovery Award opened on Oct. 5 and ends Tuesday. The winner will be announced on the 25th. To encourage YSU students to vote, Mehley and Jose have been spreading the word on Facebook and by word of mouth. Mehley said the two will print up fliers as well. He said he believes that Jose deserves to win the competition.

"I think he has great potential to possibly be a great actor someday," Mehley said.

Jose said if he had to choose between a career in his chosen major or acting, he would pick acting.

"If the opportunity presented itself, I would probably move out to LA and do that," Jose said.

Audrey, who is a fraud investigative manager for the county, said she would follow Jose to Los Angeles in a heartbeat given the chance.

"I have 35 years on my job and if he would move, I told him by all means yes ... that's my opportunity out of here," she said with a laugh.

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"Macbeth"

Friday, 7 p.m.

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Playhouse



Haunted Hayrides

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Boardman Park

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Saturday, 10 p.m.

Cedars Lounge

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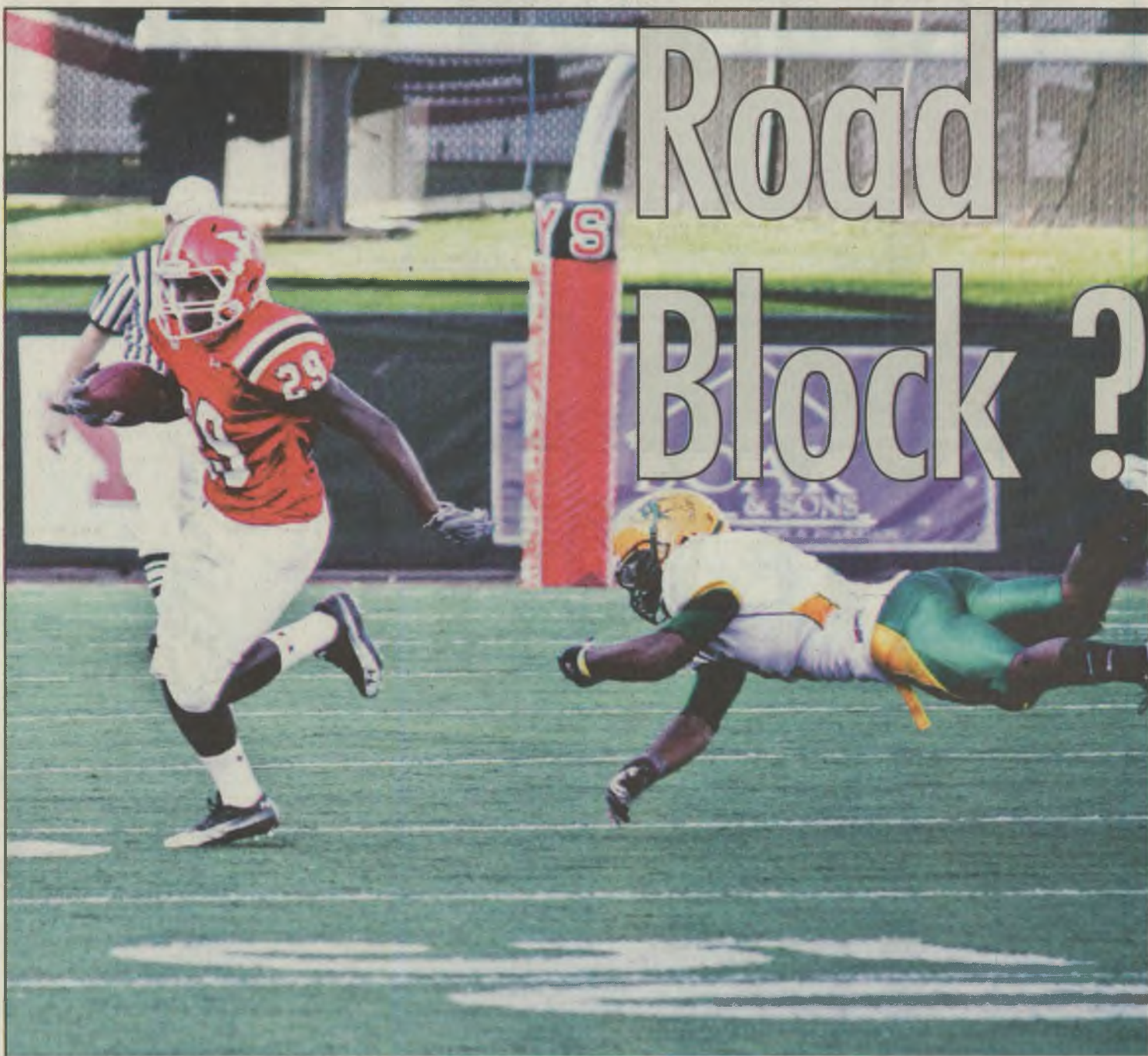
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T5 Missouri State 1-1 2-3

T7 North Dakota State 1-2 4-2  
T7 Youngstown State 1-2 3-3  
T7 South Dakota State 1-2 1-4



# Road Block?

PHOTO BY NICK YOUNG/THE JAMBAR

Senior wide receiver Dominique Barnes eludes a would-be tackler from North Dakota State University on Saturday.

### FCS TOP 25

1. APPALACHIAN STATE
2. DELAWARE
3. JACKSONVILLE STATE
4. WILLIAM & MARY
5. STEPHEN F. AUSTIN
6. VILLANOVA
7. JAMES MADISON
8. MASSACHUSETTS
9. SOUTH CAROLINA ST.
10. MONTANA ST.
11. MONTANA
12. EASTERN WASHINGTON
13. CAL POLY
14. NORTH DAKOTA STATE
15. LIBERTY
16. NEW HAMPSHIRE
17. NORTH DAKOTA ST
18. NORTHERN ARIZONA
19. PENNSYLVANIA
20. CHATTANOOGA
21. WESTERN ILLINOIS
22. SOUTHERN ILLINOIS
23. GEORGIA SOUTHERN
24. GRAMBLING STATE
25. TEXAS STATE

### MISSOURI VALLEY FOOTBALL

1. SOUTHERN ILLINOIS (3-3)
2. WESTERN ILLINOIS (4-2)
3. NORTHERN IOWA (2-3)
4. ILLINOIS STATE (3-3)
5. INDIANA STATE (3-2)
6. MISSOURI STATE (2-3)
7. NORTH DAKOTA ST. (4-2)
8. SOUTH DAKOTA ST. (1-4)
9. YOUNGSTOWN ST. (3-3)

### PENGUIN SPOTLIGHT



**STEPHEN BLOSE**

**POSITION:** Placekicker  
**YEAR:** Senior  
**HOMETOWN:** Erie, Pa.  
**HIGH SCHOOL:** Harbor Creek

### 2010 Season Stats

6-8 Field goals  
23-23 PAT s  
41 points

### SCHEDULES

#### FOOTBALL

- Oct. 16- @ Western Ill.
- Oct. 23- @ South Dakota St.
- Oct. 30- UNI (Homecoming)
- Nov. 6- @ Illinois St.
- Nov. 13- Indiana St.

#### SOCCER

- Oct. 22- @ Butler
- Oct. 24- @ Valparaiso

#### VOLLEYBALL

- Oct. 16- UIC
- Oct. 22- @ Milwaukee
- Oct. 23- @ Green Bay
- Oct. 29- CLEVELAND STATE
- Nov. 5- VALPARAISO
- Nov. 6- Loyola

## Penguins seek first road win

Keith Langford Jr.  
SPORTS EDITOR

Even though the Youngstown State University football team has dropped two straight games, it is still in the thick of the Missouri Valley Conference race.

No team has run away and hid with the conference lead as all of the MVC teams are separated by just one game in the standings.

Three teams at the top of the rankings are 2-1, which includes the Penguins' opponent this Saturday, the Western Illinois University Leathernecks. The Penguins will travel to Macomb, Ill., to try to win their first road game.

"Right now, we look at it as we are 3-3. We know very well in the back of our mind, we can very easily be 5-1 if we would have done a couple of things better," head coach Eric Wolford said.

The Penguins find themselves one full game back of first place at 1-2 inside the conference. The race for the Missouri Valley Conference title is within grasp but the Penguins cannot afford another loss at this juncture of the season.

"Our backs are against the wall ... the conference is wide open right now, but there is not much room for error," redshirt freshman quarterback Kurt Hess said.

Playing on the road has not been happy sailing for the Penguins this year. In the Penguins' last road game at Missouri State University, YSU scored 17 first quarter points, but that lead slipped away after MSU scored 28 consecutive points on the way to a 35-25 victory.

Even with all the pitfalls the road brings — traveling, rowdy road fans, hotel accommodations — Wolford said he doesn't mind getting away from home to buckle up the chinstraps.

"Sometimes when you are on the road, it's not always bad because you don't have as many distractions. I almost feel a little more comfortable on the road going on the road with a team because I don't have to worry about where they are staying at night, family being in town, mom has to see me play, what are we going to do after the game tomorrow ... I don't mind road games," Wolford said.

This season, the Leathernecks are 2-1 in the conference and 4-2 overall. They're tied for first place with Southern Illinois University and the University of Northern Iowa inside of the Missouri Valley Conference.

WIU is ranked 21st in the Football Championship Subdivision poll. The Leathernecks will be the third-ranked opponent the Penguins will battle this season. The Penguins are 1-1 against ranked opponents this season with a win over No. 22

Southern Illinois and a loss to No. 14 North Dakota State University.

"We are looking forward to playing Western Illinois and coming out strong for that game," senior placekicker Stephen Blose said.

The Leathernecks put up points in bunches as they average 36.5 points per game.

The rush attack for the Leathernecks is the best the Penguins will face the rest of this season as they average 256 yards per game on the ground.

They have two running backs on their roster that average more than 80 yards rushing per game. Freshman Bryce Flowers averages 104.2 yards per game on the ground while sophomore starter Caulton Ray averages 81.3 yards per game.

"We need to win on the road. We haven't won a road game this year. We're 0-2 on the road right now. We need to show that we can play on the road," Wolford said.

## Swimming and diving prepare for BGSU

Joe Catullo Jr.  
REPORTER

The women's swimming and diving team at Youngstown State University opens its season Friday at Bowling Green State University with 10 new faces.

Eighth-year head coach Matt Anderson said he believes the new freshmen girls will help contribute to the team.

"After 2008, we graduated a strong team and dropped from fifth place to sixth [in the Horizon League]," Anderson said. "But this year we have a bunch of strong freshmen and solid returners. We're hoping to get back to at least fifth place this year, but we'll see as the season gets started."

Anderson added that this year's Penguins are moving forward and the program has improved.

Anderson graduated from Northern Illinois University and was the assistant coach



**ANDERSON**

for five years. Prior to that, he was the assistant coach at Ohio State University. Anderson coached the women's team at Northern Illinois, but coached the men's and women's teams at OSU.

While Anderson coaches the swimming team, diving is led by head coach Nick Gavolas. Gavolas has been coaching the diving team for 16 years. Hailing from Pittsburgh, Gavolas said he's been a Penguin his entire life.

Gavolas was inducted into the YSU Hall of Fame in

1986, one year after the hall was created. He was the first men's swimmer and diver to be inducted. Gavolas has been head coach at YSU since the return of the women's swimming and diving program in 1995.

"We're hoping to finish at least in fifth place. We're looking to try to rebuild with the new freshmen coming in around Casey Hill," Gavolas said.

Last year, sophomore Casey Hill finished as one of the top freshmen girls in the Horizon League. Originally from Bethlehem, Pa., Hill said she hopes to have a better year than her incredible run last year.

"We are all hoping for at least a fifth-place finish," Hill said.

In the 2009 season, second-year swimmer Sam Roberts broke the YSU swimming record in both the women's 100- and 200-breast stroke. Third-year swimmer Nighani Cicilson broke the women's 50 free record.

### SWIMMING & DIVING

- Oct. 15- @ Tom Stubbs
- Relays
- Oct. 16- BUTLER
- Oct. 23- NIAGARA
- Oct. 24- @ Clarion Diving
- Invitational
- Nov. 6- @ Marshall
- Nov. 12- BOWLING GREEN
- Nov. 18- @ Radford
- Invitational
- Nov. 19- @ Radford