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## Maag Library to eliminate some late fees

Josh Stipanovich  
NEWS EDITOR

Maag Library has revised its circulation policies, wiping away overdue fines and extending borrowing periods, said Paul Kobulnicky, executive director of the administration unit.

“What we’re really doing is changing the normal length of loans, and we’re eliminating fines,” Kobulnicky said.

The new policy, which initially was discussed over the summer, will be implemented Nov. 30. It would affect books borrowed from the general Maag Library collection, allowing students, staff and faculty leeway when it comes to remembering due dates.

Although fines will be

eliminated, there are some exceptions, Kobulnicky said.

“It doesn’t include things like multimedia [such as] CDs or videos. It doesn’t include any course reserves. Most importantly, it doesn’t include OhioLINK [because] that’s governed by OhioLINK, [and] we can’t change that,” Kobulnicky said.

Kobulnicky said the previous policy allowed a four-week loan period, which was problematic for borrowers. It was difficult to remember due dates because of the excessive amounts that could accumulate. He said the new policy only requires three due dates to remember.

“The most important thing is, you have three due dates during the year you have to remember, end of the term.

What could be easier?” Kobulnicky said.

Although fines would be taken away, there is still going to be book and processing fees if it’s not returned within the two-week grace period.

“From the time the book is due from 14 days out, you bring it back, no problem. On the 15th day, we bill for the book and for the processing fee,” Kobulnicky said. “The best way to get [borrowers] to return the book is to bill for it.”

Kobulnicky said this would help undergraduate and graduate students because in the past, the library didn’t charge until the end of each semester, which left many students with a hefty fine.

“Now we’re billing it quicker, [and] we expect a

*“What we’re really doing is changing the normal length of loans, and we’re eliminating fines.”*

—Paul Kobulnicky

lot more books to come back in, and that really reduces the overall charge,” Kobulnicky said.

He added when the book is returned, the book fee would be deducted from the borrower’s account, but a \$10 processing fee would be assessed.

## BUDGET BOOST

### SGA proposes student tax

Chelsea Pflugh  
EDITOR-IN-CHIEF

Zach Brown has been on the phone for hours discussing a proposal that hasn’t even been approved yet.

Brown, president of the Student Government Association at Youngstown State University, has helped draft the SGA Appropriations Budget Restructuralization Project, a proposal to charge students \$1 per credit hour to help fund student organizations, and more significantly, individual student academic endeavors. The proposal, if approved by the body of SGA, will then be passed on to the board of trustees for consideration.

The proposal is estimating the \$1 fee per credit hour will yield a budget of \$306,862, which is \$275,812 more than their current budget of \$31,050. The fee will cap at \$12 for full-time students, even if they exceed 12 credit hours. Graduate student fees would cap at \$9, and part-time students would pay \$1 per credit hour.

Brown said even though part-time students may be less likely to request funds for activities, it’s still important that everyone realizes the option is there.

“[Part-time students] are less likely to be involved on campus, but it’s important for them to pay so that they can be eligible if they decided to get involved in something,” he said. “The fact is that they might one day do something, and when they do, the money will be there.”

SGA’s current Financial Path permits

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financial appropriations only for student organizations registered with the Office of Student Activities. The Project would broaden the requirements to request for appropriations, allowing any student to request money from SGA for “pursuing any academically-credible endeavor including, but not limited to, attending a conference, presenting a research project or paper, giving a lecture, presenting an original piece of art, performing a musical composition, or creating a publication, be it on Youngstown’s campus or elsewhere,” as stated in the proposal.

Brown said the current Financial Path leaves student organizations “largely underfunded,” causing them to deny many organizations appropriations or give them much less than what they request.

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## SGA sponsors health care forum

Dan Pompili  
ASSIST. NEWS EDITOR

An open forum on health care reform will take place in the Ohio Room of Kilcawley Center at 12:30 p.m. Wednesday.

Though sponsored by the Student Government Association at Youngstown State University, the event was initially proposed by Sen. Sherrod Brown.

A brief video address by the senator will be played before the discussion, and his regional representative, Max Blachman, will sit on the discussion panel on Brown’s behalf.

Blachman told The Jambar by phone on Monday that Brown wants to engage all constituencies in the debate, and he considers the forum a great opportunity for students to discuss all aspects of the issue.

“I’m going to do my best to speak honestly and openly and dispel any misrepresentations,” Blachman said.

Brown has been a part of the health care agenda since joining the House of Representatives in 1992, and co-authored the public option articles under discussion.

“Health care reform is the great issue of our day,” Blachman said. “It is important for the public to know what [Brown] is doing and why.”

Along with Blachman, the panel will include Pat Lowry representing U.S. Rep. Tim Ryan, YSU professors Dr. Keith Lepak of the political science department and Dr. Terry Riley of economics and chief operating officer for Humility of Mary Health Partners Don Koenig.

The event will be moderated by Dr. William Binning, chairman of the YSU political science department.

SGA President Zach Brown said the event is organized specifically for students, and that students will be asking questions of the panel.

Brown said he expects some open debate among the audience, but the aim is to keep the event nonpartisan and “friendly.”

Brown said an invitation was extended to the office of Sen. George Voinovich, but they were “not responsive.”

Seating is available for 100 students, and Brown said roughly that many are expected.

“I personally initiated the event, but the lion’s share of the credit for organizing it goes to Zach Brown and the SGA, as well as the professors participating and including it as part of their coursework,” Blachman said, referring to students from Binning’s Aging and Social Policy class, who are attending the event for class credit.

### Atomic clock system to keep campus in sync

Jennifer Tomerlin  
REPORTER

Mike Orto, Youngstown State University manager of facilities, is having a real problem fixing the clocks in Moser Hall because they are all four minutes off.

However, with the new atomic clock system that may be installed at YSU, there will no longer be any problems maintaining the correct time on campus.

An atomic clock system at YSU would sync all the clocks on campus to the correct time and never have

to be maintained. Atomic clocks use microwave signals that can be transmitted over distances. The company Primex sponsors a SNS, or Synchronous Network System, that the university is looking to install on campus. With this system, all university clocks will be synchronized through a GPS system using a transmitter that is placed on campus.

“As part of the new Williamson College of Business technology package, the base emitter will allow coverage across campus,” explained Rich White, associate director of planning

and construction.

The atomic clock plan will be an alternate added to the base technology bid for the new business school. The entire bid is in its final steps of being sent to potential bidders.

This same system is used at Youngstown’s St. Elizabeth Health Center, the location of which will benefit the university.

“If one [clock] does not receive the signal, it can pick it up from St. [Elizabeth]’s transmitter,” Orto said.

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## News Briefs

### YSU plants donor trees on campus

YSU will celebrate Arbor Day and the launch of the Campus Beautification Initiative by planting two donor trees on campus. The trees will be planted on Tuesday at 10 a.m. outside of Moser and DeBartolo Halls.

### Art auction benefits students studying abroad

An art auction to help raise money for YSU students in the nursing, criminal justice and social work departments who are studying in Mexico and Nigeria will be held on Friday in Kilcawley Center's Ohio Room. Auction pieces will include work by Andrew Wyeth, Slava Brodinsky and Robert Lui. A preview will be held at 6 p.m., while the auction will begin at 7 p.m. Tickets are \$15, but \$5 for students.

## Police Briefs

### Police arrest man for possession of drug paraphernalia

On Friday, a YSU police officer on campus patrol observed a man, standing at the corner of Scott Street and Fifth Avenue, begging several people for money. Upon questioning, the suspect admitted he knew begging was illegal and said he needed money to buy crack. The officer patted down the suspect and retrieved a glass pipe with two burnt ends used to smoke crack cocaine. Although the officer placed the suspect under arrest for possession of drug paraphernalia, he was not cited for begging because of his honesty. The suspect was given a mandatory court date, while the evidence was tagged and placed in a locker.

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## Students plan trip to Nigeria

Julianna Hull  
REPORTER

The Youngstown State University Department of Nursing and the Department of Criminal Justice and Forensic Sciences are planning a two-week trip to Nigeria in January. The trip is being planned in collaboration with the Ohio Medical Clinic Missionaries.

Those attending will travel to Dikenafai, Nigeria, where the nursing students will organize and operate a medical outpatient clinic. Assistant professor Christian Onwudiwe, who is from Dikenafai, will lead the criminal justice students in their work on comparing the criminal justice system in Nigeria to that in the United States. Onwudiwe said the purpose of the trip is to "give students and faculty a different perspective and different culture, [and] to learn from the culture."

"It's a good thing for folks

to compare and contrast what they see there and what they see here and judge for themselves," Onwudiwe said.

Onwudiwe and YSU nursing professor Pamela McHugh Schuster hope to collaborate with Nigeria's Imo State University. If a relationship is formed between IMSU and YSU, the possibility exists for student and faculty exchanges.

"It's a huge and expensive undertaking, but the benefits for our students are just tremendous," Schuster said of the trip. "As a team, it's exciting, rewarding and a great educational experience."

The two-week trip to Nigeria costs \$2,500 per student; this includes food, housing, transportation and medical supplies. To help raise money for the trip, the departments are hosting an art auction, which is scheduled for Friday. The event – which includes more than 100 works of art – will be held in Kilcawley Center's Chestnut Room.

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## TAX page 1

"We spend conservatively and we still run out [of money] in February or March each year," Brown said.

The body of SGA will vote to approve the proposal during their Nov. 23 general meeting. If approved, the proposal will be sent as a memo to the board of trustees and YSU President David C. Sweet.

Both Sweet and Dr. Cynthia Anderson received a copy of the proposal via e-mail from Brown last week, but Brown said he had heard no response.

Brown said it seemed logical to him to go about the fee as a proposed tuition increase, since tuition is already scheduled to increase by 3.5 percent next year.

"I'd rather see them include something that benefits students," he said.

Brown said he's been personally working on this proposal since August, but the idea has been circulating through different SGA administrations since 2005, initially introduced by former Vice President of Financial Affairs Josh Hiznay.

For now, Brown said it's almost impossible to say what will happen next.

"This [proposal] is literally a draft still, but more than likely this version will be the one

*"Departments won't be meddling in it because the students directly pay for it."*

*Zach Brown  
SGA president*

that passes," he said. "I don't know what is going to happen. If half the body of student government votes no, that would end it. It's all just speculative right now."

Since the fee directly affects the students, Brown said SGA has placed the proposal on the organization's Web site and has considered a mass e-mail to raise awareness on the Project.

"[Students] will be paying this directly to student government, and it is there for them," Brown said. "Departments won't be meddling in it because the students directly pay for it."

*Additional Reporting by  
Dan Pompili.*

## CLOCKS page 1

The clocks will not begin to be phased until the new Williamson building is completed.

"The new clocks will be installed in Williamson only. As we go forward, we will eventually replace the existing clocks building by building, but that will be over the next few years," White said.

Orto said waiting to install the system was a good move

on the university's part. He explained that with developing technology, the system has improved. Instead of having multiple smaller transmitters, the university will receive one large and powerful transmitter.

Until then, though, students will have to rely on watches, cell phones and iPods for the correct time.

## Many users hesitate to ride the Wave

Steve Alexander  
STAR TRIBUNE

Google's latest brainchild, Google Wave, is all the rage among bleeding-edge technology enthusiasts. But corporate information technology executives say that while they're intrigued by Wave — a replacement for e-mail, the most widely used of all Internet services — they're not ready to adopt it.

Part of the reason is a reluctance to entrust important data to someone else's servers, even those of giant Google. But another factor is old-fashioned resistance to change.

"If I knew how long it will take for Google Wave to be adopted, I'd be a lot richer than I am," said Stuart DeVaun, CEO of Implex.net, a Minneapolis firm that provides IT outsourcing of services such as e-mail to 2,000 firms worldwide. "The user experience is the Holy Grail of computing, and once people are used to using something like e-mail it's hard to get them to use something different. Google will have to win people over by proving Wave offers a better user experience."

With Wave, people can exchange messages, share or edit documents, even play games in a computer desktop space that is shared by many people simultaneously. Google introduced it for testing by a select group of users in May, and in September opened up the testing — by invitation only — to about 100,000 people.

Wave immediately ran into a wave of skepticism.

"People have a reluctance to change," said Mark Bowker, an analyst with Enterprise

Strategy Group in Milford, Mass. "E-mail is pretty simple, and people understand what it does. Maybe the consolidation of instant messaging and e-mail Google Wave represents makes sense, but it might be years before it happens."

"I kind of like Google Wave," said Bill Konkol, vice president of technology for Hopkins radio advertising firm Marketing Architects. "It saves running separate computer servers to do a lot of different things, such as live video meetings, instant messaging and e-mail. But are people willing to trust Google Wave as a replacement for e-mail? That's going to take years. After all, it's taken some time for people to adopt Gmail, Google's free e-mail."

Gmail, introduced in 2004, has only recently been adopted by local universities that plan to outsource student e-mail to Google in order to save money. The University of Minnesota, Macalester College and Hamline University have done so, and Macalester also put its faculty and staff on Gmail.

But, just as Gmail simplifies life for universities running big e-mail systems, some, such as blogger Daniel Tenner, believe Google Wave simplifies e-mail.

For example, employees no longer have to collaborate on documents by e-mailing them back and forth; they look at the documents together. Wave also makes it easier to bring in new collaborators without forcing them to speed through a long list of e-mails that have already been sent back and forth. In addition, Wave allows much bigger attachments than e-mail typically does, and, when e-mail messages are flying furiously

back and forth, it automatically downshifts into the faster instant messaging mode.

"Wave is not a geek/hacker tool, or a social media tool, it's a corporate tool that solves work problems," wrote Tenner, who is chief technology officer at Woobius Ltd., a British tech firm that sells its own collaborative software. "The way Google should have advertised Wave is: 'It solves the problems with e-mail.'"

So why wouldn't people, corporations and universities accept something that is designed to be superior to old-fashioned e-mail? Maybe because they're still busy figuring out how to use the last technological revolution, "cloud computing."

In cloud computing, companies are supposed to save money by using distant computers owned by others to run programs, store data and manage networks.

Konkol is interested in cloud computing, and does it in a very small way using a storage networking device from Compellent Technologies of Eden Prairie, Minn. The device can "borrow" data storage from one of Konkol's company locations for use at another location. But he'd be reluctant to use anyone else's "cloud" service.

"Right now, people don't take Google Wave seriously as a business product," said Greg Schulz, a Stillwater information technology analyst. But maybe that's fine with Google, which he believes has other motives in introducing new technology like Wave.

"Google keeps creating these windmills that Microsoft has to chase in order to catch up," Schulz said. "It keeps Microsoft unsure of where to focus."



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# Beyond The Valley

## Hit the road to some regional hotspots

Lamar Salter

ARTS & ENTERTAINMENT EDITOR

So the thought of tests, PowerPoint presentations and unattainable parking spaces have finally put you over the edge. That time of the semester as come too quickly and if you hear one more thing

about registration, you're going to puke. You need to get out of town as soon as possible just to keep your sanity if not just for a couple of hours.

Well, before you pack up and head for the hills, check out some of these events and venues beyond the Valley



## Akron

Call it Youngstown's sister city, Akron houses a cluster of bars and clubs. If you're interested in live events, the Civic theater is the place to be.

**LUX NIGHTCLUB:** Top of the class spot downtown.

**AKRON CIVIC THEATER:** Akron's own Covelli Centre, sort of. Tonight, the Civic theater will be hosting Musician/Horror film Director: Rob Zombie A.K.A the "Super-beast."

**TIPSY BAR AND GRILL:** We're assuming there is alcohol served here.



## Cleveland

Cleveland Rocks! Or at least that's what Drew Carey used to say. Whatever the case, if you're looking for the big city living, Cleveland is the place to be.

**Cleveland House of Blues:** This famous venue houses some of the greatest music acts in the country. Definitely a must-see if your passing through

**Euclid Heights Boulevard:** Taking a stroll down this street puts you right in the center of the mix in Cleveland. Places like The Grog Shop, City and East Hookah Cafe are just some of the spots to check out.

## Pittsburgh

Home of The Super Bowl and Stanley Cup victors. Pittsburgh is full of winners. Is you don't stay for The strip, you'll stay for the Tailgating.

**The Strip:** For the party-goer, or raging Alcoholic, You'll be "walking on sunshine" when you go down the Strip. From Fatheads to the Lava lounge, it's heaven on Earth.

**Light up Night Pittsburgh:** On Nov. 21, get ready to see a lit up Pittsburgh in celebration of the holidays. The city will host events and parties in addition to a rousing fireworks display.

**Zen Social Club:** A three-story club inspired by Asian Culture, with specialty martinis and other drink specials.



## Columbus

The State Capitol is about a four hour drive from Youngstown. Diversifying in music and bars, Columbus has alot of variety for the traveler.

**Flannagans Dublin:** 21 years or older bar and restaurnt. For the Irish in all of us.

**The Shark Club:** Big energy nightclub. As if the name doesn't speak for itself.

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# Go Hardcore: Student finds voice in the music

Gary S. Angelo  
FEATURES REPORTER

Northeast Ohio hardcore scene veteran Steve Andrew, who is the guitarist for local band Modern Life, has a new solo project titled Steve and The Damned. In this new project, Andrew has taken a spacey, dream pop approach to his music, which is partially inspired by early-1990s stars like Hum, Velocity Girl and The Smashing Pumpkins.

"The project is music; if I knew when I was 15 years old what I know now, I think I would have played music akin to this when I was younger," Andrew said.

Andrew has been playing in punk and hardcore bands since 1993, a time when he felt punk music was withering away and adhering to mainstream market standards. With this project, Andrew is reliving an era where Shoegaze bands like Catherine, Chavez and Starflyer 59 were lacing heavy guitars with dreamy vocals and keyboard elements.

To Andrew, huge nostalgic appeal exists with this new repertoire of songs. Andrew taps into his inner child, while still sticking true to mature

subject matter.

"My music makes me feel like a kid again, but it is a compulsion of listening to music from the era of the early-1990s," Andrew said.

Andrew admitted when he first heard Nirvana at the age of 14, it was an epiphany. In Andrew's eyes, from that point, nothing else could build on the same intensity that Nirvana so passionately displayed.

"Everything that was considered punk at the time was so passionless," Andrew said.

Although he played in punk bands, Andrew did not realize the genre at the time. From punk, he moved into hardcore and played in Owaken from 1996 to 1997. From August 1997 to January 2003, Andrew played in the Christian hardcore outfit Vessel, which included Andrew Labedz of Realtime Digimob.

Andrew said he is proud of his former band Vessel because they took on the same approach that bands like Norma Jean, Underoath and Zao are filtering through the airwaves today. Andrew said Vessel was his most success-

ful project, mainly because he and his bandmates played the music they loved. When Vessel disbanded in 2003, Andrew formed a project with Sam Buonavolonta, frontman of post-rock act Sam Goodwill. This group was called Blood is Fashion, which inspired a lot of The Damned's arrangements.

"Blood is Fashion was a heavy band we were trying to create into a melodic post-hardcore project. It never saw the light of day," Andrew said.

Blood is Fashion bore similarities to the odd, jazz-inspired time signatures of The Refused and International Noise Conspiracy.

"We transformed into solid rock music, instead of rocking the balls off of everyone," Andrew said.

As for his new project, Andrew's songwriting process is long and extensive.

"Not everything comes out at once. There are bits and pieces of songs that I have been writing for years, then something else develops. I track it out and then I rethink if I want to add to the music," Andrew said, adding that he

has been working on some musical elements or ideas since early 2004.

Thus far, Andrew has recorded two new songs: "Drag To Hell" and "In The Company of Skeletons."

"'Drag To Hell' is about a friend I had a hard time learning how to love, and we were in a stalemate on how to deal with each other," Andrew said. "The music, lyrically, is sang in a dreamy sort of way because that is the emotion I associate myself with and it encapsulates the end of knowing this person."

Steve and The Damned consists of Andrew and is open to whatever musicians would like to contribute. Andrew's vocals are quite similar to those of Smashing Pumpkins' vocalist Billy Corgan on the new recordings. To Andrew, this style feels natural and organic to him.

"I never was a fan of The Smashing Pumpkins, but people will tell me that I sound like Corgan. My voice is definitely in the higher range. I don't scream, but I would love to," Andrew said.

Andrew said the guitars on this material resemble the spaced-out qualities of Star-

flyer 59 and Hum.

"I listened to these bands a lot in 11th and 12th grade, but there are more songs that are unhinged that might be in the vein of Nirvana's 1988 single 'Negative Creep,'" Andrew said.

Andrew said some songs explore the post-hardcore territories of Drive Like Jehu, but he said he doesn't dip into their vibe.

"Drive Like Jehu is a band I listen to a lot these days. I wish that I would have gotten into them earlier," Andrew said.

Andrew said this project is an excellent outlet for him to voice his emotions. As far as the future is concerned, Andrew does not have any specific plans for Steve and The Damned.

"I will play anywhere to get my emotions out. It's a selfish music project, and a lot of people who listened to it responded with pleasure. They did not run away screaming, holding their ears. They gave me encouragement to work on it on a grander scale," Andrew said.

### ABOUT THE JAMBAR

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In the opening statement of the SGA Appropriations Budget Restructuralization Project, we are faced with a paradox: "It is our belief as Student Government Association, being the sole, legitimate, organized representation of the student body at Youngstown State University that our appropriations budget is insufficiently funded, and therefore, results in the failure of Student Government Association to fully tend to the needs of its constituents."

Just as it's our job to be the voice of the student body, it's SGA's job to be the student representative. We take student concerns into the hands of reporters who can get answers, and SGA takes student causes into the hands of those who can barter with administration. Our only problem this time is that their "constituents," the same body they represent, are not being adequately represented this time.

We have no argument that SGA is incapable of funding every organization that requests appropriations. The numbers don't lie, and their budget needs a boost. We fully support students as well as organizations that choose to represent YSU here and anywhere else in the world. What we do disagree with, though, is the way SGA is going about it. The project is being passed through to people who will vote on another student tax that the students will not be very informed on, or maybe even aware of.

Instead of waiting for the board of trustees to find time in their agenda to review the Project, have the students vote. Have a referendum where the burden is on us to decide. Hold forums to discuss what this means for each of us, our organizations, and our academic opportunities. Market the idea to your constituents rather than placing the decisions that affect us into the hands of bureaucrats.

We know other colleges have proposals similar to this one, and they are working. We know that campus activism is slim on our campus, but we hope the fee encourages students to take advantage of what we have here.

If you want your constituents' trust and respect, respect us enough to clearly provide the necessary information, and trust us with the burden to make the right decision for ourselves.

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## Sarah Palin: "Going Rogue"



The views of this syndicated artist do not necessarily agree with those of The Jambar.



Melissa Mary Smith  
COLUMNIST

## Petting Zoo: Same as it ever was

The end of the semester is nearing and by now, I'm surprised I haven't killed myself.

I'm mentally and emotionally exhausted, as I'm sure a great deal of other Youngstown State University students are.

This semester, I've been guilty of: dragging my feet on a lot of projects, mixing up due dates, missing class, crying for no particular reason and more crying for no particular reason.

Every semester starts off decently and I always tell myself that I'll be organized and coordinated.

I guess I'm lying to myself, then, because I always end up falling behind and upholding the same poor behaviors.

Even though I expect the worst in my grades every semester, I always end up doing fairly well.

Assuming the worst is something I'm good at.

I sometimes think I'll never graduate; in some sort of sick and twisted way, I don't want to.

I'm pretty sure it's two weeks until finals and then a little while after that, I'm done until spring.

I'm too tired to even put well thought-out transitions in this column.

I'm going to take a nap.

# When government slippery slope goes vertical

David Boaz  
MCT

Libertarians often warn about the slippery slope of government intervention:

Let the government run the schools, and it may end up teaching your children values that offend you. Let the government have new powers to fight terrorism, and it may use those extraordinary powers in the pursuit of ordinary crimes. Let the federal government give the states money for highways, and it may eventually use its money to impose its own rules on the states.

In the Obama era, the slippery slope has gone vertical. Instead of "eventually," the feared extensions of government power come immediately.

When President Obama decided to convert George W. Bush's bailout of General Motors Corp. and Chrysler L.L.C. into effective government ownership, critics warned that this could lead to political intrusion into the management of automobile companies, with decisions being made for political instead of economic reasons. The companies would get less efficient. The government might try to preserve jobs or engage in political grandstanding rather than build sound companies that serve consumers eventually.

But there was no "eventually" about it. Before he had

even secured government control, Obama fired the chief executive officer of General Motors. He decided what the ownership structure of the companies should be. He insisted that the companies build "clean cars" rather than cars that consumers want to buy. And as soon as a deal was concluded, members of Congress started trying to block the closing of inefficient dealerships and to require the companies to buy their palladium in Montana, use unionized trucking companies, remove mercury from scrapped cars, and so on. Politics reared its ugly head in the first moments of government control.

Now we have the federal government's unprecedented intrusions into executive-pay decisions at seven bailed-out banks and automobile companies. The Obama administration's "pay czar," unlike most of the so-called White House czars, has an appalling amount of real power. He "has sole discretion to set compensation for the top 25 employees of each of those companies," and his decisions "won't be subject to appeal," according to recent articles in the Washington Post and Wall Street Journal, respectively. I was appalled when he used that autocratic power to make such sweeping cuts in executive pay.

True, these executives were running their companies with taxpayers' money. Live by

the bailout, die by the bailout. If you don't want to make a government salary, don't take government money. It's a bad idea for government to attach strings to its funding, to use its money to impose an agenda, but the reality is that it does. Maybe it's a good lesson for other executives: Don't take government money.

But what about the slippery slope? Well, it went totally vertical. On the very day that the government czar announced that he would cut the pay of companies that received taxpayer bailouts, the Federal Reserve announced that it would start regulating compensation at the thousands of banks that it regulates, as well as American subsidiaries of non-U.S. financial companies. Some state regulators said they planned to issue similar requirements for state-regulated banks not covered by the Fed plan.

All of this is being done without any legitimate power under the Constitution, and much of it without even the authorization of Congress. Congress refused to bail out the auto companies, so Bush did it on his own authority. Congress never authorized the Federal Reserve to regulate the pay of bank employees.

This is not a slippery slope. This is falling off a cliff. As one news story pointed out: "The restrictions were the latest in more than a year's worth of government intervention in

matters once considered inviolable aspects of the country's free-market economy and represent a signal moment in the history of the American economic experiment."

Sometimes it's hard to make a case for slippery slopes, because you're trying to oppose an immediate benefit by warning of a future cost. Not this time.

If you put a frog in lukewarm water, and then gradually turn up the temperature to boiling, the frog won't sense the danger, and will eventually be cooked to death, or so the metaphor goes. Throw a frog into boiling water, and it will jump out immediately, rather than be scalded.

People tend to react the same way to new demands by the government. If new powers and restrictions are introduced gradually, they'll get used to each one so that the next one seems no big deal.

In this case, we're being tossed into boiling water. It's time for Americans of left, right, and center to say that this is not the economic system we want. If you still have warm feelings toward Obama and his good intentions, ask yourself this: Will you feel comfortable one day when the appointees of President Romney or President Palin are exercising unconstitutional, unauthorized, unreviewable authority to restructure the economy the way they see fit?

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## PENGUINS DEFEAT REDBIRDS

FINAL SCORE 30-18

Junior Dominique Barnes looks to avoid oncoming defenders as he catches one of his eight receptions here against the Illinois State Redbirds. Barnes had a 55-yard touchdown catch in the game Saturday along with a team-leading eight catches for 122 yards.

## YSU athletes show passion for community service

Rob Harris  
REPORTER

When an athlete accepts a scholarship from a university, he or she isn't expected just to work hard athletically and academically, but also within the community.

Community service is an area of focus for many university athletic departments, and Youngstown State University is no exception.

However, each program is in charge of its own activities, as YSU Sports Information Director Trevor Parks explained.

"Most athletic teams coordinate their own community service activities. Special appearances by our mascots and cheerleaders are made through our marketing office. Sometimes groups contact the ticket office and they forward them on to the teams. Most teams are encouraged to stay active within the community," Parks said.

Parks also remarked upon the eagerness of some student-athletes to perform community service.

"Some do, some don't. We have a lot of individuals who give a ton of time," Parks said.

Parks also noted that each year, a worthy football student-athlete is nominated for the American Football Coaches Association Good Works Team; this award is based on community service. Additionally, those involved with the women's basketball program at YSU complete community service projects.

The women's basketball team has been active in the community during the past two years. Head coach Cindy Martin said this was something she "brought to the table."

"Youngstown has been such a welcoming community, so we want to make sure we give back to them. When I say Youngstown, I also mean

YSU. We've done a few projects for YSU," Martin said. "The ladies really seem to love it; they see what a difference it's making, and I think they feel really good that they are helping out."

Members of the women's basketball team have performed several community services this season, including volunteering at Park Vista Retirement Community and hosting a spaghetti dinner at a local church.

Still, one event that stands out for both players and coaches was the senior project of team captain Rachael Manuel. For this project, team members spoke about the importance of education to eighth-grade students at W.S. Guy Middle School in Liberty.

"I really enjoyed speaking to the kids at W.S. Guy. I think the kids really like hearing from college students; they seemed really interested in what entails being a college athlete," Manuel said.

Coach Martin agreed, and said that event was the most rewarding.

"We talked about working hard, and the importance of school. Whenever you can get some one-on-one time, I think that makes a big difference," Martin said.

Senior captain Kaitlyn March also expressed her view on community service.

"I think student athletes have an obligation to give back to the community. We have many people who follow our program faithfully and cheer for us no matter what situation we are in. I feel like community service is one way I can pay them back," March said.

The team has one more major community service project this semester, which was organized by March for her senior project. Fans are asked to bring household items, clothes and gift cards to home games. These items will be donated to the Beatitude House.

## Battle of Northeast Ohio: Kent State vs. YSU

Keith Langford Jr.  
SPORTS EDITOR

Two games into the season, and the men's basketball team has felt the highs of winning and lows of a loss by a perennial March Madness team.

The Penguins should not feel too bad about their defeat in the road opener. They lost to the Xavier Musketeers 83-57. This is a team that went 24-6 a season ago, and made the Sweet 16 before losing to the Pittsburgh Panthers. There's no shame in losing to a quality opponent who head coach Jerry Slocum said would probably be the best opponent the Penguins play against the entire season.

The experienced Penguins knew how to bounce back, as two days later they played their home opener against the Hiram Terriers. The Penguins did not fool around with the smaller school; they took it to

the Terriers and defeated them handily 81-41. A bright future for freshman Eddie D'Haiti was evident in his play against the Terriers. D'Haiti registered his first double-double as a Penguin, with 12 points and 10 rebounds. D'Haiti may fill the void Jack Liles left at the center position.

Sitting at 1-1, the Penguins will look to win on Wednesday against in-state rival Kent State University. A season ago, the Penguins traveled the short drive to Kent, to face the Golden Flashes. The Penguins were not successful a season ago as they lost the game 82-74. The Penguins were up in the game in the second half 40-35 before the Golden Flashes went on a 16-0 run to go up 51-40. The Penguins never led again as they fell to 1-7 a season ago after the loss.

Not much about the past two games can determine what the Penguins will do on

Wednesday. The Penguins were underdogs to beat the Musketeers, but they lost. The Penguins were favorites to beat up on a smaller-tiered Hiram school, and they won against the Terriers.

The Penguins have not shot the ball well through two games; they've shot just 39 percent. Jitters early in the season can cause a team not to shoot well, but 39 percent shooting down the road will not win many basketball games. The decent three-point shooting the Penguins shot a season ago is nonexistent through two games. Through two games, the Penguins are 4-31 from behind the arc for a frosty 12.9 percent.

There's good news for the Penguins, however, as players will look to get better every time they lace up their shoes. Their next opportunity will come Wednesday against the Golden Flashes.

### COMMENTARY

## Title IX under scrutiny and adversity

Dan Brown  
REPORTER

Title IX was enacted in 1972 to open up educational opportunities for high school and college females. The most significant part of Title IX was the impact it had on athletics, but the rule has resulted in the cancelling of sports at universities trying to comply with the rule.

There are three ways for universities to comply with Title IX. The first is to have athletic participation equal to enrollment, the second is to show continued program expansion towards the underrepresented sex and the third is to show they have satisfied interests of the underrepresented sex.

Universities have options to comply with Title IX but have chosen to cut programs. A report on ESPN.com in 2006 stated James Madison University cut 10 teams from their athletics, 7 men's teams and 3 women's, to comply with Title IX. West Virginia University has cut its men's track team. In 2009 Northern Iowa University was looking to cut costs. Due to the male-to-female athlete ratio they had to choose a men's sport, and baseball found itself on the chopping block. Marquette

University cut their wrestling team. Wrestling, field hockey, swimming, track, lacrosse, sports like these are feeling the effects of Title IX.

Elaine Jacobs, associate athletic director at Youngstown State University, said the blame shouldn't be placed on women or the rule but rather the athletic directors and presidents of universities who continue to allow out of control spending on men's basketball and football.

"No one wants to cut back," Jacobs said.

Some assume that football and men's basketball are big money makers. Gary Biggs, of the YSU Hockey Club team, follows this line of thinking.

"Basketball and football are the big money makers in college sports and if the school cuts money from them less money will be brought in which could potentially lead to cuts around campus and programs such as ours," Biggs said.

But Jacobs says this isn't the case and it's wrong to assume that football and basketball generate revenue.

"No subdivision team makes money," Jacobs said. She believes bringing down the available scholarships and the inflated rosters for football at universities would help.

Biggs believes the hockey club is being held back by Title IX, but due to the high cost of playing, YSU isn't the only school forced to have a club team.

"A lot of big-time schools such as Penn State, West Virginia, Illinois, and Pittsburgh University all only have club teams," Biggs said.

Biggs added that since the emergence of Title IX, the American Collegiate Hockey Association Division I club level has been able to compete with NCAA sponsored schools in games and for recruits so the level of play seems to be rising. He also feels the university does a good job in supporting the team but realizes that the team would be better off being a part of the NCAA.

Title IX does not require universities to cut sports teams, it just seems to be the route many universities are taking. Some believe, including Biggs, that the rule isn't fair due to the numbers of male athletes compared to female athletes. In most cases women's sports aren't being added and collegiate sports teams are being cut to comply. What's certain is that sports that don't have the popularity of football and basketball are suffering and so are the athletes playing them.