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WATTS going on?

Andrea DeMart
NEWS EDITOR

While the newest addition to the Youngstown State University campus is nearing completion, the YSU and Youngstown communities will have to wait nearly two months before the opening of the Watson and Tressel Training Site.

"I think we're looking more like the middle of February," said Rodger Shuback, superintendent for Hively Construction, the company selected as building contractor for the WATTS project. "They were hoping to have an indoor track meet in here towards the end of February."

He said the building itself should be completed by February, but some of the landscaping work may be unfinished. Shuback said the WATTS is about 65 percent completed.

Hively Construction also worked with YSU in constructing the Andrews Student Recreation and Wellness Center. The construction company is responsible for the steel frame, the exte-

rior wall panels and the foundation.

Other local companies are also working alongside Hively Construction to complete the project. They include Warren Glass & Paint, which is installing the building's glass windows; Roger Kreps Drywall and Plastering, which is installing the metal studwork; and Lencyk Masonry, which is completing the brickwork such as the inside locker rooms and offices and outside facade.

Outside companies will be brought in to complete specialty work such as siding, Astroturf and the indoor track.

Also on hand at the construction site Monday afternoon was Randy Barker, husband of Summer Barker, lead architect of the WATTS. Both work for MS Consultants, Inc., the architectural firm responsible for the building's construction.

Barker, a former YSU football player, said he is happy to be working with the university on this project.

He said the facility should help the university when it recruits and be a nice place for athletes to practice.

At times, around 50 or 55 workers

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Workers continue construction on the WATTS, which is now slated to open in February. Weather has delayed completion of the project by several months and is forcing construction crews to continue work into the winter.

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Targeting TXTers

Ohio regions ban texting and driving despite lack of state support

Marissa McIntyre
REPORTER

Ohio is one of 20 states that have yet to put an official ban on texting while driving. However, these states have left localities free to determine their separate laws. Columbus, North Olmstead, Cleveland and Canfield are some of the cities that have their own laws on using handheld devices while driving.

"I think it's more dangerous than talking on your phone while driving, that's for sure," said Taylor Lewis, a freshman at Youngstown State University. She added that she doesn't think making it a law will help much.

"I think that people will still do it and find a way around it," Lewis said.

If caught texting while driving in Cleveland, the driver will be fined \$100 on the first offense, \$250 on the second and \$500 for any offense after.

Sgt. Jeff Smith of the Ohio State Highway Patrol said determining if a driver is texting while the vehicle is in motion is easy to target.

"Obviously you can see them holding the phone, and they're studying it for a while. They're either texting or looking at pictures usually, so it's pretty obvious," Smith said.

Smith added that there are ways to find out whether someone pulled over for texting while driving is lying about it. Officers can access phone records, which would include the time and date that a text message was sent.

"Normally we would take this route in investigating a serious fatal accident," Smith said.

Greg Gerner, an SB140 student at YSU, commutes from Columbiana County. He said he doesn't notice texting being a huge problem on his drive to YSU on Interstate 680 but rather the smaller streets on the drive home.

"Either way people should be able to put their phones down

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(Left) Krissy Cruz, a respiratory care major, prepares to intubate a practice dummy as part of her Mechanical Ventilation class. (Right) Samantha Gigax connects a mechanical ventilator to an endotracheal tube with group mates Tiffani Romeo and Katie Ball.

Respiratory care students eligible for certification

Joe Giesy
NEWS EDITOR

Respiratory care students planning to graduate from Youngstown State University and join the work force can breathe a little easier.

The Commission on Accreditation for Respiratory Care awarded a certificate of completion to the respiratory care program at YSU. The special certificate, which is available to only 31 respiratory care programs in the nation, will allow students to

take the Entry-Level Certified Respiratory Therapist Examination without a degree in respiratory care.

Students with certification in respiratory therapy would be able to function as licensed respiratory therapists while still completing their degree. With the CRT credentials, they could also go on to become registered respiratory therapists before receiving a degree.

RRTs are the "gold standard" in the practice, and students with this level of certification before graduation will have a major edge in the job

market, said Terry Volsko, director of the respiratory care program.

Respiratory care students receive limited certification that allows patient contact during clinicals or hands-on learning exercises. This limited certification can assist in finding jobs with respiratory care therapists in an assisting function. Students who take the CRT and RRT examinations would be eligible for specialty jobs that don't typically hire students.

Requirements to take the CRT examination are a mini-

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NEWS BRIEFS**Two seniors to present research at conference**

In December, two YSU seniors will present their research at the 56th American Association for Respiratory Care International Respiratory Congress in Las Vegas. Students Dana Strollo and Lauren Furnkase will discuss "Effect of Signal Loss on Respiratory Rate Recording with a Clinical Oxygen Dose Recorder." Among those in attendance at the conference will be professionals, physicians and Ph.D.s.

Former ODOT official selected as CTME director

YSU's Center for Transportation and Materials Engineering has a new director: Joann Iudiciani Esenwein of Lowellville. Formerly the capital planning manager at the Ohio Department of Transportation, Esenwein earned a bachelor's degree in civil engineering from YSU in 1980, as well as a master's degree in business administration from YSU in 2003. The CTME was formed in 2006 in the College of Science, Technology, Engineering and Mathematics.

POLICE BRIEFS**Explosive device found near campus**

On Friday, a YSU Police officer reported to Pennsylvania Avenue in response to a loud explosion. The officer spoke to a fraternity president who had observed some people running from a nearby vacant lot when the explosion occurred. University police officers searched the area and discovered what appeared to be an explosive device.

Disruptive person escorted out of Maag Library

On Thursday, the YSU Tech Desk reported that a disruptive student was in the fourth floor computer lab of Maag Library. YSU Police officers determined that the person was not a current registered student at YSU and has caused disruptive behavior in the past. The trespasser was issued a written trespass warning, escorted out of the building and advised to stay off all YSU property.

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Mayor Williams reflects on 2010 plan

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Jay Williams

In 2005, Youngstown State University partnered with the city of Youngstown to create a comprehensive city plan known as Youngstown 2010. The plan served as a roadmap to guiding the city in terms of attracting business, improving its image and changing the mindsets of its residents and neighboring communities.

As the end of the year approaches, Youngstown Mayor Jay Williams reflects on the plan's accomplishments as he prepares the city for its future.

"The first thing you have to do is set the contextual expectations. Youngstown 2010 is a journey, not a destination," Williams said.

The mayor challenged critics of the plan who felt that Youngstown was too far gone to be resurrected by the year 2010.

"The goal was not to solve all the city's ill and mistakes, but to look at things structurally and change the way they were set up in order to improve the community. I think it's fair to say that Youngstown was heading in the wrong direction, and we stopped that downward spiral," Williams said.

In fact, Youngstown and Williams have been the focus of numerous national articles and studies, including a late 2009 Reuters Special Report, which cited Youngstown as an example for other cities on the road to economic recovery.

As recently as October, the mayor has been considered as

candidate for director of recovery for auto communities and workers with the Obama administration.

Williams cited some of the accomplishments that came out of the 2010 plan.

"Collaboration with the private sector and small business has vastly improved from a decade ago. Downtown has emerged as a destination point, and we cleaned up a lot of blight in the city's neighborhoods. I think we can all agree, Youngstown is fundamentally better as a community," he said.

Williams acknowledged that some problems, such as education and vacant properties, still need to be fixed. He emphasized that these issues will not be forgotten, and they will continue to be addressed.

"That's exactly what we are doing now. We're assessing our accomplishments, looking at the challenges we faced and gearing up for next year and the Youngstown 2020 Plan that will take us into the next decade," Williams said.

He also made it a point to commend and thank Youngstown State University for its partnership in the plan and its position in the city.

"YSU has played an essential role in the Mahoning Valley and for the city," Williams said.

Williams referenced the link between Eastern Gateway Community College, YSU and the city of Youngstown. He said the role of the community college is vital to improving higher education in the Valley and strengthening YSU.

"The community college will also play a very important role. It's filling a void that was present in the area. The Eastern Gateway will help YSU focus on students who are ready for their four-year degree and give YSU the resources to continue to be an urban research institution," Williams said. "Not only because of the current economy, but the modern work force will continue to require more than a high school education; whether that be a two-year or four-year degree, that's going to be available now."

Students, instructors dispute usefulness of teacher evaluations

Keith Stinson
REPORTER

As the fall semester draws to a close, Youngstown State University students face the challenges of meeting project deadlines, making presentations and completing final exams. However, they must endure one other obstacle: teacher evaluations.

At the end of each semester, between weeks 12 and 14, teacher evaluation forms are handed out to students in classes across campus. The form is comprised of 23 questions ranking instructors in various categories and includes a separate comment sheet dedicated to student feedback.

Linda Moore, human capital management associate in YSU's Office of Human Resources, handles the completed teacher evaluation forms.

"We receive the forms and

separate the bubble sheet from the comment sheet, and then we send a copy directly to the chairperson of each department," Moore said. "The bubble sheets are sent to Meshel Hall to be scanned and processed where we come up with a computer generated report."

Within the first couple weeks of the following semester, instructors will have the chance to review their evaluations and come up with recommendations for improvement.

"The only good thing is when I see that envelope, I know I'm about to have a half hour of free class time," said sophomore Tyler Matthews.

Matthews isn't alone. A number of YSU students believe the teacher evaluation forms are a waste of their educational time.

Freshman Brittany Wheeler has noticed that some of her classmates don't take the evaluations seriously.

"It seems students just fill

in bubbles to get it done, and the whole thing seems not very useful," Wheeler said.

Some students may have a negative outlook on teacher evaluation forms, but instructors depend on them if they want to receive tenure with the university.

David Gill, assistant professor of art, is in his fifth year as a professor with the university and said he believes teacher evaluations play a major role in receiving tenure.

"To receive tenure, you must go through a committee of professors in your department to demonstrate your efficiency as a teacher, and one way by doing this is taking comments from the evaluations and showing the committee," Gill said. "Especially younger professors take [teacher evaluations] seriously as we build our case for tenure."

Gill adjusted some of his teaching techniques based on comments he received from

students.

"I wasn't doing enough for my students when it came to where I stood with their grades, and after reading the comments, I was able to change my method for the next semester," Gill said. "I know with other universities, the students answer a group of core questions and then choose from a list of other questions from their department."

Some YSU students would like to see the teacher evaluation forms adopt a new format.

"I rather prefer a comment section instead of the bubble portion," said Savontae Diggs, a senior majoring in music education. "Also, I believe it would be better if professors could look at their evaluations instantly, instead of waiting until next semester."

Students spend night in cardboard homes to raise awareness

Patrick Donovan
REPORTER

On Saturday, students from the Youngstown State University Scholars and Honors Program, along with members of the YSU Emerging Leader Program, volunteered to raise awareness for homelessness as a part of the 12th annual Shantytown event.

Approximately 125 students erected cardboard homes Saturday evening outside of Cafaro House and then spent the cold November night outside with nothing but a few layers of clothing and sleeping bags.

"Sleeping outside at night really gave me a new appreciation for the struggle of a homeless person," said planning committee member Cory Okular. "I could never imagine sleeping outside for nights on end and never having a heated building to run into in the morning to warm up again."



Students get their temporary homes ready at Shantytown on campus this past Saturday

Participants also volunteered at local agencies that serve as resources for the poor and homeless in the Mahoning Valley.

"All of the agencies we called to coordinate the volunteering were ecstatic to have so much enthusiastic help, and all of them have expressed strong interest in wanting us to come back next year," Okular said.

Students volunteered at Second Harvest Food Bank, the Salvation Army, Gleaners Food Bank, Habitat for Humanity and the Beatitude House.

"I volunteered at Gleaners Food Bank on Pyatt Street. We helped with many different tasks including packing trucks, moving pallets of food and other supplies, and stack-

ing food for storage," said Stephen Rakocy, who has participated in the event for the past two years.

Okular said the Shantytown event "is an important project to get involved with because it really puts an individual in the shoes of a homeless person."

The annual Shantytown event continues to grow, and students who are interested can sign up in the Honors Office in October. In the meantime, some event participants urge others to volunteer and donate their time.

"I'm not really sure how many people participated this year, but it seems like there are more boxes outside every year. I'll probably do Relay for Life and volunteer at my old elementary school back home over Christmas break for some more volunteer hours," said junior Kyle Kemats, who spent his third year sleeping outside at the Shantytown event.

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from different companies work to complete the WATTS.

The Hively Construction crew, consisting of about 20 workers, is installing more than 20 miles of underfloor heating tubing.

John Hyden, executive director of facilities at YSU, said the building was originally planned for completion after this past football season, but once construction started, the date changed.

He said the underfloor heating needs to be completed soon, as the asphalt paving must be completed before the

paving plants close for the season on Dec. 15.

The weather has also hindered completion of certain projects.

"I'd like to be running the roof. A couple more days we'll have that roof finished up, but it's too windy up there," Shuback said. "You've got ironworkers up there handling 40-foot sheets of roofing and insulation, and with the wind, it's too dangerous."

He said the crew is used to working in the winter months, and it should not delay the construction process.

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mum age of 18 years and an associate or bachelor's degree from a respiratory therapist education program or enrollment in a school with the special certificate of completion.

A student who wants to take the CRT examination using the certificate requirement must complete the science, general academic and respiratory therapy coursework in a respiratory therapy bachelor's degree program that offers the special certificate.

"What we really try to do is give them every opportunity they have to grow in school," Volsko said.

YSU's respiratory care students are recruited by hospitals across the nation and have a 100 percent placement rate after graduation, she said.

After graduation, students

go on to specialize in respiratory care fields that include neonatal, trauma, adult critical care and pulmonary rehab. A few YSU students have also gone on to medical school.

Akron Children's Hospital and the Cleveland Clinic are two of the biggest employers for students in this area, Volsko said, but other hospitals such as St. Elizabeth Health Center and Northside Hospital that provide a home for students to do clinicals also offer jobs to respiratory care graduates.

Students who complete the program and receive certification are qualified to maintain patient airways through a variety of means, set up mechanical ventilation and give medicated aerosol therapy to patients with respiratory troubles in a clinical setting.

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for the time it takes them to drive somewhere," Gerner said.

Gerner said he wouldn't have a problem if the state put a ban on using handheld devices while driving.

According to the Ohio Department of Public Safety, the number of crashes in Ohio this year stands at 56,798. Of this, about 25 percent were caused by a distracted driver.

"Several fatal accidents were the result of someone texting while driving, and at high speeds. More serious crashes occurred while the person was texting at the wheel," Smith said.

AAA hopes that by 2013, every state will have bans on the subject. Thirty states have a law against using handheld devices while driving. These laws include some exceptions such as in the event of an emergency, when the vehicle is not in motion and use of the device as a GPS navigator.

"Eventually I think that the federal government will push all of the states into it," Smith said.

Smith compared this situation to when the legal blood alcohol content of a driver

changed from .10 to .08. After enough pressure, Ohio and other states changed their laws.

"Eventually the state will probably receive government funding to make it into a law," Smith said.

Wayne Irving, CEO of Iconosys, Inc., a company that develops applications for mobile phones, said he isn't confident that it will happen.

"It's like the use of seatbelts; it took almost 30 years for the public to embrace," Irving said.

He visited YSU this semester accompanied by a van, which students signed in protest of texting while driving.

Iconosys, Inc. developed an application that sends a customized message to whomever attempts to contact the driver while in motion. The message reads, "I am currently driving and will get back to you once I reach my destination."

Irving said a driver who is texting while driving could be less responsive to applying the brakes to avoid a collision than a driver who is under the influence of alcohol.

"Anymore now it's illegal

in some places, people are hiding phones in their laps and texting so that they don't get a ticket. However, their vision is completely removed from the road. Not that I approve of it, but at least the intoxicated driver still [has] their eyes on the road," Irving said.

"What it's going to come down to is the legislation, education and technology need to all be involved," Irving said on putting a ban on the subject. "Consumers became so addicted so quickly to technology, so it just makes sense that technology will have to be part of the solution."

The Ohio House of Representatives has taken steps toward joining the states with bans on the subject. Ohio's proposed law states that no one may drive while using an electronic wireless communications device to write, send or read a text message.

Exceptions to this would be in the event of an emergency, while the vehicle is parked, selecting or entering a name to make a phone call, using a phone as a GPS and for receiving traffic and weather alerts.



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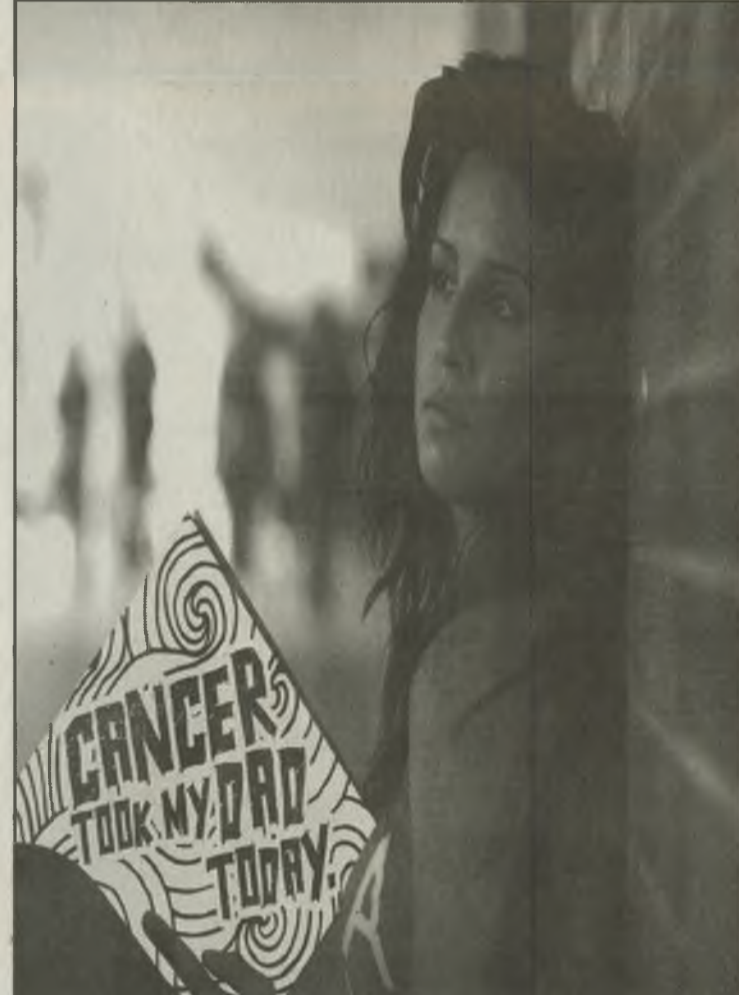
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Texting, page 1

Cell phone usage is on the rise, and it is killing people by the thousands.

In 2008 alone, around 6,000 people died in distracted driver related crashes nationwide, according to the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration.

There have been 16 fatal traffic crashes in Mahoning County in 2010, according to Ohio State Highway Patrol.

Six were in rural areas, 10 in urban areas and six were OVI related.

The three main types of distracted driving are visual, manual and cognitive. Talking is a type of cognitive distraction, changing the radio station or CD is a type of manual distraction and reading a map is a type of visual distraction.

According to Distraction.gov, "While all distractions can endanger drivers' safety, texting is the most alarming because it involves all three types of distraction."

When you take your eyes off the road to look at the incoming text, that's a visual distraction. When you take your mind off driving to think about a reply, that's a cognitive distraction. When you take your hands off the wheel to reply, that's a manual distraction.

Distraction.gov provides sample legislation meant to be a starting point for states interested in banning texting while driving.

It opens as "this act may be cited as the [State] Ban on Texting While Driving Law."

The problem isn't with the laws or lack thereof. The problem is that youth are texting before they even receive their license.

And the attention deficit generation will continue to use cell phones that will drive the fatality rate.

You can't blame the parents or the cell phone companies. You can only blame yourself. Students, take responsibility for your actions.

Don't turn your phone on while driving. And don't make excuses.

Our lust for technology should not supplement practicality.

If you're worried about a pending emergency, you'll have to wait until you reach your destination, lest you become the emergency yourself.

That round ball on your shoulders isn't a cell phone antenna; believe it or not, there is a brain in there. Use it.

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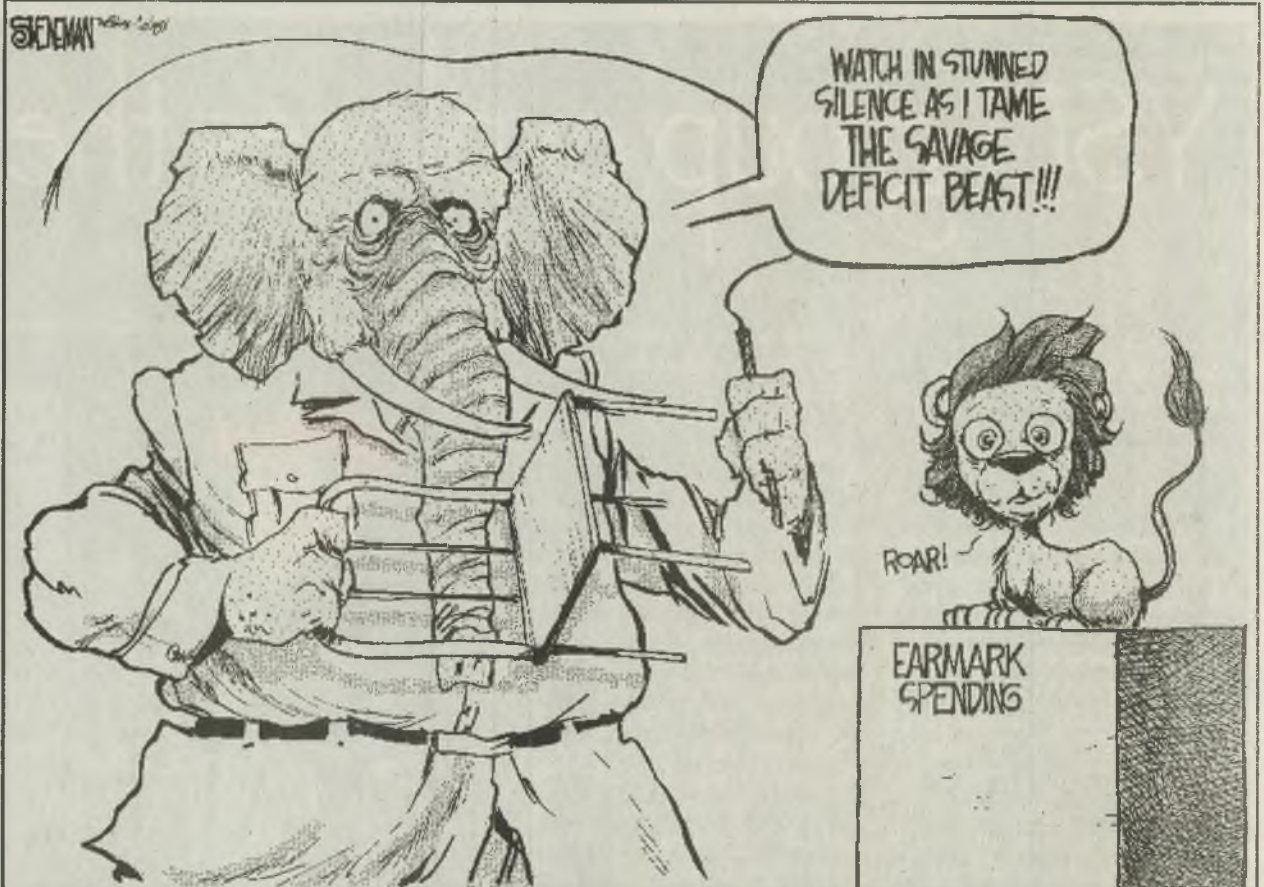
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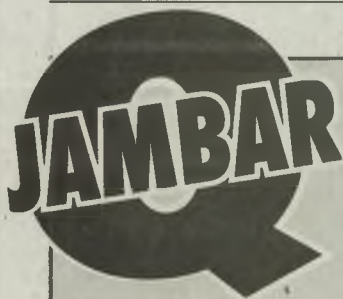
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How will you be giving thanks this Thanksgiving?



"I am going to give thanks this year listening to The Beatles and relaxing with my family."

Ralph Rich, freshman



"I am going to go home and spend time with my family and give thanks for having all of them around me."

Jamie Streb, freshman



"I am giving thanks this year by baking a cake for my mom."

Patrick Shelton, junior

Tear down your altars and lifeless idols



Down with Big Brother!

Chris Cotelesse
COLUMNIST

Taxation is theft, and I can prove it with the help of Alan Tomhave, assistant professor in the department of philosophy and religious studies at Youngstown State University.

On Friday night at the Lemon Grove Cafe, the Philosophy and Religious Studies Club held a discussion on anarchy, the absence of government.

Tomhave began the discussion by telling an allegorical story.

He said a colleague invited him to the neighborhood with a simple request.

"I'd like you to give me some money," Tomhave said, facetiously quoting Gabriel Palmer-Fernandez, director of the Dr. James Dale Ethics Center. "What I'm going to do is imprison you in my basement if you don't pay."

His story represents the government. If you fail to pay your taxes, the government will compel you to do so.

The only system of government that doesn't violate the rights of the people is the one that doesn't try to protect them: anarchy. An anarchist society achieves harmony through free associations, meaning the people get together and decide their civil and social contracts.

There are two basic groups of anarchies. You have your anarcho-hippies. These are the classic anarchists, who would replace the rule of law with the rule of the mob. Their community is classless; none are rich or poor.

"The anarchist is going to look at property as the source of all evil," Palmer-Fernandez said.

Property is wealth. It distinguishes among individuals, establishing a class of property owners who can exercise authority over those who own nothing. Property in this type of anarchy is shared between the participants.

The economy of such a society is mutual aid.

"From each according to his ability. To each according to his need," wrote Karl Marx in 1875.

Anarchists do not force this principle on the people. The participants give and take by their own standards. The flaw is that anyone can mooch the production of his or her neighbor without contributing.

"If you're not participating in the association, then you're not going to have any of the benefits," said Eric Pickard, YSU student and anarchy activist.

He gave the example of a community center. Those who gave of their resources would be allowed to enjoy it, but freeloaders would be turned away. However, the right to exclude individuals transforms the communal property into limited property, diminishing the egalitarian principle they hope to engender.

Then you got your anarcho-capitalists. Their economy is laissez-faire capitalism. Unfortunately, their system of law is also laissez-faire capitalism.

Any kind of security force would be privately funded. I'm sure you're smart enough to follow the implications: weapons accountable only to a paycheck.

If the signer of those checks were just (and that's a big IF), then he or she probably wouldn't use force to abuse the weak. However, there would still be no responsibility to use those weapons in defense of people who couldn't afford them.

Goodwill would be encouraged. If you help neighbors in their time of need, they are more likely to help you during yours.

Any unrelated idea can be fused with anarchy, so long as it lends itself to looting and incineration. There are militant white supremacist anarchies, militant environmentalist anarchies and even militant LGBT (Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual and Transgender) anarchies.

I'm forced into rational treason. Every government violates the rights of its citizens, and no government at all protects none. It's enough to make a guy want to go off the grid, hunt squirrels for their meat and make clothes from their skin. But I'm a cow in the field, domesticated by semi-regular showers, Sausage McMuffins and "Futurama."

Perhaps I lack the courage to live without Big Brother to help protect me, but there is just enough anarchist in me that needs a machine to rage against.



YSU group explores the paranormal

Chelsea Miller
ARTS & ENTERTAINMENT
EDITOR

Jared Cowie stood inside an old abandoned mill in Beaver Creek State Park on Friday night. Inside the dark, crumbling remains of the building, Cowie began to do his research. Armed with a voice recorder and a night vision video camera, he asked a series of questions into the darkness to someone, or something, that could not be seen.

"Were you human? Do you wish to harm us?" he asked as three women walked around him taking pictures and recording video.

Cowie is president of the Ohio Historical and Paranormal Investigators, a group that attempts to find what most people avoid: spirits, demons and other paranormal entities. Cowie's wife, Lynne, also joined the group on Friday. She's been fascinated by the paranormal ever since she had her first encounter with what she said she believed was a ghost.

"We were in Williamsburg, and ... we went by the church that was there, and we saw a light on, and we heard an organ playing, and it's still an active church ... so we asked one of the workers ... 'Do you have choir practice tonight? What's going on?' and he said, 'No, that church is all closed up.'" Lynne said. "So we took a picture of the window, and we took it right when the light went out ... and we went home and on our

laptop was a picture of a little boy in the window looking out staring at us."

Lynne said it was obvious from the picture that the little boy wasn't human.

"It was like a ghost figure of a little boy. You could tell it wasn't any person, so that was weird," she said. Since that experience, she has tried to capture evidence of other paranormal entities.

Jared and Lynne, as well as a few men, were there to help Youngstown State University's Paranormal Society, which formed one month ago, with the group's first ghost hunt.

Club President Carl Parke said he formed the group to try to prove the existence of spirits. Parke said although he is a skeptic, he hopes to prove himself wrong. Since the formation of the club, several students have expressed interest in joining, Parke said.

"I think a lot of people are interested in the paranormal and want to find reasons for odd things that happen," he said. "We're serious about trying to find evidence of life after death."

Many students who joined the group said they have already experienced the paranormal, but some attended primarily due to curiosity. YSU student Samantha Henry said she heard about the Paranormal Society through e-mail and was interested in tagging along for a ghost hunt.

"I've always watched the TV shows and everything. I'm really interested in seeing what's out there ... I guess I just want to find some kind of evidence of people sticking around after they die," she



Members of YSU's Paranormal Society attempted to secure evidence of paranormal activity Friday night. It was their first ghost hunting expedition as a group since the formation of the club last month. Photos by Nick Young/The Jambar.

said.

The group met Friday at 7 p.m. at Beaver Creek State Park. Jared explained that the park is a common stop for ghost hunters due to the rich history of the area.

One of the most popular ghost stories is of Gretchen's Lock. Legend says that Gretchen was the daughter of Gills Hans, the man who designed the lock in the park. When she passed away, Hans had his daughter's body entombed in the lock until he could transfer her body back to their hometown in Ireland. On their way back, however, the ship sank. People have reported seeing Gretchen near the lock or hearing her sobbing. There are, however, several versions of the story.

Beaver Creek State Park is also the site of the death of infamous bank robber Pretty Boy Floyd, who J. Edgar Hoover declared as Public Enemy No. 1 in the 1930s. Floyd was shot down in the field trying to escape from the FBI. Legend says that his ghost can be seen around the area, and some said they've captured his voice on electronic voice phenomenon (EVP).

For criminal justice major Jonathan Neal, this wasn't the first time he scouted out the park. Neal said he proved the existence of spirits in the area when ghost hunting with his friends in the park.

"We were in some field ... I'm pretty sure it was the location near where Pretty Boy

Floyd got shot, and it was next to a house ... the person who occupied it was this woman, Esther, whose ghost is supposed to still haunt the place," he said.

Neal said he and his friends walked around the field, recording with their friend's cell phone, hoping to pick up EVP. Upon returning to the car and playing back the audio, they received an unusual surprise.

"You can hear us talking, but in the little intervals between what you can hear as clearly as our voices, and we know for a fact that nobody else was with us and nobody else was talking, but in the recording, you can hear three different voices, each one

progressively getting louder telling us to leave," he said.

Neal said he's always been interested in ghosts and believes in other paranormal entities as well. He was adamant on seeing Bigfoot on Friday night and had heard rumors of the creature's existence.

Lisa Granitto, a Spanish education major, also attended Friday's ghost hunt. Granitto said she believes she made contact with a spirit that night.

"I had an instance, a personal experience, where it felt like something stroked my hair. I asked for it to repeat and it did. I have seen various pictures I've taken have had mist in them that don't seem normal," she said. "It's been



YSU students Lisa Granitto and Samantha Henry take readings at the remains of Sprucevale, a town abandoned in 1870 after the collapse of the Sandy and Beaver Canal.



Richard Parke investigates Hambleton Mill, an abandoned building part of the old Sprucevale town. On Friday night, several ghost hunters captured an unusual fog-like mist in front of the building with their digital cameras.

Some students spend Thanksgiving without family

Jared Buker
ARTS & ENTERTAINMENT REPORTER

As the leaves change color and the holiday season approaches, most take time to give thanks for family and friends, but for some students, going home for Thanksgiving can be a challenge.

Sophomore Rachel Lundberg is a vocal music performance major living in Youngstown State University's Cafaro House. She will be flying home to Minnesota for Christmas on the Tuesday after finals week, and she has decided to visit her boyfriend Mark in Rochester, N.Y. and spend time with his extended family instead of her family during Thanksgiving break.

It would be impractical for her parents to visit her in Youngstown; Lundberg said, because it is a 16-hour drive or a \$400 round trip flight per person.

"It's definitely a bummer not being a part of the usual family Thanksgiving get-together," Lundberg said. "I'll just be calling home this Thanksgiving whenever I can find a quiet moment."

Lundberg is from Lindstrom, Minn., a small, "cute" and "entirely rural" town that's 45 minutes north of Minneapolis. Although she misses being home, she said she doesn't miss how spread out everything is in Lindstrom.

"It's a 20-minute drive to Wal-Mart or Target and a 40-minute drive to the nearest mall," Lundberg said. "As run-down as a lot of parts of Youngstown are, I think it's nice that every once in a while you have some really beautiful parts that you see and go, 'What is this doing here?'"

Lundberg's family lived in New Castle, Pa., for five years in the '90s. A family friend told her about YSU's Leslie H. Cochran University Scholars program and how it offers 40 full-ride academic scholarships to freshmen each year. Attending YSU was an easy choice to make after being accepted into the program.

Lundberg has two older brothers, Chris, 28, and Jonathan, 23, and is close to her parents. She calls her parents every couple of weeks and talks to her brothers a few times a month.

"From years of meeting other people's parents and hearing stories about their childhoods, I've decided that I definitely am blessed with the best par-

ents ever," she said.

Lundberg also misses her friends in Minnesota, even though she has made plenty of friends at YSU.

"I love my friends here, but the two groups are different and fantastic, so no matter where I am I'm missing people," she said.

One thing she misses is playing "broomball" with her friends at home. Broomball is a sport much like hockey where two teams on an ice rink try to get a small ball into the opposing team's goal using a broom.

Lundberg has spent every Christmas and summer with her family since she started college. She said she is excited to travel with her parents and brother, Jonathan, to Virginia Beach to visit her other brother, Chris, and his wife during winter break.

It will be the first time her entire family has been together in nearly four years.

Other YSU students are fortunate enough to spend Thanksgiving with their families.

Sophomore Alex Bechtold participates in the Northeastern Ohio Universities Colleges of Medicine and Pharmacy six-year medical program at YSU. This Thanksgiving, he will



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return to his home on Kent Island, located on the shore of Chesapeake Bay in Maryland.

"I would be lonely if I couldn't make it home," Bechtold said. "I don't get to see my family often, so if I couldn't make it home for the few holidays I have, I'd be pretty upset."

Some Cafaro House residents who are staying on campus during the holiday, will have an unofficial Thanksgiving dinner on Saturday at Christman Dining Commons.

Sunday, November 27, 8:00 p.m.

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 - Senior (93+ semester hours) = 3.25
 - Graduate Student = 3.5
- Affiliation with organized labor
 - Past or current union membership by applicant [2+ years]
 - or members of applicant's family [5+ years]

Application Procedure

- Complete application form
 - Available from
 - YSU-OEA Office, 562 Wick Avenue, Youngstown, OH 44502, 330-747-1756 or
 - YSU Office of Financial Aid and Scholarships website
 - http://cfweb.cc.ysu/finaid/scholar/est_scholar_all.cfm
- File FAFSA and Statement of Disclosure with Office of Financial Aid
- 2 letters of recommendation from YSU faculty
- Letter from YSU Financial Aid Office demonstrating applicant need
- Essay (~ 500 words) discussing
 - Applicant's personal/family affiliation(s) with organized labor
 - Applicant's educational / career plans
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Freshman guard Kendrick Perry runs the Penguins' offense with efficiency, amassing 13 assists and just four turnovers on the season.



Junior guard Tieara Jones looks to make a play against IPFW. The Penguins attempt to win their first game of the season against Bucknell on Wednesday.

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BASKETBALL TOP 25

1. DUKE
2. MICHIGAN STATE
3. OHIO STATE
4. KANSAS STATE
5. PITTSBURGH
6. KANSAS
7. VILLANOVA
8. KENTUCKY
9. SYRACUSE
10. PURDUE
11. MISSOURI
12. BAYLOR
13. WASHINGTON
14. MEMPHIS
15. MINNESOTA
16. FLORIDA
17. GEORGETOWN
18. SAN DIEGO STATE
19. ILLINOIS
20. TEXAS
21. TEMPLE
22. GONZAGA
23. BRIGHAM YOUNG
24. TENNESSEE
25. NORTH CAROLINA

QUOTE OF THE DAY

"Kendrick is a special kind of kid ... His basketball IQ is extremely high as a freshman."

-Jerry Slocum

PENGUIN SPOTLIGHT



BRANDI BROWN

POSITION: Forward
YEAR: Sophomore
HOMETOWN: Pomona, Calif.
HIGH SCHOOL: Pomona
2010-2011 Stats
(Per game average):
Points: 20.3
Rebounds: 6
Fg Pct: 51

SCHEDULES

SWIMMING & DIVING

- Jan. 7- @ Ohio
- Jan. 15- AKRON/ST. FRANCIS (Pa.)
- Jan. 22- @ Cleveland State
- Jan. 28- @ UIC
- Jan. 29- @ Cleveland State/Wright State

WOMEN'S BASKETBALL

- Nov. 24- BUCKNELL
- Nov. 27- OHIO
- Dec. 1- @Kent State
- Dec. 4- @ American Michigan
- Dec. 12- @ Western Michigan

MEN'S BASKETBALL

- Nov. 24- TOLEDO
- Nov. 27- SAINT FRANCIS (Pa.)
- Dec. 2- @ Milwaukee
- Dec. 4- @ Green Bay
- Dec. 11- @ Robert Morris

BACK 2 BACK

Men's and women's basketball play doubleheader

Keith Langford Jr.
SPORTS EDITOR

The Youngstown State University men's basketball team faced the first loss of the season to the University of Akron on Saturday. The Penguins look to get back to their winning ways as they battle another Mid-American Conference challenger, the University of Toledo, on Wednesday.

"I thought we played hard. I thought we played hard enough to win the game," head coach Jerry Slocum said about the loss to Akron.

Although the loss was hard, Slocum doesn't want to dwell on it.

"We're ready for Toledo. We're focusing on the road ahead," Slocum said.

The third leg of a tough non-conference schedule against the MAC will take place when the Penguins play the Rockets. The Penguins still have a game at Kent State University on Dec. 21 to complete their four-game track against MAC teams.

Despite the Rockets' 0-5 record, the Penguins aren't buying that the team is bad.

"Record-wise don't show, but they're a good team. We can't take anything for granted," said junior guard Devonte Maymon.

Maymon has scored in double figures in all three games this season; his 14 points per game average is second on the team, and his 42 percent from three-point range is first.

He showed his three-point precision with his three-point shot with 27 seconds left against Akron. It temporarily gave the Penguins a lead of 77-74 in the game, but it also showed that Maymon could make the big shot in a big spot.

Another newcomer to the team, who has played extremely well, is freshman point guard Kendrick Perry. He leads the team in assists with 13 and has turned the ball over only four times in three games including zero turnovers in the game at Akron. He's also chipped in 8.3 points per game.

"Kendrick is a special kind of kid. He played 40 minutes on Saturday and didn't have a turnover. His basketball IQ is extremely high as a freshman. I feel good about our point guard scenario," Slocum said.

Toledo comes into the game 0-5 but has played a lethal schedule against elite teams. The Rockets have played at the University of Illinois, the 13th ranked team in Division I, and Temple University, the 21st ranked team in the nation.

Freshman guard Zach Leahy could hurt the Penguins with his jumper. Leahy is the only player on the Rockets averaging double digits in points (10.5) and is second on the team with nine assists. He has good range as he has made six out of his 16 three-point attempts.

Unlike the Rockets, the Penguins have two players averaging double digits and five players on roster averaging at least eight points. Senior Vytas Sulskis leads the way for the Penguins with 14.3 points and seven rebounds per game.

Jordan Uhl
SPORTS REPORTER

The Youngstown State University women's basketball team will continue its quest for the team's first win in more than 30 contests on Wednesday night when the Bucknell University Bison visit Beeghly Center.

Coming off a tough, hard-fought loss to Indiana University-Purdue University Fort Wayne, the Penguins soon began preparation for the 1-2 Bison.

"Everything, we need to get better across the board," said head coach Bob Boldon. "I can honestly say we need to get better at every facet of the game."

Inheriting a winless program during the off-season, Boldon also undertook all the problems that came with it. Yet he remains optimistic and sees it as a work in progress.

"We've got a lot of young kids, as I've said before. Even our senior is 'young' because she's never played in our system before. We're not going to be very good on Wednesday, I can assure you that," Boldon said. "We're not going to be a finished product. We're continuing trying to get better. It's a learning process, [and] we've got a bunch of new kids trying to learn how to play a completely new system that none of them have ever played before."

Boldon added that he expects the Penguins to learn from their mistakes as the season progresses.

If the Penguins hope to

achieve victory against the Bison, they will need to improve on their dismal shooting percentage, 28.3 from the field and 17.4 behind the arc. In their last two outings, YSU has made only six out of 44 three-point attempts. This lack of production is "terrible" in Boldon's eyes.

The Bison are lead offensively by freshman guard Shelby Romine, who's shooting .410 percent from the field and averaging 15.7 points per game.

In the paint, an area where the Penguins particularly struggle due to their height disadvantage across the lineup, the Bisons have two forwards standing 6 feet 2 inches. One of them is senior Joyce Novacek, who has grabbed 24 rebounds on the season, while accompanying Romine as the second highest scorer on the team.

Boldon said he understands this will be a reoccurring issue.

"That's what we're going to see. Believe it or not, we have a defensive system in place to guard those kids. We're just not very good at it yet," he said. "We spent the past two weeks preparing for ball screens. [Before IPFW], we haven't had to defend an interior post player yet, so now you defend it, you get it on tape and now you can make improvements in practice."

The tallest player on the Penguins squad is freshman Kaitlin Rohrs, but she has yet to step foot on the court all season.

"Brandi [Brown] will start. After that I don't know. We'll see what happens in practice," Boldon said.

"Snow Days" come to Progressive Field

Joe Catullo Jr.
REPORTER

This winter, Progressive Field, home of the Cleveland Indians, will host "Snow Days," events that will be open to the public beginning Friday and ending Jan. 2.

The Time Warner Cable Bleachers in left field will hold 10 lanes, eight adult and two children, for snow tubing. The adults will start from the last

row of the bleachers and end in the outfield, and the kids will start from the top of the outfield wall.

Sophomore Joe Scafuri is planning on attending to see what it will be like. He said he is excited about snow tubing.

"I can't wait to throw a snowball at a kid when they will be snow tubing," Scafuri said.

A 1/4 mile ice skating track called the Frozen Mile will run through the outfield. A small ice rink in the left field corner

will be for children. Also, a kids play area will be set up in short left field.

Not only will an ice track be along the outfield, but a walking trail featuring winter lights known as Winter Haven will be featured. Finally, in the Home Run Porch in left field, a fire pit and concessions will also be available for people to relax and watch the activities.

"I think it will attract a lot of people, and it should make money," said sophomore Josh

Prest.

Freshman Erik White said he hasn't been to Progressive Field in nine years, when the stadium was known as Jacobs Field.

"I'd like to attend even though I don't even like baseball," White said.

Tickets for the events can be purchased on the official website of the Cleveland Indians. General admission is \$5 with free parking, and snow tubing, ice skating and the other events cost extra.