



YSU HIRES A THIRD-PARTY TO RAISE ENROLLMENT

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Already moving quickly through the 2014 fall semester, early enrollment predictions — before the official 14 day enrollment numbers are released — has Youngstown State University down another 6.5 percent from last fall. As a response to faltering enrollment over the past few years, YSU has decided to enter into a one-year contract with Royall & Company — a third-party enrollment manager.

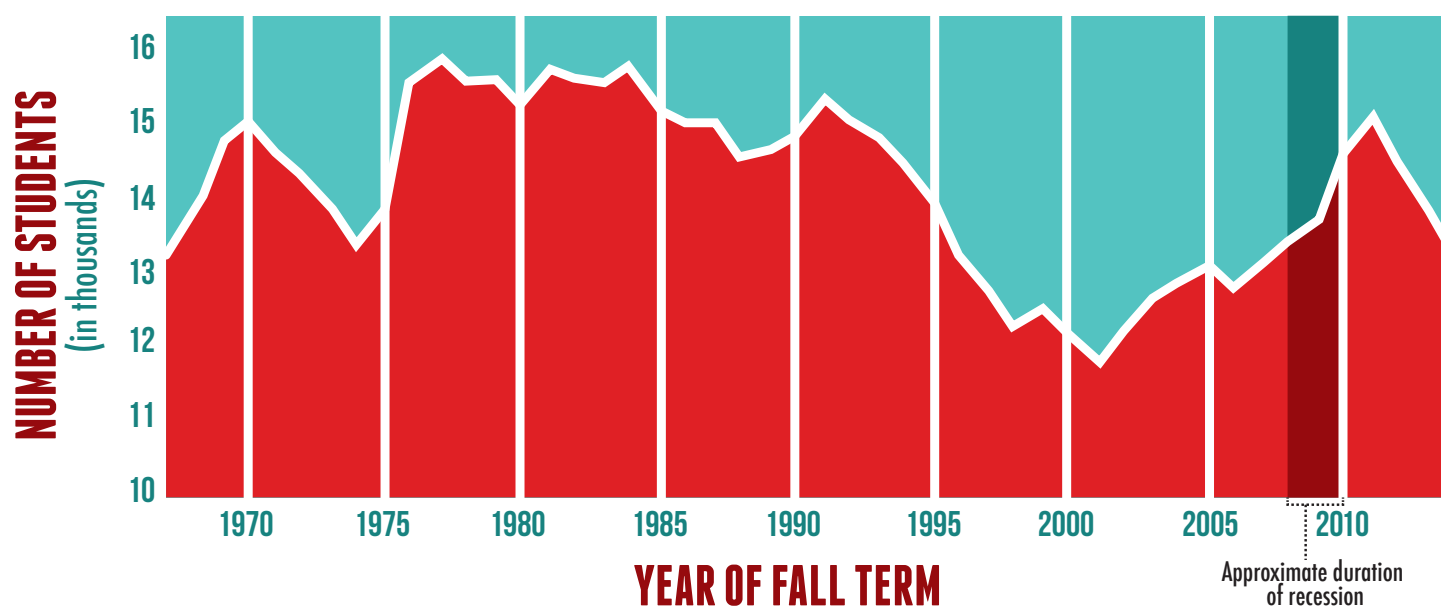
Jacob Schriener-Briggs, a third year YSU student and the vice president of the Student Government Association, was involved in the process of contracting Royall several weeks before the school year began. He said the company's primary role is to increase the pool of applicants available to YSU.

"Royall and Company would give us the names and the contact information, and they would also facilitate the deliverance of market material," Schriener-Briggs said. "It would be on YSU to process the application, but what Royall and Company does is they increase the number of applicants."

Gary Swegan, the associ-

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ate vice president of enrollment planning and management, said Royall is not here to change how YSU brands itself, but to simply make sure the university is reaching as many potential students as possible. And he is confident they will fulfill this role.

"I think they would describe themselves as a direct recruitment and marketing company. ... They have not been hired to change the university's branding or the tag-lines. They take

the university's existing information and they now help us to shape communication plans. ... They are going to assist us with prospective students for fall 2015, school counselors and parents by doing a much more effective job of reaching out to them and communicating with them," he said. "This organization has about 250 clients nationally, and I feel extraordinarily comfortable that they are going to help us to significantly increase our

applicant pool."

Swegan said Royall will act within a certain range determined by their contract with the university.

"We have basically taken a circle that goes from about Columbus, over to Pittsburgh, up to Buffalo, around to Cleveland, to about Lorain and then closes the loop back to Columbus," Swegan said.

Jim Tressel, YSU's president, proposed using Royall & Company after his posi-

tive dealings with them at the University of Akron. He also was able to raise the money from donors, through the YSU Foundation, to pay for the \$300,987 contract.

Gary Swegan said Royall only accepts one-year contracts, so Tressel was able to give YSU a year to test the group out — at no cost to the university.

"They come in and they are

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White House Task Force Comes to YSU



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Commissioner Paula Brooks, a 9th generation Ohioan and YSU alumna, engaged students and faculty during a roundtable discussion concerning climate change. She is a presidential appointee to the White House Task Force for Climate Preparedness and Resilience.

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On Monday, Youngstown State University faculty participated in a roundtable discussion with the White House Task Force on Climate Preparedness and Resilience member Paula Brooks, a YSU alumna and current commis-

sioner of Franklin County, Ohio.

A.J. Sumell, associate professor of economics; Dawna L. Cerney, associate professor and chair of the geography department; and Felicia Armstrong, associate professor of environmental science, joined Brooks to discuss the potential impacts on climate change both globally and regionally.

A discussion period was held following the presentation with the audience, consisting primarily of YSU faculty, students and a few concerned citizens. Martin Abraham, dean of the College of Science, Technology, Engineering and Mathematics,

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YSU Receives IIE's Gold Award

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Youngstown State University's chapter of the Institute of Industrial Engineers received the Gold Award for 2014. The award is a reflection of the quality of education and opportunities available to students at the university.

YSU is one of just 36 universities in the nation to receive the award in 2014. They are one of only four in the Great Lakes region, placing them in the same category as Ohio State University, Michigan and Purdue University.

Jimmy D'Andrea served as the organization's president last academic year. He views the award as recognition of the quality of the program at YSU.

"The industrial engineering program at YSU is smaller than all those other schools by far, but the caliber of students it produces is top notch," D'Andrea said.

Sylvia Grdina served as vice president during the last academic year. She said she believes that the program may finally be getting more mainstream recognition.

"Our engineering program is very good. It's very much recognized, I think," she said. "I feel like a lot of people around the area might not know it, but amongst the engineering communities it's known."

YSU's IIE chapter believes the largest factor in their recognition by the national organization was the role they played in organizing Six Sigma Green Belt certification training.

The class trains and certifies individuals in processes that can be used to improve efficiency in the industry. The certification has two tiers: green belt and the higher black belt.

"In our field, having a belt is one of the highest things you could put on your resume. It's a very high certification," Grdina said.

Another factor that YSU's IIE chapter attributed to their success was their increased attendance.

Last year, the group's attendance swelled to an unusual high, with 25 members, largely due to recruiting efforts by the chapter's officers.

YSU's IIE chapter's leading members have also placed a

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Sylvia Grdina, David Macek and Jimmy D'Andrea, leaders in YSU's 2014 Gold Award winning chapter of the Institute of Industrial Engineers, were integral to the success of the organization.

large emphasis on nurturing younger members. As a result, the chapter hopes to remain at an elite level despite the loss of several senior members.

"A huge thing we wanted to do last year was raise our attendance and make IIE fun," Grdina said.

Members of YSU's IIE chapter said the organization has also gone a long way toward preparing them for employment.

"Being a part of this organization has definitely helped us obtain jobs. Sylvia and I both graduated in the spring and we both had job offers before graduation. Being members and officers of IIE helped for sure. Also the Six Sigma Green Belt certification, without a doubt, helped," D'Andrea said.

David Macek served as secretary during the last academic year. He also said that the organization has helped to prepare him for employment and has already received an internship.

"In real industry you need to work with people all the time. You develop good social skills by being in this organization,

compared to other engineers who just know numbers but don't know how to talk to people," Macek said.

The chapter's members agree that the organization has taught them much about working together. They credit the hands-off approach taken by their faculty adviser, as it allowed the students to grow into leadership roles.

Martin Cala is the faculty adviser for the group and said it's important the students have the freedom to choose the organization's direction.

"My philosophy as a faculty adviser to a student organization is to make sure it is just that — nothing happens unless the students make it happen. I do provide awareness of the opportunities, I do provide an assessment of the relative value of them and I do provide counsel toward the success of activities taken on," Cala said. "That said, I do leave it up to the students to prioritize activities, make good programming decisions and execute successfully."

Veterans Win In-State Tuition Benefit

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As president of the Collegiate Veterans Association at Florida State University, Abby Kinch often heard from veterans who ran into a stumbling block before they even started their college careers.

Veterans new to the state who enrolled at Florida State soon discovered they had to pay out-of-state tuition for their first year — an additional \$15,000. (By the second year, they had lived in the state long enough to have established residency.) For some, that meant the difference between attending college or not. For many others, it meant the burden of student loans they hadn't planned on.

In May, however, Florida joined a growing list of states that have made it easier for veterans to qualify for in-state tuition. And starting next year, recent veterans in every state should be able take advantage of in-state tuition rates, thanks to a little-publicized provision in a \$16 billion federal law signed by President Barack Obama this month.

Aimed primarily at improving veterans' access to health care, the law allows any veteran who has served at least 90 days of active service to pay resident tuition rates in any state within three years of leaving the military. The law also covers spouses and dependent children of veterans meeting certain criteria. Effective July 1, 2015, the law would apply to any public college or university receiving federal funding through the Post-9/11 GI Bill.

In 2013-14, the average in-state published tuition and fees at public colleges was \$8,893, compared with \$22,203 out of state.

"I think that because student veterans spent their careers defending the United States, it's important to welcome them back to the United

States with an education wherever they would like to study, not just in their home of record," said Kinch, who spent more than two years working for the passage of the Florida legislation.

Veterans and veterans' advocates applaud the measure, which will help alleviate the problem of veterans failing to qualify for in-state tuition after leaving the military because they have been required to move for their service. But others wonder what the change will cost state colleges and universities, and what the effect might be on tuition or services, which may be impossible to know until veterans start taking advantage of the new law.

More than 1 million people have attended college with the help of the Post-9/11 GI Bill, which covers most in-state tuition costs and fees in a veteran's state of residency. In the next few years, 1.5 million more veterans will be discharged from the military, and about a third are expected to use GI Bill to attend college, according to Wayne Robinson, president of Student Veterans of America, a nonprofit coalition of student veterans groups on college campuses.

Suzanne Hultin, a policy specialist with the National Conference of State Legislatures, said at least 32 states already offer veterans resident tuition rates. Many states have adopted legislation in recent years. In some states, such as Alaska and Georgia, public university systems have created such policies.

The rules vary across states. Some require veterans to declare or establish residency, some cover only veterans who have been honorably discharged and some call for veterans to live within the state throughout their enrollment in college, for example. Rules for spouses and dependents also differ across state lines.

Washington was among the states that enacted legislation this year to remove a waiting period for veterans to be eligi-

ble to pay resident tuition. The state is home to the largest naval station on the West Coast, on Whidbey Island, as well as Joint Base Lewis-McChord, which joined the Army's Fort Lewis and the Air Force's McChord Air Force Base.

"I hope that we will keep our veterans and their families when they separate from the military here," said state Sen. Barbara Bailey, the Republican who sponsored the legislation. "They are great members of our communities."

In North Carolina, Gov. Pat McCrory, a Republican, this year proposed a \$5 million scholarship fund for the state university system to cover the gap between in-state and out-of-state tuition for veterans, as well as a waiver granting veterans in-state tuition rates for community colleges. The legislature ultimately approved \$5.8 million for public colleges and universities, including community colleges, to participate in the federal Yellow Ribbon Program, which provides schools matching federal funds to cover part of the gap between in-state tuition and out-of-state tuition or tuition at private institutions.

Jon Young, provost and vice chancellor for academic affairs at North Carolina's Fayetteville State University, where about one in five students are affiliated with the military, welcomed the federal legislation. Young said it would help to clarify some of the confusion about when veterans and their spouses and dependent children become eligible for in-state tuition, which is about \$10,000 less per year than out-of-state tuition.

But Rep. Rick Glazier, a Democrat from Fayetteville, worried about what new federal law would cost, particularly in light of several years of reductions in state aid to higher education.

"I am concerned that this is an incredibly important and good program, but it has costs, and between the federal and state governments, no one

right now will be picking up those costs so it will be essentially forced on the universities," said Glazier, who also teaches criminal justice at Fayetteville State University. Glazier said unless the state or federal government provides additional funding to cover the difference between in-state and out-of-state tuition, students could see tuition hikes, cuts in services or both.

In a June letter to Congress, the Association of Public and Land-grant Universities expressed deep concern that the federal legislation would mean the loss of Yellow Ribbon educational benefits paid to public universities, while private colleges, including for-profit institutions, would continue to receive the money.

The Congressional Budget Office has estimated that the new law would save the federal government \$175 million in Yellow Ribbon benefits from 2015 to 2024.

The association also asked that the legislation be pared back to cover only veterans and not their spouses or dependent children, and urged Congress to consider that state governments have historically determined their own residency requirements for in-state tuition rates.

Beyond the loss of the Yellow Ribbon benefits, no one knows yet how much the federal law will cost public colleges and universities in lost tuition.

Makeke Motley, assistant director of federal relations for the American Association of State Colleges and Universities, said that while the association does have questions and concerns about implementation and costs, the group believes that the outcome "needed to happen."

"We owe it to our veterans," Motley said. "We have a lot of veterans coming back from Iraq and Afghanistan. We're seeing them show up on our campuses and we want to give them the support that they deserve."

going to expect to help us with a 20 to 30 percent application increase," Swegan said. "They are very competitive. ... They only accept one-year contracts, so they come in and expect they are going to have to prove themselves. If they don't prove themselves, and we don't get enough enrollment — above and beyond what we otherwise would have — to justify the cost, that is going to be it. They know that."

The breadth of Royall & Company's services to the university is not simply limited to getting in touch with applicants and mailing them marketing pamphlets, though. Swegan said they also identify students with the greatest chance of success at the university, they continuously follow-up with interested students and they host a new electronic application on the YSU website for both freshmen and transfer students — among other things.

Royall does all of this by essentially assigning nine employees to work with each client.

"There are a million vendors that are in the higher ed space, but Royall is really a bit unique in just the things they do," Swegan said. "They have Akron as a client. ... The first thing people think of when they hear this is, 'oh my gosh, they are working with another Ohio school; how can they work with us?' Well the fact is the way they staff — they dedicate a team of nine people [to each client]. So we basically have nine new staff members."

Swegan pointed out that YSU would need at least five new full-time staff members to replicate Royall & Company's services, which would be an even greater expenditure than this yearly contract.

"We have got some system limitations and we definitely have staffing [limitations]," Swegan said. "At Bowling Green, I had three full-time programmers that worked for me, as the director of admissions. I am not talking that they worked in I.T. No, they worked in my office. They basically developed what Royall does. I didn't need to use Royall there. But I would probably need five people [here]. ... As long as they continue to perform, this is probably a fairly ongoing relationship."

When asked if this would be the most practical use of the university's money in the future, Swegan responded that even small increases to enrollment could easily cover the price of the contract and then some.

"How do you get the needle point back in the right direction? You only have one way to do that. You have got to bring in more incoming students in the fall of '15. Alright, we have dealt with the quality issue. We just brought in the best class ever, but it is much smaller," Swegan said. "Let's say we bring in a 100 more students. That is probably worth somewhere in the neighborhood of a million to a 1.2 million to the university. We are spending \$300,000. What if we bring in 200 more? We are still paying \$300,000."

Though Royall & Company's impact on enrollment may not be seen until the spring semester, they have been working with YSU since the contract was signed. If their involvement yields positive results, YSU may choose to expand their role in the university down the road.

"We believe it will be very successful and when we can show that it is very successful then we would like to go back and contract with them to do underclass recruitment," Swegan said. "We start with rising high school junior and sophomores. Now we start to put YSU on the map with better students and that is only going to help us down the road."

Swegan said that he had long since predicted another drop in enrollment this year, pointing toward the improvement of the economy — recessions often drive enrollment at universities up temporarily as citizens lose their jobs and decide to enroll — and Randy Dunn's, YSU's previous president, decision to tighten the conditional enrollment policy — which lead to a sharp decrease of low achieving students. With initiatives like the Royall & Company contract, Swegan said 2015 will be the year YSU starts "fighting back."

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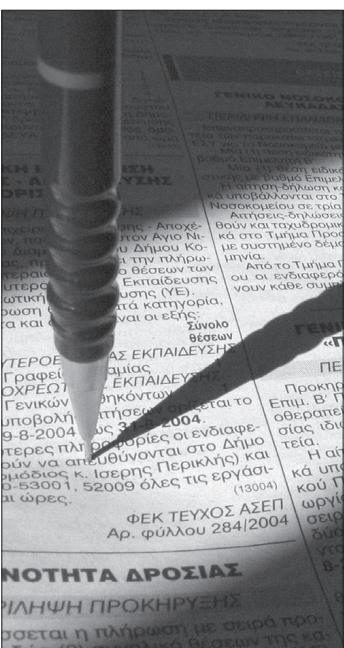
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\$150,000 Given to YSU Business College for Internships

Great Lakes Higher Education Guaranty Corporation has given \$150,000 to the Williamson College of Business Administration to fund internships with local businesses and nonprofits. This will provide an opportunity for junior and senior students to gain experience to help them compete after graduation.

New Music Society Helps Fund Avguste Antonov Lectures

Three appearances by pianist Avguste Antonov are being funded by The New Music Guild and YSU's New Music Society. These appearances are scheduled for Aug. 29, Aug. 31 and Sept. 3. He will appear as a guest lecturer in a Dana School of Music Piano Seminar, a performance at Holy Apostles Church, and a performance at Music at Noon in the Butler Institute of American Art. All events are free and open to the public.



Dean Martin Abraham of YSU's STEM college was joined by Commissioner Paula Brooks, professor A.J. Sumell, Dr. Dawna Cerney and Dr. Felicia Armstrong during the roundtable discussion on climate change.

moderated the event.
'The president assembled this task force with the intention of reaching out to local communities to help gather ideas for dealing with climate change.' Brooks said. 'I'm a ninth generation Ohioan, I love this part of the country ... Ohio [climate and geology] is very different throughout the region, but we can all agree we're being impacted.'

After Brooks' introduction, the attending professors presented their findings on climate change and impact.
The focus of Cerney's presentation was centered on the necessity for regional adaptation to climate change and the value of clear communication when discussing climate change potentials.

'You don't manage what you can't control, you manage what you can adapt ... we need to adapt our strategies to engage climate regions,' Cerney said.

Speaking on clearer communication of the often polarizing topic of climate change, Cerney emphasized a focus on clear and educated language being necessary for proper understanding and dialog, noting the need for social sciences and humanities to regain prominence to promote critical thought.

'We need to reinvest in our social sciences ... a desperate need to reinvest in the humanities,' Cerney said.

Highlighting the economic impact of climate change, Sumell argued that the cost of doing nothing would outweigh the costs of engaging climate change.

'Some individuals, some corporations, some regions will benefit from climate change, but you need to look at the total cost when making decisions ... estimates suggest a 2-5 percent global GDP reduction due to climate change. For perspective, the Great Recession resulted in a 2 percent GDP loss. The estimates suggest that is the best case scenario for the future,' he said.

Other grim predictions Sumell shared included world property damage costs nearing \$15 trillion, as well as potential business interruptions, such as crop failures, infrastructure destabilization and businesses simply moving away from high risk regions.

While Sumell does not believe government intervention is necessary for businesses to change their practices, he did offer potential business and environment friendly compromises for dealing with climate change.

'We could seek change without adding new tax burdens. For example, a carbon tax could be revenue neutral, replacing current taxes such as the payroll tax ... 94 percent of economists agree the U.S. needs to reduce

greenhouse gas emissions,' he said.
Armstrong's presentation focused on climate resiliency, emphasizing practical measures communities can take to prepare for the coming climate changes.

'Precipitation will increase around 20 percent, primarily during the winter. We will experience more violent, extreme weather. Dry periods will be longer, as will growing seasons, which isn't necessarily a good thing,' she said.

For preparation, Armstrong believes water management will be an important aspect of helping limit the damage of climate change.

'We need education on how to reduce storm runoff so we can build infrastructure with climate change in mind,' she said. 'For example, permeable parking lots so runoff doesn't overwhelm streets and sewers, and an increase in wetland areas to help contain runoff.'

Following the presentations, Abraham opened the event to audience questions.

Representatives from Frack Free Ohio were on hand to raise the issue of fracking in the region and their desires to see fracking operations banned in Mahoning County.

'There are different realities of fracking when you look at it on a macro versus micro level. On a micro level, we can see communities with fracking in them are worse off for it. On a macro level though, when you look at the country as a whole, the country benefits from the increase in natural resources we obtain from the wells. So there's a dialog that needs to happen there ... I would say most everyone agrees, if it's going to occur, it should happen in areas with very small populations to reduce the impact it has on communities,' Sumell said in response to the anti-fracking issue.

Other discussion participants asked for clarity on the political motivations of the task force, sought means for incorporating adaptability into their daily practices and discussed the need for states to regulate where oil and gas companies may drill wells.

Following the discussion and presentation, Brooks spoke to the value of the task force and the decision to bring the discussion to YSU.

'We're trying to get ideas from regions that we can weave into our task force recommendations, primarily for practical ways ideas can be implemented,' Brooks said. 'We chose YSU because we want these discussions to be rooted in education and community action. I am a YSU graduate, and Dean Abraham is really a visionary, so I couldn't think of a better forum for the discussion.'

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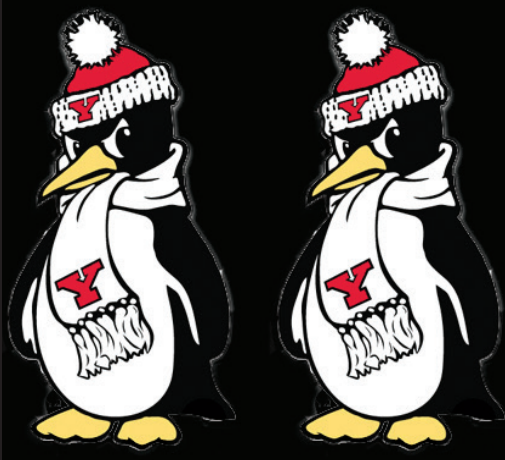
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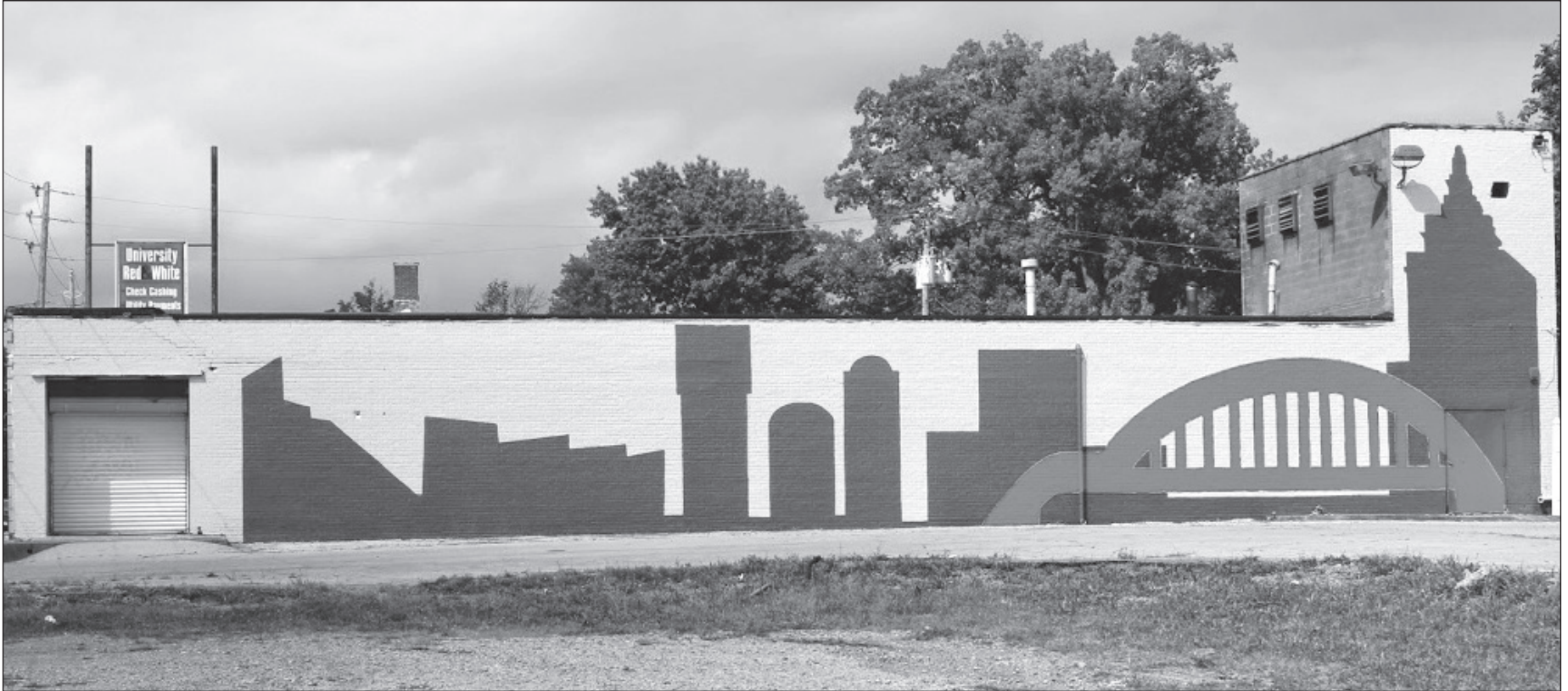


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Students that are part of the group YSUscape painted different aspects of Youngstown, which they think unite the city as a whole, on the old R&S Building on Elm Street.

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YSUscape, a new student group, is on a mission to enrich Youngstown State University and the city of Youngstown with their artistic skills.

Enzo Recchia and Nick Chretien, two art majors at YSU, formed the student organization in late April after they surveyed the surrounding areas of Youngstown and saw how many parts of the city had fallen into disrepair.

Recchia, the president of YSUscape, said the goal is to liven up parts of campus and the city that are important to students.

"We originally started to form a student group that was dedicated to convene city-wide projects and school projects to help better the city and make it more beautiful," Recchia said.

The group officially started their first project as a student group on 823 Elm St. across from the Cafaro House and the Flats at Wick — even though they have been involved in countless projects with the city up to this point. The project is going to be a mural that highlights different parts of Youngstown on the R&S Building. Chretien, vice president of YSUscape, said that he wanted to rid the space of its negativity.

"There's Cafaro, the Flats and Dorian Books, and they are all nice quarters on Elm and Madison. This is one corner that people have odd nicknames for, and they

referred to it as negative to YSU and the city as a whole so we decided to improve the corner of this corridor," Chretien said.

Recchia added that another reason for the project was the location.

"We chose this project because it was right across from student housing," he said. "It just looked terrible before, and we are trying to beautify Youngstown."

The project is going to be a painting composed of various buildings in Youngstown, including Stambaugh Field, Beeghly Center, the YSU Tower, the St. Columba Cathedral, the bridge connecting downtown, the Home Savings Building and the skyline of the city.

Chretien said the group began the project earlier this year by applying primer, an undercoating that prepares a surface for the paint, but the mural is now starting to come together.

"We started earlier in the year because we wanted to have it done before the end of the school year," he said. "We started priming it, and the brick was hard to prime because it absorbed so much primer, and after that it was just the easy part of getting it up onto the wall. People were having fun because it actually started to look like a mural instead of a white wall."

YSUscape is planning to add 7- to 8-foot penguins to their painting and are going to officially unveil the mural to the public at their tailgate party on Sept. 6.

Currently, the group has 10 to 15 members that actively participate, but Chretien said that once the week

progresses, the group would have about 30 members total.

"We were going to do the project one way or another and as students at YSU, we thought becoming a student organization would be the most efficient way possible of getting the job done, and the benefits that come with that. It's given us a good platform to expose ourselves to other students at the student organization fair that student activities put on," Chretien said.

The group is also planning ahead. Chretien said that they have already consulted with Shannon Tirone, chief of staff at YSU, to repaint the penguin fire hydrants on campus.

"Someone said they are 20 years old, the paint, and we have already talked with Tirone about painting the fire hydrants so we might help repaint them. We have countless other things that we can do to make the city look better and make the school look better to perspective students," Chretien said.

Recchia said that they are available on social media sites like Facebook, Twitter and Instagram, and any students that would like to join are more than welcome.

"We use social media every single time we are out here. We post regularly on Facebook, and we get a lot of people involved through this media," he said. "Anyone that wants to get involved can email us at ysuscape@gmail.com, and we can add them to the list."

Computer Updates Continue

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The media and academic computing department at Youngstown State University has continued to update campus computers from Windows XP to Windows 7 — a project that began back in April when Microsoft stopped offering support for the XP operating system.

When the project started, there were 1,250 computers across campus that needed to be updated. As of Aug. 20, 900 of these computers have been updated, a number that includes all of the computers in the university's labs.

As the university division specializing in desktop computer systems and hardware, the media and academic computing department has spearheaded the operating system changeover.

Michael Hrishenko, director of the media and academic computing department, along with Jeffrey Wormley, a network administrator and the project leader, played key roles in the upgrading process.

Before making the transition from Windows XP to

Windows 7, Hrishenko said his department and its team of students had to test the stability of the operating systems that would run on campus computers.

"When you change operating systems, you have to look at the software you're using that will support ... the platform you're building to," he said. "Windows 7 would be the best option from a business perspective."

Updating to Windows 7 also means the campus must update its software — like Microsoft Office and Adobe Reader — to ensure programs continue to run smoothly.

The media and academic computing department has also begun utilizing software developed by Altiris Inc. to manage the university's computers. Wormley expects this software to assist in future operating system updates, allowing the university to efficiently keep computers up to date.

"Bringing all these old machines up to that level will make life a lot easier for us here on out," he said.

Wormley said that he expects the updating project to be finished before the end of fall semester.

With Cease-Fire in Place, Difficult Talks Lie Ahead for Israel, Hamas

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An agreement bringing a long-term halt to hostilities between Israel and Hamas may be only the first step in stopping what has been the longest, deadliest and most destructive of three wars the two sides have fought in the last six years in the Gaza Strip.

The two sides reached agreement Tuesday on the open-ended cease-fire, but highly contentious talks lie ahead, and the disputes reflect the vast gulf between Israel and the militant group Hamas, whose charter does not recognize Israel's right to exist. Substantive negotiations are to begin within a month, but the broader aims of the two sides appear difficult to reconcile.

With word of the Egyptian-brokered truce, thousands of Palestinians poured into the streets of Gaza and the West Bank, many waving the green flag of Hamas to celebrate what was proclaimed to be a victory. Celebratory gunfire rang out, and mosques left undamaged by the fighting blared out calls of "God is great!"

In Israel, the reaction was more muted. Some local officials in Israel's south, hit hard by weeks of relentless rocket fire, urged residents to stay away from home for the time being, fearful that fighting would resume. Senior figures were at pains to express skepticism that the declared cessation of hostilities would hold.

"We've had, unfortunately, a whole series of cease-fires that were violated by Hamas," prime ministerial spokesman Mark Regev told the BBC. Fighting had stuttered to a halt earlier this month, only to reignite with renewed fury a week ago.

The seven-week conflict has wreaked far more devastation than previous ones. Huge swaths of Gaza lie in ruins, with more than 2,100 Palestinians killed, most of them civilians, according to U.N. estimates.

International organizations say reconstruction will be an undertaking requiring decades. Even the short-term humanitarian needs are dire, with hundreds of thousands displaced, many of them lacking basic necessities such as electricity and clean water.

Israel, in turn, was shaken by the revelation that Hamas had prepared an elaborate network of infiltration tunnels meant to enable large-scale attacks against it. Ceaseless rocket fire exacted a heavy psychological toll, even if the civilian death toll of five on the Israeli side was dwarfed by Palestinian fatalities. And the deaths of 64 Israeli soldiers represented the largest loss of military lives

in nearly a decade, since the 2006 conflict with the Lebanese militant group Hezbollah.

The outlines of the accord, by the accounts of those who have taken part in indirect talks over the last week, were strikingly similar to the terms of the cease-fire that ended the last Gaza war, in 2012.

Under it, the blockade of the seaside strip will be eased to allow in humanitarian aid and material for reconstruction — but with strict monitoring meant to ensure that Hamas does not use shipped-in supplies such as cement to embark on another tunnel-building campaign. Palestinian fishermen are to be given an expanded offshore zone of six miles.

But other Hamas demands, such as the building of a Gaza seaport and the reopening of its long-shuttered airport, will be addressed later, after the truce has held for a month. Israel also seeks the remains of slain Israeli soldiers believed to be held by the group, and the disarmament of Hamas — something the group has flatly rejected in the past.

Crucially, Israel is seeking to empower Palestinian Authority President Mahmoud Abbas, who — in a weighted symbolic gesture — was allowed to give early word of the cease-fire, in a speech delivered prior to the formal announcement from Egyptian mediators in Cairo.

Israel wants the Palestinian Authority, ejected from Gaza by Hamas in 2007, to regain a strong foothold in the territory, with its forces helping to monitor the crossings in and out of the coastal strip.

Abbas made clear he hopes that the upcoming round of talks will incorporate attempts to reach a wider and more durable agreement between Israel and the Palestinians.

"What's next?" he asked in the televised speech announcing the cease-fire. "Should we expect another war after a year or two? ... We want to put our vision for a solution to the international community."

In Washington, Secretary of State John F. Kerry issued a statement cautiously hailing the truce and promising that the United States would participate in the reconstruction of Gaza — although he pointedly said that it would do so in coordination with Abbas, and not for the benefit of "Hamas and other terrorist organizations."

Kerry, whose exhaustive efforts at reaching a peace agreement between Israel and the Palestinian Authority came up empty earlier this year, seemed to refer to that when he said: "We are approaching the next phase with our eyes wide open. We have been down this road before and we are all aware of the challenges ahead."

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Reinventing the Classics: YO Doughnut Co.



Mitch Scott, Johnny Caceres and Royce Robinson showcase their doughnuts at YO Doughnut Co.

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Located on 115 East Rayen Ave. in Youngstown is a small ex-gas station and pizza shop that is now the home of the YO Doughnut Co., a new business to the area that offers doughnuts that are handmade fresh daily.

The company is operated by three long-time friends: Mitch Scott, Johnny Caceres and Royce

Robinson.

Scott, the co-owner of the company, said that the YO Doughnut Co. got its start when he was laid off at his job as a museum director.

"I was a museum director for 18 years and when we lost our funding, I got laid off. Johnny has a degree in hospitality management and at the time was doing work for some big box stores. Royce worked for some big box stores as well. We started talking about starting our own business," Scott said. "I have some friends in Sebring that had a doughnut shop and ... I thought, 'This is cool ... a doughnut shop.' I started talking to the guys about it ... and here we

are."

The friends acquired the shop in early January of this year and officially opened the store on National Doughnut Day on June 6. Before the opening, Scott said that Caceres, Robinson and he spent a lot of time trying to perfect their doughnut recipe.

"We studied different shops in order to know how to make delicious doughnuts. We spent a few months perfecting our recipes before the opening so that we could offer our best work to the customers. The difference between us and Giant Eagle or certain Dunkin Donuts is that we make our doughnuts fresh," Scott said. "A lot of the companies use flash-frozen doughnuts and just freeze and thaw them. The competition's doughnuts have preservatives and trans fats in them, leaving you with an aftertaste. Ours are made daily, like they used to make them, and don't give you that odd taste after."

The type of doughnuts in the shop changes constantly. The flavors and recipes for all of the pastries have been created by Caceres. Caceres, the head baker and recipe designer at the YO Doughnut Co., said that he has been baking and devising recipes since he was a child.

"My mom was a very good cook, but when it came down to her making desserts ... she was already tired from already cooking a meal," he said. "So she just started to make desserts with me and before I realized it, I was being left alone to make the desserts. [Baking] is now just something I really enjoy."

Robinson, the marketing and public relations manager, doubles as a doughnut decorator when he is working at the company. He claims he joined the company when he realized how economical the doughnut business was.

"I originally wanted to start a candy shop, but I realized there was more opportunity for growth in a doughnut shop than in a candy business," Robinson said. "Now I crunch numbers and decorate the doughnuts. Decorating them is the best part of what I do."

The YO Doughnut Co. is open Monday through Saturday from 6:30 a.m. to 1 p.m. The men at the company also offer a discount to YSU students on all of their products, which bring the doughnuts' price from \$1.09 down to 79 cents. More information is available at www.yodoughnutco.com.

'Venezia e Napoli' YSU professor releases new album

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Caroline Oltmanns, music professor at Youngstown State University, concert pianist and interpreter of music who specializes in classical piano music — including frequent works by living composers — released her fifth album on Aug. 21. "Venezia e Napoli" displays an exchange between a water-themed narrative from Debussy's Images I to Liszt's "Annees de Pelerinage" and "Venezia e Napoli" to Beethoven's 7 Bagatelles op. 33.

"Venezia e Napoli" was recorded in Frankfurt, Germany by Udo Wustendorfer, a recording engineer. The album demonstrates interaction between water, light and movement that are well known in the cities of Venice and Naples. "Venezia e Napoli" was created within two days of work on a Germany Steinway concert grand piano.

The album is available on iTunes, Amazon, Spotify and CD Baby. Oltmanns has had several other albums on Amazon and is currently working to expand her distribution.

Oltmanns teaches piano at YSU; she started playing the piano at the age of three. She has been broadcasted globally on radio and TV stations, attracting audiences in the United States and abroad.

"I don't remember ever not playing the piano, since I started so early. So there wasn't an interest that began, or that I remember developing. I love the sound of the piano — I love how it feels and even how it looks," Oltmanns said. "I guess I am a bit fanatic this way."

Jonathan Eifert, Oltmanns' publicist, stated that it is a pleasure to collaborate on different projects with her.

"Her artistry is full of nuance, sensitivity and sophistication. I believe many more people need to hear her work, particularly her new album, 'Venezia e Napoli,' which is sure to ignite her fans' imaginations," Eifert said.

Oltmanns' past seasons have included concerto appearances with Youngstown Symphony Orchestra, Johnson City Symphony Orchestra, Harburger Orchester Academic and Cleveland Philharmonic Orchestra, in addition to the commission, premiere and recording of several new concerti.

"I love playing with people, but often play solo. When I do get to play in an ensemble, I really like to play with percussionists. I love their rhythmic precision and their focus on pulse, which I consider the backbone of music," Oltmanns said.

Oltmanns is currently working on a concept show about a composer with extremely high highs and low

lows. She is hoping to present the show in the spring semester at the Dana School of Music, and plans on releasing another album in the future. She stated that completing and publishing an album is a scary thing.

"As with anything that takes a great deal of focus and work, the moment of letting go and 'release,' it stirs up quite mixed emotions," Oltmanns said.

She stated that her favorite piece to play is the one that is worked on at any stage. Oltmanns said she gets so engrossed in the composition that she deals with that it becomes her world, and her favorite.

She said that all places are interesting to play at and that every venue has its own character, and some might be more inspiring than others.

"I love playing at venues with excellent instruments, since we pianists cannot take our instrument with us. Weill Hall at Carnegie Hall has a wonderful selection of instruments to play; Stambaugh Auditorium in Youngstown has a wonderful Steinway and some of the best acoustics I know," Oltmanns said.

Oltmanns said she doesn't create music, she interprets it. She said that it is all about re-creating what somebody else has written.

"This means that I get to know not only a work, but also its composer very closely. Some composers I have played my whole life long, so they are like very good childhood friends — others I get to know as I play their works," she said.

She said she hopes that her audience enjoys listening and that they might find a window of bliss or joy in the music, as well as take away something positive.

"I would hope, that the album might take them to the places the music is about — to Venice and Naples. The photo art of 'Venezia e Napoli,' especially in the accompanying booklet, is such a feast for the eyes, perhaps it might take the listeners away for a moment to Italy where some of the music originated," Oltmanns said.

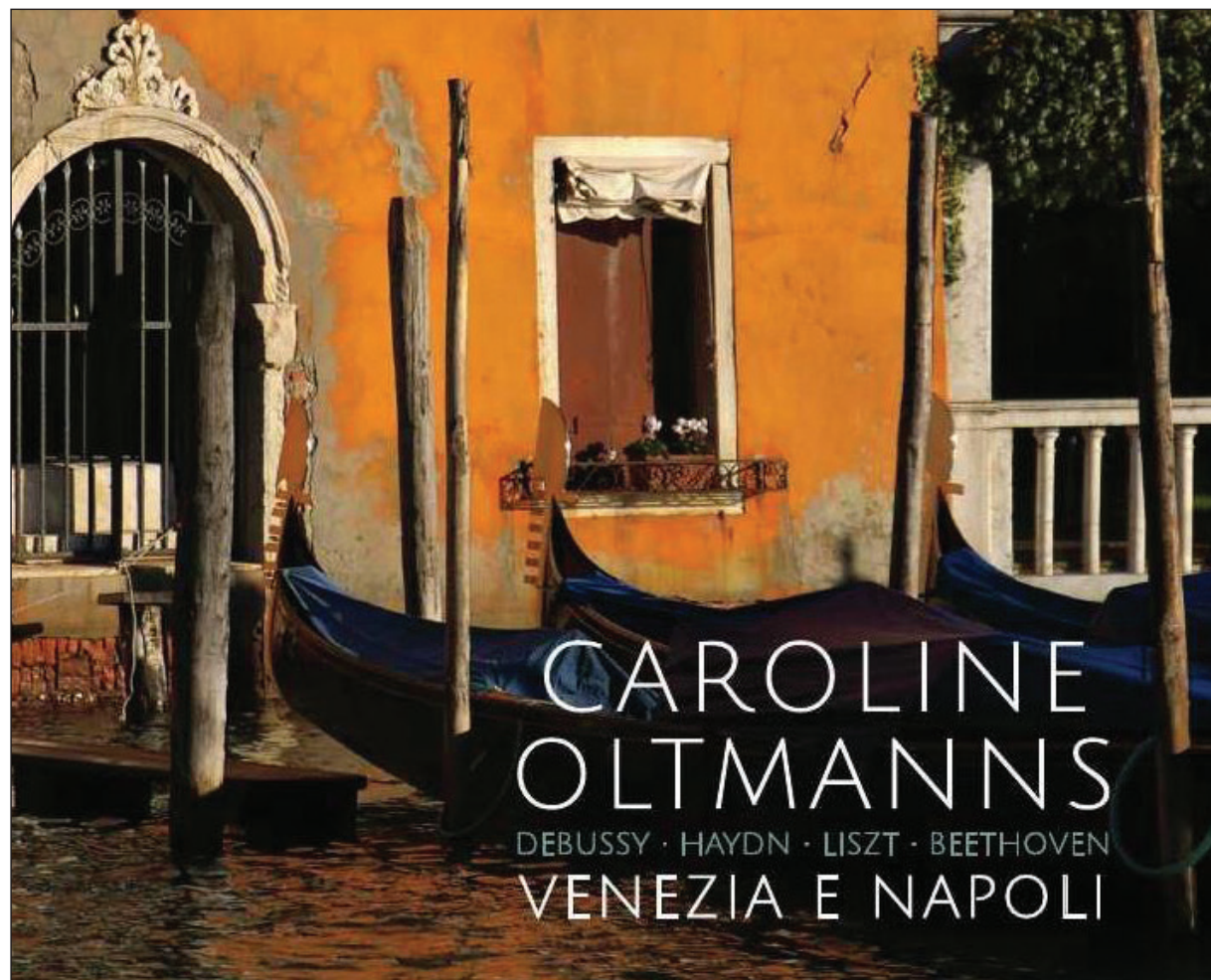


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Caroline Oltmanns' album 'Venezia e Napoli' came out on Aug. 21, with the Filia Mundi label.

Colleges Step Up Efforts to Warn Students of Sex-Abuse, Alcohol 'Red Zone'

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Halee Bazer, a freshman at Quinnipiac University in Hamden, Conn., said she has heard about the wave of sexual assault lawsuits on college campuses and plans to be cautious about parties, never go anywhere alone and call campus security for escorts if necessary.

"Yeah, I'm like very paranoid," Bazer said as she organized her gear in her new dorm room. "But, like, campus security makes me feel better about it."

With the heightened focus on sexual assault on college campuses in the past year, many freshmen and their parents — even at Quinnipiac, which has top ratings for safety — are thinking and talking about their concerns.

Some college and university officials say that freshmen are particularly at risk for unwanted sex or rape during the first couple of months of the school year — a period some call "the red zone."

"I've heard some male students refer to this period as 'hunting season,'" said Dana Bolger, the co-founder and co-director of Know Your IX, a group that assists college women filing sexual assault complaints under federal Title IX legal provisions. "Perpetrators know that students just beginning their college experience are at their most vulnerable; they haven't developed a support network yet and are just trying to fit in, make friends and find the library."

A U.S. Justice Department report says that the "first few days of the freshmen year are the riskiest, limiting the value of any rape prevention programs that begin after that." A 2007 Campus Sexual Assault study similarly found that "women who are victimized

during their college career are most likely to be victimized early on in their college tenure."

A 2008 study published in the Journal of American College Health also found "substantial" evidence of the existence of a red zone during the first few months of freshmen year, when reports of unwanted sex or rape are higher. Other times of the school year, such as a homecoming weekend or fraternity and sorority rush may also be high-risk, but the study cautioned institutions not to give students the false impression that a campus is safe the rest of the year.

College officials have long known that the first few months of school can be a time of testing limits, of too much drinking and partying. For decades they have taken steps to educate freshmen about the risks of such behavior, provided orientation programs aimed at connecting students to productive activities and familiarizing them with the services on campus.

Those services have intensified and expanded, with many universities presenting online videos and quizzes on alcohol, sexual assault and safety over the summer, and then reinforcing those messages with presentations, interactive performances and more videos when students arrive on campus.

"Every college is on high alert for the first year," said Eileen Stone, the University of Connecticut's assistant director of wellness and prevention. "We know that this is a risky time, so we try to help the students navigate their way."

Kerry Patton, director of counseling services at Quinnipiac, said: "I think the goal is to get them involved in different healthy experiences. Students who are involved in things tend to make better decisions."

Younger students may be hesitant to speak up or object to behavior that makes them uncomfortable if they think

everyone is doing it and that it's normal, said Laura Lockwood, director of the Women & Gender Resource Action Center at Trinity College in Hartford, Conn.. The stereotypes that "everyone drinks at college and rape is inevitable ... have to be dismantled, as well as the rape myth that girls deserve it if they are drunk or dressed scantily — that sort of 'blame the victims' culture."

Fred Alford, dean of students at Trinity College, said students' misuse of alcohol has been a serious concern in the 30 years he's worked with college students, and that the focus on preventing sexual assault has intensified in recent years.

That's partly because federal guidelines were released in 2011 to clarify and strengthen the obligations colleges and universities have to prevent and respond to campus sexual assault.

"The bright light that the federal government has put on it has created a better network of information," Alford said, heightening sensitivity and reinforcing "the sense that colleges better pay attention."

Just last month, the University of Connecticut agreed to a \$1.3 million settlement in a lawsuit filed by five current and former students, charging that the university mishandled their cases when they were raped or sexually assaulted.

Most colleges and universities now present extensive orientation programs early during freshmen year to educate students — male and female — about alcohol, sexual assault, safety concerns and repercussions for criminal activity, and many have expanded training refreshers in the later years.

"You have to plant the seeds, and then you have to nurture the seeds all through the year," Trinity's Lockwood said.

Bolger of Know Your IX also emphasized the importance of spreading prevention and bystander education throughout a student's four

years.

The programs focus on personal safety behaviors, such as having a buddy and not letting your drink out of your sight. They also offer guidance on how a bystander can intervene and the need to step in and help defuse a situation that looks threatening.

Time also is spent on defining "consent." A new brochure given to UConn students emphasizes that the absence of a "no" does not necessarily mean a "yes," and that a person who is incapacitated by alcohol or drugs is unable to give consent.

When Connecticut's lawmakers were crafting comprehensive legislation aimed to prevent sexual assault on campuses, a major criticism they heard was that students who were sexually assaulted didn't know where to get help or how to report the crime.

Elizabeth Conklin, director of UConn's Office of Diversity and Equity and the university's Title IX coordinator, said UConn has made her office responsible for ensuring that all reports of sexual assault are investigated and addressed, and it added two new investigators to her staff. UConn also enhanced its prevention program for freshmen with an additional two-hour session where students will learn about available resources and watch a live performance by a troupe called InterACT that provides practical advice about how to prevent sexual assault and how to intervene to help a friend in trouble.

While heading to college is all about independence, research shows that students whose parents stay in touch are more likely to avoid problems, particularly excessive drinking, according to Stone at UConn.

She said research shows that when "parents reiterate their values and expectations ... students tended to do better."

"Students may not listen to it wholeheartedly and take it to

the letter-of-the-word type of thing," but they are listening, Stone said.

It's important for parents to pick their moment and not to overdo it, she said. She also recommended that parents find out about services and activities available on campus so they can occasionally make informed suggestions to their child if a need or interest comes up.

At Quinnipiac, as freshmen moved in, it was clear that parents had sent their kids strong messages about safety.

Noelle Johnson, a freshman from Groton, Mass., rattled off some of what she had been told: "Be smart if you're going to drink. Hang out with good people. Don't walk home alone. Do something if you see someone not in their right state of mind. Step up and defuse the situation. ... Just be smart, don't go nuts."

Her mother, Sarah Johnson, said, "I know Noelle knows the right things to do, but I felt like I had to say them out loud and have a conversation about them anyway, just about how to be safe and you know, things to watch out for. Things she knows already, but it had to be said."

"Of course, we're not encouraging drinking. She has a flashlight. We told her to always have a buddy to walk with, to be aware of her surroundings, especially at night, and I'm guessing there are people you can call on campus if you need to go somewhere."

Halee Bazer got much the same message from her mother, Andrea Marshall, who warned her daughter to watch her drinks and food and to stay with friends.

"I don't know if she listens," Marshall said, but added: "She's got the flashlight and the whistle and the whole thing. There's a certain trust factor. She's a smart kid and she's good about this stuff. You've got to give them the tools and hope that they use them."

California Governor Signs Bill Mandating 'Kill Switches' on Smartphones

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SACRAMENTO, Calif. — California Gov. Jerry Brown on Monday signed into law a first-in-the-nation requirement that smartphones made in the state eventually be equipped with "kill switches" that allow owners to remotely render them useless if stolen, in reaction to a spate of violent robberies.

"The governor signed SB 962 to deter smartphone theft," said Jim Evans, a spokesman for the governor.

The measure applies to phones made after July 1, 2015, to allow the industry to adjust. It was supported by criminal justice leaders including Los Angeles Police Chief Charlie Beck and San Francisco District

Attorney George Gascon, who note that some phone owners have been injured in robberies. Democratic state Sen. Mark Leno introduced the measure.

"California has just put smartphone thieves on notice," Leno said in a statement. "Our efforts will effectively wipe out the incentive to steal smartphones and curb this crime of convenience, which is fueling street crime and violence within our communities."

The legislation was opposed by some industry groups who argued phone companies were voluntarily taking steps to improve security of phones. But others said government action was needed.

"Once again, California is leading the way on important issues surrounding individual privacy and public safety," said James P. Steyer, founder and CEO of Common Sense Media, noting smartphones contain a great deal of personal information.

The Leno bill was one of 25 bills signed Monday by the governor.

Brown also signed a measure to encourage the state education board to include the 2008 presidential election of Barack Obama in the state's social studies curriculum. The state board is expected review new school standards during the 2015-2016 school year.

Democratic state Assemblyman Chris Holden said he was pleased Brown signed his measure, AB 1912, which he said "underscores the importance of his presidency — the historic nature of it."

The governor vetoed a measure by Democratic state Sen. Mark DeSaulnier that would have required every report submitted to the Legislature by any state agency to include a statement signed by the head of the agency that the contents of the report are true, accurate and complete. Brown said in his veto message that rather than improve communications, SB 1337 would "likely impede communications between the executive branch and the Legislature."

EDITORIAL

'Stay Hard; Stay Hungry; Stay Alive'

As Welcome Week comes to a close and the thrill of saying hello to the acquaintances we haven't seen in three months dies down, a harsh reality sets in: we're at the end of all of our problems — the front end.

There's 15 weeks of school ahead of us, and syllabus day only reminded us of the countless tests we still have to take and the papers we still have to compose by the end of this semester.

We're already feeling bogged down; we're tired; we're stretched thin.

I see the toll that this day-to-day life has on my classmates. I see it in the eyes of the collegiate athlete who starts her day at five, swimming laps in Beechly Center — who goes to class and then works out until evening, staying up deep into the morning to catch up on her studies.

I see it in the eyes of the dad who goes first to class and then to work, who scrambles to get dinner ready for the kids, check their homework and get them to bed before starting homework of his own.

I see it in the eyes of the ambitious senior, who has filled out application after application, hoping to hear back from a potential employer. And I see it in the eyes of the graduate who wants to continue his education, who has studied for months to improve his GRE score by a few points, desperately fighting for an acceptance letter from a coveted graduate program.

Acutely aware of the hardships most of us must

endure and the detriment that school can put on us as students, I've realized that we have an obligation to empathize with others and to help — in whatever small way we can — our fellow man.

Smile and hold open a door for someone. Strike up a friendly conversation with a classmate you've never met. And when you see a student who is sitting alone in the dining hall, invite him or her to eat with you.

Make Youngstown State University a hub that fosters respect, a haven for all students and a welcoming sanctuary for the deflated. Even when it feels unnatural, throw your shoulders back and walk with a bounce in your step; grin from ear to ear. Fake it till you make it — you'll eventually internalize your outward signs of happiness, lifting your own spirits while concurrently contributing to a more spirited campus.

To quote singer-songwriter Bruce Springsteen, we can either "give up living and start dying little by little, piece by piece" or we can "come home from work and wash up and go racing in the street."

To truly be alive, then, is to live for some purpose. Sometimes our struggles define that purpose, and the most difficult tasks in life are also the most meaningful and worthwhile — so hats off to the folks who regularly put their nose to the grindstone. Other times, taking up a call to help others defines that purpose. But, either way, as Springsteen said, "stay hard; stay hungry; stay alive."

LETTER — TO THE — EDITOR

I was appalled to learn that the Board of Trustees and administration has allowed Chick-Fil-A to operate on Youngstown State University's property.

YSU is supposedly an inclusive public university. Chick-Fil-A has spent millions of dollars to exclude, fighting against basic human rights for millions of Americans and many in the YSU community — Chick-Fil-A's millions are given in efforts to deny the right of same sex couples to marry. A basic right many at YSU and millions of Americans have fought for. Chick-Fil-A does not just want to be in your stomach, the cooperation wants to be in your homes and bedrooms too — and wants to tell you who you can and can't have in your home and bedroom at that.

Having Chick-Fil-A on campus is the same as having a group operate for profit on campus that gives millions of dollars to racist or anti-Semitic groups. Each bite of a Chick-Fil-A sandwich is a vote for bigotry and intolerance. Chick-Fil-A is a funding source for anti-LGBT actions. Who mutually consenting adults chose to marry is none of Chick-Fil-A business. But by having Chick-Fil-A on campus, the Board and administration is telling YSU's LGBT community that they are not valued and that they do not deserve the same basic rights and compassion that other humans receive. Having Chick-Fil-A on campus tells YSU's LGBT community that they are less than equal citizens at YSU and is hostile to LGBT people who work and learn at YSU. Having Chick-Fil-A on campus tells everybody at YSU that discrimination is OK.

This Board and the new administration constantly speak of "integrity." The decision to allow Chick-Fil-A on campus reveals this "integrity" to be nothing more than a farcical facade. Who next will this administration and Board invite to locate on campus? A barber shop run by the Aryan Brotherhood or a women's clinic run by Hobby Lobby? Amazing. Shameful. Disgraceful.

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Dressed to Not Impress

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It is a big deal when I decide to don my jeans or wear shoes — other than flip-flops, if those even count — when it is still warm outside. Even in your average arctic tundra, yoga pants are my go-to when I'm getting ready for school.

I wouldn't say I'm lazy — even though I do enjoy lying in bed, binge watching TV specials, like Discovery Channel's Shark Week, and eating chips. I would say that I have a love for being comfortable — yes I know, it is such a unique trait. There is no doubt, though, that I function better that way.

I can just hear my sister's heavy sigh and disappointed tone when she says, "Amanda," in response to me telling her my outfit on the second day of school was sweatpants and a T-shirt.

So if I can't start out of the gate like that, how long then do I have to wait to embrace apathy's warm and waiting hand and give in to the sultry call of sweatpants?

Beth DeSantis, a third year student at Youngstown State University, has used the "half-way-through-the-semester-rule" — she dresses nice for an entire half of a semester until she breaks out the sweats.

"Well, it feels like a new start. When I dress nice I feel good — positive thinking," DeSantis said.

That positive attitude was with her when she first started at YSU, well dressed for the duration of her first fall semester. She approached the second semester with a changed attitude and began to dress comfortably before developing her current half-semester rule.

Brianna Wall, a second year student at YSU, is taking a professional approach when she is dressing for school this semester.

"I'm trying to make an effort to dress better for class," Wall said. "I'm trying to make the best first impression that I possibly can. Being that I now have classes in the [Beechly] College of Education, I'm trying to make the effort to dress more professionally."

Wall jokes that jeans and a nice shirt are her dressing up, but she has already slipped up and whipped out the leggings and T-shirts too. She still hopes not to fall back into the habit.

"I want my professors to see that I want to be there," Wall said. "If someone asks the professor to recommend people for a tutoring job etc., I want them to pick me over someone else."

Marah Slapsak, a fourth year student at YSU, said had a more devil-may-care attitude when it came to her garb; she dressed in shorts and a T-shirt the first day.

Her reasoning? "It's my last year, I'm in a long-term relationship, I just really don't care about my ap-

pearance on campus anymore," Slapsak said. "I'm here to learn and obtain my degree, not dress to impress — unless I'm giving a speech."

So, this whole dress-nice business is really a matter of professionalism. It's like putting on a smile before you leave the house or carrying three extra resumes before an interview — trying to obtain success by preparing for it.

But does it matter? Do people really care?

In "The Psychology of Dressing Well (And Why You Must To Get Anywhere In Life)" published in March on riskology.co, Tyler Tervooren discusses the deep-seated psychological need from society to be well dressed.

He tells a story about going to a friend's house by bus, being unsure of which stop to get off on. Two men — one dressed to impress and another who was a bit more haphazard with his uniform — each told him a differ-

ent stop to get off at. I'm assuming you can guess which person he listened to.

Why? What was the significance?

"It was simply years of social conditioning taking over. My decision process went into autopilot," Tervooren said. "If you want people to listen to you, there's an important lesson here: Dress the message."

Just like Wall said, she wanted to be the one that a professor would refer.

"Whatever message you're trying to send to the world, never forget the clothes you put that message in will determine the way it's received," Tervooren said.

Of course the final question to determine is does anyone actually care? Well, for one, I will probably continue dressing in my regular attire — sweatpants, a T-shirt and my hair in a bun — until I can buy the pantsuit equivalent of sweatpants.

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Israel vs. Hamas: Moving in the Wrong Direction Again?

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Is there anything sadder than the killing of children? Of course not, and no one should be surprised at the shock, distress and outrage in Israel after the bodies of three missing teenagers were found Monday. The boys, kidnapped more than two weeks ago, were apparently shot and then partially buried in an open field near the West Bank village of Halhul. What kind of world, what kind of politics, can possibly justify the abduction of teenagers in the name of ideology or nationalism or religion or whatever it turns out was the motivation for this gruesome act?

If, as Israeli Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu suggests, the kidnappings were the work of Hamas, they should serve as a stark reminder that the militant Islamic organization has not changed its ways. Since its founding during the first intifada in 1987, Hamas has been responsible for countless civilian deaths, and its leaders — notwithstanding their recent reconciliation with the Palestinian Authority — have not evolved substantially since then. Hamas has not officially endorsed a two-state solution to the Israeli-Palestinian conflict or promised to renounce violence or acknowledged Israel's right to exist. It's unclear as yet what its role was, if any, in these most recent events, but its top officials loudly celebrated the kidnappings. Hamas obviously cannot be a meaningful partner in the search for peace as long as it remains committed to violence and rejectionism.

At the same time, the killing of the Israeli boys must not become a pretext for further withdrawal from the ailing peace process. If anything, the events of the last two weeks are a heartrending reminder of the high price of disengagement.

"Hamas will pay," Netanyahu vowed after the boys' bodies were found, and indeed, the crackdown is already underway. But Israel must behave carefully and responsibly rather than emotionally. Of course it must defend its citizens against enemies. But Netanyahu must also display the evidence he says he has that Hamas orchestrated the killings. He must minimize civilian casualties and not engage in the collective punishment of people who have done no wrong. He must not undermine those Palestinian leaders, such as President Mahmoud Abbas, who say and do the right things. Israel — as well as the Palestinians — must find reasons to come back to the negotiating table rather than seeking excuses to walk away.

This conflict, like other conflicts around the world, has killed many innocent children. Some are Israeli children who have died at the hands of terrorists. Others are Palestinian children who have become collateral damage in repeated Israeli assaults on Hamas and other groups. The tragedy for parents, for neighbors, for communities is real either way. The latest deaths must not become a justification for an escalation of violence, for the continued death of innocents or for yet another downward spiral in the depressing and destabilizing war that so often seems to be moving in exactly the wrong direction.

Australian Adventure

Perry ready for pro ball in Sydney



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After representing Youngstown basketball for four years, Kendrick Perry will take his talents to the Southern Hemisphere to play for the Australian National Basketball League's Sydney Kings.

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Kendrick Perry — at just 21 years-old — is a young man already accustomed to changing cultures.

The Ocoee, Florida native made a significant switch four years ago when he came to Youngstown State University from the Sunshine State to embark on what eventually turned out to be a phenomenal career with the Penguins' basketball program.

So when Perry signed with the Sydney Kings of the Australian National Basketball League in late July, he wasn't intimidated by the thought of moving across the world and adapting the Aussie culture.

"I obviously made a big change when I went from Florida to Youngstown, so it's not new to me. I wouldn't say it's going to be too tough," Perry said. "I just want to take advantage of this opportunity and it's something I'm really excited about."

Perry left for Australia on Aug. 21 to begin preparing for the NBL season that begins in October and runs

through March.

The 6-foot guard provided plenty of excitement during his four-year run at YSU. He finished as the Penguins Division I all-time leading scorer, recorded the most career steals in Horizon League history and also notched more than 500 rebounds and assists.

That resume earned him a spot on the Orlando Magic's summer league roster in early July, as he played in one game — scoring eight points in 14 minutes — before signing with Sydney.

"The Orlando Summer League] was beneficial because, even though I wasn't playing a lot, I was still around NBA players and professional athletes," Perry said. "I got to see what their attitudes are like."

"In the past, I think there are guys that went through what I was going through, so being able to learn from them and take away advice about on-the-court and off-the-court things was a great experience."

As part of the three-time league champion Kings, Perry will be under the guidance of head coach Damian Cotter and play alongside Josh

Childress, among others.

Childress — also in his first year with Sydney — was the sixth overall pick of the 2004 NBA Draft. He's logged nine seasons in the NBA, most recently playing with the New Orleans Pelicans in 2013.

"Obviously his resume speaks for itself and he's an experienced guy that I can learn a lot from," Perry said. "And even the guys on the team that are from Australia, I'm excited to join them too. I've been in contact with many of them already and they have good, positive attitudes."

The high-character Perry — who said he was working on his game every day prior to leaving for Sydney — is expected to log significant minutes this season with the Kings.

"I think I'm pretty ready, but you can always get better," he said.

While he admitted the NBA is still the ultimate goal, he made it clear he's trying to live in the moment.

"My focus right now is the NBL and the Sydney Kings," Perry said. "I'm just trying to bring championships to the city of Sydney first."

Kicking Off the Season

Penguins to play Fighting Illini Saturday

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Though the end of summer signals the beginning of another school year and the start of test-taking and paper-writing, it also marks the start of football season, which officially kicks off this Saturday as the Youngstown State University Penguins take on the University of Illinois Fighting Illini at Champaign, Illinois.

Head coach Eric Wolford will make his return to Memorial Stadium for the first time since leaving Illinois to become the running game coordinator at the University of South Carolina. Wolford and Tom Sims, assistant head coach at YSU, were both on the coaching staff that led the Illini to a 9-4 record and a Rose Bowl appearance in 2008.

"It will be the first time back since I left," Wolford said. "When I left to go to South Carolina, I just picked up and — other than one trip back to help my wife move — this will be my first time back as far as being around the football arena."

Having coached in Illinois in the past, Wolford said he is familiar with the level of talent that the Illini will put on the field on Saturday.

"One thing Illinois is never short on is talent — even going back to when I was there. I saw a stat the other day that said they have the second most NFL players in the Big Ten, behind only to Ohio State," he said. "One thing Illinois has and always had is a bunch of very good football players."

The Penguins enter the season ranked 21st in the Football Championship Subdivision — higher than they were ranked last year, in spite of the loss of several key players on offense and new schemes being implemented on defense.

For Dante Nania — who made headlines last week after being named this season's starting quarterback — the season opener will be his first career start. Nania sat behind four-year starter Kurt Hess during his first two seasons at YSU.

The group with the most hype around the offense this year is the running backs. Martin Ruiz had a breakout season last year as a true freshman, rushing for over 1,000 yards and contributing 17 total touchdowns.

Even though the Penguins will be on the road against a bigger school with more talented recruits, the team is excited to take the field. The players said that a win against Illinois will help improve



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Coach Eric Wolford will lead the Penguins in their season opener against the Fighting Illini away this Saturday.

YSU's athletic reputation.

"It's a chance to put our program on the map. If we go out there and compete with them or have a chance to beat them, it's on ESPN," Donald D'Alesio, a senior safety, said. "A lot of recruits can see that. We're not the big time BCS program. It's fun to go out there in front of all those people, the big stadium and be on national TV."

The opportunity to play a Bowl Championship Series school on national television could be overwhelming for a young player. Veterans like D'Alesio have drawn on their past experiences to develop important game day preparation lessons for younger players.

"They put their stuff on the same way we do," he said. "They're the Big Ten School, but they're football players too and at the end of the day you have to go out there and execute."

The Penguins said they have a chance to leave Champaign with a win. The players trust the coaches have put them in the best position to compete on Saturday.

"One of our fundamentals to success is expecting to win," Nate Adams, a senior tight end, said. "No disrespect to any opponent we play — we respect everybody we play. But we go into every game with the attitude of expecting to win, which is different than wanting to win."