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Tressel and deans take the Ice Bucket Challenge

Jim Tressel, Youngstown State University's newly inaugurated president, took part in the Amyotrophic Lateral Sclerosis Ice Bucket Challenge on Friday.

The event took place outside of Kilcawley Center and lasted from noon until 2 p.m.

Accompanying President Tressel in the challenge were Jane Kestner, interim dean of the College of Liberal Arts and Social Sciences; Sal Sanders, head of graduate studies; Bryan DePoy, dean of the College of Creative Arts and Communication; Betty Jo Licata, dean of the Williamson College of Business Administration; Martin Abraham, dean of the College of Science, Technology, Engineering and Mathematics; Joseph Mosca, dean of the Bitonte College of Health and Human Services; and Ron Shaklee, professor of geography and director of the University Scholars program.

"It was cold," President Tressel said.

Preceding the ice dump was a performance by YSU's Marching Pride.

Gina Gilmore is a returning student at YSU and a former band member.

"I like coming out here, and I just love the marching band, too," Gilmore said. "I think that it's a great way to get a lot of publicity on campus as well. It helps us get to know our deans and lets us show that we do have support in the community outside of YSU."

President Tressel spent the entire two hours conversing with passing students,



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University President Jim Tressel is doused in water as he takes the ALS Ice Bucket Challenge. Tressel, along with seven other university personnel, accepted the challenge on Friday.

signing autographs, taking pictures and handing out T-shirts.

"He's busy, but he'll take time out of his schedule to

make an appearance with something this important," Gilmore said.

Amyotrophic lateral sclerosis, or Lou Gehrig's dis-

ease, attacks the cells in the brain and spinal cord. Living with the disease leads to eventual involuntary muscle movement and early death.

People have donated over \$110 million through the ALS Ice Bucket Challenge. The challenge's viral web-campaign has sparked participation from celebrities, athletes, musicians and countless others.

Nicole Krejci, development manager for the Northern Ohio Chapter of the ALS Association, spoke for a few minutes about the horrors of ALS and its significance on those affected.

"A lot of people don't realize that there are local chapters that work with ALS patients and families in the area," Krejci said. "People don't realize that every state has one or two chapters that are local."

The Northern Ohio Chapter of the ALS Association is based out of Cleveland. It operates in Toledo, Youngstown, Akron and Cleveland.

Malinda Koncar is a volunteer at the Northern Ohio ALS chapter and a former YSU student. Koncar lost her father to ALS last year.

"The disease was not prevalent up until this summer," Koncar said. "If you were to tell somebody about ALS, they would have no idea what it was, but now with the Ice Bucket Challenge there is national awareness for the disease. Having so many people come together for an event like this is very emotional."

Along with the ALS Ice Bucket Challenge, the Student Government Association organized a T-shirt

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The Burner:

A Sense of Accomplishment



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Jim Marucci, founder of the Burner, helps John Madeline, Burner course expert, jump across the Ova and Unda obstacle course to demonstrate that participants are never alone in the race. Chad Macek, Burner personal trainer, walks over to assist his companions.

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On Saturday, students, faculty and anyone with an athletic spirit participated in The Burner: "Ohio's toughest 7-mile obstacle course."

The Burner is an event where participants

are free to run through seven miles of tough terrain, mud and challenging obstacles for over 200 acres of land. It was held at Big Game Raceway on 2601 Elmwood Drive.

The event started at 10 a.m. and lasted all

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Reduce and Redistrict:

"Draw the Line" Movement Seeks to Decrease the Size of City Council

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When the citizens of Youngstown step into the voting booth on Nov. 4, they will decide whether or not to amend the charter so that the number of wards in the city is based on population, which will affect the redistricting that takes place following each census.

Following a two-year fight in city council surrounding redistricting, a committee called "Draw the Line" has drafted an amendment and collected nearly 1,700 signatures to get the amendment on the ballot.

Mike Ray, D-4th District, was part of the committee.

"We're a different city today. We need to look at having a different structure of government," Ray said.

When the city charter was approved in 1923, it divided the city into seven wards. Prior to that, it had consisted

of five wards. According to the census, Youngstown had 132,358 citizens in 1920.

The most recent estimates place the city's population at 65,185 — yet the number of wards has remained at seven.

The proposed amendment allows for seven wards if the city's population reaches 80,000 or greater, but reduces the number of wards to five if the population is below 80,000, as it currently stands.

Thomas Finnerty, director of Youngstown State University's Center for Urban Studies, was involved in the redistricting process early on.

"Youngstown's a charter city, so they can define their own amount of wards," Finnerty said.

Charter cities are governed by laws outlined in the city's charter — a document analogous to a constitution — as opposed to statute

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United Way Day of Caring Draws Volunteers to Service in North Side Neighborhood



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A volunteer force of students and local workers spent their time cleaning up a North Side neighborhood Friday during the United Way's Day of Caring.

Volunteers from Youngstown State University, local high schools and businesses joined with Green Youngstown and the Youngstown Neighborhood Development Corporation to clean up debris and overgrowth between 5th Avenue and Ohio Avenue, north of Wick Park.

The effort was part of the United Way's Day of Caring, an annual event that brings volunteers from various outlets together to carry out local service projects. The event kicked off with a speech from YSU President Jim Tressel Friday morning and lasted into the early evening.

Volunteers spent their day cutting down overgrown brush, picking up garbage and debris and cleaning and boarding up abandoned homes on the streets where they worked. Red Cross volunteers were on hand to provide water and basic first aid.

Streets in the North Side neighborhood, where many YSU students live and Greek houses are located, were closed during the event to allow for equipment trucks, trailers and Red Cross ambulances to operate during the cleanup.

The project was directed by the Youngstown Neighborhood Development Corporation, a local community development group that has worked primarily in the South Side Idora neighborhood.

Liberty Merrill led the YNDC teams on Lora Avenue, directing volunteers in their efforts to beautify the neighborhood.

"It's really great being able to bring all these different volunteer groups together and do this work," Merrill said. "Cleanups are just the first step. The city and local revitalization groups will have to follow up on the work we've done today."

A variety of YSU students were present at the cleanup. Some students represented Greek organizations, some student organizations and some came out independently to lend a hand.

"We live just over on Indiana Avenue. When we heard about the project it seemed like a perfect philanthropic outlet for us ... we decided it was time to do something and help the cleanup," James Mayor, a YSU junior majoring in industrial engineering and philanthropy chair of Alpha Phi



PHOTOS BY GRAIG GRAZIOSI/THE JAMBAR.

Participants in the United Way's Day of Caring removed brush, cleaned up debris and helped prepare a North Side neighborhood for revitalization.

Delta, said.

The Williamson College of Business Administration was well represented at the event, with a variety of student organizations within the college attending.

Graduate assistant Naho Ito of the WCBA sent out a call for volunteers among the college's student organizations, and was on site to lead the team in the cleanup inside and outside of several dilapidated houses on Lora Avenue.

Paige Rassega, a YSU senior majoring in human resource management, was among the ranks of the WCBA team, and was surprised by the amount of debris some of the abandoned homes had accumulated.

"We cleaned up loads of tires, bottles, trash, even syringes. You should see our before and after photos. It was really eye opening, and I'm glad we came out ... there's a phrase you hear a lot if you're in Williamson, and that's 'we take care of business while taking care of people,'" Rassega said.

Apart from students, a major part of the volunteer force was comprised of volunteers representing local businesses. Lowe's hardware stores from Boardman and Niles had teams present at the event, including some who went above and be-

yond the designated volunteer duties and opted to mow the lawns of the houses they serviced — a job typically reserved for the city.

"The store manager sent out a memo explaining the event to us, and one of our coworkers, Connie Watson, took it upon herself to help recruit. We've been doing a lot of yard work, tree-cutting and some lawn-mowing," Antonio Fisher, of the Niles Lowe's location, said.

While the event made a noticeable difference on the aesthetics of the targeted streets, residents of the neighborhood expressed hope the city will follow up on the event so that long-lasting improvements come to the area.

"It wasn't like this when I bought this house in 1998. Unfortunately, since the college population here moves in and out so often, some landlords neglect their properties," Sandra Graves, a resident of the North Side neighborhood said. "The city needs to hold them accountable, and they need to tear down these houses that aren't salvageable. It's a wonderful thing that they [Day of Caring volunteers] have done here today, wonderful. But what happens now?"

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exchange for charity. Students were encouraged to bring a shirt from another school in order to exchange it for a new YSU T-shirt.

SGA representatives Gabriella Gessler, vice president of student life; Jacob Schriener-Briggs, executive vice president; Joe Lamping, secretary of technology; and Michael Slavens, SGA president, worked the table, handing out shirts to students passing by.

"This shows that people are involved with YSU," Slavens said.

SGA members spoke with Tressel about handing out T-shirts in order to boost school spirit. Tressel suggested the

idea of an exchange involving shirts from other schools. SGA collaborated with Tressel on the idea of the "Team Tressel" shirts that were given out during Welcome Week.

Students had the chance to dump ice water on the participants by purchasing tickets. Single tickets cost \$1 or six could be purchased for \$5. From ticket sales, the event raised \$269.

"It was a great day," Tressel said. "We traded a lot of T-shirts, and any time you can get the Marching Pride out, it's a good day."

For more information regarding ALS visit ALSAohio.org.

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day. The cost to attend was \$100, but 10 percent of the proceeds are donated to Akron Children's Hospital in the Mahoning Valley.

Jim Marucci, managing member of Winger Productions LLC and owner of Afterburner FX, started the event with the help of his daughter Dana Marucci two years ago when his son, Jimmy Marucci II, passed away from cancer.

"We wanted to keep his name going and keep things alive, and we came up with this. Everyone says doing mud runs is so cool, so dynamic, and you get so many people going to them. So I thought, you know what, we'll donate money to Akron Children's Hospital in Jimmy's name," Marucci said.

Winger Productions LLC, a motion picture and video distribution company, sponsors the event along with Afterburner FX, Knoll Run Golf Course, Marucci and Gaffney Excavating, M&R Power Equipment, New Castle School of Trades, Joy Global and Gasser Chair Company.

This year's Burner had over 220 people register from the Mahoning and Trumbull Counties, and Marucci presented a check of \$2,000 to the Akron Children's Hospital thanks to the turnout.

Candace Madden, development assistant at the Akron Children's Hospital in Mahoning Valley, said that the donations are appreciated.

"We are very grateful to have the partnership because every dollar does count, and all of the money raised from this event, as well as everything else, stays local, and the



John Madeline, Burner course expert, climbs across the Last Call obstacle as Chad Macek, Burner personal trainer, waits at the end to assist him.

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Mahoning Valley does support the programs and services here," Madden said.

Runners were rewarded with a set of dog tags, a T-shirt, medal, headband and refreshments once they completed the course. Marucci said that participants do not have to be physically fit to compete, and that the event is aimed at having fun.

"The majority of people that do this are not what you would call Schwarzenegger or world class fitness shape. They are just people that want to have fun, and it is an accomplishment. This is not an event where you are on your

own. This is an event where warriors get together and have a great time. We help everybody and everybody helps us," Marucci said. "It's all about camaraderie."

The obstacles that participants had to overcome included Da' Wall, a 12-foot ramp in the middle of the mud, and the Last Call, a 10- to 12-foot wooden wall that runners have to walk and hang across while a mud pit awaits them below.

Marucci said that the value people get out of this event is a sense of accomplishment.

"It's challenging you to do something that not everybody does. Once you do an event

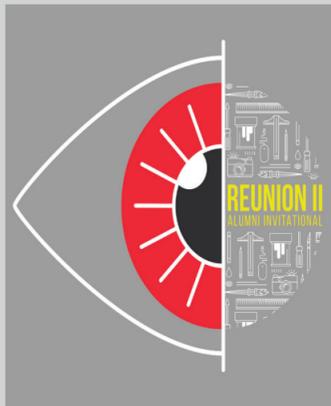
like this, it gives you that warrior status," he said. "It's always about challenging yourself to do better, to go farther, and that is what we are doing down here. It's a sense of accomplishment."

Rachel Toby, a volunteer for The Burner and employee of Afterburner FX, said that she supports those who ran in the event.

"I have never run it, but I come out here and cheer people on, and I get to see quite a bit of the course taking pictures," Toby said. "Everybody has such a good time."

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Ruigang Wang, YSU professor of materials chemistry, has been awarded \$200,640 to fund six graduate research assistants and six undergraduate student researchers to aid him in his research for improving catalytic conversion systems in automobiles. The grant will also allow for workshops for faculty and students of local community colleges about new techniques and research projects being done at YSU.

YSU Graduate Holds Geology Lecture

Thomas Serenko, YSU graduate and current head of the Ohio Geological Survey, will speak Tuesday, Sept. 16 in Room 2400 of Moser Hall. "The Utica/Point Pleasant Shale: A Geological and Historical Perspective" is free and open to the public, and free parking will be available in the Wick parking deck. The lecture will be followed by tours of the Clarence R. Smith Mineral Museum in Moser Hall.

International Trade Attorney Visits YSU

Williamson College of Business Administration is hosting an export to India seminar 8 a.m. to 11:30 a.m. Thursday, Sept. 25, in Room 3418 of Williamson Hall. The seminar will feature Deepti Vithal, an international trade attorney.

cities, which are beholden to state laws.

It is not unusual for the number of wards in a city to be determined by population. Cleveland's charter contains an amendment that dictates that there is one councilperson for every 25,000 citizens.

However, Finnerty said he believes there are more important issues than the number of wards, pointing out that if Youngstown were governed by statute, it would have nine wards.

"In my opinion, seven's not bad. That's not what the fight should be about. The fight should be about actually making them match the population," he said.

According to the Youngstown City Charter, the council is required to redistrict following each census, "whenever there is a reasonable population change, so as to maintain a reasonable equality of population among the seven wards."

Until recently, council had last drawn new wards over 30 years ago, despite the fact that the city has lost nearly 50,000 residents since they last redistricted — resulting in disproportionate ward populations that range from 7,227 to 12,130.

The new amendment looks to prevent that from happening again by dictating that council redraws the wards within 120 days of each census. If they fail, the mayor has 90 days to present a plan for redistricting to council.

Supporters of the amendment also stress its ability to help cut costs.

Youngstown's city council salaries are higher than several other cities in Ohio of comparable size. According to the charter, council members earn \$27,817.24 per year, and receive full health insurance benefits. Eliminating two wards could save the city nearly \$90,000 per year.

Ray said that, with other departments taking cuts, it is time for city council to pitch in.

"We've cut back everywhere else. The police department's smaller. The fire department's smaller. When we renew contracts, our unions are taking concessions," he said.

Annie Gillam, D-1st District, who represents the ward that contains YSU, is not fond of the idea.

"The city is just starting to move forward. I don't understand why we would go

backwards," Gillam said.

She said there are many issues facing Youngstown that require more governance and reducing the number of council members would set the city back, but Ray disagreed.

"I don't think it's too much of a workload," Ray said. "Currently, I represent over 12,000 residents, but some my colleagues represent only 7,000. When the city was a lot larger, we obviously represented close to 20,000 people, so I do not think it's a workload that's unmanageable."

If the city is divided into five wards, each council member will be representing about 13,000 citizens.

Gillam did not think the proposed amendment would have a negative effect on YSU, provided it remains in the same ward as downtown Youngstown.

"I would still want to have it connected to downtown because it's so close to downtown," she said.

Voters can see the text of the proposed amendment at <http://drawthelinye-youngstown.blogspot.com>.

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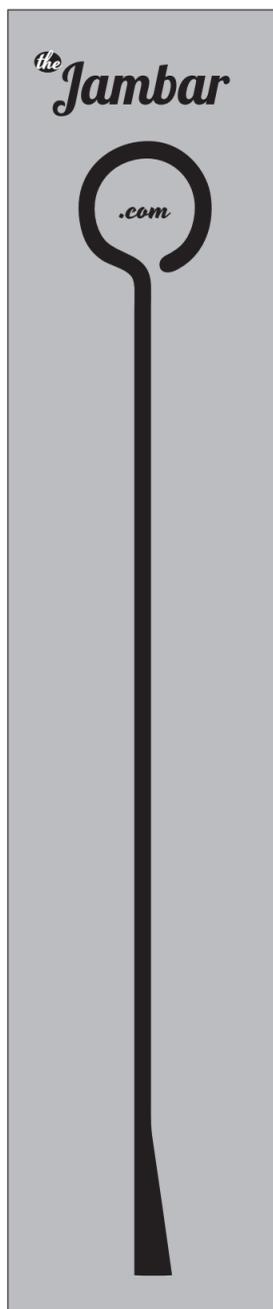
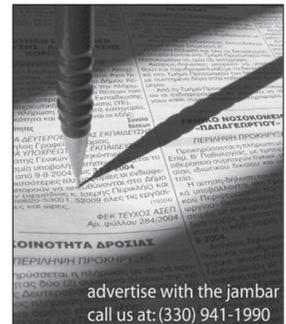
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YSU CELEBRATES DIVERSITY WITH HISPANIC HERITAGE MONTH

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Youngstown State University's 2014 Hispanic Heritage Month celebration will begin on Thursday, Sept. 18 at 12:15 p.m. and last until Friday, Oct. 17 at 11:00 p.m., with an assortment of events throughout the month.

William Blake, director of the YSU Office of Student Diversity Programs, will provide opening remarks during the beginning ceremony on Sept. 18 at the Mahoning County Courthouse. The event will feature a flag ceremony that will represent 22 Spanish speaking countries — as well keynote speaker Miriam Ocasio and student emcee Josiah Banks.

"The opening ceremony is about making sure that other people are aware that we're celebrating the whole Hispanic Heritage Month," Blake said. "It is important to celebrate diversity everywhere you are, not just at YSU. Diversity is what makes the world go round. All of the differences that we have help us to be a stronger community."

Ana Torres, manager of library operations and event co-coordinator, stressed the importance of the event for highlighting diversity.

"It is important to let people know that, even within the Hispanic community, there is a lot of diversity," Torres said. "People assume we only speak one language, and that's not the case. The main language is Spanish, but we also have a lot of dialects. We have a huge diversity among Hispanics — racial diversity, diversity of backgrounds and knowledge, religion and everything. It is important, and we try to bring awareness and learn what the different cultures are about."

Torres will showcase individuals in her "Notable Latinos" display, which will be visible in Maag Library the entire month.

"[Notable Latinos] is a display that I've been putting together almost every year," Torres said. "We try to display materials we have housed in the library of authors, painters and artists that are from a Hispanic background. I also bring some artifacts to display."

Throughout the month, many events will showcase different people of Hispanic background, such as Dr. Pamela E. Harris, who will be discussing her personal journey in receiving her PhD. The event has been arranged in order to make students aware of the career track opportunities available to them.

The main event, the Hispanic Heritage Celebration, will take place on Saturday, Oct. 4 at 12:00 p.m. in the Chestnut Room of Kilcawley Center. The event will feature music, dancing, cultural displays and refreshments.

Blake said the Hispanic Heritage Planning Committee decided to hold the event on a Saturday in hopes of making it more accessible for students and faculty.

Blake also encourages everybody to go out for the 4th Annual Non-Violence Parade and Rally, which starts at 3 p.m. on Oct. 5, the first day of non-violence week.

"I would have to say I have witnessed several students at YSU who have lost their lives," Blake said. "[The parade] promotes students trying to engage strategies to be successful in not dealing with violence in our everyday lives."

The planning committee hopes to continue raising awareness for the Hispanic community and diversity within the Youngstown community.

"I would love to invite the students and faculty on campus to take the time and consider attending at least one of the activities that have been planned on campus and in the community," Torres said. "I guarantee you there will be something memorable that you will take from many of the activities."

U.S. EXPANDS ATTACKS ON ISLAMIC STATE AS IRAQI FORCES MOVE TO RECLAIM VILLAGES NEAR HADITHA

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BAGHDAD — The United States on Sunday expanded its air war against Islamic extremists in Iraq, sending fighter jets to attack targets near the Haditha Dam in coordination with ground forces from the Shiite Muslim-dominated Iraqi military and local Sunni Muslim tribes.

The operation was led by Anbar's governor, Ahmad Khalaf, who received a serious head wound from shrapnel from a mortar round apparently fired by Islamic State fighters. Islamic State fire also killed the mayor of Haditha, Abdul Hakim Mohammad, and one of Khalaf's bodyguards, the mayor's media office said.

The fighting began at dawn, and by evening, the combined forces had cleared the village of Barawana, north of the dam, of Islamic State fighters who had occupied it for weeks. But fighting continued at a village west of the dam, Khafajia, which remained under Islamic State control, officials said.

The U.S. Central Command in Tampa, Fla., said in a statement that U.S. combat aircraft destroyed four Islamic State Humvees, four armed vehicles — two of which were carrying anti-aircraft artillery — one fighting position, and one command post.

The White House said the operation was intended to protect the Haditha Dam, the second-largest hydroelectric contributor to Iraq's power system. Its destruction "would

have catastrophic consequences for Iraqis living in the Euphrates river valley and even flood Baghdad airport, where hundreds of U.S. personnel reside," the White House said in a statement.

In a statement issued before his death, Mohammad, the Haditha mayor, said the offensive was being undertaken because local officials wanted to break the hold that the Islamic State imposed on villages in the area during the group's lightning advance across Iraq after the capture in early June of Mosul, Iraq's second-largest city.

"We started this operation because for about two months, we had mortars hitting our town, our houses and buildings," the statement quoted the mayor as saying. "Maybe today or maybe over the next few days, we will get rid of this evil presence."

Defense Secretary Chuck Hagel told reporters in Tbilisi, Georgia, that the U.S. intervened at the request of the Shiite-dominated central government in Baghdad.

Many Americans will associate Haditha with the massacre of 24 Iraqi civilians at the hands of U.S. Marines in 2005 after one Marine was killed by a roadside bomb. The failure to punish those responsible angered Haditha residents for many years.

But the arrival of the Islamic State seems to have superseded the bitterness. Only 10 days earlier, Khalaf had written about his determination to battle the extremists in an opinion piece in The Washington Post in which he portrayed the fight against the Islamic State as good vs. evil.

"This is a war begun on the timing and terms of the forces

of darkness, but we are determined to end it in a way and at a time of our choosing once we have rid the world of this tyranny," he wrote. "We are fighting this war to defend the right of all humanity, and not only Iraqis, to live in peace, regardless of race, religion or ethnicity."

Khalaf was fighting alongside his troops, bodyguards and the mayor of Haditha in Khafajia when all were struck by shrapnel from the mortar. Khalaf was taken to a hospital for an examination and then returned to the fighting with what he thought was a minor head wound. But he soon realized it was a more serious wound and was taken back to the hospital for treatment, the mayor's media office said.

Sunday's fighting was a combined operation involving fighters from Iraq's two major Islamic sects, Shiite and Sunni, whose political standoff over the past two years opened the door for Islamic State fighters, who are Sunni, to seize much of Iraq since mid-June.

In Sunday's offensive, Shiite-led security forces from the Iraqi Army's 7th Division, with Baghdad-based forces from Iraq's so-called SWAT team, fought alongside emergency battalions from Haditha and local police, the mayor's media office said.

It was not clear whether the collaboration, coordinated by the U.S. military with the Shiite-dominated central government, will set a precedent.

Still, the timing of the operation was fortuitous for President Barack Obama, who is under growing political pressure to devise a strategy for countering the Islamic State in Iraq and Syria.

Politicians Disdain Tea Party but Seek its Clout

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WASHINGTON — As Democrats fight desperately to keep a Senate majority in the upcoming elections, one conservative voice has been noticeably muted in the fight for seats: a cohesive far-right tea party.

It's been four years since the group made its sensational entrance onto the national stage, prompting a swell of support that swept names like Florida's Marco Rubio, Kentucky's Rand Paul and Texas' Ted Cruz into Washington. Touting a general distaste for government and a focused disgust for Democrats, the movement helped oust a host of more traditional incumbents.

But according to recent Gallup polls, the number of Republicans who consider themselves supporters of the tea party has steadily dropped since the movement's peak in 2010, down from 61 percent to 41 percent. With its heyday behind it, the tea party of 2014 looks less like a movement and more like a fractured, disconnected offensive, doomed by hyperlocal ties that make national impact a challenge.

"There's no single tea party organization, most of which don't have a whole lot of money," said Robert Boatright, a political science professor and an expert in congressional primaries at Clark University in Massachusetts. "If candidates wish to refer to themselves as a tea party candidate, there's not really anybody to say no."

That lack of cohesive voice has already led to losses in the 2014 midterm primaries, in which tea party challengers failed miserably to upset incumbents with national GOP backing.

South Carolina's Sen. Lindsey Graham, for example, easily avoided a runoff and walked away with the state's Republican nomination this year, despite being considered one of this cycle's more vulnerable incumbents. When all was said

and done, though, he had less than 60 percent of the votes.

"That's no overwhelming landslide. It shows that there's still some resentment out there," said David Woodard, a political science professor at South Carolina's Clemson University.

But that resentment was spread among six different tea party challengers, a fracture that Woodard says speaks to the group's now exploited weaknesses.

"They each had a geographic support, and what happened is, there was nobody to sort of pull them all together," he said.

Graham's South Carolina is a useful example when considering the tea party's life span, a deep red, conservative microcosm that has hosted various tea party dramas since the group found a foothold in 2010. For years, Graham has had to fend off attacks from the far right, which says he isn't conservative enough. Some of his delegation colleagues, meanwhile, have attempted a delicate balance: beckoning tea party support with one hand while holding them at arm's length with the other.

The House elections of 2010 saw several amateur Republicans in South Carolina knock longtime institutional politicians out of office. Reps. Trey Gowdy, Mick Mulvaney, Jeff Duncan and Tim Scott, now a senator, all rode the swell into office.

It's difficult to nail down exactly where the four stand now on the tea party. Mulvaney, Duncan and Scott were reportedly all associated with Congress' Tea Party Caucus at some point, although it appears the caucus, headed by Minnesota's Michele Bachmann, is not as organized as it was during its inaugural run in 2010. Bachmann's spokesman, Dan Kotman, said the group is still holding meetings but does not maintain an official membership list.

This reluctance to publicly associate with the movement reflects a trend found in the tea party's tidal wave aftermath: Many lawmakers didn't so much help build the wave as hitch its ride to Washington.

A successful combined Sunni-Shiite mission in Anbar province also would raise the likelihood that Sunnis and Shiites can agree quickly on a new Iraqi government. Reports indicated Sunday that Haider al Abadi, a Shiite who was named prime minister-designate a month ago, is close to naming a Cabinet. According to close observers of the process, Sunnis will have eight of the 30 ministerial positions, including the head of either the defense or interior ministry.

Obama announced Sunday that he would detail how the U.S. intends to counter the Islamic State in Iraq and Syria in a televised speech Wednesday night.

In an interview recorded Saturday and broadcast Sunday on NBC's "Meet the Press," Obama provided few details of his Wednesday speech, except to say once again that the United States would not send combat troops to confront the Islamic State. He said that whatever course the U.S. takes will be part of an international coalition and will require months of coordinated action.

"The good news is, I think, for perhaps the first time, you have absolute clarity that the problem for Sunni states in the region, many of whom are our allies, is not simply Iran. It's not simply a Sunni-Shia issue," he said.

Obama also made it clear that for now, toppling the government of Syrian President Bashar Assad will have a low-

er priority.

"Our attitude towards Assad continues to be that you know, through his actions, through using chemical weapons on his own people, dropping barrel bombs that killed innocent children, that he has foregone legitimacy. But when it comes to our policy and the coalition that we're putting together, our focus specifically is on ISIL. It's narrowly on ISIL," he said, using the government's preferred acronym for Islamic State.

Obama also said the United States would continue to work to develop a moderate Syrian opposition "that can control territory."

In a related development, Jamal Maarouf, a commander of a U.S.-backed rebel faction in Syria's Idlib province, pledged to expand his battle against the Islamic State throughout northern and eastern Syria.

In an appearance on the Saudi-owned Al Arabiya news channel, Maarouf said he had ordered his fighters into combat against Islamic State positions north of Aleppo. "The moment of truth and accountability has come," Maarouf said.

Maarouf's Syrian Revolutionary Front in January drove the Islamic State from about half the bases it maintained in northern Syria. Maarouf is one of about a dozen rebel commanders receiving assistance from the United States under a program administered by the CIA.



An Evening at the Pops!

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The Youngstown State University Wind Ensemble performed at an outdoor concert at Harrison Common on Wednesday, where they played a handful of genre-spanning pieces from Super Mario Brothers to an armed forces salute.

Stephen L. Gage, a professor of music at YSU and director of the wind ensemble, conducted the concert. Graduate students Heather Johnson, Kevin Scales and Nick Marzoula also conducted pieces in the series.

Gage said he was impressed with how well the performance went, as there was little time to prepare with the concert coming at the beginning of the school year.

"It was fantastic. Beautiful night, we had a great crowd in this new room. I'm really proud of the students," Gage said. "We had six rehearsals and we put on this show, so that's really amazing."

He said he was equally im-

pressed with how well his three graduate student conductors performed.

"It's amazing. This is our 15th year of having a graduate conducting program. These are three in a line of people," he said. "What a great experience it is for them to work with this band, to apply their craft, and obviously I'm very proud of them."

Scales, who is from Georgia, conducted one of the more popular pieces of the night when he led the ensemble through music from the hit Nintendo video game, Super Mario Brothers. The performance even caught the eye of fellow graduate student and conductor Johnson.

"Watching Scales do the Mario Brothers ... I know he had to have worked so hard on that. He did it from memory and I was really proud of that. It was a complicated piece, he really worked hard," Johnson said.

Gage also enjoyed the Super Mario Brothers piece, even calling it his favorite part of the performance.

"My favorite part was maybe the Mario Brothers. Believe it or

not, I'm a Mario fan and there have been times in my life when I have obsessed about it," Gage said.

While Scales' Mario Brothers piece was a fan-favorite, he found performing outdoors to be very different than performing indoors.

"I think we did pretty well. It's just a different environment being out here. You know, just a different type of concert. Last year, when we did the pops concert, it was at Warren and they had a shell. So it's just the acoustics are really different," Scales said. "It went well, just different."

Johnson also thought the concert as a whole went well. She was mostly impressed by how well the orchestra worked together, which is a big reason as to why the audience was so involved in the performance.

"Everybody was really focused and there was a good team spirit — like let's make this happen and share with the audience — and I think we saw that with audience participation and saw people smiling and it was a good time," Johnson said.



Club Changes was 'Friendzoned' by Drop The Act

Drop The Act filmed the music video for their new single "Friendzoned" on Sept. 7 in New Castle, Pennsylvania. Drop The Act formed in 2012 and their new album is set to be released in early 2015.

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On Sept. 7, Drop The Act filmed their new single "Friendzoned" in front of friends, family and fans at Club Changes in New Castle, Pennsylvania.

Drop The Act is a band consisting of Matt Priscilla (vocalist), Adam Kaminski (bassist), and YSU students Adam Alfano (drummer), Josh Hoffman and Jacob Hoffman (guitarists).

The band started in 2012 when Jacob Hoffman, Josh Hoffman and Alfano were looking to get more serious with music and left their previous band, Fallen Avenue.

Later, Alfano, Josh Hoffman and Jacob Hoffman came across Priscilla and were blown away

by his voice. They said there was no doubt in their mind that they wanted Priscilla to be a part of DTA.

"When we found Matt, it was like the perfect piece of the puzzle," Alfano said.

Kaminski became the bassist when he heard about the position opening up after one of the previous members left. He had grown to be friends with the group during past shows they went to together.

"These guys are my best friends, and I couldn't ask for better bandmates. We're all just being in a band together, and they're without a doubt the coolest, most down-to-earth people I've met," Kaminski said.

The members of DTA are very focused on making the impossible possible when they

record their new album — set to be released before summer of 2015.

The members say that music isn't just a hobby, it's a way of life — from growing up listening to pop-punk music to them getting on stage and doing it themselves.

"Recording was and is definitely one of the coolest experiences of my life," Kaminski said. "It's just always so exhilarating being able to clearly hear the music you've worked so hard on and watch as it all come together."

Before every performance, Alfano tries his best to get his bandmates pumped up by having everyone put their hands in a circle and blurt out any random animal sound or a joke to lighten the mood.

"When I get off stage, I liter-

ally feel like a badass," Alfano said.

For the music video, the band arrived around 9:30 a.m. and the director Marc Liscio of Envisioned Vision Studios, a photography and music video company, began the day by having them practice their new song while he tested the lighting and camera angles.

By 2 p.m., friends and fans began filing in to support the band with their colorful T-shirts and wristbands that were given to them as they walked in.

After Drop The Act completed the chorus and led into the bridge, the club echoed the sound of shouts, applause and the occasional cough.

They said this is not the final step for the band — they will continue to work with Liscio on different scenes and hope

to have a final product for the fans by October. On Oct. 11, they will be performing in Pittsburgh, with Post Season and Firestarter.

The group said they want to one day make it big and get signed by a record label or perform at Warped Tour.

Priscilla said that all of this wouldn't have been possible without the help of friends and family.

"Our future goals for this band are never ending. I say this because no matter how much we accomplish we are always going to be aiming for that step above the last," Priscilla said. "I think I speak on behalf of all of the members when I say that this is something we want to be doing for the rest of our lives — and we refuse to give up on something we want so desperately."

EDITORIAL

NO GOOD DEED GOES UNCRITICIZED

Anyone who has two eyes, an Internet connection and a brain capable of processing rapidly moving images has probably, at some point over the last month, seen a video of someone being blanketed with ice cold water. Yes, the ALS Ice Bucket Challenge has struck everyone from your mother to your neighbor to your favorite celebrity. Though this viral storm has begun to lose its strength, the trend rose over \$100 million directed at the ALS Association, which is, of course, dedicated toward curing amyotrophic lateral sclerosis. During the same time period last year, this association only received \$2.8 million in charitable donations. It is pretty safe to say the Ice Bucket Challenge was an unmitigated success, as well as a brilliant use of social media to do some obvious good.

Of course, contrarians and cynics alike were waiting in the rafters to hurl their criticisms at everyone who thought they had done some good, no matter how small. Several stories swept across social media that accused the ALS Association of flagrantly misleading donors and generally being dastardly. Though some headlines accused the association of wholesale wickedness, the truth behind all this fire and brimstone is that charity watchdogs and other critics thought that ALS was misleading donors because of their division of funds.

According to the ALS Association's own breakdown of spending, only 28 percent of donations are spent on research, while 19 percent is spent on patient and community services, 32 percent public on professional education, 14 percent on fundraising and 7 percent on administration.

These expenditures don't exactly sound particularly malicious, but critics of the charity said the association was marketing, especially with the Ice Bucket Challenge, itself as a charity that was dedicated mainly to a cure when only 28 percent of funding would assist with that. Many were particularly annoyed that 7 percent of funding was dedicated to administration.

What many forget, however, is that charities do not survive on sunshine and adorable puppies alone. They are within the private sector, and they must stand on their own revenue — nearly all of which comes from donations. When people hear that a CEO of a charity receives more than a loaf of bread and a cup of orange juice for their trouble, they tend to get

a bit upity.

According to Business Week, the median compensation, including bonuses, for a CEO of an American hunger charity receiving upwards of \$500,000,000 was \$84,028. Compared to what your average CEO makes at American for profit companies, including bonuses, this is chump change.

This isn't to say that charity CEOs should be diving into pools of money on their weekends. These jobs are obviously low reward for a reason, but they at least attract good-natured businessmen and business tycoons in their twilight years looking to give back. If that administrative number is cut back even more, these companies risk truly having to pick from the bottom of the barrel. Even the most good-natured geniuses among us may not be willing to make that sacrifice when a Fortune 500 company is waving fat stacks in front of them. Also take into consideration that any company needs a strong administrative foundation to successfully execute its programs. In a country in the throes of administrative bloat with many of its organizations and companies, 7 percent is far from abysmal.

Moving on to the other cuts in this pie. ALS spends 32 percent of its budget on public and professional education, but what does this mean? Apparently, if their website is to be believed, it mostly deals with proliferating the ALS Association's agenda by educating the unaware and pushing for greater support within the legislation. Entire charities — such as the environmental charity, Earthjustice — are dedicated to just this type of agenda. You know why this is? Because awareness breeds interest and interest breeds higher funding for the Association. Furthermore, government research grants are incredibly lucrative and highly competitive. We cannot say for sure, as we are not charity analysts, if the largest chunk of their budget should be dedicated to this sector, but it is equally ludicrous to say that this is not an important task for, by far, the most well-known and powerful ALS charity to tackle.

Then there is the 19 percent spent on patient and community services. There is a grim fact that most do not want to address concerning ALS. What if none of this money being pumped into research matters? What if there is no cure that modern medicine can find and no amount of money can change that? What

if are only solution, in this era, is found in the traditional tactics used to prolong the lives of victims and ease their suffering? It seems of paramount importance, then, that these tactics are propagated. This is disregarding the fact that to ignore this facet would be to ignore the current sufferers for the possibility of helping sufferers in the future. It does not seem to be the most utilitarian option.

All in all, it reflects back to one primary point. Once again, the ALS Association is irrefutably the largest ALS charity, and an important part of their function is to concern themselves with all aspects of the disease. A more eclectic charity means they are more likely to do the most good, as opposed to being laser focused on one singular aspect of fighting this disease.

Now this is by no means a demand to cease criticizing charities. We cannot attest that the ALS Association is beyond all reproach, and there are certainly charities, large and small, that have shadowy partnerships. Even charities made of truly good-natured people are subject to blunder. They may overcrowd a specific goal and slow progress; they may crowd out other beneficial programs both from other charities and the government; they may misdirect funds; they may be using an ill thought out methodology to solve hunger; their entire task may be hopeless and fruitless.

Charities have become such an important part of how humans reach out to help the least among them — we cannot simply close our eyes, point and hope our donation goes to the right place. Just as a consumer must be conscious of their purchases, the donor must be conscious of their donation. Kindness is all well and good, but the utilitarian approach is needed; critical thinking and careful research must be employed by the charitable for the sake of the common good.

This is not an attack by any means on critical thinking. This is an attack on the all too familiar waves of the unnecessarily incredulous 'cynics-for-the-sake-of-cynics' who get their giggles off trying to slap the concept of kindness across its smiling face. We must not look for disaster or wickedness simply because we expect it and force the conclusion if it does not rear its ugly head. As a certain well-known bard once said, "that way madness lies."



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For Schoolchildren, Eating Well is Learning Well

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Serving food to students is what we do. As the Urban School Food Alliance, we represent six of the largest school districts in the nation (New York City, Los Angeles, Chicago, Miami, Dallas and Orlando), feeding more than 3 million elementary, middle school and high school students every school day.

Our mission is more than just supplying healthy meals for our children. We believe that school breakfast and lunch are integral to a student's education. This is why we believe that meals need to be healthy and tasty, why we believe meals need to be accessible to all students and why we believe that mealtime needs to be viewed as part of the educational day.

The USFA strongly supports the vision of the first lady and backs the larger goals of the 2010 Healthy, Hunger-Free Kids Act. The recent and ongoing debate in Washington on whether school food standards should be rolled back misses what we believe is the whole point of important nutritional standards: to bring healthier food onto our students' plates and into their lives. And yes, we need to get them to eat it too.

Our districts have had

success in exposing students to and having them eat meals under these new standards. Our districts have developed creative menus and innovative ways of providing lean proteins, whole wheat, low-fat dairy, and fresh fruits and vegetables. We can and should demonstrate actionable leadership in this debate.

These healthy and delicious meals need to be accessible to all students. And we need to get away from the attitude that school meals are only for the kids who can't afford to bring lunch from home. The new approach to serving American children should mean offering free lunches to all students regardless of a family's financial need. This would not only directly benefit the children and their families, but it would also cut through the current bureaucracy and enable American companies to sell more of their healthy products to our cafeterias. We need to acknowledge that this would benefit American workers in American companies providing food to American children in American schools. It is money invested in us.

To that end, there should also be more funding allotted to the commodity food program. Doing so will allow districts to make their food-purchasing dollars go further and to remain focused on bringing healthier food into

our cafeterias. The USFA can and should lead the way in setting standards and recipes that all districts, even the smaller ones, can use.

Eating is part of the educational day and mealtime needs to be treated as such. Students should be given enough time to eat so that they are not rushed or forced to skip meals altogether because of dwindling meal periods. Just like math and science, food and eating should be thought of as part of, and not an intrusion upon, the educational day. Eating well is learning well.

This is also why the debate arising from the issue of plate waste and of "healthy trash cans full of fruit" misses the point. Exposure to healthy and wholesome food takes time and has long-term value. Children should grow up knowing that fruits and vegetables are indeed part of their meal experience.

We challenge our teachers, our administrators, and our state and government officials to look at the school breakfast and lunch not just as a meal program but also as what they were originally intended to be: enrichment programs. School meals enrich students' developmental growth. They enrich healthy eating habits for life. More importantly, they enrich student success in school.





Dominating in Delmarva

Dosch notches record-breaking season in return from ACL injury

PHOTO BY JOEY GARDNER/DELMARVA SHOREBIRDS.

Former Penguins baseball standout Drew Dosch set the single season hit-record for the Class A Delmarva Shorebirds this past summer. Dosch's first season with Delmarva served as his return to the diamond after tearing his ACL with YSU in May 2013.

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Drew Dosch would not have been totally surprised if his name wasn't written into the Delmarva Shorebirds lineup card on Aug. 16. Even though the former Penguins slugger was having an outstanding season in his first taste of minor league baseball, there was one problem.

The night before, against the Hickory Crawdads, the lefty recorded his 150th hit of the campaign — tying the Shorebirds' club record that was, coincidentally, previously held by Dosch's manager Ryan Minor, who notched 150 hits in 1997.

"As I was creeping up on [the record], [Minor] joked around that once I tied it, he wasn't going to play me anymore, so we would just share the record," Dosch said.

But, naturally, Minor obliged.

So on Aug. 16 in Hickory, Dosch smacked a ninth-inning single to break the Delmarva single-season hit record. The third baseman finished his season with the Shorebirds — the Class A affiliate of the Baltimore Orioles — with 157 hits.

"To be able to go there, play every day, play well and do something like break the hit record that's been there for 20 years — that really showed that I could play at that level and it really meant a lot to me," Dosch said.

A seventh-round pick by the Orioles in the 2013 MLB Draft, Dosch batted .314 with 22 doubles, four

triples and five homeruns in his first season of professional baseball. While the Shorebirds season ended on Sept. 1, the 6-foot-2-inch, 200-pounder got especially hot in July, collecting 39 hits in 27 games (.364) as he earned Orioles' Player of the Month honors.

"I was able to just step into the games and do what I do," Dosch said. "I didn't try to do too much. I wanted to keep my approach of staying in the middle of the field and not trying to hit a bunch of homeruns and that really worked for me all season."

Did it ever. But quite frankly, his 2014 campaign was similar to his seasons at Youngstown State University.

In three years with the Penguins, Dosch was twice-named a First-Team All-Horizon League member, hitting .353 with eight homeruns during his sophomore year before batting .338 as a junior.

Continuing that success with Delmarva — located in Salisbury, Maryland — the 22-year-old was the starting third baseman in the South Atlantic League All-Star Game and was recently ranked as Baltimore's 11th best prospect by MLB.com.

"The biggest thing was consistency all year," he said. "We play a lot of games and it's really a grind to play every single day. You have to find a routine that works for you — as far as batting practice, groundballs and just getting prepared before the game — without over doing it and getting yourself tired."

"So I found a routine that worked for me and I was comfortable with it."

Bouncing Back

Just as important, the Columbus native found total

comfort playing on his right knee for 128 games.

On May 17, 2013, during his final season with YSU, Dosch tore his ACL in a matchup at Valparaiso University. The severe injury that immediately ended his campaign usually requires a six- to seven-month rehabilitation process.

But in timing the recovery with the start of spring training in March, Dosch extended his rehab to nine months, working extensively with the Orioles training staff as well as the YSU trainers prior to being drafted.

"They both did an amazing job," he said. "When I finally got back out on to the field after those nine months, I was that much stronger and had that much more confidence in my knee ... I give all the credit to the training staff."

Now, after an ideal debut pro ball season, next in line for Dosch is a four-week assignment to the Orioles instructional league. He'll fly out to the Florida camp on Wednesday. After that comes spring training in March.

Through it all, Dosch simply wants to keep improving — even if it means breaking hit-records and jokingly upsetting his managers along the way.

"I'm obviously hoping to move up [in the system]," he said. "You have to keep developing mentally as well as physically, which means learning how you play the game and knowing your strengths and weaknesses."

"We play so many games and scouting reports get out on you, so you have to figure out what adjustments you're going to make to try and combat the adjustments other teams will make."

Penguins Sign Wolford to Contract Extension

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Youngstown State University agreed to terms with head football coach Eric Wolford on a one-year contract extension through the 2015 season. The contract was finalized just before the start of the season on Aug. 26.

Although Wolford's contract extends through the 2015 season, YSU has the option to buyout Wolford's last season for \$100,000 if the Penguins finish with a record of 7-5 or worse.

YSU athletic director Ron Strollo said negotiations started last March, but were unable to be completed until just before the start of the season.

"We actually decided to

give him the extension at the end of last season, but with recruiting and spring ball and with the change of the administration here, we were just able to get it finalized before the season started," Strollo said. "It's really a two-year contract. It was able to provide our recruits and our assistant coaches the stability that they earned."

The contract leaves many questions as to what is to happen after the 2015 season, but those questions will be answered on the field over the next two seasons. Strollo believes Wolford is the answer for the Penguins long term, but a long term extension most likely won't be signed until after the 2015 season.

"I think it goes with any coach — those decisions are determined at the end of the year, but we expect coach

Wolford to be our football coach for the long term," Strollo said.

Wolford is coming off of an 8-4 season in which the Penguins started out 8-1 before losing the final three games of the season. The 8-1 start was the best in 12 years.

Since he took over the program in 2010, he has led YSU to a 25-22 record. He also led YSU to its first ever win against a BCS opponent in 2012, when YSU beat the University of Pittsburgh 31-17.

Coach Wolford has also placed a high standard on academics during the past four seasons. The YSU football team has had its highest GPA in school history since 2010; in 2013, 45 football players had a GPA of 3.0 or higher.

YSU is 1-1 this season under Wolford's direction.



PHOTO BY DUSTIN LIVESAY/THE JAMBAR.

YSU has agreed to terms with head football coach Eric Wolford on a one-year contract negotiation. The contract, though, gives YSU the option to buy out Wolford's final season for \$100,000 if the Penguins record seven or fewer wins.

SPORTS BRIEFS

Soccer Wins, Ties Over Weekend

Hosting a pair of home matches this past weekend, the Penguins soccer team (3-2-1) picked up a win against Malone on Friday before tying Purdue on Sunday. Defeating Malone 5-0, Chelsey Haney, Macey Riese, Kathy Baquero, Abby Kenski and Samantha Vaughan each scored a goal. In tying the Boilermakers, 1-1, Tyesha Kizer scored a goal in the 47th minute. Meanwhile, YSU goalkeeper Jackie Podolsky earned Horizon League Women's Soccer Defensive Player of the Week honors for her play in both games as she collected 10 saves.

Volleyball Goes 3-1 in Two Days

Competing in the Duquesne/Robert Morris Invitational over the weekend, the YSU volleyball team (6-1) won two matches Friday before splitting two more Saturday. The Penguins first swept UMass Lowell on Friday, following that up with a 3-1 win against Robert Morris. They then beat Indiana State, 3-1, on Saturday before falling to Duquesne, 2-3. Senior Shannon Watson was named as the Horizon League's Defensive Player of the Week, averaging 1.31 blocks per set. Fellow senior Lexi Egler recorded a double-double in three of the four sets.

Penguin Spotlight: Jelani Berassa

The senior wide receiver caught six passes for a career-high 114 yards in YSU's 34-23 win against Duquesne on Saturday at Stambaugh Stadium. Included was a game-long 66-yard pass from quarterback Dante Nania early in the third quarter. In the Penguins season-opening loss at Illinois, Berassa caught four passes for 39 yards. A sixth-year senior, the Miami-native already has ten catches in 2014 after finishing with just six a year ago.