

UNIVERSITY WORKS TO TIGHTEN CONTROLS ON UNIVERSITY PAYMENT CARDS

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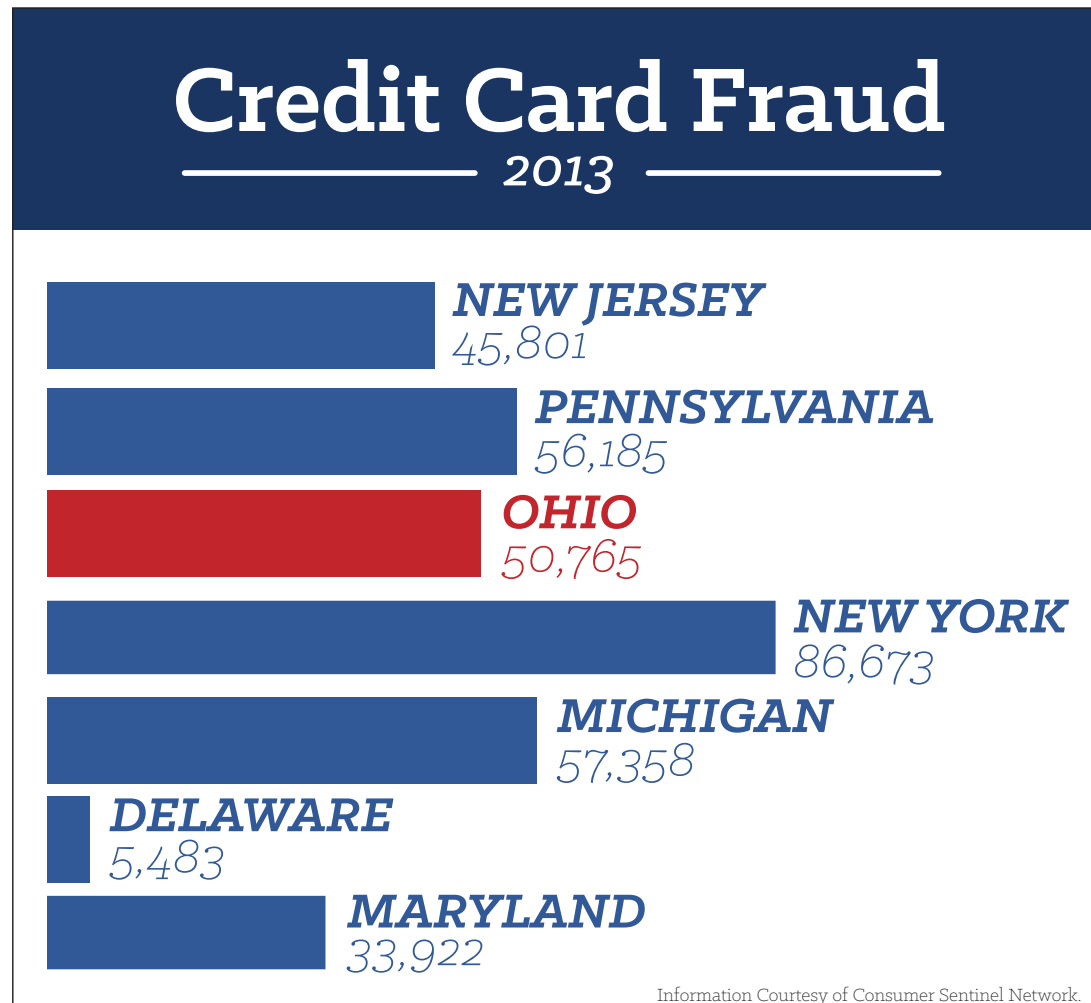
Due to an incident involving university credit card fraud that occurred last summer, Youngstown State University is tightening control over and more closely monitoring transactions on University Payment Cards, or P-Cards.

The incident that sparked the new policies involved Jeffrey Butts, former administrative assistant in the Islamic studies department, who funneled over \$16,000 to himself using a coworker's P-Card sometime between July 29 and Aug. 26.

Butts no longer works for the university and was charged in criminal court for his offenses, according to the police report.

Neal McNally, interim vice president for finance and administration, said that the university's current system to track P-Card fraud is effective, but it is now undergoing improvements to prevent an incident like the Butts case from occurring again.

"It's important to note that our pre-existing practices are what alerted us to the fraud in the Jeff Butts case," McNally said. "We have, however, tightened up controls and are monitoring transactions more closely, and we have also



ramped up communications with all card-holders and their supervisors to increase awareness."

Not all employees of the university receive these cards. Cardholders are only YSU faculty whose jobs require them to make purchasing deci-

sions on behalf of the university, and are only authorized use by procurement services if they decide to apply for a card, along with approval from his or her supervisor.

McNally said that anyone in violation of the university's new requirements will face a

30-day suspension. Any employee that applies for a card is required to undergo training before he or she receives the credit card.

Cardholders will be suspended if they fail to submit a monthly billing-cycle statement before a required date,

if they do not respond to audit requests or if they charge "unallowable" expenses. McNally said if they receive two of these suspensions within a year, their cards will be taken away for a longer period of time.

"Privileges will not be reinstated until after their suspension period is completed and the cardholder comes into compliance, completes a new P-Card application and completes additional training. Failure to exercise compliance after reinstatement may result in cancellation, and if they fail to exercise compliance after cancellation, it will result in additional disciplinary action," McNally said.

Harry Meshel, YSU Board of Trustees member, said that he feels those who are responsible for the cards should report any incident of fraud to a higher authority at the university.

"Anybody who has been given a credit card should be responsible for use of that credit card no matter who that person might be, and they should report to the next person above them and so on until they get up to the president and finally to the Board of Trustees. Some of us are sick of seeing some of that happen," Meshel said. "There's

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Would You Like Crickets With That?



Crickets require 12-times less feed than cattle to produce the same amount of protein. Around the world, crickets are consumed and prepared in a variety of ways. The pictured dish is Chingrit thot, a Thai appetizer consisting of deep-fried crickets.

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Youngstown is known for lots of things: it was a backbone of the American steel industry, it had notorious corruption among politicians controlled by the mob and it's a poster-child for post-industrial Rust Belt destitution. It is also home to the country's first food-grade cricket farm.

Kevin Bachhuber, founder of Big Cricket

Farms, was introduced to insects as a food source while visiting Thailand in 2006.

"You get your beer. You're watching these crazy Thai soap operas, and you get your little bowl that would normally have peanuts or pretzels, and it's deep-fried bamboo worms or crickets, and it enables that hand-to-mouth thing super easily," Bachhuber said.

When he returned home, the cravings were

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Inventing a Faster Path to Patents

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The process of obtaining a patent can be long and arduous even under the absolute best circumstances. It takes resources, patience and a bit of luck.

Edward Orona, director of grants and sponsored programs, plays a large role in facilitating the process of obtaining grants that Youngstown State University faculty typically need to fund their research.

"Anything that goes to the U.S. Patent Trademark Office takes a long time to get done. Currently there's a three-year waiting period. ... Because they get so many patent applications from across the country, it takes them three years to act on them," Orona said.

Beyond the fact that a patent application can get caught up in the bureaucratic process at the national level for up to three years, there is a lot of preparation that must go into a patent before ever submitting it.

While not much can be done to fix the overflow of applications to the USPTO, it's in the best interest of the inventor to get his invention from completion to submission in as timely a fashion as

possible. This is especially important considering that patents are awarded on a first-to-file basis. The sooner a patent is obtained, the sooner it can become available for use and provide royalties to its owner.

Tom Oder, professor of physics, recently received the university's first patent this past August. He completed his invention in 2009 and was embroiled in the patent process for approximately five years.

At YSU, patents are processed through the Office of Graduate Studies and Research. Oder has concerns about the efficiency of this route.

"The dean of graduate studies and research has many things to do. You can't expect him to be doing all of those things in addition to patents," Oder said. "There has to be a separate [entity] to make things flow quicker."

Scott Martin, interim associate dean for research, did not work directly with Oder on his patent as he is new to the position. He does sympathize with Oder's experience however, and is in favor of fine-tuning the system.

"I think in view of the fact that we are having more frequent situations in which faculty members have ideas

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The Sun is Setting on Two Planetarium Shows



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The final run of the shows "Chasing the Ghost Particle" and "This is Our Sky" will be held this weekend, after which Halloween-themed programming will begin.

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Last month, the Ward Beecher Planetarium at Youngstown State University introduced two new shows — "Chasing the Ghost Particle" and "This is Our Sky" — and this weekend is the last chance to see them before the new fall sky shows begin.

The first new show, "Chasing the Ghost Particle," will show two final times on Friday at 8 p.m., and again on Saturday at 8 p.m.

The show takes a closer look at the "ghost particle," a neutrino, which is a weak subatomic particle about which scientists have been able to learn very little. Neutrinos have no charge, so they do not interact with electromagnetic forces on Earth, which makes them very elusive subjects.

Planetarium Lecturer Sharon Shanks said the show will be a good learning opportunity for students.

"Neutrinos have virtually no mass, so detecting them by their interactions with other particles is difficult," Shanks said. "[People] will learn that neutrinos exist and we can detect them, with a lot of hard work and ingenuity, [and] that science is a very human

endeavor and that we, as humans, have a chance to answer even the most difficult questions."

The show was produced by the Wisconsin IceCube Particle Astrophysics Center at the University of Wisconsin-Madison, who work with the IceCube Neutrino Observatory — a neutrino detector located at the South Pole. They also worked with the Milwaukee Public Museum for the show, which was in development for many years before it premiered last month.

Planetarium Engineer Curt Spivey was excited about the show coming to YSU.

"We're always on the lookout for new content for the planetarium," Spivey said.

Astronomy programs use and distribute planetarium shows as a means to make discoveries in astronomy accessible to researchers and laypeople alike.

"It's a show we purchased from a planetarium in Milwaukee. They have a detector in the ice in Antarctica to detect neutrinos. We knew they were there before, but had no way to find them," Spivey said.

Along with "Chasing the Ghost Particle," another show entitled "This is Our Sky" will have its last presentations on Saturday at 1 p.m. and 2:30 p.m.

The show was written and produced by the Ott Planetarium at Weber State University in Ogden, Utah, and covers general elementary-level astronomy. The target age-range for the show is third grade, although Shanks said it can be fun for kids of all ages.

Shanks also hopes that "Chasing the Ghost Particle" will attract more YSU students.

"We do have many loyal regulars who attend, but none who are YSU students that I know of," Shanks said. "It's a shame. I would say that our most underserved audience is, indeed, YSU students. We'd like to know why. Do they not know we are here? Are we perceived to be 'too childish' for university students?"

Spivey said the turnout for the shows so far have averaged around 40 people, and encourages people to see the shows before it's too late.

"We are free ... It's a good way to spend a cold day this weekend," he said.

Each show includes a live sky talk, and each will be leaving the planetarium after this weekend to make room for upcoming Halloween shows.

For a complete list of planetarium shows and full schedule, visit www.wbplanetarium.org.

CDC Recommends Everyone Get a Flu Shot to Stay Healthy

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As the cold weather approaches, so does flu season — which, according to the Center for Disease Control, normally picks up around October and reaches its peak between January and March. Influenza can cause mild to severe illness, with symptoms including fever, chills, cough, sore throat, runny or stuffy nose, body aches and fatigue. These symptoms can last from a few days to two weeks depending on the person's current health condition.

Further, the flu can also cause a variety of complications such as ear infections, sinus infections and bronchitis. The flu can also lead to pneumonia — a potentially life-threatening illness.

The CDC has indicated that it is important for people to protect themselves from the flu, especially people who are at high risk for the illness: the elderly, pregnant women and small children.

To prevent the flu, the CDC recommends everyone over the ages of 6 months to get the flu shot.

Terri Coffee, assistant professor in the nursing department at Youngstown State University, suggested that students should dress appropriately for the weather, wash their hands often and consider getting the flu shot.

"CDC recommends all students in college get the flu shot, especially with students being in elevators, classrooms and other crowded areas," Coffee said.

Interviews with several students on campus, though, indicated that many are neither concerned about the upcoming flu season nor plan on getting the flu shot this year.

"I will not get the flu shot

this year," Shanelle Cook, a senior at YSU, said. "I have heard many myths that the flu shot gets you sick, and I also have witnessed those who have gotten the flu shot and became sick shortly after."

Coffee said that Cook's concerns are unwarranted.

"There is a myth that if you get the flu shot you will get sick; this is untrue, and the only documented side effect is soreness of the injection site," Coffee said. "If you do get sick you were already sick before the flu shot was given."

According to the CDC, once vaccinated with the flu shot, the body takes two weeks to develop antibodies that protect against the flu.

Jason Cruz, a freshman at YSU, does not get the flu shot due to an allergic reaction, but he recommends that all other students get it to prevent the flu.

"I have had the flu before and it was terrible; I knew I had the flu because I had body aches and pain. I was sick for at least a week," Cruz said. "I believe though the flu shot is a good thing and, if you can get it, you should."

The CDC recommends everyone get the flu shot as soon as it is available — which is normally in October — to prevent any run-ins with the flu.

YSU will be administering flu shots at the health-screening event, which is held at the Kilcawley Center in the Ohio Room, from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. on Oct. 8, 9, 21 and 22.

CVS on Park Avenue will also be administering the flu shot from 8 a.m. until 9 p.m., Monday through Friday, from 9 a.m. to 6 p.m. on Saturdays and from 10 a.m. until 6 p.m. on Sundays.

With most health insurance plans, the flu shot is free, but if you don't have insurance, you will have to pay a fee of \$31.99.



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they think could be patentable, we need to look at the intellectual property policy and see if there are any bottlenecks in there that need to be overcome or eliminated," Martin said.

Patent or intellectual property law is its own diverse and complex field. As such, it is not handled directly by YSU's Office of General Counsel. The office instead hires outside lawyers who specialize in the field.

One potential bottleneck to obtaining patents at the university is the lack of a dedicated entity for facilitating the patent process.

"If you go to Akron or some other large

research university, they have several patent attorneys who focus just on that," Orona said. "They have a separate transfer technology office that deals with that. We don't. We don't have those resources."

YSU actually does have a research foundation, however. The relatively new YSU Research Foundation was founded in 2010. As the foundation began after Orona began the process of pursuing his patent, the foundation was not involved.

While the foundation has yet to really be tested, it figures to play a large role in future attempts to obtain patents at the university.

PENGUIN ROYALTY: 2014 HOMECOMING WEEK



PHOTO COURTESY OF CARRIE ANDERSON.

Pictured from left: Gino West, Scott Miller, Sydney Sims, Rebecca Banks, Everet Thompson, Alteeka Vanwright, Julian Jones, Ashley Smith, Paige Taylor, James MacGregor.

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Take a stroll around Youngstown State University this week, and you're sure to find sidewalk chalk campaigns for Homecoming King and Queen every few steps. It's all in the spirit of the season, as Homecoming is fast approaching, and the Homecoming Court was recently announced.

Carrie Anderson, assistant director of student activities, said there are big plans for Homecoming this year, with a theme of "Bright Lights, Red City."

The Homecoming events will begin on Monday, Oct. 13 with spin-art shutter shades and the bungee run. On Tuesday, YSU will welcome a caricature artist and Jocko the Clown, who is a Homecoming tradition. Wednesday, Oct. 15 is Red and White Day, and Pepsi will be sponsoring prizes. Thursday is Build-A-Penguin Day, and Saturday is the main event.

"We have all kinds of

events lined up," Anderson said. "[On Thursday], Penguin Productions is having Fall Fire Fest at the Green on Grant Street. We have two eating contests. Also, we are looking to plan a corn hole tournament. The Newman Center does a cookout — they are just finalizing what evening they will have it on."

Marissa Mraz, 2014 Homecoming Committee Chair, said the committee wanted to keep tradition alive this year throughout the events, and that some events are being kept secret.

"As a committee, we decided to keep many of the traditional events like Build-A-Penguin, fun with Jocko the Clown and caricature artist drawings," Mraz said. "There are definitely many more events in the works, but students will have to wait to find out exactly what those are. Students can expect a fun-filled week, Oct. 13 through 18, with events during the day and night that help encourage Penguin Pride."

On the Homecoming Court are Julian Jones, Rebecca Banks, James Mac-

Gregor, Sydney Sims, Scott Miller, Ashley Smith, Everet Thompson, Paige Taylor, Gino West and Alteeka Vanwright, all of whom are honored and excited.

The Homecoming Parade begins Saturday, Oct. 18 at 2 p.m., followed by the game at 4 p.m.

"[I'm excited for] the whole day," West said. "I can't wait to walk on the field looking super fresh in front of all my friends and family."

All on the court were excited and thankful for the chance to participate in the events.

"Knowing that, out of

10,000 plus students, I was one out of five to make Homecoming Court is a great feeling," Jones said. "It feels amazing."

Banks, a non-traditional student at YSU, said she was dedicating her run to a lost loved one.

"I have dedicated this position to the memory of my son, Bruce Lavon Banks, and to Aaron Mahdee and to Anthony Harris Jr.," Banks said. "These three young men lost their lives due to accidental drowning. Maybe one day they would have run for Homecoming."

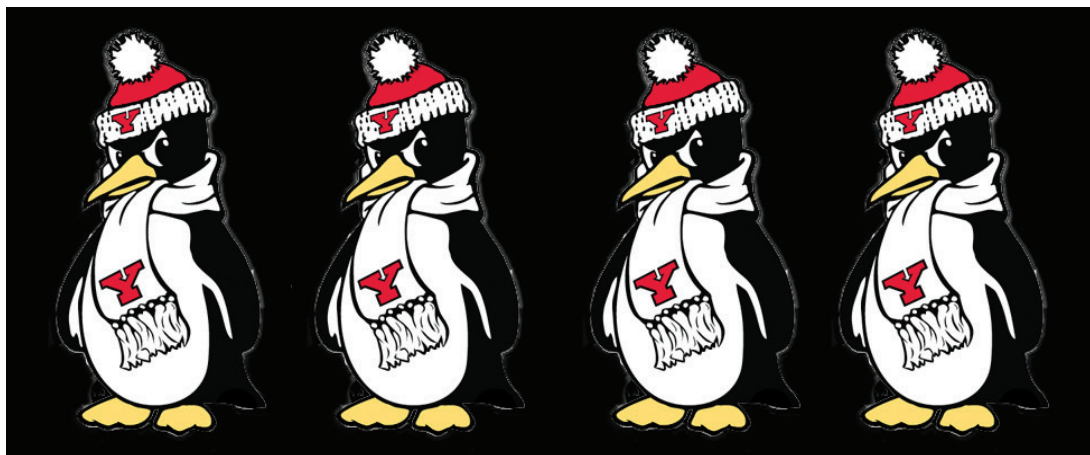
Thompson said student turnout for the election was

good.

"Over 1,000 students voted," Thompson said. "[I am] forever grateful and humbled for the nominations from YSU Binote Ambassador, Model United Nations, Panhellenic Council, Delta Zeta and Sigma Alpha Epsilon."

Homecoming King and Queen will be announced during the Oct. 18 football game, against Southern Illinois University, during halftime.

"It sucks that we all can't win," Vanwright said. "One thing I have said during campaign is, 'regardless if we win or lose, we are all still royalty.'"



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not a great deal of it, but there's enough of it."

Meshel said that the Board of Trustees does not manage transactions of employees with these P-Cards and that they should be dealt with "to the fullest extent of the law."

"Frankly, the Board does not micromanage that. It does get out of our sight, obviously, but then it disturbs us eventually when it's brought to us later that somebody has been using somebody's credit card for months and no one has been paying attention to it," Meshel said. "It's inexcusable, and I think those people ought to be prosecuted to the fullest extent of the law. They're playing around with state money, students' money, government's money. That is not theirs to play with."

McNally said that he feels the university is doing all it can to cope with the situation using what they already have in place, along with the improvements.

"I believe the university is doing everything it reasonably can do to monitor compliance and mitigate fraud," McNally said. "P-Card transactions are subject to audit review by the YSU Controller's Office as well as by our external auditors, and I do expect such reviews to take place frequently and as needed."

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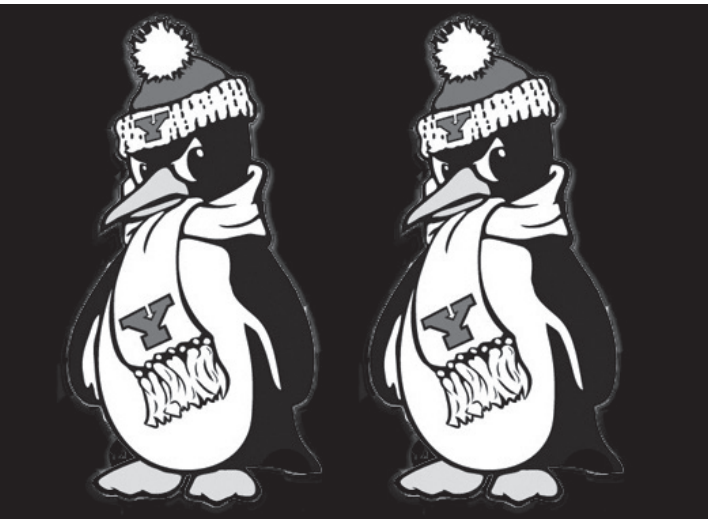
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YSU Offers Info Sessions on School Psychology

An information session about the School Psychology Graduate Program at YSU will be held on Oct. 15 and Nov. 12 at 1 p.m. This session will take place in the Gallery Room of Kilcawley Center. For more information, contact Richard VanVoorhis at 330-941-3266 or rwwanvoorhis@ysu.edu.

Hungarian Quartet Visits Dana

Accord Quartet, a Hungarian music group, will be at the Dana School of Music Oct. 1 through 14. They will perform a concert Thursday, Oct. 9 at 7:30 p.m. at St. John's Episcopal Church, 323 Wick Avenue. Selections form Mozart, Bartok and Beethoven will be performed at this free and open to the public concert. A reception will follow, sponsored by the Youngstown American Hungarian Federation. For more information, call the Dana School of Music at 330-941-363

Former American Academy of Religion President will Lecture at YSU

As part of the Shipka Speaker Series, Charles Long will present "American Dilemma: Religion, Race and Democracy". This presentation will take place Tuesday Oct. 7 in the Chestnut Room at 12:30 p.m. The lecture will discuss the foundational elements of religion during America's creation and its implications in the 21st century. This even is free and open to the public.

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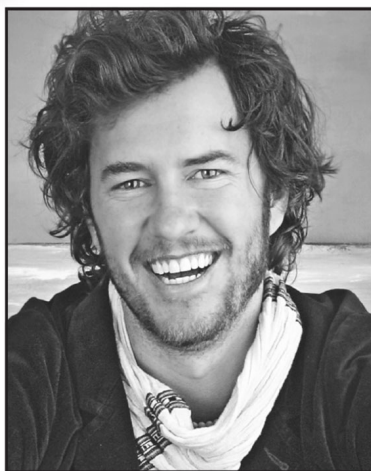
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Blake Mycoskie is the Founder and Chief Shoe Giver of TOMS and the person behind the idea of One for One, which has turned into a global movement. Since it began in 2006, TOMS has given ten million pairs of new shoes to children in need. The company also recently expanded its unique business model to include TOMS Eyewear, helping to save and restore sight to more than 150,000 people in need around the world.

TOMS humble beginnings happened unintentionally. While traveling in Argentina in 2006, Blake witnessed the hardships faced by children growing up without shoes. His solution to the problem was simple, yet revolutionary: to create a for-profit business that was sustainable and not reliant on donations. Blake's vision soon turned into the simple business idea that provided the powerful foundation for TOMS.

Over the course of its first five years, TOMS was successful enough in providing shoes for children in need, but Blake, having recognized other vital needs during his travels around the world, realized that One for One could be applied to more than shoes. He developed the idea for TOMS Eyewear, where, for every pair of eyewear purchased, TOMS would help give sight to a person in need. One for One.

In the fall of 2011, Blake released his first book, "Start Something that Matters," offering his own amazing story of inspiration and the power of incorporating giving into business. He references other companies and individuals who have been motivated and inspired to integrate philanthropy into their profession as well as their personal lives. The book became a New York Times best-seller. More importantly, it is Blake's hope that "Start Something That Matters" inspires others to turn their passion and dreams into a reality.

From shoes to eyewear and now a book, Blake's unique approach to business has awarded him with numerous accolades. In 2009 Blake and TOMS received the Secretary of State's 2009 Award of Corporate Excellence (ACE). At the Clinton Global Initiative University plenary session, President Clinton introduced Blake to the audience as "one of the most interesting entrepreneurs (I've) ever met." People Magazine featured Blake in its "Heroes Among Us" section, and TOMS was featured in the Bill Gates Time Magazine article "How to Fix Capitalism." In 2011 Blake was included on Fortune Magazine's "40 Under 40" list, recognizing him as one of the top young businessmen in the world.

Before TOMS, Blake, a native of Texas who always had an entrepreneurial spirit, started five businesses. His first was a successful campus laundry service, which he later sold. Between business ventures, Blake competed in the CBS primetime series, "The Amazing Race." With his sister, Paige, Blake traveled the world and came within minutes of winning the \$1 million grand prize.

Blake is an avid reader and traveler. He is passionate about inspiring young people to help make tomorrow better, encouraging them to include giving in everything they do. His hope is to see a future full of socially-minded businesses and consumers.

Youngstown State University, through the income from an endowment established by Paul J. and Marguerite K. Thomas, began the annual "Colloquium on Free Enterprise" in 1981. Reflecting the Thomases' involvement in the business community and their interest in the community at large, the Colloquium fosters ideas that are conducive to the growth of the free enterprise system. It promotes free enterprise as a viable force in the U.S. economy. The aims of the Colloquium are to provide a series of outstanding lectures or workshops by recognized leaders in business, economics, and finance for both the public and the academic community, to provide a library for use by business people, students, and citizens of the community, to serve as a clearing house for the exchange of ideas to foster common goals of industry, business, and finance in the free enterprise system, and to stimulate the thinking and long-range planning of business, government, and individuals on ways to foster the growth of free enterprise.

The lecture is free and open to the public.

Tickets are mandatory and seating is on a first-come, first-serve basis.
Tickets can be picked up Monday through Friday at the Stambaugh Auditorium box office between 9 am and 6 pm.

A shuttle will be available for students starting at 4:30 pm to take them from campus to Stambaugh. It will be on a continuous loop with stops at the letters at WCBA, McDonough Museum and in front of the Cafaro House. Return service will be available following the lecture.

For more information, call the YSU Alumni and Events Office at 330-941-3497.

Arrangements for Mr. Mycoskie's appearance were made by The GUILD Agency.

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KURDISH TROOPS, BACKED BY US, BRITISH AIRCRAFT, RECAPTURE KEY TOWN ON SYRIAN BORDER

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IRBIL, Iraq — Kurdish militia have captured a strategic border town on the route between the Islamic State-held cities of Raqqa in Syria and Mosul in Iraq as part of a three-front offensive launched to retake territory lost to the group over the summer, Kurdish officials said Tuesday.

The offensive, which was described as “limited” by a Kurdish security official, was supported by the heaviest anti-Islamic State coalition airstrikes in a week, with warplanes flown by the United States and its allies striking at least 20 targets — including the first strikes by British planes since Parliament approved military action in Iraq.

Kurdish forces, known as the peshmerga in Iraq, began attacks early Tuesday morning on three fronts — at the border with Syria at the town of Rabia; at Zummar, a city outside of Mosul; and outside Kirkuk, a city that the peshmerga occupied in June when Iraqi army troops withdrew in the face of the Islamic State’s advance.

Kurdish officials and media reports said that the offensive at Rabia and

Zummar, both of which fell to the Islamic State in early August, were going well. There were fewer clear reports about the fighting outside Kirkuk.

The Kurdish offensive marks a resurgence of the peshmerga militia after its lightly armed forces proved no match in August for the heavy weapons employed by the Islamic State, which the insurgent group had captured when it overran Iraqi military positions in June. In the months since, the peshmerga, which is made up of two separate groups each loyal to one of the two main Kurdish political parties, has been reorganized to improve coordination and training and has begun to receive heavier and more advanced weaponry from Western countries.

But whether the quick results at Rabia were a sign of an improved peshmerga was uncertain. Reports indicate that the Islamic State had moved a large number of fighters out of the area to reinforce its units fighting in Syria, according to a Kurdish military official who did not have permission to speak to the news media.

“This is not a major offensive to retake Mosul,” said the official, who reports to Kurdish President Massoud Barzani in Irbil. He said Rabia was a target “to cut the flow of weapons and men between Mosul and Raqqa” and

to put pressure on Islamic State forces holding another northern Iraqi city, Sinjar.

The fighting near Kirkuk was undertaken by peshmerga troops loyal to former Iraqi President Jalal Talabani’s party, the Patriotic Union of Kurdistan, which is based in Sulaimaniya. It was a sign of continuing coordination issues that the official said he was not well informed on the progress there.

“We have improved our communication with Talabani’s men through a central operations center, and this attack was done in coordination with them, but I don’t have immediate progress reports as that information is processed through their commanders,” the official said. He described efforts to build one centralized peshmerga command as “in progress.”

According to U.S. Central Command, airstrikes conducted on the Syrian side of the border in the Sinjar region, a reference that would encompass Rabia, hit 12 targets. The targets were “one ISIL artillery piece, one ISIL tank, three ISIL armed vehicles, two ISIL facilities, an ISIL observation post” and “four ISIL fighting positions,” the Central Command said. ISIL is the U.S. government’s preferred acronym for the Islamic State.

In the same area on the Iraqi side of

the border, Central Command reported aircraft had “destroyed one ISIL armored vehicle, two ISIL transport vehicles, and four ISIL armed vehicles.” Another armed vehicle was damaged.

The British Defense Ministry reported that two Royal Air Force Tornado aircraft engaged Islamic State forces firing at Kurdish troops in northwest Iraq, hitting what it called a “heavy-weapons position” and an armed pickup truck. “An initial assessment indicates that both precision strikes were successful,” the British statement said.

The U.S. statement also said that two strikes were conducted in the vicinity of Zummar outside the Mosul Dam.

Kurdish television stations described the assault on Rabia as a success and broadcast live images of what it said were peshmerga forces taking control of the town.

The use of a revitalized peshmerga is a key part of the American strategy to degrade the military capacity of the Islamic State. In early September, the peshmerga recaptured a string of small Christian villages outside of the Islamic State-held town of Bartella near Irbil and pushed Islamic State forces back near Kalak, 20 miles from Irbil.

FBI: Former College Student Threatened to Blow Up Dorms, Kill Students

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A Chicago man sent a series of letters claiming he was going to bomb buildings at Southern Illinois University at Carbondale, threatening to shoot staff and rape, kill and decapitate students if he didn’t receive \$50 million, according to federal court documents.

Derrick Dawon Burns, 21, a former student at SIUC, has been charged with making bomb threats and mailing threatening communications in the letters, which were dated between September 2012 and October 2013. Burns, who is alleged to have written letters including one claiming to be a “Terrorist for al Qaeda,” is being held pending a detention hearing Wednesday in Chicago, according to court documents and a release from the U.S. attorney for the Southern District of Illinois.

Burns was caught after he made anonymous calls to the FBI and SIUC police this summer claiming he had spoken to someone named “Big Russ” in a Carbondale bar who said he had raped and killed people, according to an affidavit from an FBI agent filed with the charges. The phone number used to make the calls was listed in SIUC records as a number for Burns, according to the affidavit.

Burns’ fingerprints were found on four of eight threatening letters tied to Burns that were directed to SIUC, several of them containing variations on the phrase “War on SIUC,” according to the affidavit.

The first letter, found at a Carbondale postal facility on Sept. 18, 2012, threatened to blow up three tower buildings on campus and rape and decapitate female students.

“Give me \$50 million or SIUC is history,” the letter threatened, according to the affidavit.

Another letter found a few

days later threatening to blow up the Brush Tower dormitories on campus prompted an evacuation of about 2,100 students from the buildings on Sept. 20, 2012, but none of the threatened bombs were found. After the evacuation, investigators gave a redacted copy of the letter to news media that didn’t contain any specific threats, according to the affidavit.

In the six subsequent letters, the writer threatened to kill students, threatened again to bomb the tower dorms and claimed to have buried bodies in nearby woods and dumped bodies in a lake, according to the affidavit. The last letter was found about Oct. 1, 2013. In one the letter-writer signed himself “Terrorist of America.”

On July 2, a tipster called the SIUC police department and the FBI, making the claims about “Big Russ.” During their investigation, FBI agents had spoken to Burns on the same phone number used to make the calls, according to the affidavit.

In late August, FBI agents interviewed Burns in Chicago and he gave a third account of his dealings with “Big Russ.” Agents confronted him about their suspicions that he was involved in writing the letters, but he denied any hand in them, according to the affidavit. But the agents served him with a subpoena, forcing him to give his fingerprints.

On Sept. 24, FBI agents in Chicago were informed that four of the letters had a fingerprint or fingerprints matching Burns’ on them, and the next day, charges against Burns were filed under seal. They were unsealed Wednesday.

Each of the eight federal charges against Burns carries a maximum penalty of 10 years imprisonment and a \$250,000 fine, according to the release.

still there, but there wasn’t an easy way to go about obtaining edible crickets.

“When I got back to the US, I was like ‘I really wish I could buy dry-roasted crickets at the store.’ I couldn’t. I looked around to see if anybody else was interested. They weren’t. So I kind of mottoballed the idea,” Bachhuber said.

Things changed in 2013 when the Food and Agricultural Organization of the United Nations released a report saying insects were a critical component to food security that could help reduce greenhouse gases and lower the cost of food.

Raising a pound of crickets requires one gallon of water and two pounds of feed. For comparison, raising a pound of beef requires 2,000 gallons of water and 25 pounds of feed. Crickets also emit 100 times fewer greenhouse gases than cattle.

“All of a sudden there was a huge amount of interest,” Bachhuber said.

Bachhuber met with Tiny Farms, a San Francisco-based company that offers open-sourced insect-farm kits to consumers, who helped him model his business. He moved to Youngstown and started the farm in April.

He chose crickets because they seemed like a good way to introduce Americans to eating insects.

“They don’t have worm, or grub, or larva in the name. Most Americans are pretty familiar with crickets, like Jiminy, or the one from Mulan, or the one chirping in the basement,” Bachhuber said. “It’s not like roaches where you’re terrified if you see one.”

Bachhuber said the desire for crickets has exceeded his expectations.

“I expected to spend a year or two in obscurity raising crickets. I was taken off guard by how much demand we’ve gotten, and how fast it’s ramped up,” he said. “We, as an industry on the supply-side, need to catch up.”

It’s been a struggle to stay on top of things.

“It’s kind of a balancing act, making sure that we’re not overcommitting. Basically, we’re building a lot of equipment pretty fast to try to keep up,” he said.

In addition to Big Cricket Farms, there is one other farm in Canada producing food-grade crickets that helps the industry meet demand.

Several startups have cropped up in the wake of the U.N. report. Exo is a company run by two graduates of Brown University that makes cricket-based protein bars. Bitty Foods sells a gluten-free baking mix that contains ground crickets. And Six Foods is a Boston-based business making cricket-based chips they call chirps.

“A lot of the little startups that you see are getting [their crickets] from us or from the Canadian guys,” Bachhuber said. “Everybody’s kind of moving towards getting them from the U.S. because the food standards are stricter, and people seem pretty excited about the idea of not having to go overseas to get them.”

Prior to opening Big Cricket Farms, Bachhuber operated a comic book store with some friends in Wisconsin. When that fell apart during the recession, he moved into finance.

“It was a lot of developing the skills to make sure that the next business that I launched would be able to take off,” he said. “I had a lot of opportunities in leadership and business

development while doing finance.”

Bachhuber came to Youngstown because he and some friends wanted to site projects in the Rust Belt.

“I actually found Youngstown on Wikipedia’s list of fastest-shrinking cities,” he said.

Bachhuber toured five different Rust Belt cities with a friend last August and found Youngstown more amenable than the rest.

“Everybody seemed really cool here. Youngstown seems very interested in revitalization,” he said.

Big Cricket Farms is a portfolio company with the Youngstown Business Incubator, which has helped them get settled.

“The big thing is that they really help us sidestep a lot of the issues that face startups that aren’t going through business incubation,” Bachhuber said. “A lot of it’s about resources. There’s a lot of work that needs to be done getting the dots connected for us. They’ve helped us with getting legal stuff done, and just getting us ready for each of these steps.”

Bachhuber has also been using 3-D printing to prototype and make parts for the farm.

“We’re in Youngstown so you kind of have to,” he said.

Bachhuber was recently a featured speaker at an Eating Innovation conference in Montreal focused on establishing the edible insect industry. He also lectured at the American Museum of Natural History in New York in September. He will be speaking at TEDx Youngstown on Jan. 25, 2015.

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Roizen and Oz Speak About 'You'

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On Sept. 30, Michael Roizen, Cleveland Clinic Chief Wellness Officer, added Youngstown State University to his list of venues as he gave a speech on one of his many best selling health series — "YOU" — in the Chestnut Room located in Kilcawley Center.

Jim Tressel, YSU president, introduced Roizen.

"He is a delightful person," Tressel said. "We are excited to have at our campus community, Dr. Michael Roizen."

He presented his book "The Top 12 Things You Can Do for Your Health", co-authored by Mehmet Oz, a world-renowned celebrity physician.

Roizen's visit gave the students a chance to learn about gene control, what food to eat, along with the right vitamins and supplements that the body needs. He also discussed the American culture's negative living habits.

"We've exploited our bad habits. That is good news from a competitive standpoint, but it is bad news for everyone's standard of living. Because now every country has America's problems," he said during his speech.

He is a graduate of not only Williams College, but he is also an Alpha Omega Alpha graduate of the University of California. After that, he began a residency at Harvard's Beth Israel Hospital, furthering his knowledge of internal medicine.

He then took a big leap to The National Institute of Health to complete his residen-

cy. After holding the rank of chairman in California, he moved on to become chair at the top 10-ranked Anesthesia and Critical Care Department at the University of Chicago.

In 2007, Roizen was given the honor of chief wellness officer of the Cleveland Clinic and to this day still holds the title. He was the first one to hold such position at a U.S. healthcare institution.

While working there, he helps patients keep up their well being, and his department's main goal is to heighten preventive care and well being as the main brand for the Cleveland Clinic. The Clinic hopes this goal will spread to communities involved with

Cleveland.

Carrie Clyde, wellness coordinator at YSU, picked Roizen as a presenter after she had the opportunity to hear him at a previous presentation. She heard him speak in Columbus at the Building Healthy Academic Communities National Summit for Ohio State University in April of 2013.

"I valued his experience and wealth of knowledge and found him to be both inspiring and motivating," Clyde said, "I felt that his message of preventative care to maintain health and reverse disease through positive healthy lifestyle behaviors would be well received here at YSU."

Roizen has had many accomplishments in his 68 years of life. His first book for the general audience "RealAge: Are You as Young as You Can Be?" as well as his 2005 book "YOU: The Owner's Manual" rose to the number one spot on Amazon's best seller list.

Along with this series making number one on the New York Times bestseller's list, the book he wrote with Oz titled "YOU: On a Diet, the Owner's Manual for Waist Management" held the number two spot in 2006. Both books have been successful with being translated into more than 20 languages and reached other best-sellers list in five other countries.

"I hope ... people ... feel inspired to preserve their health by practicing healthy habits. It is possible to even reverse some disease through lifestyle change," Clyde said, "I want people to feel motivated to make changes to improve their overall health, even if those changes are small, you have to start somewhere."

Roizen continues to work with Oz on their daily newspaper column and educates Cleveland Clinic employees on ways to better improve their health and reduce stress in their daily lives.



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Dr. Michael Roizen, the chief wellness officer at the Cleveland Clinic, has authored 11 books and regularly holds lectures concerning the idea of "Real Age," which suggests one's body conditions can reflect ages older or younger than their actual age depending on one's health.

STEM STUDENTS PLAY WITH THEIR FOOD

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Kerry L. Meyers has an office filled to the brim with marshmallows, Airheads, Oreos — both vanilla and chocolate — various sizes of pretzel sticks and other different food products.

Meyers, director of first year engineering at Youngstown State University, laughs when she walks into her office.

"It's for my class, Engineering 1550-Engineering Concepts. It's a first year engineering course," she said. "There are about 225 students taking it, that's why there's so much."

Meyers' class is constructing small cars made entirely of edible food products. The cars have to be made of things that humans can consume, although Meyers' students have tried to bend the rules a little.

"Some of the students will ask if the edible products had to be edible by humans and if they could use dog food, for example," she said. "I've had to make sure everyone knew, real human food only."

The edible car project has been going on for two years and has brought in many different kinds and style of car. Anything is possible, just as long as the cars follow three simple rules: the car must be

able to roll twice down the pre-made ramp and travel one foot past the end of the ramp without falling apart, must have rolling wheels — cannot slide down the ramp — and be made entirely of food.

A lot of strategy goes into designing the cars and making sure that they can meet the desired criteria. Many of the cars feature a similar makeup, Meyers said.

"A lot of times people will pick a form of produce for the body, which works well; like a cucumber, a potato, a banana. So if you pick axels, like pretzels, moisture will ruin your car if you assemble it too soon," she said. "They have to consider the elements, the challenges, and how to adapt to them."

There are a few students who decide to test the limits of the edible car assignment, deciding to make their cars out of a certain food group, make it extremely small or push the envelope in other different creative ways.

"The meat car attracted a lot of notice from people ... they used all meat products. It was expensive and different, but it worked incredibly poorly. It fell apart. Others use very small cars with LifeSavers for wheels," Meyers said. "There's an infinite amount of solutions that are viable, and that's what makes this interesting."

The cars will be sent down the ramp at various times on Oct. 2 in the lobby of Moser Hall, and all are welcome to attend.



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"A Journey Through the End of Life: A Family's Perspective" at Youngstown State University will take place on Oct. 3 from 8 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. and features Daniel J. Van Dussen, professor of gerontology at YSU.

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On Friday, from 8 a.m. to 12:30 p.m., The Gerontology Program and Crossroads Hospice Charitable Foundation will present "A Journey Through the End of Life: A Family's Perspective" at Youngstown State University.

This event, the first of its kind and topic at YSU, is an in-depth look at the journey through the end-of-life care from a family's perspective. The conference includes a panel of presentations and is intended for social workers, counselors, nurses, nursing home administrators, clergy and many other professionals who would benefit in learning more about the journey through the end of life.

The event will consist of four presentations by Daniel J. Van Dussen, Amy Plant, Lori Pugh and Rev. James Brandis. Selected topics for the morning conference include "The Appropriateness of Hospice Care," "Using the Care Team as a GPS," "The Road Ahead: Every Journey is Different" and "The Ultimate Destination: What to Say When You Don't Know What To Say." During each presentation, there will be time for questions and answers.

Van Dussen, professor of gerontology at YSU, is the keynote speaker for the event. After his presentation, participants will be able to more effectively understand hospice and the overall philosophy of hospice care, differentiate between palliative care and hospice care, discuss strategies for timely and effective hospice discussions with family members and explain hospice's role in the bereavement process.

Van Dussen hopes the audience will gain a better understanding of the appropriate timing and who should influence the choice of when to use hospice care. He stated that this event is of importance to him because it is his primary area of research.

"I know what the amount of good hospice care does for the person and their family during and after the dying process," Van Dussen said.

Plant, second year graduate research assistant in gerontology and Gerontological Society of America Ambassador at YSU, assists in organization and the curriculum development for this con-

ference. Plant also serves as program consultant — working on the implementation and promotion of the conference — as well as a panel speaker and program facilitator.

"This conference is important to me because I believe in the hospice philosophy. As a court-appointed advocate and guardian of older adults, I placed five different individuals in hospice and saw them through their end-of-life," she said.

The conference topic was chosen due to Crossroads Hospice's interests in offering professionals and other individual insight into the end-of-life experience for family members, highlighting on what they experience and how they navigate the journey.

The YSU Gerontology Program and Hospice hopes that this conference will further empower professionals and others to be effective team members and decision-makers, as well as bring heightened awareness and empathy as they work together to meet the medical, emotional and spiritual needs of both patient and family.

Plant stated that this topic is both informative and relevant, but also timely for a great number of individuals and professionals.

"Our conference delves into some of the less talked about aspects of hospice care and also touches on a wide variety of topics, some of which include common misconceptions of hospice, various options, communicating with the interdisciplinary team, ethical considerations, cultural diversity and how it impacts service delivery and communication, as well as understanding the difference between providing answers and providing presence at the end of life," she said.

Crossroads Hospice sponsored this conference in conjunction with the YSU Gerontology Programs through a grant from the Crossroads Foundation. The YSU Metro College provided additional assistance in registering participants and marketing the event.

4.0 CEU hours are available for social workers, counselors, marriage and family therapists, registered nurses, community health workers, dialysis technicians and medication aides. An application has been made for 4.0 CEU hours for nursing home administrators and residential care assisted living.

The conference fee for general admission is \$35 and the student fee is \$10. The registration fee includes participation in the Conference, CEUs — if applicable — refreshments and parking.



EDITORIAL

Sexy Sex: An App That Lets You Consent to Sex

So today we are going to the place every lauded publication must one day venture. Today we are going to talk about the beast with two backs — or more, depending on preference; the horizontal tango; the home run. Yes, let us talk about sex ... baby.

Before you avert your eyes and shelter your children, don't worry — your wholesome student newspaper is not about to get too vulgar. We want to actually talk about the bastion of all romance and sensuality — the iPhone app store. Newly introduced, to iOS and android alike, comes Good2Go, developed by Sandton Technologies LLC and Lee Ann Allman.

If you haven't heard of this up-and-coming application that has been sweeping across the national media, the purpose of the app is twofold: give a simple and direct way to express consent, or lack thereof, for sex — specifically of the intoxicated variety — and also to encourage users to consider the importance of consent.

What could you possibly contest about this sort of program? Sure, it may be lacking a certain element of courtship — as it isn't exactly wine on the banks of the Italian Riviera — but romance and sex have not gone hand-in-hand for some time. But consent, obviously, is of paramount importance when considering a roll in the hay. So shouldn't this app be held on a pedestal?

The app's actual implementation of its mission statement is where the problem arises. You first sign up for the app by providing a phone number and email. The original user then finds a potential partner and hands them the already opened app. They can choose one of three options initially, including "No Thanks," "Yes but ... we need to talk" and "I'm Good2Go." If they choose the option "I'm Good2Go," which is also spelled with a 2 for reasons beyond mortal understanding, then you will be presented with another question. So, the app asks coyly, how drunk are you? There are four choices, beginning with sober and ending with "Pretty Wasted." If you choose "Pretty Wasted," the app will close shop and register the user as a no because there cannot be consent at that level of intoxication.

The app is right, of course — an intoxicated person is not capable of giving proper consent, and there have been several attempts across America to legally pursue sober individuals who use intoxicated ones for sex, such as California's new "yes means yes" bill. So, then, what is the problem? The app confuses the issue, even as it tries to simplify and clarify.

This is because consent is not something that can be simplified, especially not by some cheeky app. Of course, we are not suggesting that each party bring a lawyer to their night on the town so they

can set the terms for their four-legged fox trot. But this app, whether it means to or not, is acting as a sort of casual contract for users, and this is dangerous. It is adamant that drunk people cannot give consent, but for some reason it only denies consent automatically if the person chooses "Pretty Wasted." But, also without any explanation, the "Intoxicated but Good2Go" option presents no warning or obstacle to either party. This line in the sand is entirely arbitrary and thus useless. What makes wasted that much different from intoxicated when it comes to consent?

Also by asking someone who is "pretty wasted" to click one of these buttons, you are seeking the same thing that the app attests you cannot get from a drunk person — consent. How are you supposed to trust the self-awareness of the inebriated? The final nail in this app's virtual coffin is that it does not define what consent means. Do they consent to oral, sex or an array of other possibilities that do not need to be mentioned?

We do not believe this casual contract will ever assist someone who preys on the impaired while perfectly sober, and the day a potential rapist gets off because their victim clicked "Good2Go" on some app is the same day we declare civilization as a failed experiment. It is also unlikely that people will feel justified in taking advantage of someone else simply because they donned this noble

app in their pursuit. It is that the app fails so miserably at its own ostensible goal and can lead to miscommunication. By seeking to simplify consent, specifically in the hot button issue of drunken sex, it builds another barrier to communication while it tries to tear an old one down.

We aren't just trying to pick apart some app that will likely be innocuous because just how little it is used, but it is a problem with the culture surrounding sex as a whole. And casual sex is not the issue here; even as our society becomes more and more obsessed with sex, it remains terrified by it. We get it — sex is surprisingly easier to accomplish than to actually discuss maturely, especially at a young age. But, even at that young age, it demands to be discussed. This isn't just about the importance of protection. Consent, especially, needs to be drilled into the heads of both men and women.

This goes double for those seeking casual sex. It is too easy for miscommunication to take place and one party walking away feeling taken advantage of. If you are afraid that consent will be rescinded retroactively, get it in writing. And for the love of God, here are some simple and blaringly obvious rules to live by: No means no; consent can be taken away even in the act; and never try to have sex with someone who does not want it as much as you do.

Now was that really so awkward?

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You Can't Graduate from Bullying

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When I think of bullying, I think of some idiot in high school knocking my books out of my hands, making fun of my glasses or making a short joke that I've for sure never heard before. But the idea that bullying ceases as soon as the graduation caps fly into the air and the diploma is in your hands is a false one.

Bullying simply takes on new, uglier forms in adult life — hidden in relationships, families and even in the workplace.

As always, the bully psyche is typically simple — a thirst to feel more powerful, bigger and more important in some sense. Some say that this stems from their home lives. Sometimes the bullied become the bullies. This yearning for power does not disperse past high school, and why would it?

Bullying is not so obvious as a biting remark or shove once we leave the cruelty of the alleged golden years of high school, though. Who would dare call a boss — cracking down at work on one specific person, repeatedly, due to a bad mood or a personal problem — a bully?

Being bullied at work is actually more likely than you would think.

In "Ten Signs You're Being Bullied At Work," published in March 2008 in Forbes, Allison Van Dusen talks about the lack of knowledge surrounding workplace bullying and how it hinders reporting and handling such a growing problem.

"Unless you're at the receiving end of severe abuse, you're unlikely to realize it," Van Dusen said.

A lot of the bullying comes in forms of belittling, criticizing and even deliberate exclusion

from company activities, Van Dusen continued. This can lead to anxiety and stress-related illnesses, affecting the overall productivity of the company.

"Companies pay in employee turnover, employee absenteeism and, to a small extent, workers' compensation claims," Van Dusen said. "Bullies can tarnish an organization's reputation and ability to recruit, since word gets around when employees are miserable and leaving in droves."

Beyond being badgered in the workplace, it is possible to be bullied in personal relationships as well. Sometimes incessant put-downs are seen as just an aspect of someone's relationship. Wrong — that is psychological bullying that, in turn, can lower self-esteem and self-worth, bruising a fragile ego and damaging people in their future endeavors.

According to Anne-Renee Testa in her book "The Bully in Your Relationship," bullying is defined as any repeated behavior that degrades someone, making them feel bad about themselves.

"You now have a better idea ... about just how awful, hurtful and lonely it is for the victims of bullies," Testa said. "But here's something that might surprise you: it's almost as bad for the bullies themselves."

Testa tells a brief story about a woman that made dinner for her new boyfriend, who came over only to insult her efforts, her home and her outfit. Devastated, the woman blamed herself, trying to improve for the next time she made a similar effort to impress her new boyfriend.

The issue wasn't the woman. It was the flashback that her boyfriend had after coming from a family function that summoned his assault on his girlfriend.

The boyfriend was constantly criticized in his childhood by his mother, bringing that same behavior forth after spending much unwanted quality time with her earlier that day. As expected, he became the bully because he was bullied.

"Not all bullies will match these behaviors exactly. Many will exhibit characteristics of different types at different times, or combine several at the same time," Testa said. "And of course you may have experienced bullying behaviors that aren't on this list — unhappy people are apparently endlessly creative about the ways they take their pain and fear out on others."

Testa provides the best guide for identifying bullying behavior is "your own intuition," to trust yourself — if something feels wrong, it probably is.

Bullying is still clearly evident past high school, but because it is so unheard of once we become adults, we don't know about it.

It is simple enough to dismiss these instances as unfortunate facts of life that all of us have to cope with, but why must we simply accept this? Even as we push for greater efforts to notice and prevent bullying in our schools, we all but ignore the same behavior in adult life. Do people suddenly become emotional fortresses post-graduation? Why, once we turn 18, is everyone left to the wolves when a boss or authority in their lives starts using their influence to poke and prod their underlings?

People are still people, regardless of their age. In all matters, a certain amount of dignity should be allotted to every man and woman, regardless of income or position. Bullying, in all stages of life, directly contradicts this.

Penguins to Tackle Missouri Bears

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The 12th-ranked Youngstown State University Football (3-1) team begins conference play this weekend as they travel to Springfield, Missouri to take on the 23rd-ranked Missouri State University Bears.

The game is being referred to as a must-win by the Penguins coaches and players, due to the strength of the Missouri Valley Conference this season. The conference has eight teams ranked in the top 25 in both the coaches and sports network polls, and the conference is a combined 23-1 against non-conference opponents.

"I think every conference game there needs to be a sense of urgency. Every game matters. When you want to go where we want to go every game is vital. Every play is crucial," Head coach Eric Wolford said. "Every conference game you got to treat it like a must-win situation."

Nose tackle Octavius Brown said that every game going forward is a must-win if the Penguins are going to reach the

playoffs.

"We can't lose one game in conference play because it makes a difference. If we lose one to two games, then it's up to the committee and that hasn't went our way in the last couple of years so we have to win," Brown said.

The Penguins are riding a three-game win streak in which they have dominated their opponents by a total of 130-60. This week will be much tougher, though, as Wolford said. He said Missouri State will be the most talented team the Penguins have faced — including the University of Illinois, a team the Penguins lost to in their season opener.

"As a whole body of work they're a good football team," Wolford said. "Take away some plays in that Oklahoma State game and the way they played in the second half; you can see they're a good football team."

Missouri State boasts a strong offense, which includes one of most lethal quarterback-receiver combos in all of the FCS — consisting of quarterback Kierra Harris and wide receiver Julian Burton. Harris leads the Missouri Valley in passing efficiency (172.3) and passing yards per attempt (9.49). His favorite target is Burton, who leads the Missouri

Valley with 412 receiving yards.

Penguins defensive end Derek Rivers stressed that for the Penguins defense to be successful they must contain Harris, who he described as the fastest quarterback they have faced.

"If we can contain the quarterback, and keep him contained, no balls should be able to get to that receiver," Rivers said. "He's got receiver speed; if you ask me, he's really fast."

A key factor in Saturday's contest will be the turnover margin. Missouri State comes in averaging 2.3 takeaways per game, while YSU has only turned the ball over two times through four games and have yet to throw an interception.

"They have a lot of playmakers," senior tight end Nate Adams said. "They have guys that like to fly to the football and we're going to have to execute at the top of our game to compete with these guys."

The YSU offense is coming off a 567-yard performance, including five rushers of over 59 yards, against St. Francis University two weeks ago. The Penguins top two running backs Martin Ruiz and Jody Webb were both removed from the St. Francis game with injuries but are expected to return this week.

Kickoff for Saturday's game against Missouri is set for 3 p.m.

Intentional Talk FOUR QUESTIONS WITH YSU'S HEAD BASEBALL COACH STEVE GILLISPIE



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Last spring, the Youngstown State University baseball team experienced a magical late-May run. After finishing the regular season with a 12-36 regular season record, the Penguins swept through the Horizon League Tournament in four games to capture the conference championship and earn a bid to an NCAA Regional in Bloomington, Indiana. There, YSU lost to host Indiana University in its first game before upsetting Indiana State University, 5-2, in its second contest. The Penguins 13-day run, in which they went 5-2, finally came to an end with a loss to Stanford. Now midway through their fall practice season, head coach Steve Gillispie recently took some time to discuss last season's incredible ending, the benefits that have resulted from that run and where the team goes next.

Q How surprising was the Horizon League championship and NCAA Regional run to you?

A I felt that all along that the ability was there and that maybe we just didn't show up on a day-in day-out basis in the regular season. But watching the way we played, it wasn't too surprising because several of the young guys played really well at the end and that's one of the reasons we recruited them. We thought they the ability to do those kinds of things. Then some of the older guys really accepted the challenge to go out with a bang.

Q What did those accomplishments do for the mindset of the program?

A I think we kind of broke the ceiling that maybe we can now push through a little easier, not looking around and wondering if we belong and can compete. I think our guys now see with who we played there at the end — and it wasn't like it was a bad year in the league — to do that with those teams, hopefully it will show that we turned the corner.

Q Having took over the YSU head coaching position two years ago, is the timeframe of the rebuilding process on schedule with what you initially imagined?

A It was probably a little quicker to get to some of the achievements that we had — some of the wins we had and some of the people we've met — than what I thought. But I think it's been a fairly decent timeframe of what we thought we can do. We thought we could at least improve the talent level in a short period of time. Then it would just be a matter of how we played. So it's happened maybe a little more quickly, but about what we thought.

Q What are the goals for the program moving forward?

A Obviously the goals are a regular season championship in the league, having a winning record overall and then down the road, hopefully we can compete in Regionals and have a chance to win it. So there are still goals ahead of us, but I think as long as we keep striving for those, we'll be more consistent in what we're doing. We want to be a program that nobody's going to look at and say 'That was a fluke. They just got hot at the right time.' We want it to be a thing where there's day-in day-out, year-in year-out respect for the program.

Coming soon: The full, in-depth story of YSU baseball's revitalization.



Derek Rivers (11) runs with his teammates onto the field for the season opener against Illinois at the University of Illinois on Aug. 30.

SPORTS BRIEFS

YSU Volleyball Hits the Road

The Youngstown State University volleyball team will take a road trip to play two Horizon League matches this weekend. They will travel to Valparaiso University, Indiana for a game on Friday at 8 p.m. and University of Illinois at Chicago for a game on Saturday at 5 p.m. Last weekend, the team was defeated by Oakland University on Friday but came back to win their game against Wright State University.

Haney Named Player of the Week

Chelsey Haney, a senior at Youngstown State University, was dubbed the Horizon League Women's Soccer Offensive Player of the Week on Sept. 29. This is the second time Haney has received this award, receiving it first on Oct. 7, 2013. In the Penguins' 3-2 double-overtime win against University of Wisconsin-Milwaukee, Haney scored to tie the game at 1-1. Haney is tied with the league lead at five assists and eleven points.