

## SPACE, LIGHT AND MOVEMENT

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Bob Raack stands and stares at an oil-covered canvas. Hours upon hours of work went into the constructed image that rests upon it.

After examining his work for a moment's time, Raack moves, walking past the easel and toward his subject. He saunters around the subject, considering every aspect of it.

Raack returns to the easel and notices that the image is displaced. Rather than start anew, he spends the next four hours painting, redoing two-thirds of his work, moving the entire image two inches to the left.

"Most of the time I'm out there to grapple with the experience of seeing and filling space," Raack said. "I don't start with an idea; I start with a vision."

Bob Raack is an artist of life. He has taught at Youngstown State University for the past seven years and currently resides in Cleveland Heights.

Raack studied at the Cooper School of Art for seven years and graduated as an illustration major. He worked as an illustrator, creating visuals for books, calendars and other specialty products

but continued to paint on his own. Raack earned his Master of Fine Arts from Kent State University in 1981.

Raack works mostly in oils and watercolors. Mediums are dependent on the time of the year. In the summer months, Raack produces paintings done in watercolors, working on site — in the winter, oils.

"It is a lot of practice," Raack said. "I'm very disciplined. No one is going to see whether you're working or not."

At the age of 13, he made the decision to dedicate his life to art. Raack began to enroll in as many art-centric classes as possible at school, and at the age of 15, he took private lessons.

"Some people said I have the gift, but I started early," Raack said. "That kind of discipline is what it takes to do anything well."

Aside from his work in the visual medium, Raack played drums all throughout high school in the rock n' roll band The Changing Times.

The Changing Times practiced every day and performed two to three times a week professionally, pulling in a couple hundred dollars every night, and even had a record deal. Raack credited his work in The Changing Times as a developing factor in his work ethic.

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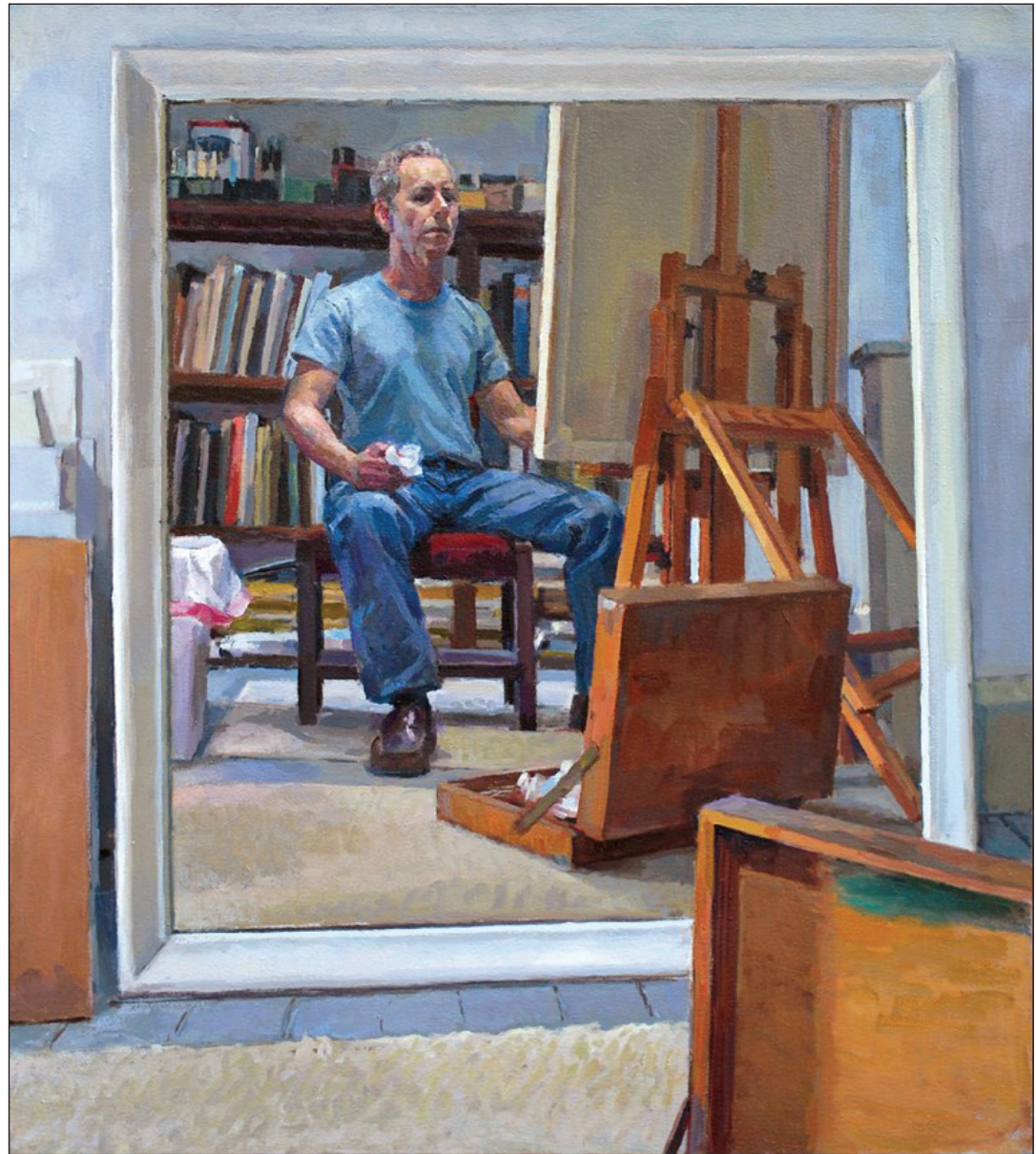


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## Proposal to Rename CLASS, Focusing on International Enrollment

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On Feb. 19, Paul Sracic, chair of the department of politics and international relations, and Jane Kestner, interim dean of the College of Liberal Arts and Social Sciences, proposed a plan to the Board of Trustees to rename and refocus CLASS.

The proposal calls for changing the name of the college — from the College of Liberal Arts and Social Sciences to the College of International and Public Affairs.

Sources indicate that this proposal would serve two functions: to provide an opportunity for the creation of new majors and to generate recruiting strategies, which could effectively expand the international studies program.

"It's in the idea stage. So it's not at the point of going up

for a vote or anything like that. Part of [the plan] would be to give an academic home to the international studies program and then part of the focus is on public behavior, public policy," Kestner said.

### Collaboration Among the College's Departments

Departments in the college include economics, English, foreign language and literatures, geography, history, philosophy and religious studies, political science, psychology, sociology, anthropology and gerontology.

Sracic said that the new name would not affect the mission of these departments, but would, instead, acknowledge that synergies exist among them.

"Well, I think they do cater to international to a degree. If you look at the course catalogs, you see a lot of courses on the book from those departments that have international conventions. In terms of psychol-

ogy, honestly a lot of international relations rely quite a bit on psychological theories and studies," Sracic said. "There is a commonality. The same thing with anthropology; there is a real international dimension to that also. With public affairs, I think psychology certainly has a role with that. It has an interest in public policy. There's a tie-in."

Julia Gergits, chair of the English department, is in agreement for the refocus of the college for this proposed plan.

"More important [than changing the college's name] is the brainstorming for a mission that reflects the strengths of the college, its departments and programs. This mission offers an opportunity for more interdisciplinary programs that would engage departments not just from our college but all around campus," Gergits said.

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## YSU to Reorganize Office of Student Affairs

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The Youngstown State University Board of Trustees passed two resolutions that restructure the office of student affairs, combining three positions into an associate vice president for student success and an associate vice president for student experience.

The associate vice president for student success manages the Student Success Division, which focuses on increasing retention, completion and post-graduation success. The position involves overseeing the Center for Student Progress and the Office of Career Services to meet these goals.

The associate vice president for student experience manages the Student Experience Division, which includes Kilcawley Center, Student Government Association, Greek Life and Housing and Campus Recreation, among others. The division also handles student issues and regulates student conduct.

The positions being eliminated are the vice president of student affairs, executive director of student life and the executive director of student services.

Jack Fahey, current vice president of student affairs, said it's part of university president Jim Tressel's plan for reorganization. Tressel served as vice president for student success during his time at the University of Akron.

"He's trying to take the existing services that we have and take them to the next level," Fahey said. "We hope to recruit two new, really talented people that will take the leadership reins of those two areas and develop those areas significantly from where they are now."

Fahey said they will be looking to hire people from outside the university.

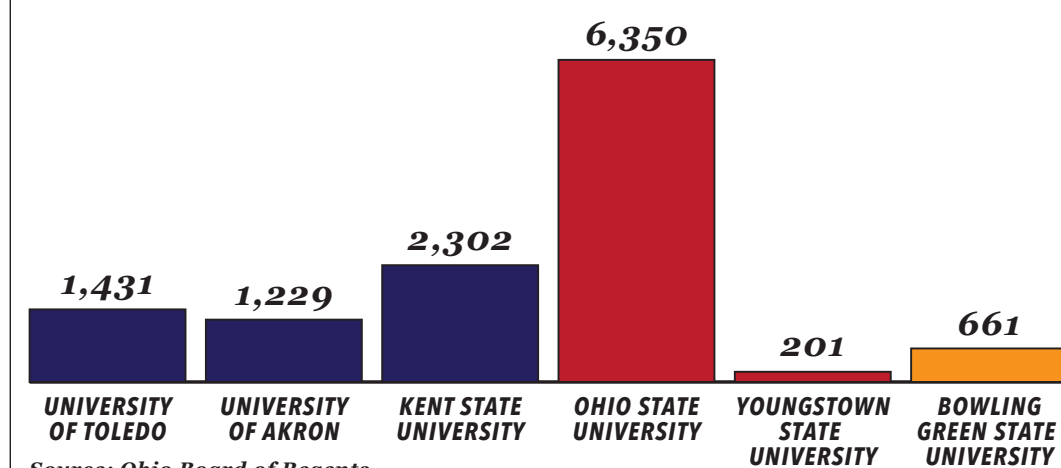
Fahey will be retiring at the end of the year and his position will not be filled. Executive director of student life has remained vacant since Jonelle Beatrice retired at the end of 2014. Matt Novotny, current executive director of student services, has been informed that his contract will not be renewed when it expires in June of this year.

In fiscal year 2013, the salary for vice president of student affairs was \$143,630, executive director of student life was \$84,954 and executive director of student services was \$36,800. The new positions have a salary range of \$90,000 to \$130,000, resulting in a savings of between \$5,000 and \$85,000 to the university.

The Jambar was not able to reach Tressel for comment, check TheJambar.com for updates on this story.

### INTERNATIONAL STUDENT ENROLLMENT

figures include undergraduate and graduate students in 2012



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## Students Helping Students: YSU Disability Services

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Youngstown State University Disability Services assists students who have trouble with the daily tasks of college, such as taking notes and walking to class.

While most of the available services offered at disability services come from full-time employees of the university, a large chunk of help comes from fellow students.

Gina Marafiotte, a psychology major at YSU, is just one of those students. She is hired by the university to be a note taker for students who are blind, hard of hearing or are physically unable to write.

Marafiotte said she heard of the program from a friend who had assisted other students in the note taking before and really enjoyed it. Intrigued about the service, she applied for the job and said it was only a matter of time before she fell in love with it.

"It's more of a process

of students who can't take notes, not like most students who just don't want to. That really got me interested and intrigued, because I never really thought of that before. I consider myself to be a good note taker and I try to write neatly and organize everything so ... I can write notes clearly for [others]," Marafiotte said. "Not only do I get to learn about the class, but I find it really rewarding because I can help someone who can't take notes for themselves."

According to the YSU Disability Services website, "The college uses the Individual Accommodations Model to determine appropriate and effective academic accommodations. The model helps both the student and the service provider select accommodations that are based on a student's needs, strengths and goals. For a person with a learning disability, accommodations might include extended time on tests, test-taking in an isolated setting, a note taker or the use of a tape recorder."

There are certain qualifications students must meet in order to become note takers themselves. A certain number of credit hours must be met, a certain GPA obtained and handwrit-

ing must always be legible and neat, for others rely on those notes to study from and complete homework.

YSU offers many different disability services to those who are in need of them. From loaning students adaptive equipment, providing escort services and having a lounge just for students with severe disabilities, to many more.

Anthony Hartwig, a telecommunications major, uses the escort services provided by the school on a daily basis. He said that it is a big help for him, especially during the cold weather and snowy conditions of late.

"I don't use testing services, but I do use the school's escort services. ... They allow me to get dropped off and picked up from my bus ... [and] if I have any problems with accessibility around campus, they have people who make sure it gets fixed," Hartwig said.

Disability services and its connected programs can be contacted by any student, at any time, for assistance — as long as the student qualifies.

"It's definitely a help," Hartwig said. "I don't think I'd be able to get around campus without the people that run that service."

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The 11th annual etiquette luncheon occurred at Youngstown State University's Williamson College of Business Administration from Feb. 23-26.

The luncheon was part of the Business Professionalism course — a course intended to help students experience a successful transition from a college lifestyle to a professional career.

Student participants enjoyed a full four-course meal catered by Chartwells — complete with soup, salad, entree and dessert. They were taught when to use appropriate utensils, how to pass dressing and sugar and how to successfully communicate with professional colleagues during a meal.

At these luncheons, a faculty member of the Williamson College directs the students.

Christine Shelton served as this year's coordinator, and other faculty members helped put on the event, interacting with the students and directing them through the dining process.

Christina Costello, a business career liaison, answered some questions regarding the luncheons, explaining how they benefit the Williamson Col-

lege community.

"The etiquette dinners are beneficial to students," she said. "It provides students the opportunity to practice proper etiquette when faced with business dining opportunities during the interview process and/or full-time employment."

These are skills that Costello said are valued in business.

"The Williamson College of Business Administration places emphasis on business professional growth and development to help students be career ready after graduation. Etiquette dinners are part of a professional development series of events," Costello said.

Costello explained that the event is aimed at bolstering students' confidence in professional settings — like fine dining experiences — that they may not be used to.

Business Professionalism is an eight-week course in which students are challenged to understand the various elements of professionalism — etiquette, communications, conflict resolution, career exploration and job searching.

The luncheons are part of the development of a business community and help students succeed in their collegiate and professional careers.

## Net Neutrality May Face an Uphill Battle If History Tells Us Anything

**The FCC's current net neutrality proposal is just its latest attempt at regulating Internet companies, but there have been others.**

**Leticia Miranda**  
ProPublica

subject to common carrier regulation," meaning they aren't bound by standards for nondiscrimination in service. Instead, cable Internet services fall under a separate light regulatory regime that gives the commission limited enforcement power.

Tim Wu coins the phrase "net neutrality."

Fall 2003: Tim Wu, then an associate professor at the University of Virginia Law School, first coins the term "net neutrality" in a paper for the Journal of Telecommunications and High Technology Law. He defines net neutrality to mean an Internet "that does not favor one application...over others."

The FCC adopts a toothless net neutrality-like policy statement.

August 2005: The FCC adopts a policy statement to "preserve and promote the open and interconnected nature of public Internet," which focuses on protecting consumer access to content online and competition among Internet service companies. The statement has no power of enforcement.

The first net neutrality bill is introduced in Congress. It dies.

May 2006: Sen. Ed Markey, D-Mass., introduces a net neutrality bill that would keep Internet service companies from blocking, degrading or interfering with users' access to their services. But the bill stalled in the House Committee on Energy and Commerce and never came to a vote.

The FCC tells Comcast to stop slowing down access to BitTorrent.

August 2008: The FCC, under Republican Chairman Kevin Martin, orders Comcast to stop slowing down user access to BitTorrent, a peer-to-peer sharing network often used to share music and videos.

Comcast sues the FCC, and wins.

September 2008 — April 2010: Comcast voluntarily agrees to stop slowing down BitTorrent traffic. But it takes the FCC to court anyway, arguing that the agency is operating outside its authority. Specifically, the company points out that the FCC's 2005 policy statement on neutrality doesn't have the force of law.

The FCC writes real rules on net neutrality.

December 2010: Democratic FCC Chairman Ju-

lius Genachowski writes an order to impose net neutrality rules. Unlike the FCC's 2005 policy statement, this new order is a real rule, not just a policy statement.

Except Verizon sues the FCC, saying it has no authority to enforce the rules, and wins.

September 2011 — January 2014: The District of Columbia Circuit Court of Appeals rules the Federal Communications Commission can't enforce net neutrality rules because broadband Internet services don't fall under its regulatory authority.

Senator introduces net neutrality bill that would ban the FCC from enforcement.

January 2015: Sen. John Thune, R-S.D., introduces a net neutrality bill as a discussion draft that would ban Internet service companies from blocking or degrading services or access to certain content, but would also strip the FCC of authority to enforce any of these rules.

The FCC chairman proposes to reclassify broadband Internet services and enforce net neutrality.

February 2015: Democratic Chairman Tom

Wheeler introduces the current net neutrality proposal. Internet service companies such as AT&T and Comcast would be banned from offering paid prioritization to content providers such as Amazon for faster access. But the proposal would also allow Internet service companies to prevent other companies from using their wires to connect homes to the Internet.

The FCC is expected to vote on rules today.

Feb. 26, 2015: The FCC is scheduled to vote on the proposed rules this morning. The rules are expected to pass in a 3-2 decision with the two Republican commissioners dissenting.

This almost certainly will result in another fight.

The details of the new rules won't be made public until after the vote. Experts expect challenges to the rules as soon as they are published. Michael Powell, a former FCC Chairman and current president and CEO of the National Cable & Telecommunications Association, told CNBC it could take "at least two and up to five years before the rules are fully and finally settled."

## Gino: YSU's Bomb Diggity Dog

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Gino, a two-year-old Malinois bomb dog at Youngstown State University, has been called to protect and serve the Youngstown community four times since December 2014.

The locations include the Campbell high school, the Niles' Target store, Columbiana local schools and Youngstown East High School.

Gino was called out twice in December, once in January and once in February to investigate bomb threats in the Youngstown-Warren area. No explosive devices were found at any of the locations.

YSU received Gino after his initial training was completed in June 2014 as part of a partnership with the Ohio Homeland Security, a division of the Ohio Department of Public Safety.

A multi-year grant given by the division placed other explosive detection assets like Gino in public universities across Ohio due to their strategic positions in metropolitan and well-populated areas.

Dustyn Fox, spokesman for the Ohio Homeland Security division, spoke to the advantages of having a bomb dog like Gino on campus.

"Gino and the other canines are valuable resources to each university because their unique skill can save lives by verifying the validity of an explosive threat," Fox said. "Ohio Homeland Security is very happy to partner with these state universities to help protect each university, their surrounding communities and ultimately to provide a safer Ohio."

Gino has been trained extensively in the detection of explosive devices — including an initial training period of 10 weeks; Gino can identify explo-

sives and clear an area in less than half the time of a human. The purchase, training and equipment for each dog were under \$13,000.

Gino and Mark Mehley, the K-9 Officer and Gino's handler, are required to respond to explosive threats in the Tri-County area and beyond.

"Gino's skills are utilized by not only the YSU community, but the whole community if a threat of explosive devices are reported," Bryan Remias, a Lieutenant in the YSUPD who

has worked with Gino since his arrival, said.

YSUPD's ability to respond to crises extended beyond campus is due to mutual aid agreements. John Beshara, chief of YSUPD, said these agreements allow fellow emergency services to access the resources of other police departments outside of their area.

Specifically YSU has signed on to a mutual aid agreement between public universities and the state, so Gino can technically be utilized throughout Ohio.

"In Mahoning County, I can tell you that all the law enforcement agencies have signed on to help each other in that time of need if they need it. As far as mutual aid for the universities, there is a mutual aid agreement that is signed with the state that allows for those, we call them assets, to respond to different areas," Beshara said. "So if an incident occurs — depending on the incident, depending on the size, depending on many many factors — assets can roll in. The location

would be a very primary factor, where, obviously, if it were Kent State, we are only half an hour away."

Though Gino is currently the only Explosive Detection K-9 unit in the Tri-County area, other universities throughout Ohio region will provide their K-9 units to the region if necessary.

"I think it is a very effective way to get the most use out of that type of an asset," Beshara said. "It is very well thought out in my opinion."



Pictured is Gino and Officer Mehley at the press conference in June 2014.

PHOTO COURTESY OF YSUPD.

## Bringing Back a Frat

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Youngstown State University student Richard Bengé's best college experiences are tied to his Greek organization.

He hopes to continue those memories, though he has hit a snag — there is no chapter of his organization on YSU's campus.

Bengé, who is currently studying exercise science, is a transfer student from Thiel College in Greenville, Pennsylvania where he was an initiated member in the Greek fraternity Delta Sigma Phi.

Shortly after beginning his first semester at YSU, Bengé began considering the possibility of reviving Delta Sigma Phi on YSU's campus.

"The biggest reason for my interest in trying to revive the group is the fact that I'm an initiated member of the fraternity. ... It was the best experience of my life. My hope is to give that experience to YSU students interested in Greek life," Bengé said.

Delta Sigma Phi existed on YSU's campus from 1962 until the mid-1990s. While YSU still offers an array of Greek organizations for student involvement, Bengé isn't willing to give up the ideals of his organi-

zation, which focus on encouraging men to be better members of society.

"The group's motto is 'Better Men, Better Lives' and the three main principles are culture, harmony and friendship. Historically, Delta Sigma Phi was the first [Greek] organization in the United States to allow members of both the Jewish and Christian faiths, because in the late 1800s and early 1900s segregation was a major social issue," he said.

While Bengé has a passion for his project, establishing a new fraternity at a college can be a daunting task. Almost all Greek organizations are controlled by national chapters that have final say over the inclusion of their groups on a college campus. Bengé will have to convince both his national chapter and YSU — where about 2.5 percent of the student body is involved in Greek life — that setting up a new fraternity chapter is a viable endeavor.

"[A limited interest in Greek life] is definitely a bit disheartening, but it's not something that just exists at YSU. A big part of nationals deciding whether or not the chapter would be successful is talking to prospective members as well as faculty and staff to determine what role we would have on campus as well as what we want to focus on," Bengé said. "As for my plans to overcome lack of interest, the biggest thing I would like to do is create an open environment where non-

members and members can hang out and get to know each other on a personal level. ... I think relationships with other fraternities as well as non-Greek organizations are important — not just for a new chapter but for established chapters as well."

Carrie Anderson, assistant director of student activities, helps oversee the implementation of new student organizations and Greek organizations into YSU. While Bengé's case hasn't yet been reviewed by student activities and as such is up in the air, she does caution that there is a wide valley between an idea and a fully functional Greek organization.

"A Greek organization isn't like a normal student group ... we need to meet with Richard and his organization needs to make a decision as to whether or not they think a chapter is viable. We'll have to consider that as well. It's too early to make any predictions," Anderson said.

Bengé recognizes he has a long road ahead but hopes that at some point, future Penguins will wear the letters of the frat that so influenced his college experience.

"This project is in its very early stages and is at least a year away from anything major happening on campus," Bengé said. "That said, I want to get this into student's heads in case they are looking for something different on campus."

## Kerry Vows to Defend Israel, Criticizes UN Body's 'Obsession'

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GENEVA — Secretary of State John Kerry defended Israel on Monday at a United Nations group that's often hostile toward the Jewish state.

In a speech to the UN Human Rights Council in Geneva, the UN's top human rights group, Kerry showcased U.S. support for Israel just hours before Israeli Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu addresses pro-Israel activists in the U.S. about his alarm that the Obama administration is sacrificing Israel's security in its effort to reach a nuclear deal with Iran.

"The HRC's obsession with Israel actually risks undermining the credibility of the entire organization," said Kerry. "We will oppose any effort by any

group or participant in the UN system to arbitrarily and regularly delegitimize or isolate Israel, not just in the HRC but wherever it occurs."

State Department officials said Kerry's speech shows how the Obama administration looks out for Israel's interests, even at a moment when high-level relations are at a two-decade low due to the dispute over Iran's nuclear program and personal strains between Netanyahu and President Barack Obama.

The U.S. seeks to thwart anti-Israel actions in international bodies, such as the Human Rights Council, the International Criminal Court, and the UN Security Council, said the officials, who spoke anonymously under the department's protocol before the speech.

Some Israeli officials and parts of the American Jewish community have expressed

concern that the administration generally and Obama personally are anti-Israel or at least insufficiently supportive. That's a narrative that might hurt Democrats with Jewish and other pro-Israel voters and might bolster Netanyahu in Israeli elections later this month.

Kerry, who speaks frequently with Netanyahu, said the U.S.-Israel security relationship remains strong and that the U.S. also backs Israel in other ways.

"We have intervened on Israel's behalf the last few years more than several hundred, a couple of hundred times, in over 75 different fora," Kerry, said Sunday on ABC's "This Week" program.

The Human Rights Council has been a forum for attacks on Israel from Arab and other nations, and a highly critical report is expected later this month from the council's com-

mission of inquiry on last summer's Gaza war.

Authorization for the investigation was drafted by the Palestinians and supported in a July vote by 29 of the 46-member council. In doing so, the council condemned what it said were widespread violations of international human rights and "wanton destruction" by Israel, asserting that most of the more than 650 Palestinians killed were civilians. Israel has said that it exercised care in military actions provoked by militants' rocket attacks and that the Palestinians have falsely claimed as civilian casualties many militants involved in those attacks against Israeli communities.

The U.S. voted against the resolution, while European countries abstained. Israel has been concerned that the report may echo the resolution and largely blame it for deaths

and damage and minimize the provocations by Palestinian militants.

The U.S. is working now to try to block potential follow-on action against Israel by the council, which the U.S. rejoined in 2009 in a policy change by Obama. In recent years, the U.S. has sought to use its membership to counter what a State Department official called the council's undue and biased focus on Israel, which is the only nation facing scrutiny each year under a standing item on the council's agenda.

The timing of Kerry's address was also notable because this is the last year the U.S. will be a member under rotation rules that allow only two consecutive three-year terms. After a gap in 2016, the U.S. plans to run for re-election to the council for the 2017-19 period, an official said.

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## March 10 Robotics Competition

The 18th Annual Northeast Ohio Robotics Education Program Competition will be held on Tuesday, March 10 in Beeghly Center from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. The theme this year is "March Madness" — The Math and Science of Sports (Basketball.) Schools from around the area will compete — 18 teams from 11 different schools.

## YSU Women's History Month: 'Sexy or Sexist?'

The theme for Women's History Month in March is "Sexy or Sexist?" YSU's Women's and Gender Studies is hosting the month-long series of events. All events are at YSU and are free and open to the public. In addition to the series, the Rec Center will host Women's Health Week, starting Monday, March 23.

## Ecology Students to Spend Spring Break in Puerto Rico

Six students enrolled in the Biology 5806: Field of Ecology course this semester will be heading to Puerto Rico over spring break to learn about the ecosystems of the Caribbean Island. Carl Johnston, associate professor of biological sciences, will take them on the trip. Contact cjohnston@ysu.edu to get information about the next trip in November.

Gergits added that the English department plays a role in this process.

"When the college chairs talked about this refocusing of the mission, we were not thinking about how it would 'cater to the needs of any single department. We were discussing what is in the best interest of all of our students and the region. English has a part to play in this too," Gergits said.

## Increasing International Enrollment

Sracic explained that another part of this proposal would focus on bringing the Center for International Studies into this new college — which may positively impact international student enrollment.

Sracic said he wants YSU to increase its international reach by collaborating with other universities around the world.

"When you form these kinds of relationships, it makes it much easier to recruit students because the administration at your sister or partnering university learns more about you than what you are offering and becomes comfortable recommending to their students that they study at YSU," he said. "It's part of establishing international relationships. If you look around the state of Ohio and see the universities that are doing really well in international enrollment ... we are basically at the bottom. That's what is triggering the idea that we have to do something. We have to make some kind of a change to do better in international enrollment than what we are doing right now."

Martin Abraham, interim provost of the university, added that YSU has to improve its efforts to attract students from outside the region to increase enrollment.

"We have to do better as a university in bringing enrollment from outside of the region that we have always attracted students from. The demographics within our two county region, five county region — they work against us. If we just look at our traditional market, our enrollment is going to continue to go down because we have fewer students to select from. It means we have to broaden our footprint. Working on the international market is part of broadening our footprint," Abraham said.

## Creating New Areas of Study

In addition to refocusing the college's mission, encouraging interdisciplinary collaboration among its departments and attracting more international students, Sracic said that the proposal would also look to develop a major and a minor in international studies.

"One of the things that we are also interested in is developing an international studies major and minor. It would be multidisciplinary. You'd be taking classes in all the different departments in CLASS that would contribute to an international studies major or minor, and that would be one of the things that would be proposed in this new college," Sracic said.

But the power to establish a new major is not entirely in the

hands of CLASS.

"There are several committees that you have to go through. It's not in the power of the single college to decide it's going to have a new major. It has to be approved by Academic Senate committees," Sracic said.

## Cost of the Proposal

Abraham added that the cost of this proposal would not be in renaming and refocusing the mission.

"Changing the name of a college probably really doesn't cost us anything. Minor types of things ... you might have to change some logos and some papers. There's really no cost associated with it. If we are simply talking about changing a name, there's no cost implications," Abraham said.

But bringing in additional employees to work in an expanded international exchange program might require the spending of university dollars. Sources suggest, however, that successfully bolstering international enrollment numbers will result in a net gain for the university.

"Overall, what we are saying is that over four years, we are proposing that the net profit of the university will be over \$4 million," Sracic said.

## Support for the Proposal

Gary Swegan, associate vice president for enrollment planning and management at YSU, said that there are a number of ways that the proposal could increase international enrollment.

"I think international runs the same way on the previous method that I came from. International is seen in three ways. Number one, it helps to mitigate some of the demographic declines that we see in Ohio as we have fewer and fewer high school graduates. It gives you another market in essence to tap into, and it's a market that allows for great diversity on campus and exposes our domestic students to a different perspective and all of the good reasons why you want to diversify in a lot of ways," Swegan said. "Certainly it can't be refuted that that is a different stream of revenue because those students are not only out of state but paying out-of-state fees. An awfully high percentage of international students that come in ... they are pretty much full pay students so we have a bottom line attraction to them."

Abraham expressed his sentiment on the proposal.

"I can take this international recruiting component and separate it into several parts. The first is an interest in doing recruiting internationally. Bringing international students — that is essential. I think a lot of what Dr. Sracic has proposed in terms of bringing international, the ways we go about bringing international students, can work. I think that part is very much an interest to us," Abraham said. "So restructuring the college, giving it a different mission, changing the name, I'm perfectly happy to explore that. We are not going to make that change without involving the faculty and having a much broader conversation across the university of what the implications would be."

Gabriel Palmer-Fernandez, director of the philosophy and religious studies department, said he had spoken to the chairs of CLASS about Sracic's idea during a committee meeting.

"All of the chairs got on board. ... There are national trends going in this direction. I think it is a wonderful idea," Palmer-Fernandez said. "We should be going after international students."

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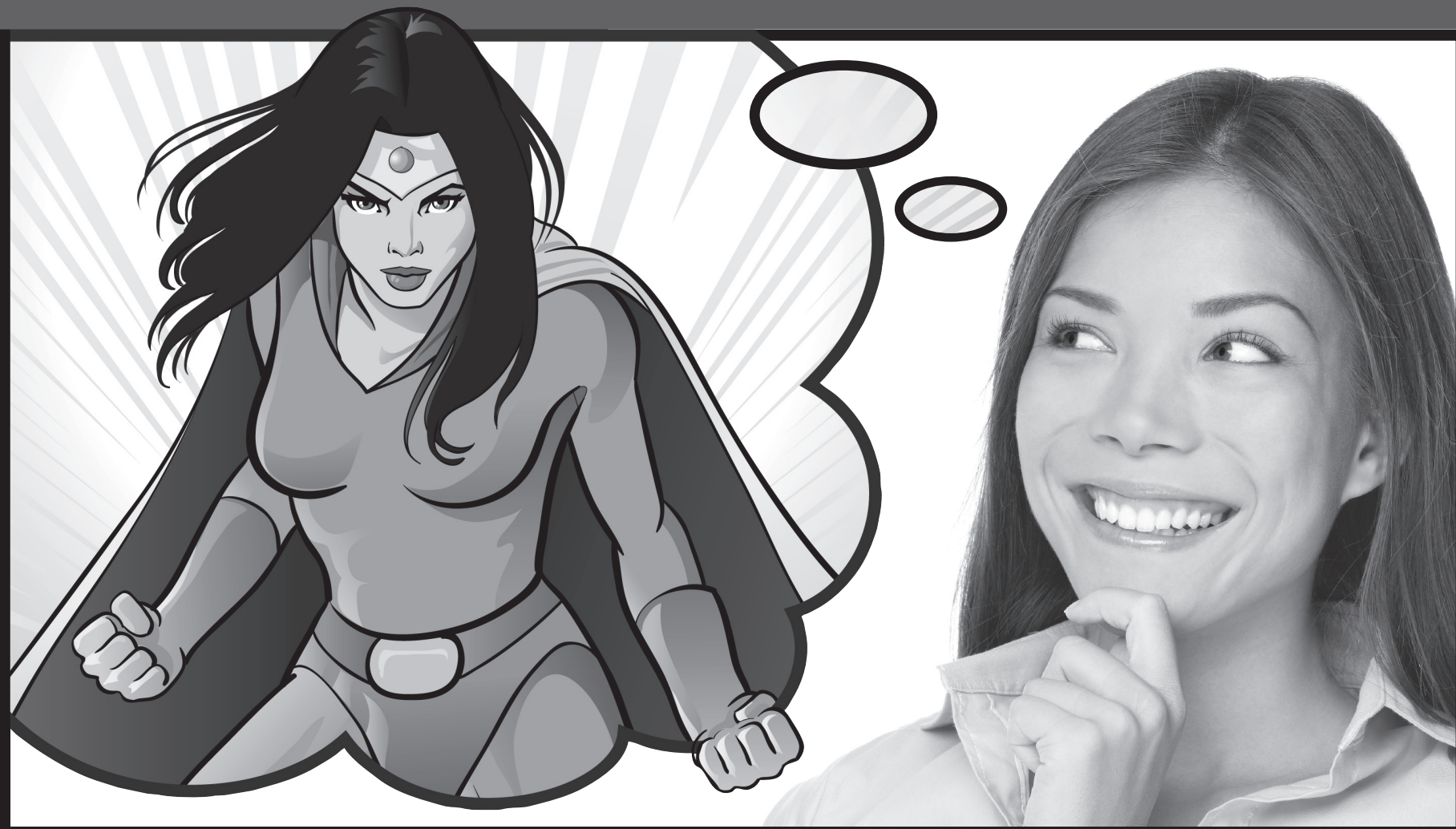
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# Students Tickled PINK with the Idea of Spring



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While snow and freezing temperatures persisted outside, Victoria Secret's PINK Spring event invigorated students and sparked a refreshing mindset on Feb. 27 with beach balls, sunglasses and Hawaiian leis.

Sarah Jones and Natalie Lombardo, Youngstown State University's PINK representatives, hosted their "Spring Break Prep Party" at Pressed Coffee Bar & Eatery, located on campus.

The DJ projected lively beats while Jones, Lombardo and the rest of their team had several games that give away PINK merchandise and other promotions, along with stations where photos were taken and picture frames were decorated.

Both Jones and Lombardo are market management students from the Williamson College of Business Administration. Although being a PINK representative does not count as an internship or a paid job, it gives them experience marketing and helps them come up with efficient marketing techniques.

Jones, the PINK representative in charge of organizing on-campus events, conveyed the purpose of their events.

"Our main goal is to get girls on campus to shop in PINK, especially through our social media," Jones said. "We're really trying to promote the collection as a whole."

Eventually, the PINK representatives hope to expand the collegiate clothing offered at PINK.

"Through PINK, we're trying to get a collegiate clothing line for Youngstown State" Jones said. "It all depends on the response that we get from

our students. If they're really engaged, we have a better chance of eventually getting a [clothing] line."

Jones and Lombardo said they couldn't have hosted these PINK events without the help of approximately eight other students who are called the "Street Team."

"[The Street Team] basically assists us at events and if we have activities like we do tonight, they run them. We oversee them. We need as much help doing this. It's crazy for Sarah and me," Jones said.

The idea of hosting "PINK Spring Break Prep Party" at

Pressed was actually pitched by a student from Lombardo's and Jones' street team.

"PINK wanted us to host a spring break party, but it's still cold outside. So while you have a glimpse of spring break you can cozy up here [at Pressed,]" Lombardo said.

When the PINK reps suggested the idea roughly two weeks ago, owners Frank and Amy Tuscano of Pressed gladly embraced the opportunity.

"It'll open up a different demographic coming in. I know [Lombardo and Jones] marketed the event to a lot of sororities so if they already haven't visited Pressed, hopefully they'll come tonight," Amy Tuscano said. "We always try to support YSU and support the organizations within YSU. ... It's something to get our mind off the freezing cold too."

This is the third PINK event on campus this year. Their last event, Victoria Secret Fashion Show Viewing party, occurred in December and over 120 students attended.

"I just want everybody on Youngstown State campus to how much time we passionately put towards this," Lombardo said.

Bailey Choma, a current freshman at YSU who joined in on the energetic event, expressed how she felt about the event.

"I really liked how there was a ton of stuff to do there, I never once felt bored," Choma said. "[PINK's Spring Party] was much more than I expected. There was a lot to do and a lot of people there. Overall, I had a lot more fun than I would have ever expected."



## Penguins Build Snowmen

PHOTOS BY GABRIELLE FELLOWS AND JUSTIN WEIR/THE JAMBAR.

After the Mahoning Valley was blanketed in snow over the weekend, several snowmen appeared on campus Monday. Igloos have been constructed around the university to provide them with shelter and warmth.



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nature, be it a running river or an ascending hillside in a quarry. He stands his easel in the rushing current, weighing it down with rocks, or below the precipice, brushing the falling snow away.

Raack paints things that he is personally interested in, oftentimes houses. He observes these homes — the landscape and proximity of the house. Raack, if necessary, will ask to see the inside of the home for a better understanding of its exterior and surroundings.

"It's never about trying to create a likeness of something," Raack said. "I could never compete with nature in that sense."

Raack's love of nature only grew in his time spent at the Interlochen Center for the Arts in Interlochen, Michigan. He spent those summer months among artists of other disciplines such as music and acting. There was no television or other forms of distraction.

After half days of teaching, he wandered amidst the

surrounding flora and fauna, painting sand dunes, rivers and lakes. Raack fed himself, sitting in a boat catching fish. He escaped city life and regular civilization and found art and nature.

"I move with the experience as it presents itself to me," Raack said.

Although oils and watercolors seem flat and stationary upon a canvas, Raack explained the necessity of light, space and movement in his paintings. Light reveals space; every area is color, ev-

ery area is illumination.

Raack explained that his paintings exist on no edge and have no boundaries — everything that comes into being comes from movement, the greatest example being life through procreation.

"I'm trying to do art because it seems to clarify things," Raack said. "There's no other motive."

Raack noted similarities in the approach of observing nature between science and art. There are still more dis-

coveries to be made in both disciplines. Both are observations — art being perceptual and science being physical.

Both disciplines also bear formulas or techniques that can be applied by their practitioners. Raack acknowledged the vital presence of masters in art and the consideration of their work — that other should recognize what they have done and build upon it.

"No one's reinventing the wheel, but they may be driving the cart somewhere else," Raack said.

## Save the Yoga Pants

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I am a big advocator of wearing what I want and being comfortable in it. This probably stems from three horrific years in Catholic school — the uniforms day in and day out, blending all of my classmates together into the unhappy, uptight and uncomfortable bunch that we were.

Work uniforms even drove me mad — the specific way you had to wear your shirt and how you always had to put your hair up. I don't like being told what to do, especially when it concerns what to wear and how to wear it.

In recent weeks there has been a bill proposed, House Bill 365, in Montana by Representative David Moore that threatens this right that I hold so dearly. It attempts to expand the current indecent exposure law to include any article of clothing that over-stresses a man or woman's body — namely tight-fitting clothing that shows off the pelvic area, butt or genitals.

In "Government is Coming for Your Yoga Pants," published in February in The Washington Post, Fingers Malloy evaluates this proposal in context with the current indecent exposure law and its consequences.

"If you are convicted for indecent exposure three times in Montana, it is legally possible that you could spend the rest of your life in prison," Malloy said.

Although the bill addresses lessening the life sentence to a sentence not exceeding five years and reducing the original \$10,000 fine to \$5,000, those consequences still seem out-

landish for something as simple as a pair of \$40 yoga pants.

In addition, I remember from a young age being brought up with love your body campaigns, teaching kids to do just that: to love themselves in their own skin. It may have not been perfect, but this ideal promoted self-confidence and self-esteem.

Now, places like Montana are telling its citizens to hide themselves and that showing off your body is just plain indecent and unlawful.

Is this really about yoga pants though?

"I submit that modesty stereotypes are only one part of a broader problem," Malloy said. "Elected officials on a local, state and national level are too eager to write unnecessary laws, enabling the ever-increasing nanny state to become even more powerful."

Although we do not live in Montana and it is relatively unlikely this law will find any traction, it is this lawmaker's audacity to try to restrict our choices in what we can and cannot wear, and thus restricting our personal liberties, that is the true problem. It is a phenomenon reflected throughout our culture.

And why? What is it about the human body, male or female, which has us all shaking in our boots? Is there some corrupting power to tight-fitting jeans and the human body that we are not privy to?

Of course there is a purpose to the average indecency law, which usually prohibits nudity, but this bill is such an egregious attempt to extend a personal morality code into our laws — in addition to being poorly defined and thus allowing abuses — that even one state's attempt to get it on the books is not only unfathomably stupid, but worrying.

## EDITORIAL

### Staying Together for the Kids

Mommy and Daddy are fighting.

At least that's what it feels like following the closing of the longest faculty union contract negotiations in Youngstown State University's history.

Immediately following the faculty's narrow-margined vote in favor of the current contract, the union put out a press release essentially saying that despite adopting the contract, they certainly didn't like it.

At the Board of Trustees meeting where the contract was ratified, Senator Harry Meshel shared — vividly — his distaste for the union leadership and even mentioned that following these most recent negotiations, he was happy for his term as a trustee to be ending. The other board members looked relieved just to get the whole thing over with.

Nobody likes the current situation. The faculty feel underappreciated and robbed of earnings they believe they deserve, and the administration knows full well that this is an issue that isn't going away; it will very likely shine a negative light on YSU when it comes to attracting talented faculty in the future.

So why this uncomfortable truce? Part of the reason is that they're trying to hold the family together for the kids — the students.

Following the faculty's vote to accept the current contract, a member of the faculty expressed their relief that students weren't dragged into the murky waters of the negotiations.

Another faculty member offered similar sentiments while discussing the contract negotiations three years ago that nearly resulted in a strike. The

faculty member explained that a strike would have resulted in the administration canceling the semester. In turn, a cancellation would have resulted in at least a semester delay in student graduations and a freeze on student loan funds that many students rely on to help pay for living expenses while in school.

Student well-being is a concern for both the administration and the faculty, though the two may have a difference in opinion over what exactly constitutes students' well-being.

However, at some point in the future, if YSU's financial situation doesn't improve significantly, students may need to accept that they're going to need to take a backseat for the sake of the university as a whole.

A strike this year probably wouldn't have won the faculty their ideal contracts even if it had gone that far. The financial state of the university simply wouldn't have allowed it.

And, as a result, we believe it was certainly the right choice to avoid a strike this round of negotiations.

A strike won't necessarily be fair to those students if and when it happens, and it certainly won't be pretty. But at some point, if the faculty and the administration can't reach some level of peace, YSU is going to hit a point of no return. Conditions here will be so volatile that we won't be able to attract quality leadership in the administration — three deans and several vice presidents left over the last year — or quality faculty to teach students.

There may need to be a strike.

Hopefully, things will improve over the next few years.

Maybe funding priorities will change. Maybe enrollment will take off, and the administration's plans to attract more students from further away will help bolster the school's income. Maybe the library will get funding. Maybe the next union contract negotiations will go swimmingly and everyone will get what they want.

Maybe.

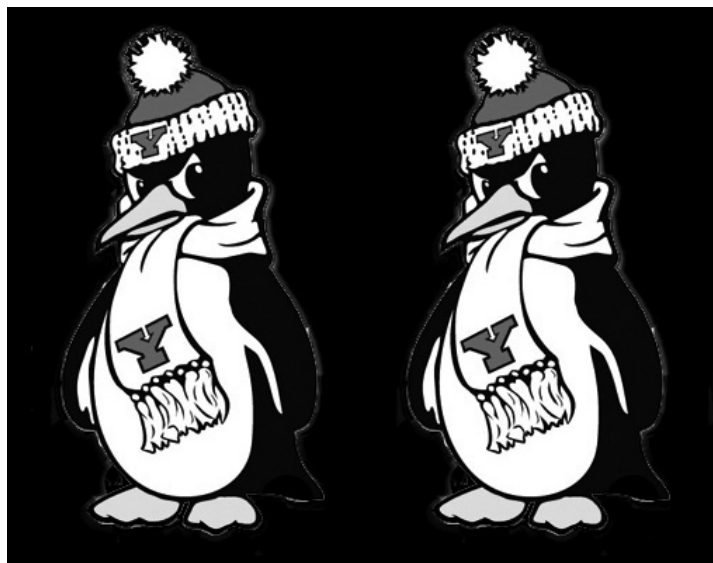
But an object in motion tends to stay in motion unless acted upon by an outside force, and there doesn't seem to be any outside forces waiting on the tracks to slow down the current train of disdain. And unfortunately a strike may be necessary to force the hand of the university — igniting changes in institutional goals or individual policies that will once again synergize faculty and administration. A strike may not be good for the students in that moment of YSU's history, but it may be necessary on a grander scale.

Of course, we don't want to believe this sentiment.

We want to believe that faculty leaders, the Board of Trustees and other administrators will work together over the next few years to rebuild bridges and ensure that YSU can effectively continue to work as a force for improving the lives of students, the careers of professionals and the quality of life in the Mahoning Valley.

It seems that due to the very nature of the beast this is unlikely, so, until a significant effort is made to bridge the rift between two of the most integral communities of professionals on campus, we can't adopt that stance.

It's a pessimistic viewpoint, but the writing is on the wall.



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## Technology Changing the Climate Debate

THE ORANGE COUNTY REGISTER (TNS)

The following editorial appeared in The Orange County Register on Tuesday, Feb. 24:

This year could well go down in history as the moment when technology transformed the debate about climate change.

Instead of an argument about "the science" indicating "anthropogenic global warming," the really intractable disagreement concerns the policy — what, if anything, our public officials should require of us as a result of their interpretation of the science.

While Americans have argued over the policy, worsening an already unimaginative

and stagnant political climate, our best technologists have begun to lay the groundwork for scientific advancements that can upend stale debates about capping emissions and the like.

For years, the problem with solar power was straightforward: Our technology could not absorb, or store, enough energy from the sun. Now, however, thanks to the likes of Elon Musk, those days are all but over.

Together, through Tesla and a separate company called SolarCity, Musk and his cousin Lyndon Rive have achieved advancements in solar cells and battery storage sufficient to attract the attention of some of America's biggest companies. Wal-Mart wants to use their technology to power its huge stores, and Apple wants to use it to go completely "clean" in its energy use.

But wait, there's more. Thanks to technology, super-

cially outlandish ideas that could revolutionize climate policy are now headed from science fiction to science fact. Musk's "hyperloop" idea for ultrafast mass transit is now in the hands of a crack team of experts who are taking their company public this year.

Elsewhere, the scientists our government cares about most have broached the idea of tweaking our climate the way Google's Nest thermostat keeps a handle on your Heating, Venting and Air Conditioning. In a study sponsored by the CIA, NASA and the Department of Energy, the National Academy of Sciences has called for experiments in geoengineering — until now, seen as a kooky lark.

Officeholders and officials should be on notice: In light of these developments, the climate policy debate of the rapidly approaching future isn't about how we need to live, but how we want to live.

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# Women's Track and Field Win Back-to-Back Horizon League Championships



Above: The Youngstown State University women's track and field team won its second consecutive Horizon League Championship on March 1. Head coach Brian Gorby was named the Horizon League Women's coach of the Year. Right: The men's team, led by Austin McLean finished fourth.

## JEFF BROWN

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The Youngstown State University women's track and field team won its second consecutive Horizon League Championship on Sunday, holding off the University of Wisconsin-Milwaukee Panthers to win the championship by one point (131-130).

With only one event remaining, the 4x400 relay, YSU held a 123-120 lead over the University of Wisconsin-Milwaukee and needed a second place or better finish to win the championship. YSU head coach Brian Gorby made the decision to send sprinter Nina Grambling as the third leg of the relay, even though she had never run the 400-meter in a collegiate race before. The decision to run Grambling paid off, as she was able to pull away and give the Penguins a lead on second place in the 4x400 relay.

"If that 4x400 would have come in third we wouldn't have won. So I knew I had to run all out," Grambling said. "My whole strategy — I just ran the 400 like I would a 200. I heard one of my coaches talking to one of my

girls, like does she know this is the 4x400 and not the 200."

Grambling also won the 60 and 200-meter dash and was named Outstanding Performer of the meet, along with Horizon League Track Athlete of the Year.

Once Grambling gave the Penguins the lead, Jen Shiley, who won the Horizon League title in the 400-meter earlier in the day, took off from there securing the Penguins the Horizon League Championship.

"We knew it was going to be close," Shiley said. "It was nerve racking. I told them put all the pressure on me since I'm anchor. I love [being the] anchor, I love all the pressure."

With a win in the Horizon League Championship and having won the Cross Country Championship earlier this year, the women have a chance to complete the Triple Crown in the Horizon League if they are able to win the outdoor championship later this spring.

On the men's side, it was also a battle between YSU and Milwaukee for the championship, but the men were unable to hold off Milwaukee in the 4x400 relay and fell short 161-154.

The distance team stepped up big for the Penguins led by Austin McLean, Eric Rupe and Ryan Sullivan finished first,

second and fourth respectively in the 3,000-meter race and picked up 22 team points, giving YSU a 1 point lead over Milwaukee heading into the final event.

The Penguins, however, fell short in the 4x400 relay, coming in fifth place while Milwaukee dominated the event, securing their Horizon League Championship.

"They are extremely tough. They're great guys. They train so hard. It was just a friendly competition everyone's out here having fun trying to do the same thing — just respect everybody," McLean said.

McLean had an outstanding performance throughout the championship weekend for the Penguins tying for the most points scored in the championship and was also named Horizon League Male Athlete of the Year. McLean won the conference title in the 1,600- and 3,000-meter race, and finished second in the 5,000-meter final on Saturday.

"Honestly, I feel so blessed I don't know what to even say about it. I just went out there and tried to help the team. Working with Eric we had all of these plans going in and obviously it seemed to work out decently well," McLean said.

Also winning awards for the Penguins was Conner Neu who



was named as the Outstanding Field Performer, Ryan Booth who won Field Freshman of the Meet and Carl Zallow was named track freshman of the meet. Zallow was a force for the Penguins winning the conference title in the 60 and 200-meter dash.

"I knew winning freshman of the meet would help my team, so that was definitely a goal of mine," Zallow said. "The goal here is always to win the Horizon League and to come that close, its just motivation for outdoor and the years to come."

# Women's Basketball Looks to Rebound Against Cleveland State



The Youngstown State University women's basketball team defeated the Cleveland State University Vikings 79-65 on Jan. 15. Senior forward Latisha Walker scored 21 points and four rebounds in the Penguins' previous matchup.

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The Youngstown State University women's basketball team is ready for the exciting matchups ahead of them this week. With Cleveland State University on Wednesday night and Valparaiso University on Saturday for senior day, YSU is prepared for the tournament play.

Should YSU win on Wednesday night against Cleveland State, they'll clinch a first round home game and its 20th win of the season.

"This game is huge. We were in this same position last year where if we win we host, and if we lose we're on the road," YSU head coach John Barnes said. "It was just a big advantage — we ended up being able to play at home with a great crowd."

The Penguins won their last meeting against Cleveland State 79-65. Both teams are tied for third place in the Horizon League standings with an 8-6 record. The top four teams in the Horizon League will earn a first-round home game on March 11.

After losing 73-27 to the University of Wisconsin-Green Bay last Saturday, the Penguins have put the loss behind them and look forward to possibly seeing the Phoenix again in

the tournament.

"We got beat pretty good at their place when we played, but when we came back the team was excited to practice and ready to go," Barnes said. "You got to have a short memory because if you dwell on it, it could lead to more losses."

Senior forwards Heidi Schlegel and Latisha Walker have put the loss behind them and are looking ahead to the upcoming challenge this week.

"It's a new week and this is my last week of the regular season — I want to take full advantage of it, like I have my whole career," Schlegel said.

When asked about what the team has to do this week against Cleveland State to bounce back from a disappointing loss, Walker said the team has to play a solid defense.

"Keeping them off the boards, playing solid defense and no second chance points is going to be the key to this game," Walker said.

Senior day is going to be a major milestone for Schlegel and Walker. Schlegel will finish her career as one of the best players in YSU's history — she ranks sixth in career points with 1,621, eighth in career rebounds and already owns YSU's record for made free throws. Walker has blocked 75 shots and is tied seventh for the most in school history, her 1.3 blocks per game average is second on the all-time list.

"Senior day is going to be very emotional, but overall I know it's been a great run for me and my teammates this far and hopefully we can go far in the tournament," Walker said.