

Foo Fighters Play Small Venue in Niles 'IT'S NEVER GOING TO BE COOLER THAN THIS'

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The clock strikes noon on Saturday and silence enters the small, carpeted room near the Record Connection in Niles. Conversations end and classic rock music ceases playing through the speakers. All eyes watch the stage.

Seconds later, the Foo Fighters, led by front man Dave Grohl, take the stage. The room of 150 people breaks into an uproar. Grohl slings the strap of his guitar over his shoulder and approaches the microphone.

"Hi! Good morning," Grohl said. "Happy Record Store Day, everybody."

Grohl's amplified words split the room of cheering voices.

"We're going to play a bunch of songs as fast as we can, so we're going to have a good time here," Grohl said.

On that note, Grohl and his band mates break into the first song of their set, "White Limo." Leaving no time for the crowd to react, Grohl begins playing and screaming into the microphone, making every body in the room move.

People in the crowd sing along, jump, pump their fists and fan themselves. The records dangling from the ceiling



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by fishing line sway from the flailing limbs knocking them.

"I know we're in a f---ing strip mall, but, actually, my uncle just told me that the first job he ever had was in a shoe store in this little shopping center," Grohl said. "So, let's pretend — let's pretend this is a stadium show."

Grohl proceeds to bang his head, play a few notes and hold

for a moment, allowing the crowd to yell lyrics.

Posters for the Foo Fighters' HBO show "Sonic Highways," "Roger Waters: The Wall" and a plethora of local shows are pasted to the white walls. Between the posters stand security guards.

The window built into the wall behind the stage fogs. Grohl's hair shrouds his face,

and the only visible feature, his mouth, moves on a pivot, stuck to the microphone. His body and head move in every direction, but his mouth never leaves the microphone.

The Foo Fighters finish playing their 2007 single, "Pretender," and Grohl starts telling a story.

"Originally we were going to play somewhere else, but

then we found out that Joan Jett was getting into the Rock and Roll Hall of Fame, right?" Grohl said. "We're very excited about that. So we thought, 'Well okay, damn. We should be there.'"

Grohl explains how they contemplated playing a show

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Orr Wins SGA Presidential Election

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Nearly two weeks after the polls closed, the results of the Student Government Association elections have finally been released: Ashley Orr will become SGA's next president, and Jacob Schriener-Briggs will continue to serve as the association's executive vice president.

"Jake and I are incredibly excited to hear that we have won the election," Orr said. "We're just very excited, and we can't wait to serve and address any concerns that students may have."

Orr and Schriener-Briggs —

who beat out their opponent Nick Chretien and his running mate Ciara Andrews by 209 votes — said they've already begun planning for next year, indicating that student opinion will "fuel" their agenda.

At the top of this agenda are the following plans: filling vacancies on SGA's body and establishing lines of communication between SGA and downtown business owners, the university's deans and administrators and local media outlets.

Orr said she also expects to tackle long-term projects over the course of the upcoming academic year — explaining that adding water bottle refill stations throughout campus, developing the Student Academic Success Initiative and

increasing funding for student groups will remain priorities during her tenure.

Schriener-Briggs echoed Orr's sentiment.

"I'm really excited," Schriener-Briggs said. "Ashley and I are ... excited to keep the ball rolling and to start moving on the things we talked about while we were campaigning."

Schriener-Briggs also acknowledged, though, that "there was some suspense built in" to this year's election.

Contributing to this suspense was the lengthy ballot counting procedure — a process drawn-out at least partially by the filing of grievances.

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Disaster on Campus: YSU Holds Anthrax Response Drill Friday

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Friday, Youngstown State University nursing faculty and students will battle to save the victims of a mock anthrax attack.

This staged emergency is a collaboration between the YSU nursing department, the YSU Health Clinic and the Mahoning Valley Board of Health to gauge the college's ability to respond to an emergency on campus.

Several nursing and clinic faculty members, as well as 93 nursing students, will participate in the drill.

Molly Roche, RN, an instructor in the nursing department, is helping coordinate the event alongside YSU Health Clinic Wendy Thomas, RN, in hopes that YSU will become a "closed unit dispensary."

"Being a closed unit means we'd basically be taking care of ourselves with the Board of Health as support. In a real situation, Wendy Thomas and I would be setting it up and working with volunteers independently [at YSU]," Roche said.

Acting as a closed unit dispensary would provide YSU faculty and students with quick and local access to treatment in the event of an emergency, but the benefits extend beyond the boundaries of the university.

Joseph Diorio, the Mahoning County Board of Health's director of community health, sees the benefits of the drill as a matter of numbers.

"If we had to dispense [treatment] as a health department to everyone in Mahoning County — let's say for the sake of discussion the population is 250,000 — if YSU said they were going to act as a closed pod and let's say they hypothetically have a population — students, faculty, family, et cetera — of 50,000, then YSU takes care of their own population and that's 50,000 people less that [the Board of Health] has to take care of," Diorio said.

Beyond the benefits to the campus and the community, the students participating in the program will have the opportunity to use the skills they've been training for in class.

"[The drill] is certainly geared primarily towards educating students for when they become nurses about community health and community health points of dispensing — just preparedness in general so when the nurses do graduate they'll have the drill

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A SMASHING GOOD TIME

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Youngstown State University's Anthropology Colloquium is holding a plate smashing event — where students can write their frustrations on plates and smash them — on April 29 from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m., in front of DeBartolo Hall.

Matt O'Mansky — an associate professor in the department of sociology, anthropology and gerontology — said the week before finals is a good time for the event.

"We hold the event late in the spring semester when we will have good weather so that many people will pass by and, hopefully, participate. We also hold it at the end of the semester because that's the time of year when exams are approaching and papers are due so people are anxious and frustrated. Smashing plates on which you've written your frustrations is a great way to relieve stress," O'Mansky said.

The event originated with an experiment concerning plate smashing conducted by John White, a retired professor at YSU.

"John did historical archaeology and often found pieces of broken plates in his excavations. He designed a project wherein student volunteers would drop plates onto a floor marked with a grid pattern. Plates were dropped flat from waist height and then the volunteer would document how many pieces the plate broke into and where the pieces ended up," O'Mansky said.

White intended to use the data to calculate how many plates were represented by the fragments he found dur-

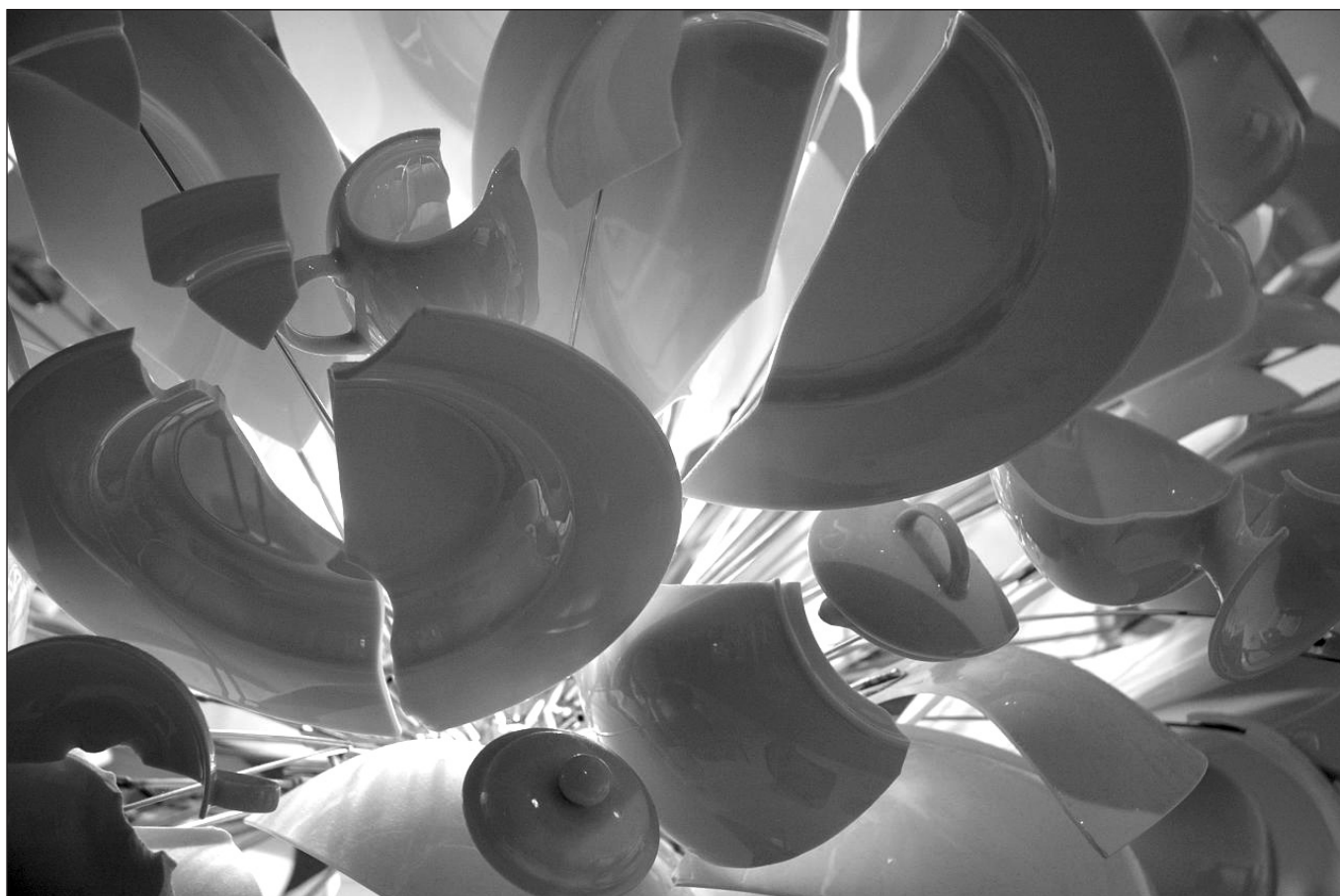


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ing digs, but there were too many variables present.

"For example, even two of the exact same plates dropped the same way from the same height will break in different ways — different numbers of pieces, different stopping points for the fragments, etc. Therefore, the project was abandoned. Sadly, John passed away in the summer of 2009, and we were left with thousands of plates," Dr. O'Mansky said.

White's daughter decided what to do with them.

"After John passed away, his daughter Katherine White began raising

money to establish the John R. White Scholarship in Anthropology. It is a scholarship for anthropology majors and preference is given to those focusing on archaeology. Because Katherine was working to build an endowment for the scholarship and because John had collected the plates, the first plate smashing benefited the scholarship fund," O'Mansky said.

Jessica Morris, a senior anthropology major, said proceeds of this year's event will benefit the Anthropology Colloquium.

"We hold this event to raise money for our Archaeology Month speaker which happens in October. ... We have had

lectures on Bahamian Archaeology and Guatemalan Archaeology," Morris said.

Students and faculty alike have enjoyed this event in previous years.

"There were some especially eager faculty members who participated during the SB5 vote a few years ago," O'Mansky said. "I remember that the very first person to participate back in 2011 wrote 'rent, bills and...' I can't remember the third thing. Other people have written the names of ex-boyfriends and girlfriends, classes in which they have exams or papers due, etc."

Anyone is welcome and encouraged to attend the event.

YSU College Democrats Against YDC Shutdown

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The Youngstown State University College Democrats have joined in the fight to keep the Youngstown Developmental Center open.

The Youngstown Developmental Center, an intermediate care facility for the mentally challenged in Mineral Ridge, Ohio, along with a few other developmental centers, will be closing in July of 2017 at the order of governor John Kasich.

Michelle Lepore-Hagan, a democratic representative of the Ohio House of Representatives, is also teaming up with the College Democrats in the Youngstown-wide fight to help the YDC remain open.

Chris Anderson, the communications director for the YSU College Democrats, said the group's decision to help was not political.

"It's simply the right thing to do. The staff of the YDC provide vital services not only to the residents of the YDC, but also to the community," Anderson said. "The YDC employs more than 220 people and provides a home to more than 80 developmentally disabled citizens from 14 counties in our state. In our eyes, you don't have to be a Democrat or a Republican to know that it's closure isn't good for our valley."

Anderson said the group began this fight in early March when they wrote a letter to Kasich inquiring to his justification for the shutdown.

"One of the solutions we arrived at was the open letter that we wrote on their behalf, where we detail

the human aspect of the closure of the YDC. Essentially, we have offered to be there in any way that will help them fight this closure," Anderson said.

Anderson said the group has not heard from Kasich since the letter was sent in early March.

"We wrote to governor Kasich requesting justification for the YDC's closure. We also pleaded with his office to find other ways to create budget savings that didn't involve the closure of the YDC. We received nothing back from him," Anderson said.

Anderson explained some of the effects of the shutdown of the developmental center.

"The shutdown of the YDC would have a huge impact on the Valley. From an economic aspect, the YDC employs more than 220 people. That's 220 full time positions that will be lost. If we assume that each employee makes the direct care industry average of \$23,712, a low figure, that is \$5.2 million being taken out of our local economy," Anderson said. "Some of these employees have spent more than 30 years of their lives providing dedicated care to the residents of this facility. [The residents] are going to be surrounded by new people that they've never met before. There was no study done as to whether this is even safe, to my knowledge, to move the residents of the YDC. Further, it's going to make it even harder for what family they may have to visit them. Imagine that you have a family member that lives in the YDC and your only means to visit them is by bus. That's an additional hour you'll have to ride on a bus. How likely are you to visit? It's simple: The YDC closure is bad for Youngstown and bad for Ohio."

Joe Schiavoni, a Democratic member of the Ohio Senate, said he is in the process of establishing a commission in the Senate that would relieve the governor's decisional authority regarding developmental centers' shutdowns across the state.

"[The YSU College Democrats and I] haven't sat down and talked about it specifically. I'm sure that they are aware of the efforts that I've been trying to push," Schiavoni said. "It's actually got a good amount of support thus far and is currently an amendment in the House budget. So we have to keep that in the House budget and get it over to the Senate and then when it gets in the Senate, keep it in and get it back to the governor for signature, and we've got a lot of support from across the state on that piece."

Schiavoni added that Lepore-Hagan was responsible for amending the commission into the Ohio House of Representatives' budget, and the House will vote on the bill on Thursday.

Schiavoni agreed that the closing of the center would have a negative impact on its residents as well as the staff.

"I think that the governor and the folks down in Columbus really need to take a look at maybe another place to try and save money and not closing [developmentally disabled] facilities. There's a certain level of personal care that these folks need and the current workers of the YDC out in the Montgomery County are providing that," Schiavoni said. "I just hope that nothing bad happens if they are moved out of [the YDC] because they really do need doctors on hand, nurses on hand, security on hand for issues that arise. When you're talking about putting them in a group home, those group homes do not provide that level of care and security."

Anderson said there are over 40,000 developmentally disabled residents in Ohio awaiting services and 4,000 of those residents are in need of housing.

"Let that sink in. 10 percent of our society's most vulnerable citizens need housing, and our state is closing developmental facilities such as the YDC. It just seems counterintuitive," he said.

Breast Cancer Cases in U.S. Projected to Rise as Much as 50% by 2030

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(TNS)

New breast cancer cases in the U.S. are forecast to rise by as much as 50 percent by 2030, government researchers reported Monday.

But while the surge in cases will pose "a huge challenge" to medical providers over the coming decades, coauthor Philip S. Rosenberg, of the National Cancer Institute said, the data also revealed "one silver lining": lower incidence of the subtype known as estrogen-recep-

tor-negative breast cancers, including difficult-to-treat HER2-positive and triple-negative types.

"Although breast cancer overall is going to increase, different subtypes of breast cancer are moving in different directions and on different trajectories," Rosenberg said in a statement.

He and colleagues at the National Cancer Institute shared the new projections, which were assembled using cancer incidence data, census data and forecasting models, at the annual meeting of the American Association for Cancer Research in Philadelphia on Monday.

The group estimated that the total number of new breast cancer cases

would increase from 283,000 in 2011 to an estimated 441,000 in 2030. The proportion of invasive estrogen-receptor-positive cancers was expected to hold steady at 63 percent, while that of estrogen-receptor-positive cancers that had not spread to other parts of the body was expected to increase, from 19 percent to 29 percent.

Estrogen-receptor-negative cancers were expected to drop from 17 percent to 9 percent of the total cases. Rosenberg said the researchers did not know the reasons behind the projected decline, but pointed to "intriguing clues." For example, he noted, women who first give birth at a young age and do

not breastfeed are at high risk for early onset of this subtype — but more women today delay childbearing and opt to breastfeed, factors that might help explain the projected drop in cases.

The researchers also predicted that the age distribution of women with new breast cancers would change by 2010, with the percentage of new cases occurring in women ages 70-84 expected to increase from 24 percent to 35 percent and that in women ages 50-69 was expected to fall from 55 percent to 44 percent.

The team said it embarked on its study to help oncologists define a "proactive road map" for prevention and treatment in the future.

Bombing is 1st Attack on US in Iraq Since Islamic State Took Mosul

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IRBIL, Iraq — A suicide bomber struck the U.S. consulate building in the northern Iraqi city of Irbil on Friday afternoon.

Kurdish authorities said that at least three people were killed — a Kurdish se-

curity official at the scene said the dead were the three attackers — and five wounded. Among the wounded were two Westerners who were in a restaurant across the street, witnesses said.

Brett McGurk, the deputy assistant secretary of state for Iraq and Iran, said in a post on Twitter that all consulate personnel had been accounted for and that there were no reports of injuries among them. He included the hashtag VBIED, short for vehicle-born im-

provised explosive device. The Islamic State, which is also pressing offensives in the cities of Ramadi and Baiji, claimed responsibility for the explosion in an Internet post.

The attack was the first direct assault on U.S. facilities in Iraq since the Islamic State took control of much of the northern and central areas of the country last summer, and only the second bombing in Irbil, the capital of the Kurdistan Regional Government, a city

considered so safe that the United States moved many of its diplomats here from Baghdad when the Islamic State captured the city of Mosul and threatened Baghdad last year.

The Kurdish official at the scene told McClatchy that three attackers had approached a checkpoint near the consulate in an SUV, apparently intending to attack on foot to make room for a suicide bomber, who was either also on foot or in the car. They were spotted by peshmerga security forces stationed outside the consulate, who opened fire. The security official said the three attackers were killed, though whether they were killed by gunshots or detonated explosives was unclear. The official spoke only on the condition of anonymity, as he wasn't authorized to talk to journalists.

Gunfire was heard in the neighborhood for several minutes after an initial explosion.

The heavily guarded facility, which houses diplomats and a military

command center used to coordinate the air campaign led by the United States against the Islamic State, is in a quiet residential and predominantly Christian section of the Kurdish capital. It's accessible only through a heavily guarded pedestrian entrance.

The facility is one of three key command centers that coordinate operations among the Iraqi and Kurdish governments — which operate independent security forces in the fight against the Islamic State — and the U.S.-led coalition, which provides air support.

It was unknown whether the attack in Irbil was intended to disrupt the coalition response to the significant Islamic State offensives unfolding elsewhere. One of them is in the western province of Anbar, where the provincial capital of Ramadi is in danger of being overrun, and the other is in Baiji, where the Islamic State is trying to take control of Iraq's largest oil refinery.

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NEWS BRIEFS

Retired YSU Police Chief to Receive HOPE Award

Jack Gocala, a retired Youngstown State University police chief, will receive the HOPE Award at the Hope Foundation of the Mahoning Valley's fifth annual Wine for Hope event on April 25 at 7 p.m. The event will be held in Antone's Banquet Centre in Boardman. The award is presented to a person who donates their time to children and the community as a whole. The event features fine wines, gourmet food stations and music. Tickets are \$55 per person and can be purchased at www.HopeMV.org, or by calling Komara Jewelers at 330-793-9048.

Spring Graduation BFA Show at McDonough Museum

Works by Youngstown State University students achieving completion of the bachelor of Fine Arts degree will be featured in the Spring Graduation BFA Show at the McDonough Museum of Art until May 8. An opening reception for the 13 artists will be from 6 p.m. to 8 p.m. on April 24. Museum hours are Tuesdays through Saturdays from 11 a.m. to 4 p.m., and the museum is free and open to the public. For more information, call 330-941-1400 or visit www.mcdonoughmuseum.yzu.edu.

YSU English Festival 2015

Youngstown State University will be hosting its 37th annual English Festival from April 22-24 in Kilcawley Center. More than 3,000 middle school and high school students will come together to discuss books, meet authors and participate in writing competitions. This year's festival will feature two authors, Gary D. Schmidt and Jennifer Buehler. For more information, visit www.yzuenglishfestival.org.

This year, 14 grievances were filed, but the Elections Committee ruled that only five of these 14 grievances warranted a hearing.

Ultimately, only one grievance regarding the posting of campaign material to a university safety board resulted in the deduction of votes, taking just one percent — or 11 votes — from the Orr & Schriener-Briggs ticket.

"We were really excited to see that the grievances didn't have that large of an effect," Orr said.

Chretien responded positively to the results of the election and offered congratulatory remarks to Orr and Schriener-Briggs.

"Ciara and I would have preferred to win," Chretien said. "We thought it was a great experience, and in the end, we didn't do enough to win. We congratulate Jake and Ashley, and we know that Student Government is in great hands for the next academic year. We wish them the best."

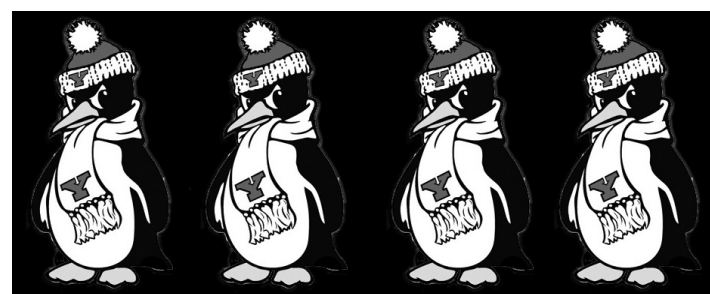
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SGA ELECTION RESULTS

Ashley Orr & Jacob Shriener-Briggs
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Nicholas Chretien & Ciara Andrews
425 votes

*represents number of votes after a grievance resulted in a 1% vote deduction



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in their backgrounds. The second objective is to help YSU faculty and staff know how to set a point of dispensing up if they need to in the event of an emergency," Diorio said.

Adam Depp, a junior nursing student participating in the drill, is looking forward to the event, despite having little information as to what scenarios he and other students will be facing.

"I'm pretty excited. My training doesn't exactly relate to disasters, but patient care and safety are universal," Depp said. "Obviously you want to help the most people in the most need ... even though [an anthrax scare] is a different circumstance, your mindset should be the same."

While nursing students will make up the bulk of the participants, representatives from other YSU organizations will be present, including YSU Police Department Lieutenant Randy Williams, who will help simulate a law enforcement presence during the drill.

Roche hopes to continue participating in emergency drills and intends to expand the inclusion of on campus participants to disciplines outside the nursing program.

"I would like to have [drills] be kind of an annual thing so we can get more students involved and hopefully have more volunteers," she said.

While the drill is meant to help train participants in overall emergency response preparedness, there was intention behind the selection of anthrax as the central threat for the event.

"The health department chose anthrax, I think because they've had some experience with scares in the past but also because it's something a lot of people know about and it's reasonable for us to treat on campus," Roche said.

Though the drill will most likely only ever serve as an experiential training tool for the nursing students, Roche is glad to finally bring an event to campus.

"We're hoping to never need it but we'd like to be prepared in case something ever happened," she said.

Congress Starts Work on Slashing Trillions from Federal Budget

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WASHINGTON — Congressional negotiators began narrowing differences Monday on competing budget resolutions, and although Republicans now control both chambers, experts see little likelihood of starting the next fiscal year with a funded federal government.

The budget resolution being negotiated by members of the Senate and the House of Representatives authorizes appropriations committees to spend an allotted amount in fiscal 2016. This will be a victory for the GOP, which now controls both chambers of Congress, marking the first time in years that a spending blueprint will be agreed upon.

It's likely to be a victory short lived.

Budget resolutions are blueprints. As such they aren't subject to presidential vetoes. Spending bills are, and they must pass Congress

and be signed by the president. Since both Republican budget plans are wildly different from President Barack Obama's own proposed spending priorities, gridlock is all but certain in the months ahead.

Here's the starting point for budget talks: The two GOP budget resolutions envision deep spending cuts above \$5 trillion over 10 years to get to a balanced budget. The president's budget proposal doesn't balance, boosts spending on education and infrastructure, and is paid for with a \$320 billion tax hike on the rich that will never get past a Republican Congress.

Similarly, GOP plans envision repealing the Affordable Care Act, something the president is sure to veto.

"How disappointing it is to see the budget resolution and process itself has become almost like a presidential budget — it's just a messaging document?" lamented Steve Bell, a former Republican staff director of the Senate Budget Committee.

There's another wrinkle. Republicans have deep divisions. Deficit hawks want to slash spending, while defense hawks want more military spending. And there's a bevy of Republicans lining up to run for president next year, adding political calculations into the mix.

Republicans also must negotiate with Democrats, who are eager to give them a taste of their own medicine doled out when the GOP was in the minority and stifled the budget process.

It's why some budget veterans such as Bell, now director of economic policy at the Bipartisan Policy Center, are downbeat about the prospects for actual government funding being in place when the next fiscal year begins on Oct. 1.

"Sure they have a balanced budget on a piece of paper ... everyone who understands how budgets work knows that this is nothing but a pious hope," said Bell, stressing that proposed deep spending cuts can't hold. "There is no way the Republican Congress will implement a budget that ... balances in 10 years."

Between now and Sept. 30, expect a lot of politics over funding of the government, warned Robert Bixby, head of the bipartisan watchdog group Concord Coalition.

"They'll pass a budget resolution — which would be

an accomplishment in and of itself — but with an acknowledgment that it might not be feasible to pass the appropriations bills at those levels, that they might be too low," he said. "You might find the president vetoing appropriations bills and we wind up with another continuing resolution" to fund the federal government after Oct. 1.

Others are more optimistic. "The budget process seems more on track than we've seen in quite some time," said Maya MacGuineas, who heads the Center for a Responsible Federal Budget, which advocates balanced budgets. "Outside the budget process, there will be some things that will have to be addressed."

And those aren't small things. They include whether lawmakers will use gimmicks to shift some defense spending into a broad overseas contingency fund, effectively using smoke and mirrors in order to boost spending above agreed-upon budget constraints. A large number of tax provisions — so-called extenders — have expired and need to be restored and presumably paid for through cuts elsewhere or be allowed to add to the deficit.

There's also the problem of the Highway Trust Fund, the source of about 80 percent of highway spending. It is scheduled to run out of money in less than two months. The fund continues to spend more than it takes in through federal gasoline taxes, and lawmakers are struggling to figure out how to fund this in light of budget talks and promised deficit reduction.

If the recently passed bipartisan "doc fix" is any indication, lawmakers might just punt on how to pay for it.

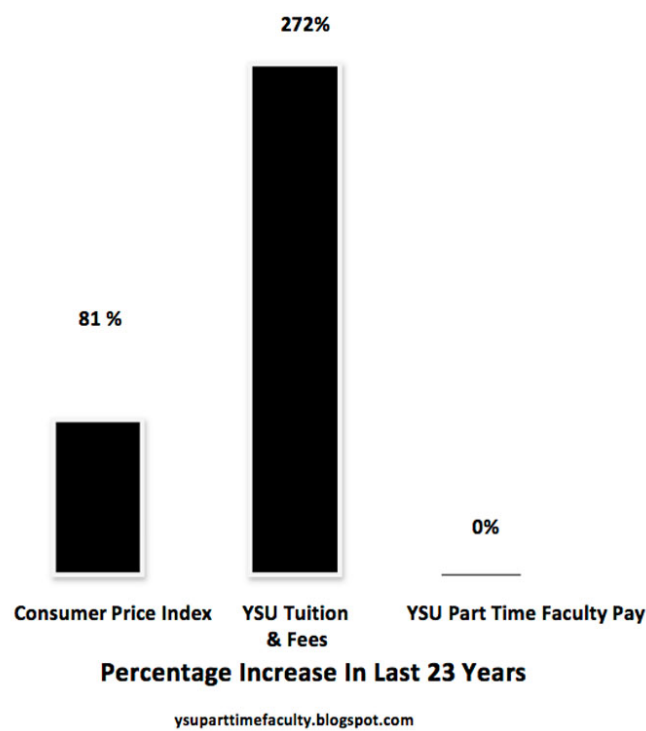
Since the late 1990s, the "doc fix" restores annually Medicare reimbursement payments to doctors who, absent congressional relief, stand to lose them. Medicare is the government health system for the elderly, and lawmakers of all stripes hailed the April 15 deal that put this funding on a permanent footing.

At a cost of \$200 billion, lawmakers offered no plan to actually fully pay for it. Obama signed it into law the following day.

"I think it sets an unfortunate precedent, because you have all sorts of people heralding it as a big bipartisan success," said MacGuineas.

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Historic Steam Train Scheduled for Summer Stop in Youngstown



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For the first time in 29 years, a historic operating steam locomotive will offer public train ride excursions out of Youngstown, Ohio in the summer of 2015.

While all of the details have not yet been released, Norfolk Southern along with the Fort Wayne Historical Society announced Thursday that Nickel Plate Road 765, a 1944 built steam locomotive,

will haul passengers between Youngstown and Ashtabula on July 25 and 26 as part of Norfolk Southern's 21st Century Steam Program.

Additional information including times, ticket prices, accommodations, boarding sites and other details about each trip will be available at fortwaynerailroad.org on May 1. Ticket sales will start at 6 p.m. EST on May 13.

With most major US railroads ending the regular use of steam locomotives on trains by the early 1960s, there are now several generations living today who have never had a chance to see a steam locomotive in action.

Historic steam locomotive No. 765 is a high-stepping,

14-wheeled machine that stands 15 feet tall, weighs 404 tons, goes over 60 miles an hour and is restored to the way it looked and sounded when it was built by the Lima Locomotive Works in Lima, Ohio in 1944.

Bryan Candiotti, a train enthusiast and railroad conductor, said he believes that the younger generations will be enthralled with the sight of a locomotive in action instead of being stagnant in a museum.

"Nickel Plate Road 765 — this magnificent warrior is a true test of time, love and devotion to steam railroading history," Candiotti said. "To not fall in love with it at first sight is to not know what real beauty is."

The Fort Wayne Railroad Historical Society was formed

in 1972 with the goal of saving Nickel Plate Road steam locomotive 765 from rusting away in a city park. The organization was successful in restoring the locomotive to operation on Sept. 1, 1979.

The initial rehabilitation effort was the first all-volunteer effort in the world to successfully restore and operate a mainline steam locomotive. Since then, No. 765 has operated in excursion and public exhibition service as an ambassador for the City of Fort Wayne and the railroad industry at large.

The FWRHS boasts a membership of just under 1,000 supporters and 100 full and part time volunteers from around the country.

Norfolk Southern Corpo-

ration is one of the nation's premier transportation companies. Its Norfolk Southern Railway Company subsidiary operates approximately 20,000 route miles in 22 states and the District of Columbia, serves every major container port in the eastern United States and provides efficient connections to other rail carriers. Norfolk Southern operates the most extensive intermodal network in the East and is a major transporter of coal, automotive and industrial products.

Nickel Plate Road 765 was last in Youngstown in 1986, when it operated between Youngstown and Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania over the now nonexistent Pittsburgh and Lake Erie Railroad.

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in St. Louis and then flying to Cleveland for the induction ceremony.

"Someone had the bright idea, like, 'Wow, you should f---ing play in the town where you were born,'" Grohl said. "I have lots of memories. We're not very far from Grandma's house. She's up the road."

Grohl goes on to talk about the band's day in Warren and Niles. Grohl rode around the towns on a motorcycle, revisiting his birthplace and even passing by the alley that bears his name.

"Kegger in the alley," Grohl said as they continued to play.

People unable to get a ticket for the intimate show sit outside and listen as the music passes through the double doors. Entry for the Foo Fighters' show was only given to the first 150 people who preordered their new album, "Songs From the Laundry Room," Thursday morning at the Record Connection at 10 a.m.

A stagnant heat settles in the impromptu venue. From the back of the crowd, nothing but heads are visible. Everyone shuffles around in the small space between themselves and the next person. Raised fists in the crowd reveal multiple tattooed wrists bearing the Foo Fighters' logo.

The Foo Fighters finished playing a cover of Kim Wilde's, "Kids in America," when Grohl began giving final remarks.

"Well, hey. Thanks for f---ing coming," Grohl said. "It's a great way to start the day. Well, thanks for coming and we'll see you when we come back soon, we hope."

The Foo Fighters finished their Record Store Day set with the song, "Everlong."

The announcement that the Foo Fighters would be playing in a small empty room next to the Record Connection in the Pine Tree Plaza for Record Store Day was announced the morning of Wednesday, April 15. Zack Lovitz and Jake Mathews were sitting out on the sidewalk, waiting for tickets before noon the day of the announcement.

"I just saw [the announcement] on Twitter this morning right when I got off work and came straight here," Mathews said. "Dave Grohl's my idol."

When asked about sleeping arrangements, Mathews pointed to a bundled up sleeping bag and a half empty case of water nestled against the wall behind him.

"I wasn't planning on doing this," Lovitz said.

"Jeff (Record Connection's owner) kept telling me, 'Big announcement in 15.'"

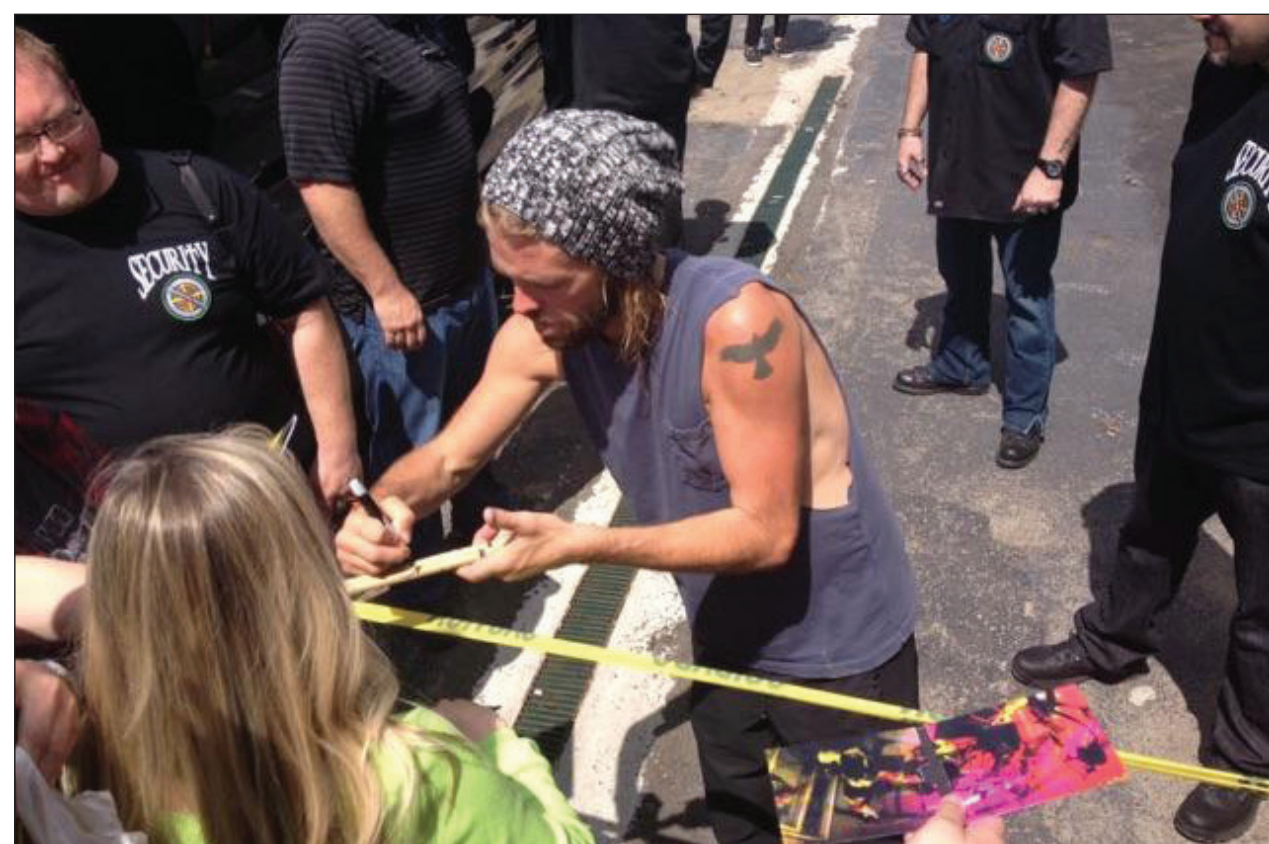
Lovitz woke up that morning and saw the announcement for the show.

"So, I came down here to see what the deal was, and I was like, 'Alright. I'm going to stand here in line and call off work,'" Lovitz said. "I just want to hang out with Pat Smear (rhythm guitarist) so goddamn bad."

Once the show ended, fans caught Grohl, drummer Taylor Hawkins and rhythm guitarist Pat Smear outside for autographs. A maroon motorcycle accompanied the motorcade waiting outside the venue for the band. Grohl hopped on the bike, drove under the caution tape surrounding the motorcade and rode off on his own.

In the final remarks during the show, Grohl expressed an interest in hopes of one day performing again in his hometown.

"It might not be like this, because it's never going to be cooler than this," Grohl said. "Happy Record Store Day."



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EDITORIAL

The Tweet is Mightier Than the Sword

Ricky Gervais, the sharp-witted Brit that he is, is excellent at controversy — truly a master of it. He knows exactly what nerve to jab on the Internet to set off a series of controlled detonations that tend to end in an inordinate amount of death threats.

This time around, he has pointed the collective echo chamber that is Twitter and Facebook at Rebecca Francis, a famed huntress and host of NBC Sports' "Eye of the Hunter," who posted a picture of herself beaming next to the very dead body of a giraffe — mouth hanging limply open and all.

It is a macabre sight for sure, but the Internet somehow made it a tinge darker in their response.

"I would LOVE to smile next to your dying body. I'd celebrate. Hope some carriers your skull in a bag," one user posted on Twitter, accompanied by a picture of Francis with the decapitated head of a ram.

"The hunter always becomes the hunted" Rebecca Francis hope you learn this very soon, you vile disgusting creature," another user said.

Admittedly, we don't exactly love trophy hunting here. There is something galling about seeing a white male or female using a foreign nation — almost always impoverished and with a majority nonwhite population with a minority of the wealth — as their own personal playground with little to no self-awareness of their role.

But does that make this reaction appropriate?

Francis explained to HuntingLife.com that she would have never killed a giraffe under normal

circumstances, but she was approached with a unique opportunity to kill this giraffe, which had supposedly been kicked out of its tribe by a younger bull and was close to death. She added that in killing it, she would provide the locals with food and other resources and that no part of the giraffe was wasted.

This certainly sounds a bit saccharine, as though they needed this random trophy hunter to do the dirty deed lest the African village waste away, but it does reflect a point most of the outraged masses do not consider: there is a potential utility to trophy hunting for conservationists.

According to the article, "Can Trophy Hunting Actually Help Conservation?" published in Conservation Magazine, countries are able to sell permits, for exuberant fees, to American big game hunters for the right to kill certain endangered and nonendangered species. These funds, at least theoretically, can be funneled back into conservation efforts, especially in fighting against unregulated and rampant poachers. Hunters also expressed interest in hunting problematic animals that would have to be killed by the conservationists either way.

This of course does not mean all trophy hunters are so careful or philanthropic or that all countries use the funding for conservation, and it certainly does not diminish the argument that this joy of killing reflects poorly on the individual regardless of mitigating circumstances.

It does, however, prove this is a more complicated issue than social media would have us believe, and that is a sentiment that can be ap-

plied to the myriad controversies that have blazed across Twitter and its ilk.

The Washington Post asked the question, "Why does this only happen to women?" in their opinion piece, "Why Female Big-game Hunters Become the Hunted Online in a Way Men Don't."

A similar Internet pummeling session fell on other female big game hunters like Kendall Jones and Eva Shockey, while similar outrage is less common when it is white male hunters.

Maybe it is an issue of privilege? Seeing a pretty blonde in camouflage laying against the corpse of a lion, tiger, bear or giraffe is certainly an incongruous sight. Maybe we think of women as life-givers and not killers, or maybe we just don't like seeing women in a position of dominance and power?

This issue of sexism is interestingly what Francis used in her retort against Gervais.

She told HuntingLife.com, "Whether hunting is right or wrong is no longer the issue at hand. Ricky Gervais has used his power and influence to specifically target women in the hunting industry and has sparked thousands of people to call for my death, the death of my family and many other women who hunt."

Of course, this does not disabuse the notion that what she is doing is immoral, but it does raise the question, "What is the responsibility of the Internet celebrities?"

Gervais made some salient points about these hunters and their mindset, but he also, whether meaning to or not, set off yet another frickin' spree of death threats

against some unsuspecting minor figure.

Should Gervais take responsibility for this? To a point, yes.

Francis should have considered that the message she was sending with that unfortunate picture was, "Look how happy I am and how dead this famously loved creature is." Gervais and his breed must also become more aware of their rhetorical power.

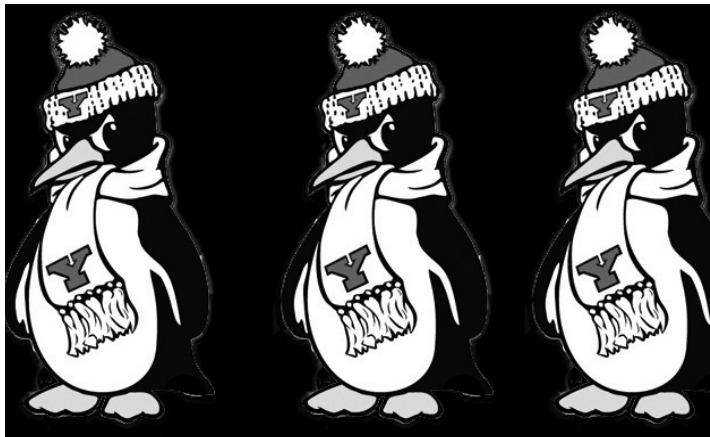
Did Gervais create this lynch mob on purpose? No, probably not.

And no, not everyone should constantly have to consider whether or not their innocuous comment would incur the wrath of God, brought to them by the Internet. But people do have a responsibility for the effect of their own voice; as the Internet is relatively new, many powerful voices still seem incapable of considering the scope of their potential impact.

This needs to begin changing quickly because, let's face it, the faceless Internet horde is going to be a little slower to change than Gervais or any other powerful but loose-lipped activist.

But what do we do? We certainly do not want to support limiting free speech and diminishing the power of potentially revolutionary voices, but nor can we endorse flagrant disregard.

The solution then, however difficult it may be, is finding out how to conflate the virality of a Tweet and the utility of a dynamic argument that does not resort to pithy expressions of outrage. We suggest we begin with those whose voices have the most weight.



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EMOJI EXPLOSION

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With every new update in technology, there is always excessive discussion surrounding it. Maybe the new innovation was too much, or not far enough. Are robots taking over or is technology just stagnating? The most recent nexus of controversy is the iOS update which brought the unthinkable to iPhones everywhere — different skintoned emojis.

Why is this such a big deal? Personally I don't care what color my sassy girl emoji is as long as it gets my point across. But for those who do, Apple has made emojis available in several different skin tones. The argument is being made that just because the skin tone is different doesn't mean they are actually supporting their supposed goal of racial equality.

In "Apple's new diverse emoji are even more problematic than before," published in The Washington Post on April 10, Paige Tutt said instead of fixing the problem of racial inequality in the emojis, the addition of different colored emojis has actually managed to cause more issues.

"The emoji are being used to make racist comments on social media and insert questions of race in texts and tweets where it may never have arisen be-

fore," Tutt said. "Instead of correcting its mistake — excluding people of color from emoji — Apple has, in some ways, made the situation worse."

Tutt argued that this creates a newfound pressure to specifically identify with one skin-toned emoji over the traditionally lighter one. There is also a neutral yellow one, which can apparently be associated with lack of identity. Who thought there could be so many issues with the color of a simple smiley face?

In "Diversity Is Racist: The Absurd Reaction To Apple's New Emojis," published on thefederalist.com on April 17, Mitchell Blatt draws attention to a tweet by Clorox filling in the empty spots of the illustrated bleach bottle with emojis saying, "New emojis are alright but where's the bleach?"

This tweet apparently exploded with claims from users that the company nefariously intended to bleach out all the new colored emojis. Really, Clorox was just promoting their product by trying to humorously downplay the new update and the controversy — it was just a joke.

Blatt makes the counter argument that the phenomenon everyone is commenting on existed before and will exist after — racists will be obscenely racist on the internet, now with just a

new tool.

"Such messages should be condemned, but they don't say anything about the wisdom of introducing new emojis," Blatt said. "They only say something about the person expressing the message. Even text can be used to share racist messages, yet that isn't a condemnation of the printing press or the keyboard."

This is the dose of reality we need. The new emojis are interesting, but they are just emojis — small pictures meant to convey emotions simply. It's basically a smiley face with different facial features.

"But would it be too much to hope that people become a little less judgmental and take things more lightly?" Blatt said. "If someone sends you a message with a smiling face, the first reaction shouldn't be to analyze what message he or she was sending by the race of the face. The message of a smiling face is one of happiness, in any race."

Sometimes we are prone to force a grave intent on something with pure intentions and simple intent. Certainly, this is a conversation worth having, and emojis can be used to convey or insinuate more complicated ideas. But if I can successfully get my point across with a yellow, black or white emoji, I will use whatever face expresses my mood.

Red-White Game Prepares Penguins for 2015 Season

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The wait is over for some fans of the Youngstown State University football team. The YSU football team held its annual Red-White spring game on Friday night.

The team competed in an intersquad scrimmage, and the fans in attendance had the first look at YSU head coach Bo Pelini's team.

"We had a productive spring ball," Pelini said. "I thought on both sides we saw some good things — like I have throughout the spring — and I saw a lot that we need to get fixed. I saw us being sharp in some areas at times and I saw us being sloppy in some areas at some times. That's to be expected and we'll watch the film and see how some guys reacted with the first time in a while being in front of a crowd. I thought overall, spring ball was a success. We got a lot out of it what we needed to get out of it. I think we identified — like I just told the team — we have a lot of work to do."

Both offenses focus on running the football. Star running back Martin Ruiz continued where he left off at the end of last season — finishing with 116 rushing yards on 20 carries and two touchdowns. One young running back showed some potential. Redshirt freshman Tevin McCaster carried the ball 20 times and finished with 87 yards rushing.

Quarterback Hunter Wells completed 6-11 passes for 77 yards and one touchdown. Backup quarterback Ricky Davis played most of the game on both teams. Davis finished 5-14 for 61 passing yards and one touchdown.

"It felt good to get out here and compete again. We compete at practice, but this is more of a game situation," Wells said. "So it felt good to go out there and give it everything we had

as an offense and compete with the [first team] defense."

The defense needed to improve after last season. YSU finished the 2014 season fourth in scoring defense and total defense in the Missouri Valley Football Conference. The defense did show improvement in the spring game, but Pelini said he has higher expectations.

"I thought we had some sloppy play in some areas," Pelini said. "I didn't think we tackled very well. I thought the first scrimmage we had, we tackled a lot better. Today I saw us stop our feet on contact and some sloppy things where guys bounced off. Fundamentally, I wasn't very happy with some of the things I saw out there on the field. Everything I saw is correctable.

"It's about where I thought we were going into the scrimmage. I would have like to see us a little more sharp, but it's hard to see that when you're competing against each other because when someone does good, somebody else is doing bad. I thought the competition is good and I saw a lot of guys trying to compete. I thought some guys made some strides today and showed us that they're ready to help this football team, and I thought some guys didn't."

The team has many of its key players returning, but Pelini said he is concerned about the depth of the roster. He said that he's afraid that some positions "aren't deep enough to go through a 12-game season."

"The guys have worked hard. We don't have a lot of numbers — we didn't have a lot of numbers coming in," Pelini said. "I think there's a big drop, especially at some positions, between the first group, the second group — the guys that are playing — and the backups. In some areas, those areas are too big. So we have to continue to develop our football team. Like I told our guys, spring ball might be over, but we got to enter the next phase of this spring and use it productively to keep getting better as a team because we're going to need every day going forward to get ready for August."

Pelini said the team has to improve

over the summer. He said the players will need to commit to practicing and improving if YSU wants to have a chance at competing for a Football Championship Subdivision national championship.

"Our expectation, our standard, is to compete for a playoff spot and compete for a national championship. That's what we came here to do," Pelini said. "I

don't see any reason if we come together and do the right things, why we can't make that happen. But it's not going to magically happen. We're going to have to put the work in and there's going to have to be a level of commitment with this group of kids that there hasn't been in the last four or five years, or whatever it's been. Our standard is to get back to the playoffs."



Youngstown State University running back Martin Ruiz led the team in rushing with 116 yards during the football team's annual Red-White spring game. The white team won the spring game 31-7.

YSU Tennis Wins First Regular Season Title

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With the semester drawing to a close, Youngstown State University

is about to begin its Horizon League tournament portion of the schedule in several spring sports.

The YSU women's tennis team has clinched the first seed in the Horizon League tournament. This is the first time the women's team has won the Horizon League regular season title in program history.

YSU finished 15-8 in the regular season and 8-0 in conference play.

The Penguins have won 10 of their last 11 matches. YSU's last loss of the season occurred on March 11 at Gonzaga University.

The Penguins won their last competition against Valparaiso University 6-1. YSU went 5-1 in singles matches and won all three of the matches in double completion. With the loss, Valparaiso's season came to an end.

YSU's Marta Burak picked up

a strong 6-0, 6-0 win over Kaitlyn Hamel during the Penguins' first match. For Burak, it was the 93rd win of her YSU career and her 30th straight conference win.

During YSU's second match Dominika Lackova earned a 6-3, 6-3 victory over Valpo's Kathleen Hebble. Over the last two seasons, Lackova finished 16-0 in Horizon League matches.

Annina Brendel, Nehel Sahni and Sofia Macias Mendoza also picked up wins in singles matches.

Burak and Victoria Ferry won the first doubles match against Hamel and Hebble after the match could not continue. YSU won the second and third doubles matches 6-0. Sahni and Brendel competed in the second match, and Mendoza and Lackova competed in the final match.

This is the first time the Penguins have obtained the number one seed in the Horizon League tournament. The tournament will be held on April 24-26 at the Purdue University Schwartz Tennis Center in West Lafayette, Indiana.

YSU will have a first-round bye and will play its first match on April 25. The Penguins will have to wait to play the winner of the match between the fourth seed University of Illinois at Chicago and the fifth seed University of Wisconsin-Milwaukee on April 24.

UIC's record stands at 9-10 (4-5). The Flames lost their last match against Cleveland State University 4-3. UIC has lost their last three matches, including a 4-3 loss to YSU on April 18.

Milwaukee is entering the tournament with a record of 6-15 (4-4). Milwaukee is coming off of a 5-2 loss to Wright State University on April 18. The Panthers have lost three out of their last four matches.

The women's matches are scheduled to start on April 25 at 3 p.m.



The Youngstown State University women's tennis team won its first regular season title after defeating Valparaiso University 6-1 on April 19. The Penguins have clinched the top seed in the Horizon League tournament.