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Youngstown State University's compliance with public records requests exceeds that of other Ohio public universities, yet only provided records in two out of five requests.

The Jambar asked for five records from YSU as a part of the Ohio Universities Public Records Audit. Of the five records requested, the Jambar received two.

Effective democracies require access to public records — records detailing the administration of a public office, including personnel files, contracts and salaries. Citizens use public records to hold governments accountable and prove corruption or inadequate rule. Beyond their watchdog utility, public records — such as census records — provide the public with access to valuable data about the world around them.

The specificity and currency of the records requested — general administrative documents from 2014 and

2015 — should have resulted in total compliance under the Ohio Public Records Law by the University.

Holly Jacobs, the vice president of legal affairs and human resources at YSU, cites privacy concerns as a major contributor to obstacles faced during public records requests.

"If you go to an office looking to inspect a record, we may have to redact aspects of that record to protect personal information," Jacobs said. "Somebody has to look at them first to make sure [no redactions are necessary], and that's probably part of the delay."

She went on to explain that University administration officials consider protecting students' private information "sacrosanct," resulting in some to err on the side of records, even if the records are public.

While Jacobs is correct that certain

records may need review to ensure student privacy, four of the five records requested by The Jambar were financial or personnel records. Only one record — a request for a list of students involved in violent crimes during the 2014-15 school year — included student information. However, that information is undeniably public under state law.

Karl Idsvoog, associate professor at Kent State University and author of the book "Access with Attitude: An Advocate's Guide to Freedom of Information in Ohio," argues that while protecting privacy is important, it doesn't undermine public record law.

"The university should know which records are going to have privacy problems and which should be freely available for inspection," Idsvoog said. "It's not unusual for a public agency — university or otherwise — to have a policy that conflicts with the law, but the law prevails."

Jacobs agrees that more work could be done to improve YSU's public records compliance, but feels both the university and the state have significantly improved access to documents.

"Do [administrative staff] go out every weekend and do public records training? No. And of course, there's room for us to get better," Jacobs said. "But I think [records compliance] is far better now than it was fifteen years ago, and I think it will continue to get better."

The statewide audit, spearheaded by Ohio University, included students from Cleveland State University, Bowling Green State University, the University of Toledo, Ohio State University and Miami University.

A statewide breakdown of the data, including individual stories from participating universities, can be found at <http://ohioaudit.org>.



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Bernie Sanders Campaigns at Covelli

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Supporters of Democratic candidate Bernie Sanders were lined up outside the Covelli Centre early Monday morning for a chance to see the senator live.

Sanders' campaign announced the Youngstown event Saturday night while the senator's campaign rival, former Secretary of State Hillary Clinton, spoke at local M7 Technologies.

Prior to Sanders' appearance, local retired union workers Bob Sutton and Alex Adams took the stage to praise Sanders for his opposition to international trade agreements and his pursuit of affordable health care for all Americans.

Ohio state senator Nina Turner — who famously endorsed Sanders despite working alongside Clinton early in her campaign — introduced Sanders with a high-energy speech and an "OH-IO" call and respond chat. Turner — playing further on the Ohio State University football imagery — challenging the attendees to "not let Michigan outdo us."

Sanders' speech to a crowd of roughly 2,000

touched on all the major issues central to the senator's campaign; opposition to trade agreements, support for women, immigrants and LGBT liberties, taxing corporations and securing funding for universal healthcare and education.

Outside of Sanders' platform, he also enumerated the ways he and Clinton were different, focusing primarily on her support of international trade agreements and her ties to Wall Street and special interest groups. He drew attention to Clinton's history of delivering paid speeches to major banking institutions and her unwillingness to release transcripts of those speeches.

Sanders juxtaposed himself to Clinton by highlighting his private donor fundraising efforts.

Sanders boasted his campaign raised over \$5 million dollars without a SuperPac, claiming the average donation was \$27.

"If I must say so myself, that's pretty damn good," Sanders said.

Sanders later addressed climate change — claim-

ing it was one of the greatest global threats facing humanity — as well as the lead poisoning in Flint, Michigan and America's failing infrastructures.

"We aren't a poor country ... why the hell can't we fix our roads and bridges?" Sanders asked.

Sanders proposed a plan to allocate \$1 trillion over five years to help repair infrastructure around the country.

Before leaving, Sanders highlighted to general election polls, which favor him to defeat Republican candidate Donald Trump by a greater degree than Clinton. He proceeded to decry Trump's controversial rhetoric on a number of issues. "Love always trumps hatred," Sanders said. "We can beat Trump, and we can beat any other Republican that might run in the general election."

Though polls are narrowing, Clinton is still expected to defeat Sanders during Tuesday's primary elections. Sanders recently defied polling data by beating Clinton in the Michigan primary election.

Tressel Joins Kasich in Youngstown

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Republican Presidential Candidate John Kasich fielded questions from about 200 people during a town hall event at Brilex Industries in Youngstown Monday.

Jim Tressel, president of Youngstown State University, introduced the governor and U.S. Sen. Rob Portman who also appeared in support of Kasich.

"We're fortunate that we have people that have tremendous experience," Tressel said. "But most especially who care deeply about every single person in our state and in our country."

Kasich said he's working together with Tressel to make sure YSU becomes one of the great universities in America and praised Tressel's tenure as president.

"You can knock the guy down, but you can't knock him out," Kasich said. "He's taken a school that's had its challenges just like he's taken on so many challenges in his life."

He also singled out Tom Humphries, president and CEO of the Youngstown Warren Regional Chamber, for his involvement in the controversial effort to reform Youngstown City Schools.

"We cannot leave our kids in an environment where they are not learning and are not being prepared for college," Kasich said. "We are uniting ourselves here to make sure we can get that done."

Tressel said he wanted to support Kasich when he heard the governor was coming to the Mahoning Valley. He complimented Kasich's experience and

a generosity that extends even to neglected populations like addicts.

"I've gotten to know him over the years and found him to be deeply caring about everyone," Kasich said.

He also said he approved of his demeanor in what has been a contentious Republican primary.

"The way he's approached a very rough and tumble couple months, he's presented the state of Ohio in a good light," Tressel said.

The governor talked about the need to reduce the deficit and limit regulations on small businesses to create economic growth. He also told supporters about his role in balancing the budget during his time in congress.

"You mark my words, Hillary Clinton will take credit for what was happening and talk about the Clinton economy," Kasich said. "They had a good economy because the Republicans fought to balance the budget and cut taxes."

He claimed the same formula resulted in job growth in Ohio during his time as governor. He said moving from an \$8 billion deficit to a \$2 billion surplus has allowed the state to help people who have been hurt including the mentally ill, the drug-addicted, the working poor, the developmentally disabled and minorities.

"There are people who live in the minority community who don't even believe the system doesn't work for them. They believe the system works

against them," Kasich said. "You don't hear this at many Republican rallies or town halls, but we want to be unified as a country."

He claimed leadership kept Cleveland calm in the wake of difficult court decisions as opposed to the violence that has broke out elsewhere in the country. He said they have reduced recidivism by treating drug addicts in prison and have worked hard to get developmentally disabled residents involved in the community.

"This country is about us coming together," Kasich said. "This country is not about us tearing each other down or having fist fights at a campaign rally. That's not what America is."

Kasich received questions about education and healthcare policy as well as climate change. To close the town hall, a woman tearfully asked the governor why he closed the Youngstown Developmental Center. Kasich said they decided it was best to allow people with developmental disabilities to live in group homes.

"Keeping them institutionalized is not the right way to behave," Kasich said. "We need to get them into the community."

YSU student Kelly Motika attended the rally and was able to sit in the front row.

"I thought it was amazing," Motika said. "I've supported him from the moment I could vote in 2012 ... he definitely has my vote for Tuesday."

Hillary Visits the Valley

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Democratic presidential candidate Hillary Clinton pledged to reinvigorate the manufacturing sector and strengthen public education during a Youngstown campaign stop on Saturday.

The former Secretary of State — joined by Sen. Sherrod Brown and Rep. Tim Ryan — spoke to a crowd of supporters at M7 Technologies, an advanced manufacturing firm located in the city's Ohio Works Industrial Park.

"There are a lot of folks who claim, 'Well, you know, we can't bring manufacturing back. We can't make things in America,'" Clinton said. "I just fundamentally, absolutely disagree with that."

Clinton said the advanced manufacturing techniques on display at M7 Technologies and similar firms are capable of spurring a renaissance. She said her administration would protect American businesses from unfair overseas competition.

"We are going to stop China or anybody else from dumping steel into our market, undermining our businesses and our workers," Clinton said.

She said education is the key to creating more good jobs with rising incomes, alluding to the Youngstown Plan, which critics have called a takeover of the Youngstown City Schools.

"There are too many Republicans who want to shut down public education," Clinton said. "They don't seem to understand that public education is

the foundation on which we build the middle class."

She advocated for providing more help to teachers who support kids in poor districts that struggle with poverty and come from troubled homes.

"We should do what we know works," Clinton said. "Not fads, not takeovers, not undermining public education. We need to be supporting public education and doing everything we can to make it stronger."

She also referenced the conflict and controversy that has followed some of her competitors on the campaign trail.

"It's okay to be against things. I'm against a lot of things, too," Clinton said. "But you gotta be for things if we're going to build things, if we're going to create more jobs, if we're going to make the middle class the engine of economic growth again."

Following the event, Clinton joined Ryan for a beer at O'Donold's Irish Pub & Grill downtown.

Jordan Wolfe, a political science major at Youngstown State University, came out to the event. He said the three-hour wait for Clinton removed some of the energy from the room, but he was happy with the event itself.

"It was nice to see a lot of local politicians," Wolfe said. "It was nice to hear not only Tim Ryan and the Senator, but also Hillary talk specifically about issues addressing Youngstown."

Wolfe said he attended to get a personal perspective on Clinton, but she wasn't successful in winning him over.

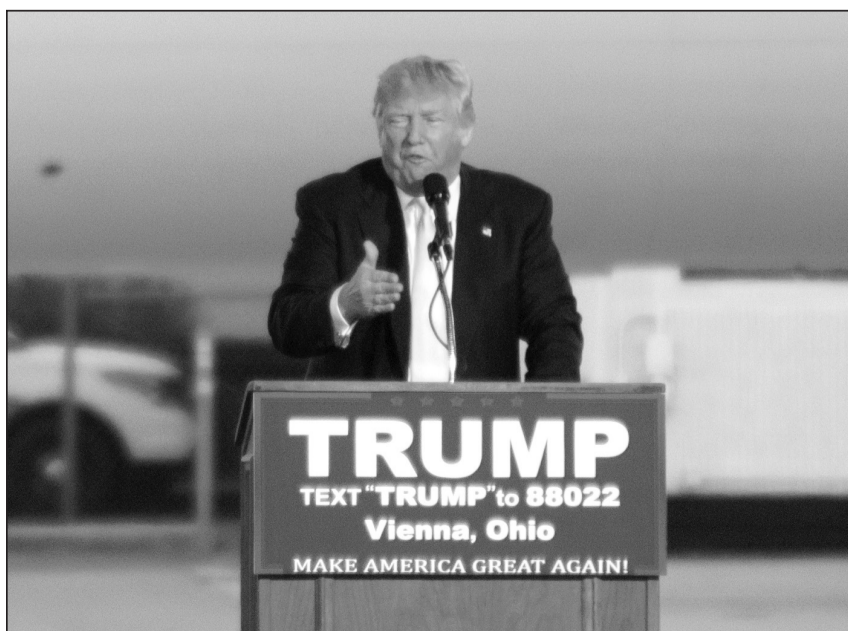
"I thought it was an exciting opportunity," Wolfe said. "But it didn't exactly persuade me to vote one way or another."

Before the event, Sen. Brown spoke to The Jambar about Clinton's struggle to engage college-aged voters, acknowledging that Sanders has captured the youth vote.

"Bernie's kind of the new thing in town, the new old thing in town," Brown said. "Hillary's been around, and she's going to win them over time."

He said when Clinton left her position as Secretary of State, she had very high approval ratings, but since then she has weathered a consistent stream of attacks from the right while Sanders has not been subjected to that level of scrutiny. Brown said he's confident she'll win over young voters when they learn more about her in the general election.

"Young voters, all they know is Benghazi," Brown said. "They don't know about her early days in civil rights and her early days working for the Children's Defense Fund and her early days fighting for health care. They're going to learn that when it's a one-on-one race."



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The Judith Rae Solomon Gallery will be showcasing exhibits and offering lectures from Pittsburgh based artist Keith Schmiedlin and cross-disciplinary artist Angie Zielinski. Schmiedlin's artwork will be shown on March 17, and the lecture will begin on the same day at 2 p.m. in the McDonough Museum of Art. Zielinski's artwork will be shown on March 21 through March 31, and the lecture will be held on March 21 at 4:30 p.m. in the McDonough Museum of Art as well. Both the exhibits and lectures are free and open to the public. Parking for both exhibits is available in the Wick Avenue deck for a nominal fee. For more information please call 330-941-2307.

Williamson College offers MBA Information Session

All who are interested in obtaining a master's degree in Business Administration are encouraged to attend Youngstown State University's Williamson College of Business Administration MBA Information Session on March 30. The session will be held in room 3422 of Williamson Hall at 6 p.m. For more information, please contact the Williamson MBA Office or call 330-941-3069.



SGA Seeks to Engage and Educate Students About Islamophobia

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Student Government Association is holding a panel discussion titled "Fear and Muslims: Islam in Youngstown" at 4 p.m. tomorrow in DeBartolo Hall's auditorium.

Michael Jerryson, associate professor in the department of philosophy and religious studies, will moderate a panel comprising Mustansir Mir, director of the Center for Islamic Studies, and three local Islamic leaders — Imam Walid Abusai of the Islamic Society of Greater Youngstown, Khalid Iqbal of the Islamic Council of Ohio and Abdel Kader of the Islamic Council of Ohio and Masjid Al-Khar in Youngstown.

Jerryson said there will be individual discussion from each panelist, and what he hopes is a robust Q&A session following their remarks.

Gabriella Gessler, executive vice president of SGA, said the event was inspired by con-

cerns SGA heard regarding the incident in which pro-ISIS sentiments were painted on the rock near Kilcawley Center.

Muslim students reported insecurities feeling like other students were uncomfortable or fearful around them following the incident.

"It's important for students to see that there was a response in advancing security around campus," Gessler said. "But ... to provide more understanding within the atmosphere on campus there also needs to be an educational approach to that as well."

Jerryson said he hopes the panel will address some of the underlying fears that exist on campus.

"I would implore people who are concerned to please come and attend and to ask questions," Jerryson said. "If we can't ask questions at the university, if we can't voice our fears here — which I think is

the safest place to do it — then where can we do it and develop?"

Gessler said she hoped it would provide an outlet for international students as well.

"We want to certainly reach out to those groups of students and reach out to international studies and make sure they understand that we are in support of them," Gessler said. "We want to provide the most optimal experience for them that they could have at YSU."

Jerryson said Islamophobia can be traced back to orientalist paintings that misrepresented the Middle East, and that misrepresentation has been caricatured by Hollywood.

"We've always had the Muslim being the bad person, the bomber, the suicide martyr," Jerryson said. "Very rarely do we find the alternative, the Muslim hero."

He said these portrayals have been exacerbated by events like

9/11 and the rise of ISIS, noting that the fears are not proportional to the risks. He noted that the number of US citizens harmed and killed by ISIS pales in comparison to the number harmed and killed by drinking and driving or texting and driving.

"Whenever we get more information, we can have a more educated and critical perspective on either side of or any part of the argument," Jerryson said.

He also said he hoped the event would provide a greater awareness of the diversity that exists in the Mahoning Valley.

"Too often we are in our own groups, and we don't become aware of these things," Jerryson said. "I think the more we become aware of them, the more we become a whole community."

The event is open to both the campus community and the public.

YSU Students Cast Their Ballots

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The Ohio primary is on March 15, so student political organizations at Youngstown State University are doing their part to educate fellow students on the candidates and issues and making sure they are registered to vote.

Lindsay Heldreth, YSU chapter vice president of No Labels, said she will vote for Bernie Sanders in the primary because he is a problem solver.

"Though his views are far to the left, he's forged good relationships with his republican colleagues," Heldreth said. "He is willing and able to work with those who have opposing viewpoints, while at the same time refusing to shed his beliefs."

While Sanders has not received No Labels' problem solver seal of approval, she said his willingness to compromise is consistent with the organization's desire to fix, not fight.

"I am confident that with a Sanders presidency; we would observe a more productive government," she said.

Emily Ethridge is the YSU chapter president of Turning Point USA, which supports free markets and limited government. She said she frequently talks to students that want the government out of their lives.

"Many of these same students support Bernie Sanders," Ethridge said. "I challenge those who feel that way to consider whether supporting Sanders and

being anti-government are consistent positions."

Ethridge supported Sen. Rand Paul until he ended his campaign. With Paul gone, she said she will vote for Gov. John Kasich because he isn't Donald Trump.

"Trump represents the corrupt relationship between Washington and Wall Street," Ethridge said. "The political upheaval surrounding his campaign is fascinating but dangerous."

Ethridge said those who feel disillusioned should have faith in our democracy because the people have the power.

"It is time that we stop voting for the lesser of two evils and choose the greater good," she said. "We get the federal government we deserve."

Marissa Taylor, a member of YSU College Democrats, is another Bernie Sanders supporter. She likes his plan for tuition-free college education.

"I think it will help a lot of people that normally can't afford the schooling they need to get a well-paying job to support their families," Taylor said. "That's my number one issue."

She also said Sanders' support of single-payer healthcare resonates with her because her family has medical problems and lacks good insurance. She thinks Sanders is the best candidate in the race.

"People always say he's not electable or he's not going to get stuff done," Taylor said. "But

if you think about it, he's been elected into office many years longer than Hillary ... People say the Republicans won't work with him. Well, they worked with him for years."

Taylor said Ohio is a crucial state for Sanders. She said more people should support him if they're voting for Clinton because they think she has a better chance, noting that Clinton was expected to beat Barack Obama in 2008.

Kelly Motika, field director for Turning Point USA, said her favorite candidates are Marco Rubio and John Kasich.

She said she likes Rubio's optimism and youth, while Kasich's policies are aligned with hers, and she approves of his work as governor.

She plans on voting for Kasich in the primary because he has a better chance of denying Trump delegates.

"Trump needs to go, so I am voting for Kasich," Motika said. "In the general, I am definitely advocating for Rubio more."

Motika said people shouldn't be afraid to have moderate views instead of completely siding with one party or another.

"There's middle ground," Motika said. "You don't have to declare yourself a democrat just because you agree with them on two things. There's more to look at than just free college, free healthcare and military spending."

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Zona Reflects on Museum of Labor Sculpture

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George Segal, a famous American sculptor responsible for the piece “The Steel Makers” outside of The Museum of Labor and Industry, is considered the artist responsible for introducing the use of plaster bandages as a medium for sculpture.

He did not use the plaster as a mold, but instead the shells cast from his models became the sculptures.

During the late 1970s, **Louis Zona**, the executive director and chief curator of the Butler Institute of American Art, and one of his classmates decided they wanted to try to get public artwork downtown to assist in revitalizing the area.

“We knew we wanted George Segal. That was going straight to the top, which the agency discouraged us from doing, because they said he is too important, and that we didn’t have enough money to get him here,” Zona said.

They raised money for the project and were awarded

the National Endowment for the Arts — a grant that Zona feels was very impressive. The National Endowment for the Arts is an independent agency of the United States federal government that offers funding for projects exhibiting artistic excellence.

The agency came to Youngstown to meet with them to see what type of project they wanted to do.

They received the agencies approval to contact Segal who was in New Jersey, and he told his agent he wanted to come to Youngstown.

Born in New York on Nov. 26, 1924 to a Jewish couple who emigrated from Eastern Europe, his parents settled in the Bronx where they ran a butcher shop. They then later moved to a New Jersey poultry farm where Segal worked.

He discovered his love for art while attending Stuyvesant Technical High School in Brooklyn. After World War II he attended Pratt, Cooper Union and New York Univer-

sity where he continued his art education and received a teaching degree in 1949.

Segal’s piece “Man Sitting at a Table” marked the discovery of a new sculptural technique and a turning point in the artist’s career. After a student brought a box of dry plaster bandages to class, Segal took them home and experimented with applying them directly to his body.

As he was flying to Youngstown to meet with Zona and his classmates, he was thinking about Ohio. Segal said he had never done a sculpture in Ohio and thought about doing a golf piece for Jack Nicholas, who was from the state.

“When Segal flew over Youngstown, the steel mills were still functioning. He couldn’t get over the power of the steel industry in the area, and he was so impressed he decided he was going to do this project whether they have enough money or not,” Zona said.

They took Segal to Republic Steel where he met Peter Colby Jr. and Wayman Parmore, who had been tending a furnace for 25 years together, and asked them if he could use them as models. The steel company later donated a furnace and put it together in downtown for the sculpture.

“He didn’t want to fake it. He wanted actual steel workers, so we got permission from the dean of the College of Fine Arts to use a room in the basement of Bliss Hall to work on his project, which took six to eight months,” Zona said.

The plasters of the two steel workers were later cast into bronze. Segal worked with the sculpture department at Ohio University for the downtown outdoor sculpture.

Complications did occur between the sculpture and the community.

During Segal’s time working on the project, the steel

industry in Youngstown crashed. In 1979 when “The Steel Makers” was being installed, people were outraged.

Graffiti was written on the piece on the night before its dedication. In addition to graffiti, one night someone had taken a cable and wrapped it around one of the figures and pulled it out of its anchors.

The city of Youngstown was able to store away the sculpture and had it restored. It was then moved in front of The Museum of Labor and Industry on Wood Street, where it peacefully sits today.

Zona wrote to Segal’s wife Helen years after George’s death, asking if she still had the plasters. She donated the plasters to the Butler Institute of American Art.

“Working on this project was one of the highlights of my life,” Zona said.



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EDITORIAL

THE GOOD, THE BAD AND THE WEIRD

Our staff was so busy scrambling around covering presidential visits to Youngstown, we didn't have time to put out a proper editorial for this issue. So, sticking with the theme of presidential visits, we decided to share a good, a bad and a weird experience from each of the presidential rallies we attended.

BERNIE SANDERS

The Good: While seeing Sanders live is exciting, his speech was mostly what you've already heard him rail on in interviews and campaign ads. Seeing Ohio State Sen. Nina Turner get the crowd ready with OH-IO chants and fiery calls to action was something I wasn't expecting but was sure glad I experienced.

The Bad: Pulling back the curtain. Actually being at a rally — rather than just watching it or seeing a photo of one — really opens your eyes to the tricks used to make it seem like you're in a packed arena. Half the Covelli Centre was empty. The energy was still palpable in the room, but it's a little harder to get fired up when you're staring at the back of a guy's head and a sea of empty chairs.

The Weird: Before Sanders came out, a series of supporters addressed the crowd. There were two teamsters, the head of a local black caucus, Nina Turner — the usual. There was also a girl in pajama pants with a tambourine who rambled about voting, the media and how she yells at cars for the Sanders cause. If an elderly Fox News viewer drew their idea of what a "liberal millennial" looked like, they would draw a more nuanced version of this girl. To be fair, the whole point of her being there was to show that even normal(ish) people have a place on the stage with Sanders, and she seemed very genuine in her speech.

DONALD TRUMP

The Good: Trump's supporters were extremely energetic. Before he entered the hangar, the crowd was chanting USA. After his entrance, his supporters echoed his every sentence, showing where their loyalties lay. There's no doubt that those who like Trump are fully devoted to his ideas.

The Bad: Later in the rally, Trump blamed the media for being liars and the entire hangar turned around, booing and mocking the media representatives stationed far away from his podium. Per usual, Trump presented ideas, the crowd yelled pro-America chants and he threatened ISIS and Mexico as a whole.

The Weird: Before Trump came out to speak, a voice over the loudspeaker announced that those who protest the rally will not be tolerated. He encouraged his supporters not to take to violence, but instead chant a chorus of "Trump, Trump, Trump" and march around them until secret service escorts them out.

JOHN KASICH

The Good: Kasich spent a significant amount of time talking about using budget surpluses to devote resources to underprivileged citizens, including drug addicts, minorities and the working poor. He placed particular emphasis on the developmentally disabled. These are demographics that do not often appear in Republican stump speeches, which is laudable.

The Bad: After Rubio's announcement that he wouldn't campaign in Ohio, Kasich is the only relatively sane choice for Republican voters in today's primary. In that regard, it's bad that the turnout for his event paled in comparison to other events held in Youngstown over the last few days. Less than 300 people attended the town hall at Brilex Industries. A far cry from the 2,000 who showed up to support Sanders down the road.

The Weird: Kasich fielded a question from the president of Valley Christian Schools who said his institution was proof that Kasich's school choice program worked. He said that despite not paying teachers much, they graduate 99 percent of students. A teacher from the school was in the audience and when Kasich asked her why she teaches for such a low salary, she said she does it for the love of the children. He told her she would get her just rewards in Heaven. It's unclear if the governor intended it as such, but it came off as one of the stranger justifications for neglecting to increase pay to teachers.

HILLARY CLINTON

The Good: There was a lot of focus on locally relevant issues. Clinton spoke a lot about protecting American manufacturing jobs and responded to the Youngstown plan by placing an emphasis on providing resources to public schools. There was also a deep bench of local political figures supporting her including Sherrod Brown, Tim Ryan, Joe Schiavoni and Capri Cafaro.

The Bad: This was not unique to the Clinton event, but the former Secretary ran a good 45 minutes late. That — combined with the speeches by the four politicians and Mahoning County Democratic Party Chairman David Betras — led some members of the audience to scream "let Hillary speak" during Sen. Brown's remarks.

The Weird: The event was interrupted by a protester who found his way onto the press riser and held up a giant yellow sign announcing that LeBron James had salivary gland cancer caused by cell phone use. Why he thought this was the moment that message needed to be delivered is anyone's guess.

THE JAMBAR COLUMN

DISCOVERING WHAT I'M MEANT TO DO

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When I started undergrad, I thought I had it all figured out. I thought I had to. I was on top of applying to colleges, taking the tests, writing essays and finding scholarships. When I made the decision to attend Youngstown State University, I thought I knew what I wanted, what I should do.

I entered my first semester as an accounting major. The choice was made because I enjoyed the high school accounting class I took and had done well with it. Also, it seemed the practical thing to do — accounting has jobs, right? Because my dad was laid off during my high school career and was unemployed for a while, unable to find a job that could pay the bills, practicality and job prospects were a key point in my thinking process — probably far more than they should've been.

Less than halfway through that fall semester, I realized I had made a mistake. An accounting major was definitely not for me. I was stressing out over my classwork, didn't enjoy my courses and did not want to do it anymore. Despite ending up with

good grades at the end, it was probably one of my worst semesters.

I ended up in the English department, meeting with the director of the professional writing and editing — now professional and technical writing — program at the time. I've been writing on my own since the 5th grade and going into a writing or English degree seemed like the next logical step. I'd figure out practicality and job prospects later.

Honestly, the switch was one of the best decisions I could've made in my life so far. I enjoyed my classes, I was actually good with the coursework and could understand it, and even though my first semester in the new major was a larger course load than before, it was still a better semester than my first.

My decision was even more solidified in my first creative writing course, when the instructor after class one day just wanted to let me know that I did a great job with the comments and critiques I gave my classmates. This was well into the semester, when I had begun considering that may-

be an editing job in publishing is what I wanted from my degree, and his comment made my heart soar. Any residual doubt I had about changing majors melted away.

This feeling continued to find me after joining the staff of Jenny Magazine, after being a copy-editor at The Jambar, after being co-editor of Penguin Review and Yo Magazine, after every publication of Jenny and Penguin Review I have been a part of so far. And currently, I'm in the middle of another Jenny issue and this warm-hearted feeling of "yes" is creeping slowly in. I have found what I was meant to do; I have found where I belong.

There's something to say for knowing what you want to do from the start, for sure. But there's also something to say for figuring it out as you go, allowing yourself to discover it, to try things out and see how they work for you, instead of keeping yourself glued to the plan you started with even though it's no longer as great as you thought it was. You don't always have to know what you're doing.

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Tressel Kind of Returns to Coaching

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Jim Tressel, the President at Youngstown State University and former head football coach at Ohio State University and YSU, will return to Ohio State as a football coach one more time.

From April 14-16, Tressel will speak at the Ohio State football clinic, a three-day camp where high school coaches and teachers from around Ohio get a chance to listen to members of the Buckeyes' coaching staff and guest speakers.

Ohio State athletic director Gene Smith said Tressel returned to Columbus once to talk to the football team during Urban Meyer's first season, but the coaching clinic will be the first time he returned in this capacity since his resignation from his head coaching position in May 2011.

"It's great. We're excited for him to be at the clinic," Smith said. "Actually, he's spoken to the team under Urban Meyer's leadership in Urban's first year. So technically, it's not really the first, but in this case, yeah it's the first. We're excited that he agreed to be a part of the clinic. He has great insight that a lot of the coaches will benefit from and we're excited

we brought him back."

Tressel said he won't be there to discuss coaching, but he will speak to the high school coaches about the importance of "education, the role of intercollegiate athletics and general things that would help teachers and coaches" and discussing the history of Ohio State football along with previous coaches.

"I guess they have a portion of it that deals with the history at Ohio State," Tressel said. "They invited coach [John] Cooper, coach [Earle] Bruce and I to sit in and be a part in that Ohio State history portion — since we're the three coaches that are still alive.

"... I look forward to sharing some general thoughts from a president's perspective rather than a coach's. So I'm gonna have a chance to run down there and spend a half hour with them."

For those interested in Tressel's future, he said that this isn't an indication of an interest in returning to coaching. He said that his hands are full as the president of YSU and his interaction with Ohio State would be limited at best in the future.

"Oh gosh. Urban Meyer doesn't have



time for me, and I don't have time for Urban. We're both pretty busy guys but we both, when the time was right, had a chance to interact," Tressel said. "I got my hands full here, so I

don't have time to get really engaged, but it was nice. I had coached for coach Bruce; he's gonna be there. John Cooper's a dear friend and many of those high school coaches and

teachers are long, long friends of mine. I'm not sure it's gonna lead to much other activity but I'll be happy to share with them some thoughts."

Smith said Ohio State is glad Tressel was able to come back for the coaching clinic. Smith said the high school coaches would benefit from talking to Tressel and taking his advice.

"Jim was one of the most successful coaches in our history and set the foundation for a lot of the things we're able to do today," Smith said. "He had a significant impact on the lives of many of our student-athletes and many of our fans. So having him back is really a pleasure and having him take time away from his busy schedule to come and be a part of our clinic and help high school coaches get better, that shows a lot about him. We're excited that he's coming back."

Tressel said he remembers being in the same position as the young coaches that will be attending the seminar. He said it was beneficial for young coaches to learn from professionals in their field, and he took every opportunity to improve during his coaching ca-

reer.

"I was always anxious to sit and listen to other people in my profession," Tressel said. "Also to read journal articles, heck, I would try to read and learn as much as I could, and I always picked up a lot of good things. I always enjoyed going out to clinics and sharing some of the things that we learned and just have good interaction. I think it's [a] real important component in coaching."

For Tressel, Ohio State is still an important place. Not just because of the success he had during his 10-year coaching career with the Buckeyes, but the people he had a chance to meet over the years.

"It's always fun to reminisce, and it's always fun to see people that you spend a lot of time with," Tressel said. "Those coaches that will be attending the seminar and the people at Ohio State, many an hour over them with my lifetime. I get calls from people all over the country to speak at their coaching clinics, and I don't really have time for that, but when it's a place that I spent so much time, I decided to make time for this one."

Spring Practice Begins

Youngstown State University tight end Shane Kuhn (86 white) makes a competitive catch in the middle of the defense. The YSU football team opened spring practice on Monday and the team will practice throughout March into April. The team rotated quarterbacks throughout practice so Hunter Wells, Ricky Davis and Trent Hosick had an opportunity to practice with the first team offense. The football team will have practice three times a week in preparation for the Red and White game, the annual spring game, on April 15.

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YSU Baseball Upsets Mizzu

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The Youngstown State University baseball team won its three-game series against the University of Missouri on Friday and Saturday, and they did it with a little late game magic.

After losing the first game of the series on Friday 8-3, the Penguins had to win both games in a doubleheader on Saturday to take the series, and both games came down to the bottom of the ninth inning.

YSU (4-9) was down 3-2 in the top of the ninth inning, but fought back to win 4-3 — the first Penguins' win over a Southeastern Conference team since 1988.

YSU freshman catcher Hunter Snyder came to the plate with one out and runners on first and second. He tied the game at 3-3 on a single up the middle to drive in Shane Willoughby from second base and advance Nico

Padovan from first base to third. The game-tying run was Snyder's first collegiate RBI.

The next batter, Lorenzo Arcuri, hit a sacrifice fly to right field to drive Padovan in from third base — giving YSU a 4-3 lead heading into the bottom of the ninth.

YSU closer Kevin Yarabinec came in to pitch the ninth inning and forced Missouri into three quick groundouts to end the game. Yarabinec improved his record to 2-1 on the season.

The Penguins won the second game on Saturday 3-2.

After game one, YSU took an early lead in game two.

With two outs in the top of the first inning and runners on second and third, Andrew Kendrick hit a single up the middle to drive in YSU's Billy Salem and Padovan. YSU took a 2-0

lead.

Missouri (13-4) took advantage of a couple YSU miscues in the bottom of the second inning to cut the lead to 2-1. Tigers' catcher Brett Bond advanced to second base after a wild pitch from YSU pitcher Collin Floyd. Bond was on second with two outs, but a throwing error by Padovan allowed Bond to score from second base.

YSU responded in the top of the fourth inning. YSU's Dominic Farina hit a one-out sacrifice fly to right field to drive Willoughby in from third base.

YSU allowed a two-out RBI single in the bottom of the fifth inning, but the Penguins still maintained a 3-2 lead.

Missouri tried to tie the game in the bottom of the ninth. After a lead-

off single by Johnny Balsamo and a sacrifice bunt, the Penguins were in danger of blowing the lead. But with one out, Missouri's Ryan Howard lined out to Willoughby at shortstop, who flipped the ball to second base to double off Balsamo at second base to end the game.

The Penguins relied heavily on their pitching in the doubleheader, much like they have early this season. YSU's pitching staff allowed eight hits combined in the doubleheader. The pitchers allowed five runs, only four were earned, and struck out 14 Tigers.

This was the first time this season the Penguins have won a three-game series. YSU will open conference play with a three-game series at Wright State University on Friday.