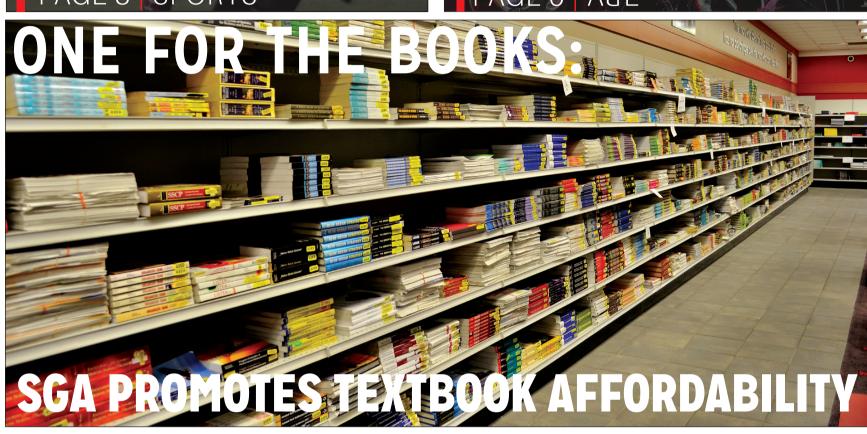
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Tyler Miller-Gordon, Student Government Association president-elect, and Gabriella Gessler, executive vice president, want to make college more affordable by allowing students to borrow textbooks for their general education courses so they don't have to buy them.

"We will help students who may not be able to afford their textbooks or may not want to buy their texts succeed academically," Ashley Orr, current SGA president, said. "Students will no longer be held back because they don't have the textbook. Everyone will have access to the text on campus."

With the support of Maag Library, they are working on building a course collection, which will allow students to access general education materials for three hours, so they can study.

They are asking for collections and book donations from students. They aim to have two copies per course, which amounts to about 300 books in the collection.

If people decide to donate their old book to the cause, they will receive four game ticket vouchers

that were provided by the athletic department.

"Our reasoning behind that is it's kind of equivalent to, if you give back a \$160 text, and you only get \$40 for it," Gessler said. "Students can now get that in tickets and invite family and friends that normally would have to pay for that access."

Gessler said the course collection will feature general education course books, because students are encouraged to hold on to books that pertain to their major.

"Students that are entering into academia, they often want to build a library," Miller-Gordon said. "I know that's what I do. I have kept all of my textbooks that are relevant to me."

However, in the future they may consider creating smaller course collections within each college that would carry textbooks for each college's core classes.

"The Beeghly College of Education actually has something similar," Miller-Gordon said. "Our hope is to maybe — if not expand the central collection inside Maag — maybe establish them within the de-

partments, because that might be a little bit more feasible."

They are also informing students of online resources that offer access to cheap or even free textbooks in digital formats, like gutenberg.org or Wikibooks. There are also open source textbook projects like open.umn.edu.

Gessler said the course collection will begin this spring. They're doing an advertised launch in the fall, when the collection will be more complete.

"We are hoping to promote this at orientation," she said.

Gessler said she and Orr are appreciative of assistance from Joseph Palardy, the general education coordinator.

"We're so grateful for everything he's done for us," Gessler said. "We're so excited that the university has been behind this initiative so fully."

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# Students Share Memories, Support Cancer Research

**AND WHITE GAME** 

STORY: LAUREN FOOTE | LAURENLEONA.L@GMAIL.COM PHOTO: SAMANTHA PHILLIPS

Every year, students come to Youngstown State University to walk, run, have fun and help raise money to fight cancer as part of Relay for Life. This year's event was held on Friday in Beeghly Center.

According to the organization's website, more than 4 million people in more than 20 countries participate in Relay for Life each year.

Several students and community members participated in YSU's event because they had a personal connection to cancer. Emily Huggins, a member of YSU's Delta Zeta sorority, said anything people can do to help benefits people suffering from cancer.

"This is the first year that I have come to the [relay] at YSU," Huggins said. "Family friends of ours died last year of cancer, and I felt like it was important to support their families this year at this event." "We sit around here at Relay for Life telling stories," Lorraine Wardle, a community member, said. "A friend of mine in Illinois has cancer and is going through chemotherapy."

Wardle was there with a team called the Pantene Power Princesses. Pantene sent a packet to her daughter's Girl Scout troop with products to give to women during chemotherapy. The troop also sent letters to Wardle's friend in Illinois.

"We made a team, and family and

groups came together," Wardle said.
"We did this in honor of her."

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Jena Bushong, a member of the Honors College, said she has been coming to YSU's event for four years, but this was the first time she had a reason to be there.

RELAY FOR LIFE





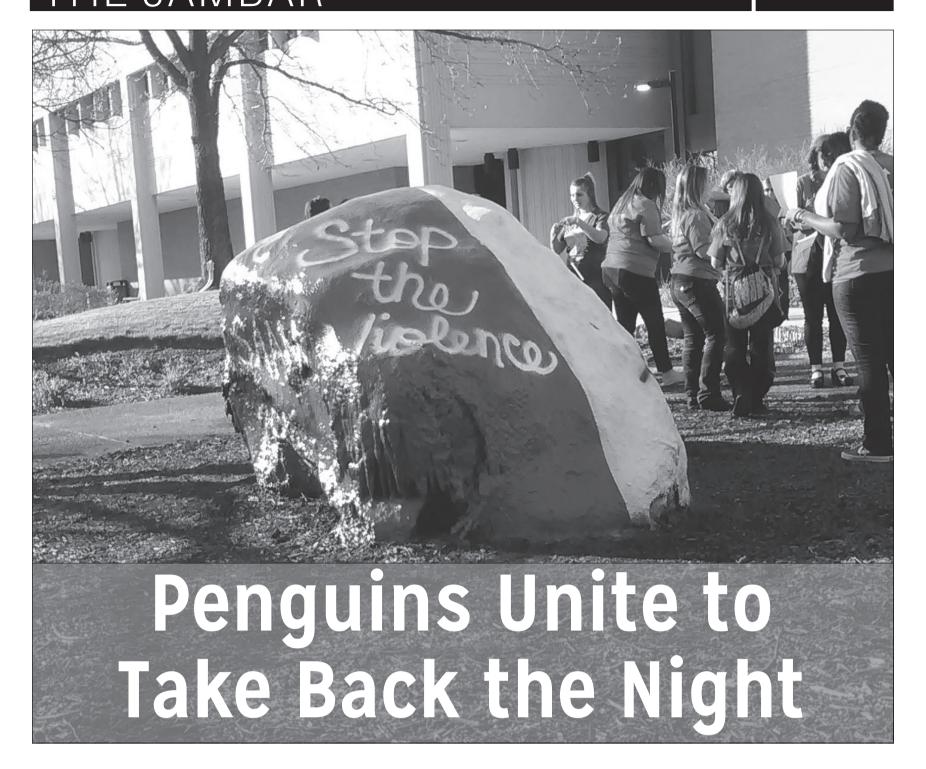
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### STORY: MELISSA PARTIKA | PHOTO: MELISSA PARTIKA

Youngstown State University students and workers held a march on Thursday to commemorate sexual assault victims and educate the campus about issues relating to sexual assault and rape.

Danielle Meyer, director of Housing and Residence Life, stressed the importance of the event.

"It highlights how we can come together as one united voice and say that we will not tolerate sexual assault on our campus and in our community," Meyer said.

Students marched down Lincoln Avenue, up Wick Avenue and finally to Cafaro House, shouting chants like "Yes means yes. No means no. Whatever we wear. Wherever we go."

Zoe Nalbach, a Liberty High School freshman, attended the event along with her cousin.

"I thought it was a good cause," Nalbach said. "I know somebody in this situation. It gave me a good reason to be here." Take Back the Night held a poetry contest, and Marissa Gray was announced as the winner. She said the event is much bigger than her.

"It is far larger than a single night," Gray said. "Take Back the Night is a celebration of solidarity, strength and the will to survive."

She said the event also provides a time to remember the lives lost from and forever scarred by rape, sexual assault and other forms of sexualized violence.

"As a campus and as a community we need to lift the burden of shame from the survivors and shine a light within the darkness of these often silent and underreported," Gray said. "It is imperative we promote a culture of respect and security, standing against sexual violence and the corresponding rape culture it promotes."

Meyer said victims should seek help and support in any way they can. Events like Take Back the Night help mitigate the stigma survivors might feel. "Nobody should have to go through an experience such as this alone," Meyer said.

She also said people can prevent sexual violence by helping to raise awareness, being aware of bystander intervention strategies, supporting one another and standing up for each other.

The march ended with a candlelight vigil accompanied by peaceful music.

Gray said the event presents an opportunity for the YSU community to move forward.

"Take Back the Night is a time to remember the lives lost to sexual violence, stand arm-and-arm with survivors and walk together toward a YSU, a Youngstown community and a nation where empowerment, and not victimization, reclaims the night," Gray said.

### California Plans to Unleash Fly to Crush Ivy Invasion

STORY: MICHAEL DOYLE | MCCLATCHY WASHINGTON BUREAU

Coastal Californians battling pervasive Cape ivy have been waiting years for a helpful fly with a regal name.

Now, Agriculture Department officials are finally getting ready to pull the trigger, turning the fly loose on the vine that has infested shady parts of the Pacific Coast. The fly deposits its eggs on the Cape ivy, causing a huge boil-like growth known as a gall to form on the plant's stem and stunt its growth.

For San Luis Obispo County resident David Chipping, it's about time.

"Invasion of both upland and riparian habitat by Cape ivy long ago reached crisis proportions in our county," Chipping told the Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service.

Chipping, a Los Osos resident and member of the California Native Plant Society's San Luis Obispo Chapter, this month added his voice to a others supporting a federal proposal to release of the fly, known as Parafreutreta regalis. The fly would target Cape ivy, which can climb up to 30 feet, crowding out other coastal plants and requiring frequent herbicide treatments along roadways and in places like parts of Morro Bay State Park.

"Cape ivy is a major problem in coastal riparian areas in California, smothering native vegetation," said Gerald H. Meral, former deputy director of the California Natural Resources Agency. "An effective biocontrol agent would make a big difference in protecting these areas."

Meral, who is now with the private Natural Heritage Institute, and Chipping were among only a dozen or so people to offer public comments about the Agriculture Department's proposal as of Friday. All support the proposed release of the flies to control what's also been called German ivy.

But the comment period, which lasts through next Monday, did not come easy. Some studies that supported the proposal began so long ago that the lead scientist has since retired. Research funding has sometimes been hard to get. Lab priorities

have sometimes shifted.

Cost-effectiveness has not been the only consideration. Under several executive orders, Agriculture Department officials also had to consult with Indian tribes and examine potential specific effects on children and "any minority populations and low-income populations."

In brief, the wheels have turned methodically. Approval could still be months away.

"Biocontrol of weeds is always a long process," said Joe Balciunas. A retired Agricultural Research Service entomologist. "I thought this one would go faster, but I was wrong."

Balciunas and colleagues began testing at an Albany, Calif.-based Agricultural Research Service lab in 2001. Balciunas retired six years ago. A technical advisory panel recommended approval three years ago. An environmental assessment found that the biocontrol program would be safe and effective. It was completed more than 14 months ago.

"It grinds exceedingly slow," Balciunas said.

Cape ivy is a native of South Africa and was brought into the United States as an ornamental ground cover. Then, it spread, including into areas where herbicide use may be limited. In places like the Golden Gate National Recreation Area, managers resort to hand tools.

"Other methods such as goat grazing and prescribed fire are being used," the environmental assessment noted.

If left uncontrolled, the ivy becomes a bully. A study at Golden Gate National Recreation Area found that sites infested by Cape ivy for 5 to 10 years had 78 percent fewer annual plant species than uninfested plots.

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SGA has been giving students the opportunity to sign a petition in support of House Bill 308, which would remove the tax from textbooks for post-secondary education in the State of Ohio.

"Student Government has been giving students the opportunity to sign on to HB 308," Miller-Gordon said "We're not necessarily endorsing it or anything, but it ... [would] reduce the cost of textbooks by an enormous amount."

Students can track down representatives to sign a hard copy or sign electronically on change. org.

org.
"We're going to keep our eyes open and keep our voices out there to make sure we are advocating for our student's best

interest," Miller-Gordon said. Along with using the course collection and supporting HB308, Miller-Gordon and Gessler said students should talk to professors to find out how often a textbook will be used in class and consider sharing a book with another student to split the cost. Students should also consider giving other students old textbooks they don't need.

RELAY FOR LIFE FRONT

"People in my congregation at church have become affected by cancer and lost some of their family members to cancer," Bushong said. "To know people who have suffered and are still suffering makes this all very real and very important. I wanted to support all these people in my life and raise awareness."

Christina Yovick, a graduate student, oversees leadership programs on campus. She said the Emerging Leaders program requires 40 hours of community service, and she encourages students to participate in the event. A friend of hers had a severe form of bone cancer when she was younger requiring surgeries and amputations. Yovick said it was difficult to watch her struggle through that.

"It really gives you perspective," she said. "She is now one of the strongest people I know, and she is happy. Which is why I come here ... in memory of her."

Crawford Warrick, a student at the university, said he was there to support a friend of his who had cancer when he was eight. He wasn't planning on sticking around for the whole event.

"Sadly there is just not that much to do here to keep me involved," Warrick said. "The event for the past few years has not encouraged everyone to stay and hang around as a community."

The event was scheduled to run until noon on Saturday, but by 9:30 a.m., everyone had packed up and left.

Tim Bortner, president of YSUnity, said he's been coming to the event since 2009 to support the cause. He said a friend of his died of cancer, and it's important to keep things like Relay for Life going.

"If we don't continue coming and supporting, then it will just disappear," Bortner said. "We cannot let this kind of event just disappear."

### **NEWS BRIEFS**

# Graduating Seniors Art Show Opens at McDonough Museum

The artwork of 14 Youngstown State University students who will be graduating with a bachelor's degree in fine arts this spring are featured in the Spring Graduating BFA Exhibition, opening Friday, April 22 in the McDonough Museum of Art. The opening reception will be from 6 to 8 p.m. April 22. The exhibit will remain until May 6.

# Documentary and Discussion on Sexual Assault on Campus

"The Hunting Ground," an award winning documentary about sexual assault on college campuses, will be screened at 5:30 p.m. Wednesday, April 20 at Youngstown State University. The university will also hold a panel discussion at 11 a.m. Friday, April 22 and will feature Sofie Karasek of End of Rape on Campus and Lynn Bilal of the Ohio Alliance to End Sexual Violence. At noon on Friday, April 22, Karasek will present a lecture titled "Title IX and Campus Sexual Violence." The events are sponsored by YSU Women's and Gender Studies.



# **UC President Calls for Stronger Steps** in Faculty Sexual Harassment Cases

STORY: TERESA WATANABE | LOS ANGELES TIMES (TNS)

LOS ANGELES - A review of sexual harassment policies involving faculty at the University of California has failed to make sure that investigations are effective, cases are consistently handled and sanctions are strong enough to fit the offense, according to UC President Janet Napolitano.

In a letter released Monday, Napolitano directed the 10-member review committee to find a way to speed up investigations and establish a broader group of campus members to propose sanctions, which are currently decided by top administrators.

But she praised the committee work in other areas and ordered immediate steps to implement some of the recommendations. They included requiring that all sexual misconduct investigations be reported to the campus chancellor and to indefinitely retain records on faculty sanctions in order to identify repeat offenders.

To better protect victims, Napolitano directed that each campus designate someone to work confidentially with faculty and graduate students who believe they have been sexually harassed but are reluctant to make a formal claim with campus officials. Such "confidential advocates" have already been assigned for undergraduate students.

"While UC has made progress over the past year and a half on faculty sexual harassment cases, several cases that have recently come to light make clear that we have much more work to do," she wrote in her letter.

In recent months, administrators at UC Berkeley and UCLA have been widely criticized for failing to adequately discipline high-profile faculty members accused of violating the university's sexual harassment poli-

At Berkeley, law school dean Sujit Choudhry, astronomer Geoff Marcy and vice chancellor of research Graham Fleming were allowed to retain campus positions after receiving sanctions that critics found unacceptably weak, such as pay cuts, fines, mandatory counseling and orders to issue apologies.

In a 2014 settlement at UCLA, administrators agreed to drop a Title IX sexual harassment investigation of history professor Gabriel Piterberg in exchange for a \$3,000 fine, an 11week suspension and other discipline measures. Piterberg did not admit to allegations that he repeatedly harassed two female graduate students over many years by making sexual comments, pressing himself against their bodies and forcing his tongue into their mouths.

The UC review of faculty guidelines was launched in October as the final piece of a comprehensive look at sexual harassment policies throughout the 10-campus system. The committee was made up of administrators, faculty and two students.

In the report, which Napolitano released Monday along with her letter, the review committee said the campuses could not provide detailed data on faculty cases and that record-keeping needed to be drastically improved. Eight campuses provided partial data showing that 76 percent of 141 allegations made against faculty members between 2012 and 2015 were unsubstantiated or settled without a formal investigation. Among 34 cases investigated, allegations in 11 of them were substantiated.

The committee also found widespread confusion and misunderstanding about the policies on campuses and no consensus on what should be done to improve the situ-

One of the biggest problems involved the secrecy surrounding faculty cases. The committee recommended that those bringing a complaint should be informed of the outcome; Napolitano already has said that substantiated cases of sexual misconduct are public.

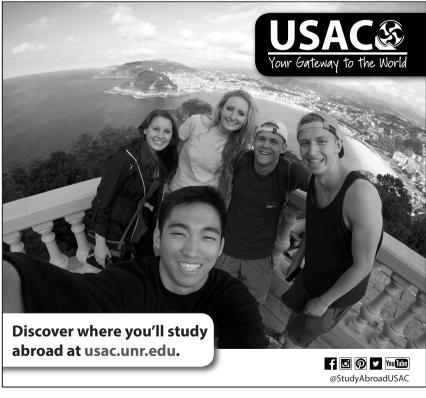
To address concerns about the lengthy process, Napolitano ordered up new rules to require that cases be completed within five months three for the investigation and two for adjudication — unless there are "exceptional circumstances." She also directed the committee to get rid of a 10-day deadline for filing charges after placing an accused faculty member on involuntary leave.

Another major complaint involved a rule that requires investigations to be launched within three years after administrators learn of allegations. Napolitano asked the review committee to reconsider the time limit in cases where an official failed to inform the Title IX office of potential cases of sexual misconduct.

"Given the seriousness of these cases and the shortcomings that have been identified with existing processes ... this work is crucial," Napolitano wrote. "We must develop and implement policies and procedures that enable the university to respond effectively to reports of faculty sexual harassment and sexual violence and to deal with substantiated cases firmly, fairly (and) promptly.'

Critics included UAW Local 5810, which represents 6,000 postdoctoral scholars, and Local 2865, which represents graduate students throughout the UC system. Union officials have said they were not given adequate chances for input into the sexual harassment review process and that the Academic Senate had disproportionate influence in how cases were handled.

Among other things, the union opposed plans to require their members to report sexual harassment violations, saying it would create additional work and violate the privacy of victims.





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#### STORY: WILL KEFFLER | PHOTO COURTESY OF: PENGUIN PRODUCTIONS

Penguin Productions presents their biggest event of the year: the second annual Federal Frenzy Music and Arts Festival.

The festival is a collaboration between Youngstown State University and the city of Youngstown from 2 to 11 p.m. The event, hosted on Federal Street, is free and open to the public and boasts three headliners: ska legends Reel Big Fish — a Milwaukee indie group, Vinyl Theatre and Youngstown's own Sam Goodwill.

The festival hosts over 25 live bands, in-

cluding JD Eicher & the Goodnights, FreshProduce, Thaddeus Anna Greene and Lili K.

The event will have 18 YSU affiliated bands, including students and faculty. Throughout the day, Downtown Circle, The Federal, Friends Specialty/So Smooth, O'Donold's Irish Pub & Grill and Suzie's Dogs & Drafts will host the live, YSU affiliated musical

Mollie Crowe, event leader of Penguin Productions, said she is excited for the changes they have made to the festival this year and bands that will be performing.

"Our whole intent with Federal Frenzy this year was to progress forward, bring changes and do different things," Crowe said. "We definitely considered not just YSU but the entire community, because it's all about Youngstown. It's about bringing people to the city."

Members of Penguin Productions said it was a long, tiring process determining who would be the headliners, but eventually, they were able to select cohesive headliners that would bring high-energy to Youngstown.

"We look at the [music] charts. We look at the amount of plays on Spotify," Crowe said. "We brought everything to the table and asked, 'Who do we feel is best for our event?' It has to be cohesive, so we had to be mindful of the entire event."

Hannah Telesz, hospitality manager for Penguin Productions, said she is excited for the headliners and the energy they will bring to the city.

"Reel Big Fish brings a lot of enthusiasm, and I love Vinyl Theatre," Telesz said. "I saw them open for Twenty One Pilots, and their energy is so real. I think they will be good for the city and good for the people of Youngstown."

Along with the music, this year's event will host vendors from Youngstown Flea, who will set up in the parking lot adjacent to the Covelli Centre and sell arts, goods and crafts from 4 to 10 p.m. The market is a short walk from Federal Street.

"Youngstown Flea is teaming up with us this year," Telesz said. "So we get to have several vendors that will set up and sell throughout the night. It's about collaboration rather than competition which is important."

During the event, Youngstown CityScape, a non-profit community development organization dedicated to improving the Youngstown area, will be managing and benefiting from alcohol sales for the day.

For more information about the event, check Penguin Productions' Facebook page or call 330-941-3575.

# Sam Goodwill Plays Across the Pond

STORY: BILLY LUDT | wrludt@student.ysu.edu

The Youngstown alternative rock group Sam Goodwill is heading to Europe in late April for their first international tour.

Front man Sam Buonavolonta answered some questions about the tour, his experience with music and the history of Sam Goodwill.

# How long have you been playing/performing music as Sam Goodwill?

I think that the first Sam Goodwill show was in 2004 at an open mic night at the Nyabinghi.

### Who all performs within Sam Goodwill?

We range from a core four piece to a six piece: Bob Young, Richie Bernaki, Seth Basista, Dave Knowlden and Dean Anshutz

# When did you begin playing music?

I started playing drums when I was a kid, 4 years old or so. I started playing in my first band when I was in my early teens as a drummer.

# What kind of music did you listen to growing up?

Growing up, we were kind of a top 40's household. No one in my family had their ear to the ground, but everyone loved music in their own way. My dad actually listened to Polka music and would have Polka jam sessions in the basement with his friends. I think that things changed for me when I heard Nirvana for the first time. I was around 12 years old. Prior to that moment, I didn't realize that music could cut so deeply or be that exciting.

# How long has the European tour been in the works?

We've been sending out proposals for this particular tour since the end of last year. The first attempt to book a tour overseas was about three years

# Who will be joining you on the Euro Tour?

Bob will be joining me on percussion for about a week, and the rest will be solo shows. The entire tour I'll be opening for Viking Moses.

### How many dates are you guys playing?

Dates are still being confirmed, but I think 22 dates are currently booked.

# Do you guys play a lot of shows outside of Ohio?

We've done a few small tours on the

East Coast and throughout the Mid-

### Tell me about Historian Recording Co.

It's my studio. I primarily work in sound design and dialog mixing for films. I occasionally record bands, and sometimes we throw in-studio shows for touring artists passing through.

### Do you have any upcoming releases?

Right now I'm finishing up recording two new songs as a tour EP. There are plans for other releases that will be happening this year as well.

Sam Goodwill will also perform Saturday in Penguin Productions' second Federal Frenzy in downtown Youngstown, with Reel Big Fish and Vinyl Theatre, an indie rock group.

YO!

YO Magazine, The Jambar's semesterly features publication, is looking for YSU students to contribute. If you're interested in writing, send an email to: yomagazine2@gmail.com.

# **EDITORIAL**

# Pirating Textbooks is Bad, but Price Gouging is Worse

The comparing of insane, several hundred dollar bookstore receipts at the beginning of a semester has become a collegiate rite-of-passage.

During the first two years of college, most students attempt to knock out all of their general education classes. The curriculum is the same for every student, the classes are required and the books might as well be priced by the page.

As reported in this issue's cover story "One for the Books: SGA Promotes Textbook Affordability," the Student Government Association is working alongside Maag Library to create a "course collection" of general education textbooks. If implemented, this kind of program could go a long way toward making textbooks affordable.

On the national level, some lawmakers are trying to deal with the textbook affordability issue once and for all.

Sens. Dick Durbin and Al Franken introduced the "College Textbook Affordability Act" into Congress in both 2014 and 2015. The act, if passed, would allow for the creation of "open license" textbooks. Essentially textbooks could be shared freely and online and would be significantly less expensive for physical editions.

As of October, the bill has been sent to committee, where it will likely die as it did in 2014.

So what's the deal, Congress? There are several reasons why the bill may be so opposed.

One may be that the committee reviewing the bill — the Committee on Health, Education, Labor and Pensions — found legitimate reasons to doubt the bill's implementation would work.

For the more conspiratorially minded and less trustful, it's also possible that Congress simply doesn't want to deal with the fallout of breaking up the textbook publishers' money party. Or it could be that — as the Republicans are the Senate majority — they're going to shut down anything coming their way from the blue side of the aisle, especially if it threatens business interests.

Regardless of the reason, the fact remains that this bill likely isn't going anywhere

That puts many college students in a tough spot. When facing the choice between purchasing a \$400 Intro to Physics book they'll never use again and failing that Intro to Physics course because they don't have a book, it seems like the textbook industry has students' arms twisted pretty well.

Faculty tends to do what they can to alleviate this pressure. Many students — at least at Youngstown State University — have likely had a professor begin their itinerary rundown with "I tried my hardest to find a cheap textbook for this class..." So it's not like the faculty are unaware of the situation, and most are sympathetic to the

struggle. At the end of the day though, if a class says the book is required, then it's required.

So what is a student to do when they — justifiably — don't want to spend hundreds of dollars on a book they only need for a few months but also want to pass their classes? They share, they copy and they pirate.

Why shouldn't they? Sure, uploading and distributing a textbook online is technically pirating an intellectual property and therefore morally wrong, but isn't extortion — and let's not mince words, it is legal extortion by the publishers — worse? One can just imagine a track-suited, gold-chain - adorned publishing wise-guy shoving a \$370 Spanish 1 book into a student's chest and muttering "better buy it, I'd hate for something to happen to your grades," punctuating the threat with a knuckle crack

Hopefully on the local level, the SGA's plan will help provide students who can't afford textbooks options for completing their itinerary requirements without breaking the bank. Nationally, it seems the fight for fairer prices has temporarily stalled, and while that is bad for students, it is also bad for publishers. As necessity is the mother of invention, students will find a way to get what they need, and that may include going around publishers completely.

# Clean Power Plan Meets Some Supreme Skeptics

ST. LOUIS POST-DISPATCH (TNS)

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The U.S. Supreme Court's five conservative justices last week went out of their way to throw a roadblock in front of the Obama administration's Clean Power Plan.

In an unprecedented move, the majority bloc voted to halt new Environmental Protection Agency regulations on power plant emissions from going into effect until a lower court decides on a challenge to the rules. The court historically had deferred to the executive branch's authority until rules went in effect.

This time, the justices' ruling suggests that they can't wait until the case arrives on their docket. They granted a stay requested by 29 state attorneys general and dozens of utilities and

energy companies who see the Clean Power Plan as a threat. Whatever side loses in the lower court and appeals to the Supreme Court, it's pretty clear which way the majority is leaning.

The 29 attorneys general and the other plaintiffs are right: The Clean Power Plan does threaten the status quo. For coal companies, it could be an existential threat.

This isn't because there's a "war on coal," and it isn't because the Obama administration hates private enterprise. It's simply because coal-fired plants are responsible for nearly 25 percent of the carbon pumped into the atmosphere by the United States. And atmospheric carbon is warming the planet at a rate that could threaten life on earth by the end of the centure.

ury. If this were a giant asteroid headed

for earth, as in a disaster movie, the threat would be immediate. There'd be no debate about sending Bruce Willis into action.

The threat from climate change is real, but because it's happening in slow motion, the sense of urgency dissipates. States that depend heavily on coal for energy generation, and states like Kentucky and West Virginia where coal mining is a vital industry, understandably are loath to change.

But change must come. The Clean Power Plan doesn't take full effect until 2030. It requires states to adapt — but at a pace that minimizes disruption.

For example, Ameren Missouri, whose coal plants accounted for 77 percent of the electricity it generated in 2013, already has begun switching

to renewable sources. It could offset the coal it continues to burn with credits for energy conservation programs. According to a Natural Resources Defense Council analysis, enough conservation could enable the utility to phase out its older and dirtier coal-burning plants while meeting its requirement to reduce carbon emissions. That would allow Ameren to avoid the expense of new natural-gas-fired generating plants, thus benefiting shareholders, rate-payers and the planet alike.

The opponents of the Clean Power Plan complain that the EPA went too far into powers constitutionally reserved to the states. The court must decide whether states' rights trump the future of the planet. In our book, the planet wins the argument.

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### FINALS TIPS FROM A PROCRASTINATOR

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Well, it's that time again: the end of the semester. Are you feeling stressed and overwhelmed and just a little panicky? Because I sure am. As you already know, I'm a procrastinator, and this semester was particularly bad for me in terms of procrastination. I'm honestly not even sure why that was, but that's a question for another time.

Since we're at the end, and the nice long summer break is within sight, I thought I'd share some tips on how to make it through the mountain of work left to do these last few weeks — especially since I've begun to master how to get everything done in a short amount of time. Thanks, procrastination.

One: stay focused. OK, yeah I have trouble with this normally — hence the procrastination — but at crunch time I have a few tricks up my sleeves. One of the biggest things I do is make to-do lists. I make multiple. First there's the master list, the long one that is scary to look at that contains absolutely everything that must get done before the semester officially ends. Then, there are smaller ones that break down that intimidating master into daily tasks, which are organized within the list by which is the most important to get done first.

These help me keep track of all the work I have to do, so I don't end up forgetting about a paper or a project until the due date. But they also create bursts of motivation to continue on when I complete a task. It's oddly satisfying to cross something off a to-do list once the job is done, and a lot of time that provides me with new energy to go tackle the next thing

Two: get sleep. I've mentioned this before, but in addition to being just plain great, sleep is important. Especially when you're stressed to the extreme or so busy with work you can't even think. Stress wears your body and your brain out, and sleep is really the only way to repair that. So whether it's a full night's sleep or a few hours long nap every so often, make sure you are sleeping, because eventually staying up with no sleep will do your work more harm than good, and you'll be submitting your 50 -page assignment riddled with typos.

Three: breathe. It doesn't hurt to stop every now and then, especially at peak stress points, and take a moment to collect yourself. Remind yourself that you can do the tasks laid out in front of you, that you've got this in the bag. From experience, this can actually go a long way — negatively talking to yourself while trying to work through a load of stressful work only makes it worse. Yes, maybe you wouldn't have this much to do if only you worked on it earlier instead of watching Netflix, but that's past, and beating yourself up about it now will do zero good.

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If self-affirmations won't help, because you find yourself a big fat liar, then ask a friend or two to touch base periodically — check your progress, maybe help out with a problem you're stuck on, encourage you to keep going. If the last four-and-a-half years taught me anything, it's that you absolutely can finish a semester strong, even if you've procrastinated. You just have to keep at it and remember: you've got this.

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# QUARTERBACKS

### **SHOWCASE TALENT AT**

# RED AND WHITE GAME

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On Friday night, the Youngstown State University football team put the pads on and took the field at Stambaugh Stadium for the annual Red and White spring game.

Sure, it was a scrimmage, and the outcome of the game doesn't mean anything, but the production from the players is going to have a real impact on who gets playing time during the 2016-17 season, specifically for the starting quarterback.

"I think all the quarterbacks had a good spring. We were playing a lot of different receivers and people, and we were moving some guys around," YSU head coach Bo Pelini said. "That's not always the best-case scenario for a quarterback, but I thought through the spring we saw some guys getting better. I think the competition will go right up until the week before the first game."

All four of YSU's quarterbacks played in the game, and with the quarterback position still undecided, Pelini and the coaching staff wanted to make sure everyone got a shot to take snaps with multiple members of the offense.

"Tonight we mixed and matched and made sure everybody played. I thought overall we had a good spring," Pelini said. "We identified some things. I think we made progress in some areas and identified some areas we need to make progress. We have 29 more practices until

we play a game for real.

"We'll have some guys coming in,

and we'll be getting some guys back healthy. Like I said to the team, now we go into the next phase of the offseason. We made some progress, but we have a long way to go before we're ready to take the field."

Backup quarterback Ricky Davis took a majority of the snaps for the Red team. Davis threw the game-winning touchdown to Isiah Scott. With 3:50 left in the scrimmage, Davis found Scott on a deep pass down the right sideline for a 67-yard touchdown pass.

"Me and [Scott] worked all offseason on timing," Davis said. "I saw him manned up, one-on-one, over there and had a great matchup. Took a shot and ended up getting into the end zone, and it's an exciting moment for the red squad tonight."

Incumbent starting quarterback Hunter Wells completed his own deep pass to Scott. Wells found Scott for a 32-yard gain down to the one-yard line. But on the next play, a fumbled handoff was recovered at the four-yard line.

Wells came back in the game in the Red team's final possession, but the offense couldn't get anything going before the game ended.

Davis said the annual spring game is important for quarterbacks because it is the closest thing to a real football game.

"We don't get a lot of scrimmage time, as much as we want to, but any time you go out here and the quarterbacks are live — that's something



we're not used to," Davis said. "Any time you can compete and show what you can do, that's huge for the competition."

One part of the team that will need to improve is the offensive line. Wells, Davis and Trent Hosick, the newest quarterback from Western Arizona College, all had little time in the pocket. All three had to deal with pressure from both YSU defensive lines. Davis said the offensive line has room to improve, but the whole team has to get better.

"Our O-line getting healthy is a big thing — same with the receivers. We do have one [junior college] transfer coming in," Davis said. "Hopefully, he can make an immediate impact. But mostly overall, mental mistakes, I would say that is the biggest thing."

The Red and White game consists of members of the roster that are currently enrolled at YSU. Pelini said other players will contribute to the team next season and expects the players to improve during the summer.

"I think we're going to need to get our continuity, because there were a number of guys who are going to be a part of this team that didn't play or play a lot of minutes tonight," Pelini said. "I think the potential of this football team is there, and I think we have the potential to be a really good football team. We're going to need everybody to get better and stay committed to this football team. I like where we are right now."



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Following Friday night's 9-2 win over Wright State University, the Youngstown State University softball team thought it could win the series against one of the top teams in the Horizon League and continue to move up the conference standings.

But the Penguins were unable to come up with timely hits against the Raiders in both games of Saturday's doubleheader. YSU lost the first game 3-2 and the second game 2-1.

"We had a good day yesterday, and I definitely think we came in with a lot of confidence, but with that being said, I don't think we capitalized when we had the opportunities," YSU's Stevie Taylor said. "That definitely killed us, unlike yesterday when we did our job when we needed to. We've had a long week, and I think we need to come out next week and do what we know how to do best, and

that's capitalize on opportunities and score runners."

YSU was able to capitalize on a couple of Wright State miscues in the first game. In a scoreless game in the bottom of the fourth inning, YSU third baseman Miranda Castiglione hit a double to left-center field. But a throwing error allowed YSU's Sarah Dowd to score. Castiglione advanced from second to third on the play.

After an infield single by YSU first baseman Alex Gibson, Taylor hit a sacrifice fly to leftfield, allowing Castiglione to tag from third base to increase the lead to 2-0.

Wright State responded in the top of the fifth inning. With a runner on first, Raiders' right fielder Honnah Susor hit a two-out double to left-center field. The next batter, Vivi Marquez, followed it up with another double down the right field line. Wright State's Jordan Kennaw and Susor scored on the hit.

Things didn't improve for the Penguins in the second game of the doubleheader.

After Wright State took a 1-0 lead, YSU second baseman Brittney Moffatt tied the game with a solo homerun to right-center field in the fifth inning. But that was all the Penguins were able to muster up in the second game.

"She was just keeping it low, and none of us could do anything with what she was pitching," Moffatt said. "It was just kinda hard for us to get

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The Raiders scored the game-winning run in the top of the ninth inning after a pass ball by YSU catcher Maria Lacatena. With two outs, YSU pitch-

er Caitlyn Minney stuck out Raiders'

second baseman Libby Pfeffer but

Wright State shortstop Becka Peterson scored on the pass ball.

Taylor said the Penguins should learn from their performance in the series and should know how close they were to sweeping the Raiders.

"It definitely should put a fire under all of us to finish high in the Horizon League and do our best because we shouldn't lose to a team like that, especially with our talent," Taylor said. "It should light a fire under us to do better next time, knowing we could have won those games.

"It's a game of inches and sometimes you fall short of those inches. We had a lot of strong hits today, and they just went to people. Eventually those are going to fall, and that's when we're going to capitalize on those."