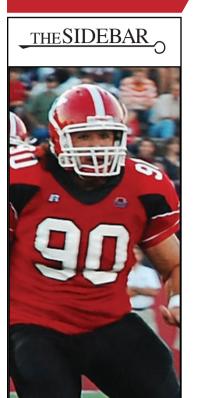
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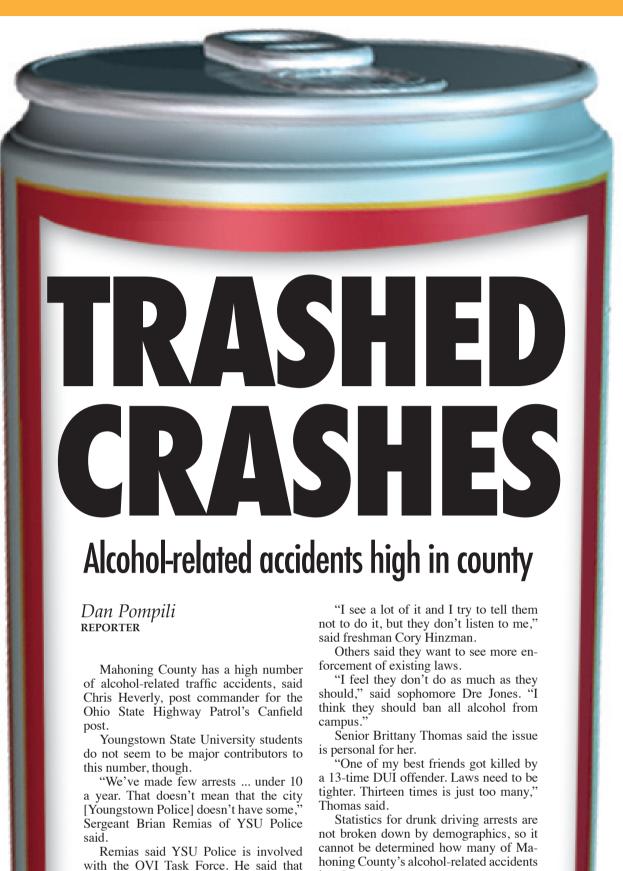
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Emery Boyle-Scott

Youngstown State University lags behind other universities in the number of students studying abroad and at least one professor thinks the university needs to do more to embrace this kind of diversity.

Thirty-six YSU students are studying abroad this academic year, significantly less than many other universities in Ohio - one of several factors that may be limiting YSU's cultural diver-

Qi Jiang, chair of anthropology and sociology, said YSU students are becoming more aware of different cultures but "in comparison to other universities, we might be two decades behind."

Less than two-tenths of one percent of YSU's 13,712 students are studying abroad this academic year. In comparison, 4 percent of the student body at The Ohio State University's main campus studied abroad during the 2005 to 2006 academic year - the most recent year for which data was available.

"In our present world, study abroad students become a sought-after commodity."

Annette El-Hayek, coordinator for YSU's study abroad

During the 2005-06 academic year, 223,534 American students studied abroad, including 9,753 students from Ohio, according to reports from Open Doors, published annually by the Insti-

tute of International Education. With study abroad as an integral part of their education experience, students will go further in their academic and professional careers, in the long run, than most who do not take this opportunity. "In our present world, study

abroad students become a sought-after commodity," said Annette El-Hayek, coordinator for YSU's study abroad.

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Jiang said the University of Pittsburgh is a good model for teaching multiculturalism. She said the urban university has many curriculum-based global education programs as well as cultural events that began in the mid-

These programs and events were designed to help students become more informed and accepting of people of varying backgrounds, she said.

Though study abroad numbers at YSU are lacking, the university also lacks multicultural awareness, Jiang

Faculty, staff and students aren't intolerant of multiculturalism, she said. Rather they are uninformed or unaware because YSU is supported by a working-class community and the students are looking locally, not globally, for opportunities, she said.

In 2001, Jiang's department surveyed YSU's students, staff and faculty about their acceptance of diversity, multiculturalism and the idea of studying abroad.

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Trustees suggest Sweet needs to connect better with students

Sarah Sole **EDITOR-IN-CHIEF**

In a yearly evaluation of President David Sweet, the Youngstown State University board of trustees found that the president needs to work on having a better connection with stu-

"There was a sense that the president seemed to be detached from the student body," said board chairman Scott Schulik.

For his part, Sweet said he is open to suggestions from students, adding that he interacts with the student body in ways including involvement in the presidential mentors program, the Student Government Association and by attending campus events.

Schulik appointed three trustees to carry out the evaluation, and the committee interviewed about 30 members of the campus community. Interviewees included YSU executive officers, the YSU-OEA representative, community leaders agreed upon by the president and the board and about four to five students in leadership positions. The board put together the evaluation based on the interviews and on their own reflections of campus.

Though the president's evaluation is a yearly event, this year the board conducted a study that was more in-depth.

"This year we really decided to formalize the process," Schulik said, adding that the board wanted to develop a "more meaningful" process than ones used in the past.

cuss his report.

"That wasn't enough," Schulik said.

In this year's evaluation, the board also found other areas for Sweet to improve upon. Though some said Sweet's hands-on ap-

proach was a good management strategy, others said the president's top-down system alienated members of the campus community, Schulik

Sweet said he believes that over the years he has remained constant in terms of his management style. While he likes to know details of projects and programs to better understand them, he realizes that he can't do this on every

"Time does not permit," he said, adding that

he does delegate. "We work diligently on coming up with mutually agreed upon goals for the year," Sweet said of cooperation between university offi-

While the evaluation showed that interviewees noticed a sense of disharmony among cabinet-level executives, Sweet said that is based more on perception rather than actual

Some may see disagreement as disharmony, he said. Rather, expressing conflicting viewpoints is a way of getting ideas on the table when moving toward eventual agreement on

Though Sweet has areas of improvement to address, Schulick said that the evaluation shows that the university has "made progress on all fronts." The evaluation identified Sweet's increased enrollment, diversity and community partnerships at YSU as a main strength.

"I don't believe that the board found any surprises," Schulick said. Still, Schulick recognizes the opportunity

for growth. "As evaluations go, a positive evaluation

isn't necessarily a perfect evaluation," he said.

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Economy has holiday shoppers pinching pennies this season

Tami Young

In an unsure economy and retailers expecting a grim outlook, some holiday shoppers are spending less this season.

According to Consumer Affairs, Black Friday sales were up three percent over last year. Black Friday is the retail term for the day after Thanksgiving, considered to be the beginning of the holiday shopping season. Com-

Score, a market analysis company that specializes in online businesses, said online sales were up two percent over Thanksgiving this year.

Despite the increase on online sales on Black Friday, online shopping overall is down 4 percent.

Jolien Helsel, associate economics professor, said this is not necessarily a positive sign.

Helsel said retailers were very aggressive for Black Friday, which could be why sales are up,

but is no indication on total holiday sales. Consumers hear that the retail companies are fearing low sales this season, so consumers think stores may slash prices

further to boost sales, she said. Some Youngstown State University students said they plan to spend less money this year than they have in the past.

Sophomore Nancy Barker said she is definitely spending less this year by at least 40 percent because of the economy.

She said she went shopping in

Cleveland for Black Friday and only got about one third of her shopping done. Barker also said she noticed fewer people and less madness on Black Friday.

Another student, Shelby Yannerella, senior, said she spent less this year, but not by much. Yannerella said she completed her holiday shopping on Black Friday. She said her reasons for cutting back were due more to her having recently bought a house than the economy.

Some students said they were

not cutting back their holiday shopping, and that it is a matter of being prepared.

Senior Steve Piersante said he is "spending about the same as last year, because I plan ahead." Piersante said he knows how much money he has, so he doesn't go over his budget. He also buys gift cards from Giant Eagle for Best Buy and uses them when he does his shopping, so he gets his gas at a discounted rate.

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News Briefs

YSU professor part of team that discovers galaxy collisions

John Feldmeier, YSU assistant professor of astronomy, is part of a team of astronomers that has discovered a high-speed collision between two galaxies in the Virgo cluster. The astronomers use images taken by the wide-field mosaic imagers at the Kitt Peak National Observatory. These collisions provide "a plausible alternative to black holes" in explaining the turning off of star formations.

CEO of Parsons Corp. honored at fall commencement

John Allen Scott, president and chief operating officer of Parsons Corp and YSU alumni, will receive an honorary doctor of science degree at YSU's fall commencement. Parsons Corp is one of the world's largest engineering and construction companies with infrastructure and defense projects across the globe.

Police Briefs

Courtyard resident's room was invaded

A woman at the Courtyard Apartments arrived home to find that her bed had been slept in and some of her clothing had been moved from her bedroom to the bathroom. Seventy-five dollars was also taken from her dresser. It is not known if her roommates were involved, but there were no signs of forced entry.

Professor calls police for classroom disruption

YSU Police were called to Ward Beecher hall by a professor who complained of "ongoing tension that has disrupted the learning environment." He provided no substantial or specific claims, and no criminal or disciplinary charges were filed against students. The students were filling out teacher evaluations at the

Cell phone and GPS stolen from M-1 deck

A female student reported her cell phone and GPS navigator missing. The vehicle was parked in the M-1 parking deck. The student said she may have left her doors unlocked. There was no indication that the vehicle was entered by force.

Sleeping Man found in Bliss Hall

An "older black male" was found sleeping in the second floor lounge of Bliss Hall. He claimed to be waiting for a friend, but could provide no name. Police determined that the man had a warrant from Cuyahoga County, but he was out of the "pick up radius" and was not arrested. The man was issued a warning for criminal trespassing and told not to return to campus.

Clarification

In the editing process of the Nov. 25 article, "YSU racial diversity important to majority" by Samantha Pysher, quotes from Yulanda McCarty-Harris, equal opportunity and diversity director, were incorrectly attributed to student Trillion McCarty.

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Safety's Web site do, however, provide some insight into college-age involvement statewide.

The numbers are broken into two age groups: 16-20 and 21-

In 2007, there were 45 incidents involving drivers ages 16-20. Of those, 75 percent had a blood-alcohol level of .10 or above. Only 25 percent were above .20.

Drivers ages 21-25 posted similar blood-alcohol level percentages, but were involved in a greater number of accidents. Sixty-seven incidents involved such drivers, with 75.9 percent having a blood-alcohol level above.10 and 27.6 percent above .20.

Last year, Ohio had 15,054 alcohol-related crashes, amounting to 473 deaths. Alcohol-impaired drivers were involved in 4.54 percent of all crashes, but they accounted for 37.63 percent of all fatalities. Seventy-seven percent of those drivers were

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Heverly said last year's numbers in Mahoning County reflected the lowest amount of fatal crashes on record, and that 2008 is on pace to be even lower.

He credited the officers on his midnight shift and the Mahoning County OVI Task Force in large part for the improved numbers.

Heverly said the midnight shift focuses on the areas they know to have a high percentage

of drunk driving incidents, and that the OVI Task Force also floods "problem areas" with a high concentration of officers.

Penalties as a means of preventing drunk driving, however, are not a major factor in the reduced number of incidents, Heverly said.

"You don't see the penalties increased much at all," he said.

Heverly said knowledge of the consequences of drunk driving are important to reducing the problem.

'You have to employ education with that [enforcement]. We try to have a good balance of education and enforcement."

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The purpose of the 2001 diversity survey was to identify what YSU could do to improve the campus climate toward diversity and multiculturalism. Young people can be easily and positively influenced toward accepting diversity and multiculturalism, Jiang said. "It is up to the university to make opportunities available," she said.

An informal survey found that out of 52 students, 40 had at least thought about it, but have no plans to pursue the option. Two out of 52 students are seriously considering it. Three students said they are seriously considering study abroad after they graduate because they are concerned about transferring credits or being forced to take an additional semester.

Students were asked if they would study abroad in different kinds of countries with respect to how much YSU would offer in additional scholarships or grants to cover tuition and costs.

Of the 52 surveyed, 23 percent said they would study abroad in an English-speaking country with a different culture without financial assistance, 67 percent would if YSU covered half, and 94 percent would if YSU would cover the entire expense.

Similar responses came from students who were asked if they would study abroad in a country where little to no English is spoken and has a very different culture [i.e., China.]

Of these 19 percent would study abroad without financial assistance, 54 percent would if YSU covered half, and 65 percent would if YSU covered it all.

Sophomore Brian Byce said he would study abroad to learn a language. "[YSU] should focus on it [foreign languages] more than they do, especially now with the international economy," he said.

Others were very hesitant to consider studying abroad where a foreign language is spoken.

"I'm open to other cultures, but language barriers are a problem," said Krista Cunningham,

Margaret Jones, junior, said, "I like the idea of going to another country with a different culture and language, but I'd want to have a little familiarity with the language so I could understand basic things.'

When students were asked if they would study in a country that speaks English and has a similar culture, [i.e., United Kingdom] similar responses regarding monetary assistance and participation were found, except more students were willing to go

Of these, 35 percent said they would not study abroad, 75 percent said they would if YSU covered half, and 98 percent said they would if YSU covered the entire expense.

Some of the factors that have kept many students stateside include fear of homesickness, but some students said they just don't have enough information.

"I'd be interested in study abroad if I knew more about it,' YSU student Mindy Ritzler said.

*Diversity and multi*culturalism on campus

University officials said the first step in considering study abroad is multicultural awareness. El-Hayek said students need to know where they can go before they will go abroad and that involvement with activities designed to enhance multicultural awareness is important for students to learn and explore other cultures, languages and countries.

In a new survey, Jiang said she expects that there will be improvements in students' opinions toward both diversity as a whole as well as multiculturalism since 2001, the last time such a survey was conducted.

Overall that study showed that students at that time were accepting of multiculturalism and diversity, but "in reality they didn't have much exposure [to different cultures and diversity,]' Jiang said.

Jiang said YSU's progress in that area hasn't been as good as it could be, but that there has been significant progress. Since the report was issued, YSU has created more programs and events around diversity, and has fostered the development of diversitybased initiatives. These include developing a new course through the cooperation of the anthropology and sociology, English, psychology and the religious studies departments about multiculturalism. This course is called "identities and differences," and is offered as a sociology course.

YSU has also encouraged multiculturalism and study abroad by enlarging the center for international studies and programs with intent to increase both study abroad numbers and international student numbers by hiring El-Hayek as the study abroad coordinator in 2006. Also, the university recently has begun to offer grants and scholarships for students to study abroad.

However, there has been much resistance at YSU in the administration toward developing a global program, Jiang said, citing the language department as an example. "Students can learn Swahili, and that's nice, but how can you apply that?" she said. Many major languages are not being taught at YSU, such as German and Japanese. Courses in Chinese and Arabic have begun recently.

Study abroad at YSU

While YSU offers study abroad programs in more that 40 countries, local students cite many reasons for not participating, including economics, an unwillingness to spend time away from home and a concern about transferring credits.

Between 2000 and 2006, no one worked as the full-time study abroad coordinator, and 72 students studied abroad during those six years. Since 2006, the number of students studying abroad has steadily increased, and this year 36 students are studying abroad, a 67 percent increase in two years.

El-Hayek said much of the program's growth is because the administration is supporting it by hiring a full-time study abroad coordinator and developing more scholarships and grants for students. Before El-Hayek took her position, she said study abroad was managed by whoever could take on the extra job, "a graduate student, usually," she said. Steve Brown was the interim coordinator of study abroad; he oversees the English language institute and is a faculty member in the

English department.

Through YSU, study abroad students are able to receive either \$1,500 in travel grants or up to \$4,000 to help cover tuitionrelated expenses if the student has financial needs. This semester, six students studying abroad received a total of \$20,000 in scholarships, El-Hayek said. Students can also apply all of the financial assistance they already receive directly to their study abroad expenses, she said.

Also increasing the numbers is the interdepartmental cooperation. Many academic departments, not just the traditional liberal arts departments, are flexible and will accept transfer credits, El-Hayek said.

English, history, music, theater, communications, political science, pre-med, the sciences, the business school, anthropology and sociology, geology and geography are some of the programs that support study abroad the most, El-Hayek said.

"Engineering students have gone abroad, the dean of the College of Science, Technology, Engineering, and Technology recently spoke for study abroad, and so did the dean of health and human services," she said.

El-Hayek said there has been an increase in support for the

"The support is there now especially in recent times. There isn't anybody totally against it anymore because everyone recognizes the importance of a global curriculum," El-Hayek

Even though the university is supporting it more and more, study abroad is still time consuming.

"It's a lot of work," she said. The application process must begin at least a full semester prior to the intended departure date and the student has to consider more than just YSU's paperwork. Students must also complete paperwork for their destination institution. Many students have to apply for their passport and some have to get visas through the host country.

Another factor that may make increasing the study abroad numbers at YSU challenging is the fact that YSU is a public institution and can't do everything a private institution can, El-Hayek said. Judith Carroll, program manager of the office of international affairs at Kent State University, said public universities face many challenges a private university wouldn't. Private universities have a larger budget and are able to encourage students to study abroad through the use of more and better advertisement as well as more coordination with

degree programs. "Private schools can take incentives [from schools abroad] that will give them [a] payback per student to help fund study abroad," she said. This would be a boost to the budget for study abroad, but a public institution cannot ever receive any kind of incentive for students sent to a particular program, El-Hayek

An alternative for students who may not be able to afford a full semester or more abroad can consider a short term study trip as offered through many of the departments on campus, El-Hayek said. "The trips can be a good choice for some students,' she said.

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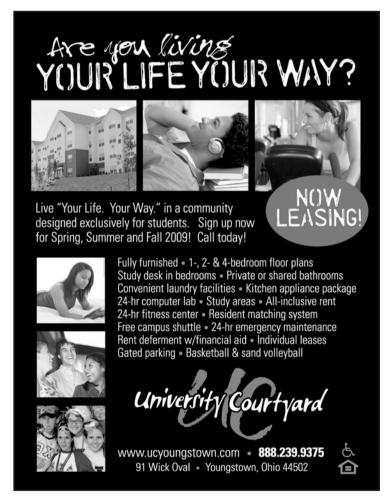
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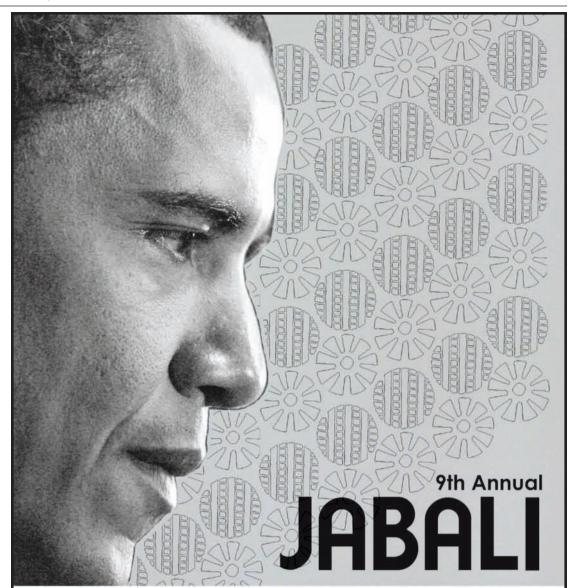
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OUR SIDE EDITORIAL

President Sweet's evaluation; reconnect to student body

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Though the board of trustees evaluated the president on a yearly basis, we are pleased that this year they formalized the process and moved beyond simply having conversations with the president about his

While we hope that the president will take the necessary steps to address the areas of improvement identified in the evaluation, some of the issues may be more reflective of the historical divide between officials and workers in Youngstown.

For example, while some interviewees identified Sweet's hands-on managing style as a strength, others identified it as an area to improve upon. While we're not sure which side is right or wrong, the reality is that Youngstown citizens are largely made up of a healthy skepticism of those in power.

We are a town that has seen tension between unions and management create chaos, and for this reason we would encourage all sides to cooperate with each other to avoid problems down the road.

While the constant evaluation of those in power is a healthy exercise, university officials need to continue to address complaints before they become larger issues.

For instance, Sweet would do well to quickly address the complaint in the evaluation that identified disharmony among cabinet-level executives. Whether the disharmony is a perception or a legitimate concern, perception is still reality. At the very least, discussion of the perception could alleviate fears.

Skepticism of those in power may have even passed down to our generation is evident in the students' opinions that Sweet was disconnected from the student body. While Sweet can provide a list of opportunities students have to interact with him, those interviewed for the evaluation obviously found that this wasn't enough.

Sweet said he was open to suggestions, so we would encourage those unhappy with his current involvement to take him up on his offer.

Communication, as always, is the key to bridging the gap between officials and the

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Clinton(s) not right for State

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The biggest problem with President-elect Barack Obama choosing Hillary Rodham Clinton as his Secretary of State is obvious:

With the Clintons, you always get two for the price of one.

Would No Drama Obama be able to deal with Bill's perpetual burlesque? How do you tell a former president not known for humility or discretion to check himself? Why is he speculating in

wife's behalf? Mr. Clinton could turn out to be the most troublesome Cabinet spouse since Martha Mitchell let her fingers do the walking.

Second, there's Mrs. Clinton's suitability. Nobody doubts that she's smart and hard working, and certainly she would bring to the job of America's top diplomat a wealth of international goodwill left over from her husband's administration.

But does she have the diplomatic skills to do what's required of her? Does she have the managerial aplomb to run the State Department and U.S. foreign down a dysfunctional campaign staff does not augur well.

But the most substantive objection is personal: Could President Obama trust her? And, relatedly, would foreign leaders know there was no distance between her and the president?

She has been, of course, Mr. Obama's chief Democratic rival. Some say that's not a problem; Abraham Lincoln made a point of assembling a "team of rivals" in his presidential Cabinet. Which sounds fine until we recall that the Lincoln strategy was not a successful one.

The Democratic primary sea-

der whether a Secretary of State Clinton would look out first for the president's interests or her

When a secretary of state is close to a president think James Baker and George H.W. Bush the machine of U.S. diplomacy runs smoothly and effectively. But when he or she isn't Colin Powell and George W. Bush come to mind it sputters.

Nobody doubts Mrs. Clinton's fidelity to the Democratic agenda. But it's hard to believe there's enough room in one Cabinet for two exceedingly ambitious Democrats or, frankly, three.

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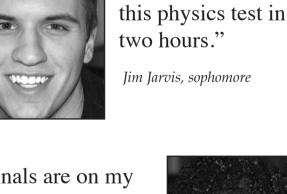
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Tyrone Williams, freshman

to relax and thinking

ing and I'm thinking about RuneScape and I got to level 52 in fishing."

"I have lots of home-

work that I'm avoid-

Brandon Martin, senior



"I can't wait for school to be done."

Jarrod Garcia, junior



"Finals, hoping everything goes well with them."

Julia Oslick, sophomore



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The Final(s) Countdown

Doug Dierkes columnist

It's that time of the semester again. Final exams are around the corner, and everyone is stressing about how to prepare for those tests, papers, speeches, performances and hot dog eating contests. (That last one's a wild guess as to what engineering students have to do to prove their learning.)

Well, almost everyone. My blood pressure is remaining decidedly low this week, as I've been here long enough to develop some tricks to cope with those dreaded finals. And because I'm such a generous soul, I've decided to share my patentpending Dierkes De-Worrying Directions (TM) with all of you.

Monday

Take whatever time you have between classes and work to sit down in front of a computer and record yourself reading your notes. Put these audio files on the music device of your choice, and listen to them for the rest of the week. You won't have to bother with quite as much of that reading stuff, and everyone around will think you're a reclusive metalhead and give you space to relax. It's a win-win.

Tuesday

Watch an apocalyptic movie, like The Road Warrior' or 'I Am Legend.' Remind yourself that no matter how badly you perform on these tests, you will not release the devastation you've just witnessed. This way, you can keep your worrying focused on everyday minutiae instead of the upcoming exams.

Personally, I go with 'Six-String amurai,' as there's a 0.00003 cent chance I'll spontaneously learn Russian watching the guitar battle with the Red Elvises.

Wednesday

If there's any piece of information you know is going to be on the test, edit the relevant Wikipedia page and slip in some white lies. This way, you can claim to be an expert on the subject, something that will always help to reverse a wrong answer on your test.

Thursday

Complete the crossword puzzle in the New York Times, which we conveniently hand out all over campus. You don't have to get all the answers right. Just filling all the squares is enough to convince yourself that you're smart enough to pull off a passing grade.

Like the Aquabats say, this is pizza day, and it's the best day of your preparation week. Spend at least \$40 on every college student's favorite food. Don't leave until you've eaten every last scrap. This will free you from having to eat anything for the rest of finals week, or give you enough time to find some nutritious meals for those exams late in the week.

Saturday

Spend the entire day in the public library of your choice. Give your textbooks one last review before selling them. There's nothing wrong with some last-minute cram studying, especially if it's done before the last minute.

Sunday

Sleep. All 24 hours. You've worked hard enough over the past six days to earn a break, even if you didn't create the world and everything on it.

Follow these steps and you'll be ready for whatever your professors can throw at you. Essay questions, leadership tests and long division will fall before your mighty brain. Please don't abuse your power; there's enough supervillains out in the world already.

The views of this columnist do not necessarily agree with those of The Jambar.

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Graphic design dazzles BFA show

Emmalee C. Torisk REPORTER

Beginning Friday, the Mc-Donough Museum of Art will host its annual Fall Graduating Bachelor of Fine Arts Show, a showcase of work by graduating Youngstown State University art department seniors. This time around though, approximately 12 of the 15 graduates are graphic design majors.

YSU graphic design professor Michelle Nelson said the show represents an amazing amount of hard work and effort over the past several years, but the overwhelming number of graphic design

students lends a different sort of feeling to the show; one that is both playful and inimitable.

"Every mester we graduate a new group, and every group is unique," Nelson said.

"However,

this is a very unique group. Nobody's done something like this before. They're having a lot of fun with the idea of being men-

tored by us." For instance,

Nelson mentioned a series of projects created by three students that are a spoof on some graphic design instructors. Nelson included. Aside from relating students

mentoring in the graphic design program, these projects also celebrate some of the things they've learned throughout their years at YSU and visually act as "final tributes" for some students.

For Kent Kerr, senior graphic

design dent this series demonstrates the level of respect students have for their instructors, but also explores the depth of the student/instructor relationship in the field. His contribution to

the series is a collection of four posters modeled after "old school kung fu posters." However, his posters involve certain graphic

design faculty members, which is something he thinks may be a relatively new concept.

knowledge, this hasn't been done here in the past," Kerr said. 'Maybe it came out of the fact that this is such

a design-heavy graduating class." Kerr also added that because of the show's emphasis on design, the entire exhibition might be a little more practical and clean.

In addition to his posters, Kerr plans to display some work made exclusively for

the show, as well as a few pieces from his earlier years in the program. Some of this work includes bottle wine and postcard designs and several packaging projects, including an action figure of

himself, complete with package. Overall, Kerr said the idea of

take the project too seriously, an idea that echoes throughout many students' pieces in this semester's show. Joanna Zuckla, another senior graphic design student, also created a humorous piece touching on the idea of instructor mentorship; Zuckla's involvement with the series consists of a

sign instructor Phil Chan.

compiled and deof Chan's sayings, made it one of her Aside from the book, Zuckla will present a menu and numerous fly-

projects. She also acknowledged the "big bulk of graphic design-

his work was to have fun and not 40-plus page book of quotes and notes from class with graphic de-

"The book is hilarious and priceless," Nelson said of Zuckla's project. Nelson added that the other piece in the series was a comic strip of Nelson and Chan engaged in a battle, created by Joe Rossi. Nelson said the strip culminates in her annihilation by the letter "G."

> Zuckla, who signed the book said it was "really quirky" and made her laugh — which favorite pieces.

ers, among other

The artists' opening reception will be held Friday from 6-8 p.m. at the McDonough Museum of Art on Wick Avenue.

Office hours: 11 a.m.-4 p.m. The exhibit will remain on display until Dec. 19. Admission is free.

ers" present this semester, added that the graphic design orientation of the show could have a positive impact on visitors. "It could

expose people to different aspects of art, like graphic design, instead of tradi-

tional art," Zuckla said.

"You usually go to an art show expecting to see paintings and photographs, but now people might gain an appreciation for graphic design as an art as well."

Zuckla also said the show is a fun opportunity to see what art students are doing, but also what



they have created in the past few years.

Kerr agreed, and said there is a lot of quality work in this semester's exhibition.

"Designers can come and see what they want to strive for, while the

staff can get a good laugh out of our projects. Everyone can see the efforts of our department,"

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Lisa Collins, from left, Matt Petri, Phil Lor and Mike Ortega shop at GameStop at Northpark Mall in Dallas, Texas, during their lunch break, November 20, 2008. While most industries are seeing a downturn in sales due to the slow economy, the gaming industry has had an increase in sales. (Jenn Ackerman/Dallas Morning News/MCT)

Victor Godinez THE DALLAS MORNING NEWS

Bailouts, bankruptcies, liquidations and layoffs have been the business buzzwords over the last few months, but the videogame industry remains stubbornly resistant to the gloom enveloping

the rest of the economy. While game industry executives and analysts aren't ignoring the broader economic trends, all the evidence seems to point to a robust holiday season for game makers and sellers and continued prosperity next year.

Part of the explanation for videogames' continuing popularity, game insiders say, is the "nesting" effect, in which cash-strapped consumers stop going out and look for ways to entertain themselves at home.

"Clearly, interactive entertainment is a great value in a down economy," said Dan DeMatteo, chief executive at Grapevine, Texas-based GameStop Corp., the largest standalone game retailer in the world.

The numbers seem to bear that out.

In October, videogame sales jumped 18 percent, according to market research firm NPD Group.

November has been solid, too, as GameStop said in its quarterly earnings conference call this month that initial signs for the fourth quarter are positive.

There are other signs that games remain as popular and lucrative as ever.

Blizzard Entertainment Inc. said that Wrath of the Lich King, the latest expansion for its popu-

lar World of Warcraft online game, sold more than 2.8 million copies in the first 24 hours after it was released on Nov. 13.

Blizzard said the sales avalanche made Lich King the fast-

est-selling PC game of all time. Microsoft Corp. has also done blockbuster business in the last few weeks.

The shooting game Gears of War 2 for Microsoft's Xbox 360 console went on sale on Friday, Nov. 7, and sold more than 2 million copies over the

weekend. Generally, any game that sells more than 1 million copies is considered a big success.

And almost anything sold by Nintendo Co. remains a hot commodity, especially the new Wii Fit exercise game for the Wii console, with GameStop and other retailers reporting essentially instant sellouts as copies hit shelves.

That's not to say the game industry is ignoring the trends in other industries.

"We have some concerns about the short term," DeMatteo said, noting that GameStop has frozen hiring at its corporate offices. "We're watching expenses

as anybody would prudently do." Arvind Bhatia, a game industry analyst in Dallas with

Sterne Agee, said it's unrealistic to that assume games will be completely

unscathed by broader economy. "I think we're going to see relative outperformance (compared with the rest of the economy), but

I don't think the industry is immune," he said. "To think there will be zero impact is not right, in my opinion." GameStop did lower slightly its projected earnings for the

fourth quarter when it released the third-quarter numbers and said it will open fewer stores next year, after opening more than 600 in 2008.

Electronic Arts Inc., one of the largest game publishers, reported a second-quarter loss of \$310 million last month, much worse than the \$195 million loss

in the same period a year earlier. Even so, EA did increase its sales to \$894 million in the quarter from \$640 million.

GameStop's DeMatteo said industry sales are forecast to grow 10 percent to 15 percent next year.

That's a best-case scenario, he

But if people continue nesting next year, "we could have a bestcase scenario," he said.

Some analysts think GameStop is much too conservative in its official outlook.

"The company's total sales growth guidance is pessimistic to the point of being ridiculous," Wedbush Morgan analyst Michael Pachter wrote in a report Nov. 21. Pachter said he expects holi-

day software sales to be "robust" and said GameStop probably is equally confident internally. "We believe that management

is intent upon setting expectations that it can easily beat, and expect GameStop to do so."

Regardless of the specific numbers, DeMatteo is clearly bullish on the business.

"I think we're being prudently cautious given the environment in," he said.

> "But strategically, long range, do we believe videogames are a robust. growing industry? Absolutely.

How could you come to any different conclusion?"

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CADILLAC RECORDS

'Cadillac Records' manages to to rock 'n' roll

Roger Moore THE ORLANDO SENTINEL

Brilliantly cast and ambitious to beat the band, "Cadillac Records" is a little movie that aims big. It tries to capture nothing less than the moment when white culture embraced black music and

rock 'n' roll was born. But even if the iPod Nation craves this history, the movie over-reaches in trying to capture all that Chess Records witnessed.

It's the label that summoned delta blues to Chicago and electrified it, where Muddy Waters growled and Howlin' Wolf howled, where Chuck Berry invented rock guitar and where Etta James sang the greatest make-out music ever recorded.

This film by veteran TV director Darnell Martin ("Their Eyes Were Watching God") hits many of the highs and lows of this storied history.

She brings in integration, radio payola scandals and the Chess influence on those who came later (the Rolling Stones).

It's edgy enough to have blues men and women talk the way blues men talk and indulge in their indulgences.

But it's a dry and somewhat whitewashed look at a place

where musicians made money and history, mostly the latter. Oscar winner Adrien Brody

plays Leonard Chess, the striving immigrant who traded in his junk business for a juke joint and then burned that down to finance the birth of Chess Records.

This Chess is a father-figure crook, treating musicians like

"family," paying them off in fancy automobiles and never letting them look at his books.

Welcome to Cadillac Records," his first artist, Muddy Waters (the superb Jeffrey Wright) tells Howlin' Wolf (Eamonn Walker). "You stay around long enough, everybody gets one,' meaning a Caddy.

Chess songwriter Willie Dixon (Cedric the Entertainer) traces Waters' career from his discovery as a blues-playing share-cropper to his decades of Chess servitude, the good woman (Gabrielle Union, well cast) he cheated on, the harmonica playing rival, Little Walter (Columbus Short) who lived hard and suffered for it. Mos Def is a dead-on Chuck Berry, mastering the master's musical playfulness and personal bitterness and mistrust.

Beyonce Knowles is beyoncilicious as Etta James, a deeply troubled singer who was the very essence of "soul."

Writer-director Martin has made a competent but misshapen movie. Her cluttered script robs the film of the heart of a "Ray" or "Walk the Line." It's so much that it's no wonder that she mucks up the chronology.

Martin even edited out Phil Chess, the other half of the "Chess brothers" who founded

Any student of early rock history would have to be concerned that Hollywood might have only one chance to get this right.

"Cadillac Records" doesn't manage that, but with this cast doing its own singing, and history this rich, it's close enough for rock 'n' roll.

12/3 — Women's Basketball vs St. Francis (Pa.), 7:05 p.m.

12/4 — Men's Basketball vs Valparaiso, 7:05 p.m.

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Time runs out on comeback effort The Penguins nearly pulled off a valiant comeback attempt

despite a disappointing first half against the Red Flash.

Keith Langford Jr. sports reporter

In a game that came down to the wire and an official review of the closing seconds of the contest, the Penguins valiant attempt at a comeback victory fell short.

A second half surge by the Youngstown State University men's basketball team was not enough to overcome a 9-point first-half deficit as the Penguins fell 66-65 against the St. Francis Red Flash.

The Penguins kept pace with the Red Flash going up 17-16 on a field goal by sophomore Vytas Sulskis. However, after the Penguins went up 17-16, they would not lead again in the game.

The Red Flash scored eight consecutive points and continued to gain momentum toward the end of the first half. A field goal with just four seconds left by Penguins' guard Ashen Ward would save the Penguins from being down by double figures at the half.

The Penguins forced six turnovers in the first half while committing only four turnovers. However, the low turnover putout could not trump a low field goal percentage for the half and ultimately for the whole game.

The Penguins came out with more intensity in the second half holding the Red Flash to just 26 points while scoring 34 points of their own. The Penguins came as close as one point to the Red Flash but could grab the lead late in the game.

Both teams played hard in the last three minutes to the final buzzer. A layup by Red Flash guard Marquis Ford put the Red Flash up 62-56 with 2:42 left in the game. The Penguins responded with a three-pointer by junior Kelvin Bright to cut the lead in half to 62-59. A lucky longjumper by Red Flash guard Cale Nelson put the St. Francis back Red Flash

Penguins

Horizon League Standings

Team	Record
Butler	5-0
Cleveland State	4-2
Green Bay	3-2
UIC	3-2
Loyola	3-4
Milwaukee	3-4
Detroit	2-3
Valparaiso	2-3
Youngstown St.	1-4
Wright State	0-4

up 64-59 with only fifty-three seconds left.

The Penguins marched back down the court and sophomore Vytas Sulskis nailed a huge field goal to cut the lead to 64-62. The Penguins intentionally fouled Nelson to put him on the freethrow line where Nelson drained both free throws to regain a fourpoint advantage.

The Penguins got another tremendous field goal by Sulskis as the Penguins came within one point at 66-65. The Red Flash got intentionally fouled once more and missed the one and one opportunity. Unfortunately for YSU, the Red Flash came down with the crucial rebound off the missed free throw and the Penguins were forced to foul once more, putting St. Francis back at the charity stripe.

After missing the front end of a one and one free throw again, the Penguins had a chance to win the game outright. Junior Sirlester Martin had a wide-open three-

point shot, which was untrue, but junior Kelvin Bright got the rebound. Bright put up a jumper and missed, but another rebound by DeAndre Mays gave the Penguins one more shot, but Mays harmlessly hit the side of the backboard.

As time ran out for the Penguins, a controversial play delaved the outcome when the ball sailed out of bounds following the Mays jumper as time expired. The final seconds of the game were reviewed, but showed no conclusive evidence to put more time on the clock.

Following the heartbreaking loss, head coach Jerry Slocum felt that stronger play in the first half would have helped to avoid having to battle back at the end of the game.

Slocum said the loss was "very disappointing."

"We played very soft in the first half ... and the game was lost in the first half," Slocum said. "We worked hard at times, but working hard without intelligence is not going to get you any wins," Slocum added.

The silver lining for the Penguins was Sulskis having a second straight solid game. Sulskis scored a game-high 22 points against the Red Flash and had the hot hand down the stretch as he converted several key shots to keep the Penguins alive in the final seconds of play.

Despite the successful night, Sulskis said the team will have to improve with the opening portion of the Horizon League schedule staring the Penguins in the face this weekend.

"We just got to get better. We got to compete and get better and get ready for the Horizon League games coming up," Sulskis said. "It's tough to lose games like that, but we just got to get better."

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Vytas Sulskis, sophomore guard

Women's basketball finds success in tournament

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After opening the season on a three-game skid, the Youngstown State University women's basketball team cracked the win column and earned a spot in the title game of the University of Pittsburgh Tournament.

The Penguins opened the tournament with Weber State University and had to overcome a 15-point deficit early on against the Wildcats.

Offensive struggles has been a problem early for the Penguins but the squad found a rhythm as senior center Nikita LaFleur exploded with career-highs in the team's 67-60 victory over Weber



SCLICING THROUGH - Senior Kelsey Gurganus eyes up her shot as she makes way through the interior defense. The Penguins picked up their first win of the season against Weber State and will host St. Francis at home Wednesday.

State.

LaFleur led the Penguins with 24 points and 17 rebounds in a dominating effort that saw LaFleur post 14 of her 24 points in the second half.

The win over the Wildcats allowed the Penguins to advance to the championship game where the team would face off against the University of Pittsburgh Pan-

thers of the Big East Conference. YSU was able to jump out to an early 7-5 lead, but the Panthers persistent shooting allowed Pittsburgh to build a 22-point lead going into the locker room at halftime. The Panthers shot 64 percent in the first half alone converting on 16 of 25 attempts.

The trend continued for the Panthers in the second half as the sharp-shooters of Pittsburgh put up 55 points to the Penguins 20 and secured a 99-42 win to take the tournament title.

LaFluer scored seven points against the Panthers giving her 32 for the tournament and her performance in the two games earned her a spot on the All-Tournament team.

Following the tournament, the Penguins return home Wednesday for a Beeghly Center bout with the St. Francis Red Flash. Finding a way to win at home against St. Francis will be critical as the Penguins do not host another home game until Dec. 20 against the University of Akron.

The Red Flash are coming off of a solid game despite losing to Navy 76-66. St. Francis was able to put four players in double figures against the Midshipmen with Samantha Leach leading the way for the Red Flash with 17 points and six rebounds and six assists.

Leach will be a prime factor in Wednesday's home contest as she has been the most consistant scorer for the Red Flash all sea-

St. Francis enters the game

Game 1 **Penguins**

better."

67 Wildcats 60

Game 2

Panthers 99

42 **Penguins**

Horizon League **Standings**

Team	Record
Green Bay	5-0
UIC	3-0
Valparaiso	3-1
Loyola	3-2
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without a win to show for and have lost five straight to open the season. The team has the ability to score points in bunches but has faced stiff competition with Bowling Green University and Boston College to open the sea-

For the Penguins, getting on the winning track against St. Francis will be beneficial as the team plays their next three contests on the road.

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HONORED - Junior Crispin Fernadez recorded 42 tackles and 20 solo tackles playing in all 12 contests for the Penguins in 2008.

Valley Football conference selects five Penguins for All-Conference accolades

Andrew Berry SPORTS EDITOR

The Missouri Valley Football Conference recognized the hard work put forth by the Penguins this after naming five players from the squad to All-Conference teams Monday.

Senior offensive lineman Brad Samsa was named to the conference's first-team giving the Warren native his second first-team selection of his career. Samsa, who has played everywhere on the offensive line, started nine games at center before finishing out the season at guard.

Joining Samsa in conference honors were junior defender Crispin Fernandez, junior quarterback Brandon Summers, sophomore defender Brandian Ross and junior punter Ben Nowicki.

Fernandez was named to the conference's second-team while Summers, Ross and Nowicki each received honorable men-

Fernandez recorded 42 tackles in 2008, but the more impressive stat for the junior defensive lineman was starting in all 12 games for the Penguins. Fernandez was the only defensive player to start in every contest as the Penguin defense suffered numerous injuries this season.

Ross led the squad with 98 tackles while Summers set school records in passing percentage, passing efficiency and tied the mark for touchdown passes.

Nowicki, an honorable mention a year ago, had 44 punts for an average of 41.1 yards per

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