



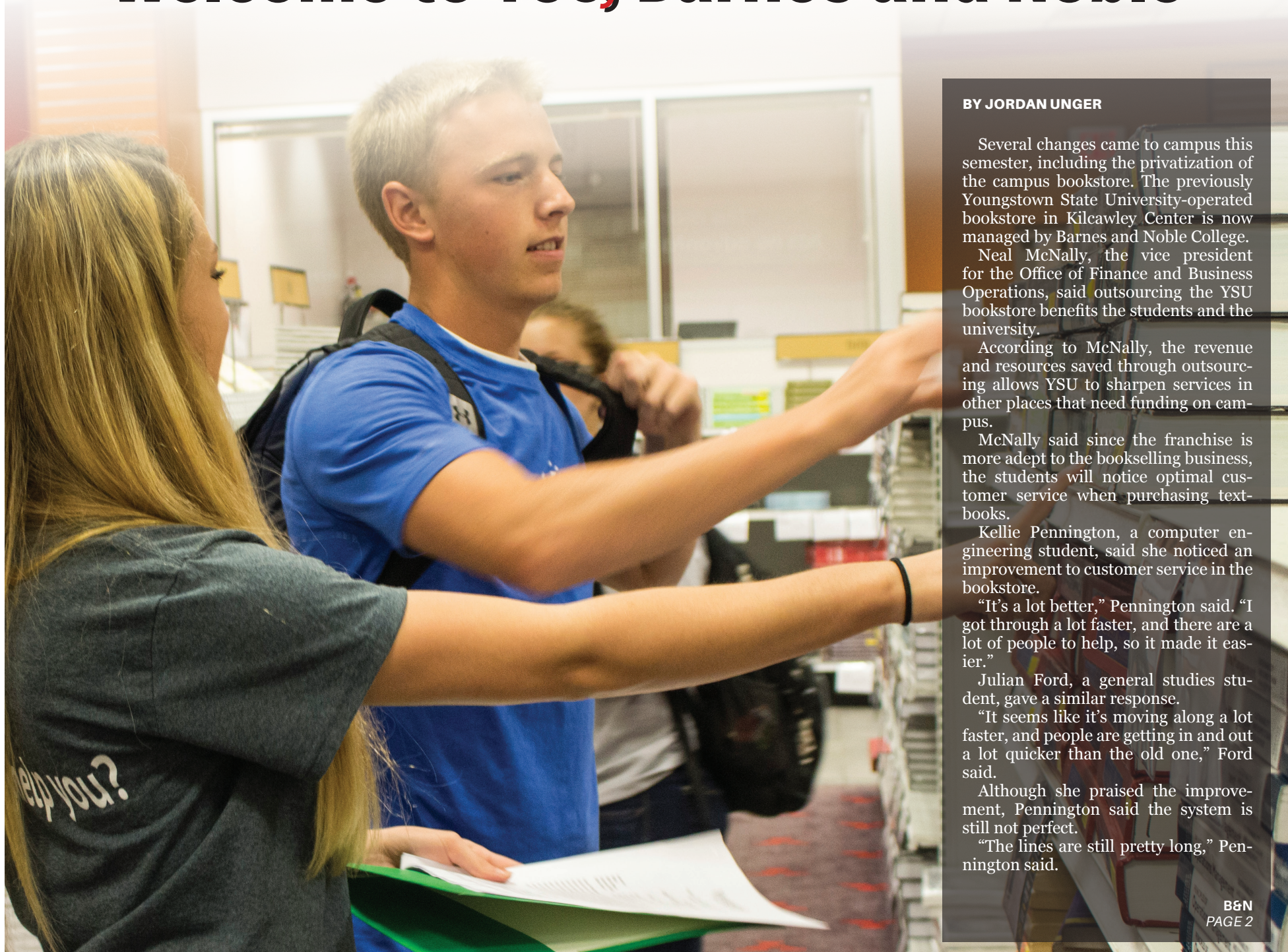
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Welcome to YSU, Barnes and Noble



BY JORDAN UNGER

Several changes came to campus this semester, including the privatization of the campus bookstore. The previously Youngstown State University-operated bookstore in Kilcawley Center is now managed by Barnes and Noble College.

Neal McNally, the vice president for the Office of Finance and Business Operations, said outsourcing the YSU bookstore benefits the students and the university.

According to McNally, the revenue and resources saved through outsourcing allows YSU to sharpen services in other places that need funding on campus.

McNally said since the franchise is more adept to the bookselling business, the students will notice optimal customer service when purchasing textbooks.

Kellie Pennington, a computer engineering student, said she noticed an improvement to customer service in the bookstore.

"It's a lot better," Pennington said. "I got through a lot faster, and there are a lot of people to help, so it made it easier."

Julian Ford, a general studies student, gave a similar response.

"It seems like it's moving along a lot faster, and people are getting in and out a lot quicker than the old one," Ford said.

Although she praised the improvement, Pennington said the system is still not perfect.

"The lines are still pretty long," Pennington said.

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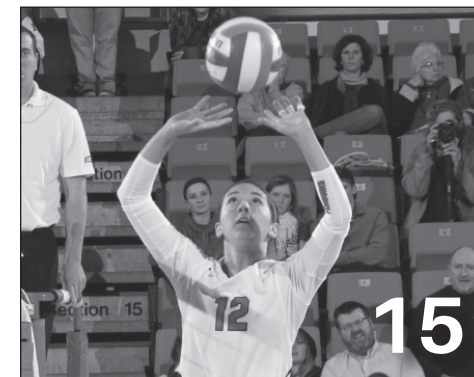
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The Barnes and Noble bookstore sorts the textbooks by subject and course reference number, unlike the previous sorting by the author's last name. Jonathan Bennett, an industrial engineering student at YSU, said he preferred the old system.

"I think the old layout, doing it by author's name, was a little easier to find your books," Bennett said. "I really needed some help now, because I didn't understand how it was organized when I first got in there."

Jo Hallwood, an accounting student, said she approves of the change.

"I like the setup," Hallwood said. "[I like] how you can just look at the signs and see the subject. That makes it a lot easier, and now I don't have to constantly ask for help."

In addition, the bookstore has a price-matching option for students who purchase textbooks. Bennett said he really benefitted from the option.

"I just used it and saved \$80," Bennett said.

Students are permitted to take book bags with them into the bookstore, which was not allowed in the old setup. Kirstie Feorene, an electrical engineering student, said she likes this change from the old policy.

"I would always try to take in my folder with my syllabus in it, and I would get yelled at," Feorene said. "I like that it seems more easygoing."

McNally said a stand-alone Barnes and Noble College bookstore is going to replace the location in Kilcawley Center in the near future. The bookstore will be built on Fifth Avenue, complete with a cafe much like the store in the Boardman Plaza.

"It will be a great venue for studying and socializing," McNally said.

Although subject to change, the stand-alone Barnes and Noble bookstore project is expected to begin in September and be completed by the 2017 fall semester.



YSU REDI Signs \$200,000 Contract for City Improvement Projects



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BY SAMANTHA PHILLIPS

Youngstown State University's Regional Economic Development Initiative signed a two-year contract to assist the City of Youngstown in obtaining grants to fund improvement projects. The Youngstown Board of Control approved this contract last week.

YSU REDI could be asked to prepare grant applications to support city projects in areas like economic development, healthcare and transportation infrastructure.

"The contract allows the city to spend up to \$200,000 over a two-year period with REDI for REDI's work on grant assistance, research and writing on the city's behalf," Mayor John McNally said. "This could encompass any grant writing proposals that we ask the university to get involved in."

McNally said this contract came from the city council's desire to use grant writing services for things they are interested in applying for on the city's behalf.

Youngstown and REDI previously collabo-

rated to try and obtain a TIGER grant, which would improve the city's transportation infrastructure, according to Michael Hripko, associate vice president for Research. Although they didn't succeed in getting it, there was a positive outcome.

"We did not receive the award, but we developed a good working relationship between the university and the city," he said. "We thought we might be able to continue in other grant opportunities."

Dominic Marchionda, REDI's Finance Professional, said REDI will be submitting grant applications only for funding opportunities prioritized by the City of Youngstown.

"The contract could be applied across a wide array of programming initiatives where the city might request our assistance," he said "It ... focuses on increasing community services and improving the quality of life of residents."

Hripko said each individual grant writing will be priced and presented to the city.

REDI is investigating grant opportunities

for a park improvement project to get rid of old concrete bleachers.

"We asked them to look for more grants for demolition purposes like the demolition of concrete bleachers in six different parks," McNally said.

Hripko said the bleachers are in disrepair and pose a safety risk.

"Their immediate priority they asked us to look for is to look for opportunities to make parks safer," Hripko said.

Hripko said the university's faculty and students could be involved in researching grants in specialized areas.

"We told the city we have the resources of the university at hand to assist us on areas where we need it, if they were to prioritize something on health services, we would engage faculty to assist us in looking for and preparing for proposals relative to that," he said.

Marchionda said YSU REDI also provides grant services to a number of other public and private clients.

Increased Enrollment Positively Affects YSU

BY ADRIANNA MAYES

The fall semester has brought with it an increase in the enrollment of students at Youngstown State University and a need to accommodate the growing number of students living on and around campus.

According to Gary Swegan, associate vice president for Enrollment Planning and Management, enrollment will impact the number of classes offered and the faculty employed, two factors that are carefully watched by the provost.

“It’s been well documented that one of the things we did was create a partnership with a company, called Royall, which is a preeminent provider of direct marketing recruitment,” Swegan said. “They generate a marketing tool to expand reach. The groundwork [for increased enrollment] was laid a year ago.”

The result of the partnership with Royall is a projected enrollment increase of 2.5 to 3 percent since last year in full-time equivalent students.

Enrollment is anticipated to fluctuate in the first couple weeks of the school year. Swegan predicts the final number will be over 12,800 this year.

President Jim Tressel said the influx of students has affected the amount of people living on and around campus, which has increased campus activity and brought more students together.

“More people, from more places, makes a more global campus, which prepares students for a global world,” he said.

The incoming freshmen class is bringing with them high expectations and a standard of excellence.

“The incoming freshmen have

the highest GPA’s and ACT scores [in YSU’s history] which makes for more involvement on campus, which is a very positive thing,” Tressel said.

According to Swegan, the average ACT score of this year’s incoming freshmen is 21.75, which is significantly higher than 21.19 in 2015. The high average is reflective of the school’s change from open admission to selective admission.

Housing complexes benefit from the increase in student population. According to Carol Seawood at University Courtyards, there are more residents than last year.

University Edge is currently at full capacity, employee Renee Linsenmann, said, and will not begin leasing apartments for the spring until September,

The new facility poses competition for on-campus housing communities, which will require an aggressive approach to ensure they remain filled, according to Swegan.

“We feel like the new spaces are so important to YSU,” Swegan said. “They create a more vibrant community for the residents of Youngstown.”

The increase in students on campus has affected parking availability. Marissa Gray, a senior English major, said the influx is a positive thing, but the parking situation has become a nuisance.

The increase in enrollment also brings positive changes, she said.

“There seems to be more excitement on campus as well as a wider, more diverse group of students,” Gray said. “Increased enrollment is a great thing, but we also have to contend with the logistical problems it presents.”

Enrollment by the Numbers

Housing at Capacity

All university residence halls, as well as the YSU Courtyard Apartments, are at capacity with 1,278 students, up from 1,154 two years ago. In addition, the new privately-owned and-operated University Edge apartments on Rayen Avenue are filled with 162 students.

Enrollment is Up

2,193 freshmen enrolled, up 6 percent from last year and 20 percent from 2014.

Average ACT Score WAY Up

21.75 average ACT test scores for incoming freshmen, a new high. The scores surpass last year’s 21.19 and the 21.09 in 2014.

Average GPA of Incoming Freshman Up

3.24 average high school grade point average of incoming freshmen, also a new high. The average is above last year’s 3.14, 3.12 in 2014 and 2.97 in 2013.

The Honors College is Doing Great

245 freshmen in the Honors College, up from 175 last year and 96 in 2014.

Freshmen are Coming From All Over

Freshmen from 23 states, 459 high schools and 51 Ohio counties, up from 16 states, 303 high schools and 37 Ohio counties in 2014.

More Out of State Freshman

Out of state freshmen up 8.6 percent.

A New Experience for Freshmen

BY DANIELLE GARNER

Transitioning from high school to college can be difficult. To make the jump easier, Youngstown State University plans to offer courses designed to help freshmen prepare for their college experience.

Currently, students who are undecided in their major are required to take an exploratory First Year Experience course. Starting next fall, incoming freshmen will be required to take a FYE course that is specific to their major. These two-to-four credit courses help students get acclimated to the university environment by teaching them things like maintaining good grades and financial literacy.

The General Education Committee and the Student Government Association worked together to create the idea for the course.

SGA Vice President Gabriella Gessler said the new course was designed to help students transition between the high school and college environment.

“We want this to be a natural stepping stone that helps new penguins transition into strong YSU students,” Gessler said.

SGA President Tyler Miller-Gordon agreed with Gessler, adding that the new course will teach students study skills, course planning and essential crafts needed in their field.

“We think this will be a great way to maximize success and create a stronger campus community,” Miller-Gordon said.

Touchy but relevant subjects will be addressed in these courses. Freshmen will learn about the Campus SAVE Act, which deals with sexual harassment and staying safe on campus.

Cynthia Vigliotti, a member of the General Education Committee, called these ‘YSU 101’ courses.

“This is a way to incorporate things not explained in a detailed way during orientation in a class format,” Vigliotti said.

Each college will offer an FYE course that is specific to a student’s major, like Vigliotti’s course. ‘Language, Ethnicity and Gender.’ Undeclared majors can choose a course from any subject.



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Incoming Youngstown State University students approach Beeghly Center for IGNITE orientation sessions. YSU experienced an enrollment increase this Fall semester, with incoming freshmen students holding the highest ACT and grade-point averages in YSU history.

Vigliotti said this saves students time and money, because they will discover whether or not they like their major early on.

Incoming freshmen are already required to take a career assessment test. General Education Committee member Joseph Palardy said adding FYE courses will make the test more useful.

“A career assessment without any additional guidance can leave students with

lots of questions,” Palardy said. “Therefore, we have attempted to create a more complete module that provides some context for them.”

A requirement for these courses will be getting involved in campus activities.

“Students that are integrated into campus as a result of these courses tend to stay in school at higher rates and complete their degrees compared to student that are not integrated into campus,”

Palardy said.

Vigliotti said the goal is for students to get the help they need, to locate helpful resources and gain confidence to succeed in college.

“There are a lot of significant differences between the way things happen in high school and the way they happen here,” she said. “This gives young people a chance to figure out where they can get the help they need on campus.”

Businesses of Downtown Youngstown Collaborate to Make a Difference

BY JORDAN UNGER

Volunteering projects, a local magazine about entrepreneurs and upcoming downtown events were discussed at the Downtown Youngstown Partnership meeting on Aug. 25 at Christopher's at the End of the Tunnel, a restaurant on the lower floor of City Central One.

Owners and representatives from businesses in Downtown Youngstown came to discuss business collaboration and community volunteerism. The meeting ran from 5 - 7 p.m. in Christopher's.

The DYP has met monthly since June to establish a network amongst the downtown businesses and accomplish goals.

Sarra Mohn, co-chair of the DYP advisory team, opened the meeting with the struggles of living and working in the city.

"There's a lot of things in this city, and everybody that's sitting here has probably had something they weren't able to get done fast enough, because they live in the City of Youngstown," Mohn said. "There's so much we have to deal with. There's so many people trying to catch up from the old times, and everyone is [working hard] right now, but there was something you weren't able to do."

Mohn said this is why the DYP meetings are significant for downtown businesses.

"There is something that nobody can stop throughout the history of time, and that is people coming together and building relationships," Mohn said.

Each meeting consists of business spotlights, where the DYP allows a representative from the chosen business to answer ques-

tions. The Youngstown Sophisticate was the business spotlighted at the meeting.

The Youngstown Sophisticate is a magazine that features entrepreneurs who live in Youngstown. Dee Michelle, founder of The Youngstown Sophisticate, said the magazine highlights people who have made a positive impact on the city.

"I started writing about the people of Downtown Youngstown, because they are so inspiring," Michelle said. "We want to inspire people to use their time, power and gifts for the city."

Michael McGiffin, the coordinator of Events and Special Projects for the city, said the construction on Wick Avenue, which could last up to a year, might put a damper on the holiday events that businesses on the street or-

ganize.

McGiffin overviewed the downtown events that are coming up in September. Among these included McD's Sock Run, the Oh Wow! Silly Science Sunday on Sept. 18 and Over the Edge, a charity event where participants rappel off of the Metropolitan building, on Sept. 23 and 24.

A clean-up volunteer project was discussed at the end of the meeting. Phil Kidd, co-chair of the DYP advisory team and associate director of Youngstown CityScape, said DYP was going to start doing neighborhood work days.

"We're going to have one Saturday morning every month where we identify a project we can do between 9 and noon."

Kidd said that cleaning up downtown Youngstown would

be a good project to start with.

"The school season down at YSU has started, and all of these students are coming into the downtown with their [families], and activities are going to be picking up in the fall," Kidd said.

The DYP, along with help from Youngstown CityScape, YSU students and other volunteers, participated in the downtown Youngstown cleanup. Volunteers swept curb lines, removed debris from tree beds and removed the stickers from and repainted light posts and utility boxes.

Kidd said he was pleased with the amount of work that the volunteers completed at the event.

The remainder of the DYP meeting was an open-discussion on how various businesses in downtown can work together and communicate to support each other.

Global Day of Service Connects YSU Students with the Community

BY DANIELLE GARNER

Honors students have to do more than earn good grades — they also have to show some altruism. On Saturday and Sunday, 720 Youngstown State University honors students volunteered during the Global Day of Service.

Volunteering projects were held at 22 organizations last weekend, including the Rescue Mission and Habitat for Humanity. This event helped honors college students, who must rack up 60 volunteer hours a year, and businesses benefitted from the extra help.

Those who participated in the Global Day of Service logged 1,400 hours on Saturday and Sunday combined.

Patricia Sciarretta, director of Social

Service at the Rescue Mission of the Mahoning Valley, said the volunteers benefit, as well as the organizations.

"A majority of people who volunteer get something out of it, and it's all different," Sciarretta said.

Lexi Rager, event coordinator for Global Day of Service, helped plan the event for the honors college. She coordinated the students' volunteering efforts, and spent months getting ready for the event.

"It's really rewarding to get people volunteering," Rager said. "You as one person can make a difference, and it makes you want to make a difference in the community."

This was the first year projects were being offered on both Saturday and Sunday due to the growth of the Honors College.

Jordan Zackasee, a student at YSU, led a group of volunteers at the Oh Wow! Children's Museum. They cleaned the exhibits and helped organize and prepare for the annual Silly Science Sunday.

"They are being taught, and they don't even know it," Zackasee said. "Some kids don't like to sit down in school and listen to a lecture. If they go somewhere like that, it gives them a chance to learn that."

Victoria Silvis, a YSU student majoring in biology, led a project called Mats for Mahoning, and is working in conjunction with Rising Above the River, an organization that helps homeless people living in Youngstown.

Silvis said they were taking old plastic bags and using them to crochet cushion mats by using hooks to

stitch the bags together. She said she worked on her own throughout the summer to create mats to donate to the less fortunate.

"I heard this was going on in Pittsburgh, and they have gotten a lot of success with it," Silvis said. "I figure maybe we can get the same kind of success here."

Silvis volunteered through her church when she was growing up, and although she feels it takes her out of her comfort zone, she finds it fulfilling.

"Hopefully this will bring more awareness to the area ... and will help these individuals get through till they get to the next step of improving their lives," Silvis said.

Sweater Vest Shuffle Raises Money for Revitalization

BY DANIELLE GARNER

People donned red shirts with a sweater vest print as they ran in the Sweater Vest Shuffle on Saturday, a fundraiser that raised money for YSUscape's revitalization efforts.

The Sweater Vest Shuffle began at the Watson and Tressel Training Center and stretched through campus in a two-mile loop.

Nick Chretien, YSUscape president, said the money will help YSUscape remove blight from the Youngstown State University campus and downtown Youngstown. The organization works with city code enforcement to make properties compliant with city ordinances.

Chretien said he worked with different offices at YSU to put the event together. Chretien went to the Student Activities department and the campus police got approval from the Watson and Tressel Training Center and Second Sole Athletic Footwear in Boardman. YSU students, Jenna Portale and Adam Ralph, both came out on Saturday to participate. "I think getting people active is always a good thing to do and getting people together on a weekend is something nice," Portale said. Ralph said he participated because staying active and

meeting new people in student organizations are important things for him. "It changes what the community does for the future," Ralph said. Chaz Burger and Logan Weinreber from Sigma Tau Gamma came out to represent their fraternity. Burger and Weinreber were motivated by their fraternity president to participate. Burger said he was inspired by the amount of involvement in the race. "Between connections you get from volunteering, as well as the quality time you spend with those people, you can definitely establish good relationships for years to come," Burger said.

"It can be really handy and valuable to have those relationships in multiple situations."

President Jim Tressel attended the Sweater Vest Shuffle Fun Run, and was impressed that students came early on a weekend to get involved with their community. Tressel said students becoming active in the community will instill pride in the Youngstown area and teach youth important lessons.

"It's just fun to see how active our guys and gals are," Tressel said. "They know that their classes are important but getting involved outside the classroom is equally important, and it's fun to see them do it." Tressel had important advice for



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Runner Anthony Catullo gains an early lead in the 2016 Sweater Vest Shuffle, later placing first in the day's event. The Sweater Vest Shuffle was put on by Youngstown State University's community revitalization organization, YSUscape.

other students considering volunteer work and getting involved with YSU beyond their studies. "Our Student Government As-

sociation has got a great conduit out to the community and the campus activities, so going over to the Student Activities offices

at Kilcawley Center, if they go there, believe me they're going to have every opportunity they can possibly dream of," Tressel said.

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BY AMANDA LEHNERD

Youngstown State University student David Tamulonis teamed up with YSUscape to create a mural titled 'We Are Youngstown' which is displayed on the side of the Harshman Building in downtown Youngstown.

Tamulonis, YSUscape member and NYO Property Group employee, came up with the idea for the mural as his Bachelor of Fine Arts capstone project in graphic design.

"The 'We Are Youngstown' mural is my BFA capstone project, so I designed it, planned it and organized it," Tamulonis said. "YSUscape helped with the implementation of the plan, the process and acquiring volunteers."

Tamulonis chose the Harshman Building for the mural, because it is owned by NYO Property Group.

"I work at NYO Property Group, and I purposed the project to my boss, who was open to the idea and very supportive," Tamulonis said. "My boss allowed us to use the side of the building to paint the mural."

The Harshman Building is located next to The SOAP Gallery and the mural overlooks the large parking lot located in between the two buildings.

Nicholas Chretien, president of YSUscape, said that the parking lot has already been used as an event space since the unofficial reveal of the mural.

"We hope that the mural improves the overall liveliness and vibrancy of downtown through this art installation," Chretien said. "The mural allows for the parking lot to feel more welcoming and was programmed as an event space last week. This may encourage more events to take place in the lot."

According to Tamulonis, the mural is a representation of present day Youngstown. It focuses on the things that are happening right now, like the period of growth and excitement that we are experiencing. The shadow represents something temporary and is fixed to the building permanently to memorialize the present.

The shadows pictured in the mural are volunteer residents of Youngstown who wanted to participate in the creation of 'We Are Youngstown.'

"There were two days where volunteers and residents could come out and get their photos taken for the mural," Tamulonis said. "Once the photos were taken, I put them into Photoshop, traced the outline and filled them in with black, then projected them onto the building with a movie projector."

The whole creative process for the mural took four months to complete. The painting of the mural took two weeks.

"There were many hoops to jump through with the City of Youngstown that made the process longer. We had to get permission from the Design Review Committee, along with waiting for supplies," Tamulonis said. "Once we started the painting of the mural, it took two weeks to finish."

Daniel Rauschenbach, co-owner of The SOAP Gallery, is happy about the resurgence of the creative community in Youngstown.

"Having more public artwork and murals in Youngstown are symbols of the resurgence of the creative community," Rauschenbach said. "Hopefully, in the future, more physical public art such as sculptures and installations will happen. We are thrilled to have a mural by David Tamulonis and YSUscape next to The Soap Gallery."

The mural will have a plaque placed on the building that will say the names of the volunteer residents who participated. There has not been an official grand opening ceremony planned. Patrons are welcome to view the mural.

Ludomusicology: *The Study of Game Music*

BY WILL KEFFLER

This semester, a new upper division course in Ludomusicology is being offered in The Dana School of Music. Ludomusicology is a fairly new field of study, but, put simply, it's the study of video game music.

Steven Reale, Youngstown State University's associate professor of music theory, will be instructing Ludomusicology and for a good reason. In 2014, Reale hosted the first North American Conference on video game music at YSU, and most recently, Reale was awarded the UK Ludomusicology Research Group's 2016 Prize for Excellence in Game Audio Research.

According to Randall Goldberg, assistant professor of music history at YSU, Reale is one of the foremost experts in this newfound field, and because of his scholarly contributions to the field, he has essentially earned the right to pass on his research and teach this seminar-style class here at YSU.

In many video games, the music can go unnoticed, but in others, the soundtrack to a game can be used to enhance the plotline and evoke greater

emotions players.

"Generally speaking, it's fair to say that video game music's closest relative would be film or television music," Reale said. "There is a story, and that story is being amplified with some a score, and that score is going to help tell the story."

Many video games with linear plots will have one set score that gamers can expect, but what sets a game's music apart from its relative, film music, is the option of varying plots.

"There are levels players can complete in many different ways, and they have different cues that are associated with the player's decisions," Reale said. "Games have situations where the score has to respond on the fly to some indeterminate decision on the part of the player. The composer has to be able to anticipate a whole host of different decisions, and what ends up happening is that the music might be different every time the game is played."

Reale's love for video games began early in his childhood with his first Atari 2600, and later grew with Nintendo's unveiling of the Nintendo Entertainment System.

"One draws inspiration from

something that they're interested in and excited about, and I have been a lifelong gamer," Reale said. "I'm also a musician, so it was natural to want to be able to focus my attentions on the realm of Ludomusicology."

Along with Reale, many of the students enrolled in the class also share the same passions for both music and video games. Emma Donkin, a music composition major at YSU, said choosing the class was an easy decision.

"I grew up playing The Legend of Zelda and have always enjoyed the music in games," Donkin said. "Videogames are something that I enjoy playing with friends and family, and once I'm done here at YSU, my career goal is to create music for films and video games."

Donkin also mentioned that Reale's class would be a refreshing change of subject compared to other music classes.

"A lot of our musical theory is rooted in counterpoint and different traditional theoretical practices that apply mostly to classical music," Donkin said. "This is something entirely different that promises to be exciting."

YSU Art Department Unlocked: Q&A With Mary Lou Weingart

BY AMANDA LEHNERD

Mary Lou Weingart is the senior academic adviser in the College of Creative Arts and Communication's art department. Weingart has a master's degree in education and licensure in reading. Weingart likes having the opportunity to help students pursuing careers in the CCAC, and believes that everyone should find a career they enjoy.

Q1: *What elective art classes are available to non-art majors?*

Students can take any art class that states it is for non-majors. There are a few classes offered from the department of art that students can take. Ceramics for non-majors have two different classes students can choose from. The first class is Ceramics for Non-Majors — Handbuilding ART 2640, which is an introduction to basic building methods. The next class students can register for is Ceramics for Non-Majors — Wheel and Alternative Process ART 2641, which is an introduction to basic wheel throwing technology, mold making and slip casting process. The other class offered for non-art majors is Photography for Non-Majors ART 2670. In photography, the class focuses on digital camera operation, design and composition. Students must provide a camera.

Q2: *Are there certain classes only offered in the fall and spring semesters?*

Usually, the ceramics classes are offered in the fall, and the photography class is offered in the spring. This spring both sections will be offered. Students can look up all the classes offered in the new course catalog.

Q3: *Why do students who have an art minor but are not an art major have to get overrides for classes?*

There are core classes that all art majors have to take to be able to get into upper division art classes. Many of the minors that are available to students do not require all of these fundamental classes. The art classes have blocks on them, so students who are not involved in CCAC register for them.

Q4: *How can students register for non-major art classes?*

The classes fill up quick, and there is a limited amount of spots available. Students can find the classes offered when registering by selecting the subject art. Selecting art will display all of the classes offered in the art department for that selected semester. Students can scroll down the page until they find the classes listed as non-major. If a student would like to be in a class that is full, the student can select the option to be put on a waitlist. When a student who already registered for a non-major art class drops, the next student on the waitlist will be notified. The student on the waitlist can register for the class at that time.



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DEMONSTRATORS PROTESTING UNIVERSITY OF TEXAS CAMPUS CARRY COME ARMED WITH SEX TOYS

BY BRITTNEY MARTIN AND TOM BENNING / THE DALLAS MORNING NEWS (TNS)

AUSTIN, Texas — Hundreds of demonstrators armed with sex toys gathered Wednesday at the University of Texas at Austin to protest a new state law that allows concealed handgun license holders to carry their weapons into public college classrooms.

The school religious, spirit and sporting groups that set up tables every year near the student union were joined by others handing out free sex toys. Protesters came and went throughout the afternoon, holding signs that read “wangs not bangs” and “guns do not equal freedom.”

The contentious law, which went into effect this month, allows the licensed carrying of concealed handguns in most public university buildings.

Unlike private universities, state schools cannot completely opt out of campus carry. But public school officials can establish gun-free zones as long as they are “reasonable” and don’t have the effect of generally prohibiting guns on campus.

Protest organizers said they handed out about 5,000 sex toys — many at a raucous rally Tuesday night — for students to carry around with them on the first day of classes. The festivities Wednesday included speeches decrying the law by legislators, professors, parents and students.

The demonstration’s leaders said they were fighting “absurdity with absurdity.” “College students are supposed to be worrying about homework and relationships and parties,” said Ana Lopez, vice president of Students Against Campus

Carry. “They’re not supposed to be worrying about whether their lab partner has a loaded gun in their backpack.

“I don’t think that those who drafted the Bill of Rights thought that a ‘well-regulated militia’ started in my organic chemistry classroom,” she said.

The exuberant crowd was met by a small number of gun rights advocates. And though leaders of one pro-carry group, Students for Concealed Carry, welcomed the demonstration, Forrest Sullivan, a junior chemical engineering student, said he thought it was “very childish.”

“Firearms give women the ability to compensate for the inequality that nature has put on us,” he said. “I have a fiancée that is 5 feet tall, and she is going through the process of getting her concealed carry because if a man decides to attack her, that is her only option of defense.”

Campus carry — passed with the support of Republican lawmakers — remains tangled in legal disputes.

A federal judge denied a request Monday for a preliminary injunction by three UT professors hoping to keep guns out of their classrooms. A pro-carry group, meanwhile, has filed formal complaints over the decisions by many professors to ban firearms in their offices.

Even with all the controversy, the early hours of the big rally day were mostly a snooze.

The promised 8 a.m. start times for the protest and counterprotest produced a swarm of TV cameras, a steady stream of

groggy college students and three open carry advocates holding a banner. In these still-quiet hours, not a sex toy was in sight.

Then Rosie Zander, a junior, arrived with a box full of flesh-colored phalluses. “We’re going to be the first ones shot,” she joked.

Zander explained that she and others wanted a fun way to take on a serious issue.

“I don’t think there is a need to have guns in class,” she said.

C.J. Grisham of Open Carry Texas took the scene in stride.

“It’s not about the dildos, it really isn’t,” he said. “It’s about ... the right to defend oneself on a college campus.”

Grisham, who said he didn’t expect a lot of support, helped carry his group’s banner: “If licensed gun owners were a threat, you wouldn’t be reading this.” He was eventually joined by another pro-gun protester who held up a poster that quoted Adolf Hitler.

Although the campus mall would later buzz with activity, many students tried to go about their business.

A group of Young Life members, who were handing out T-shirts nearby, bashfully declined to comment. A senior hoping to sign up new members for the school’s mock trial team looked on with bemusement. And many students walked by the demonstration in a rush.

“I’m just trying to get to class,” freshman Aman Patel said after snapping a quick photo.

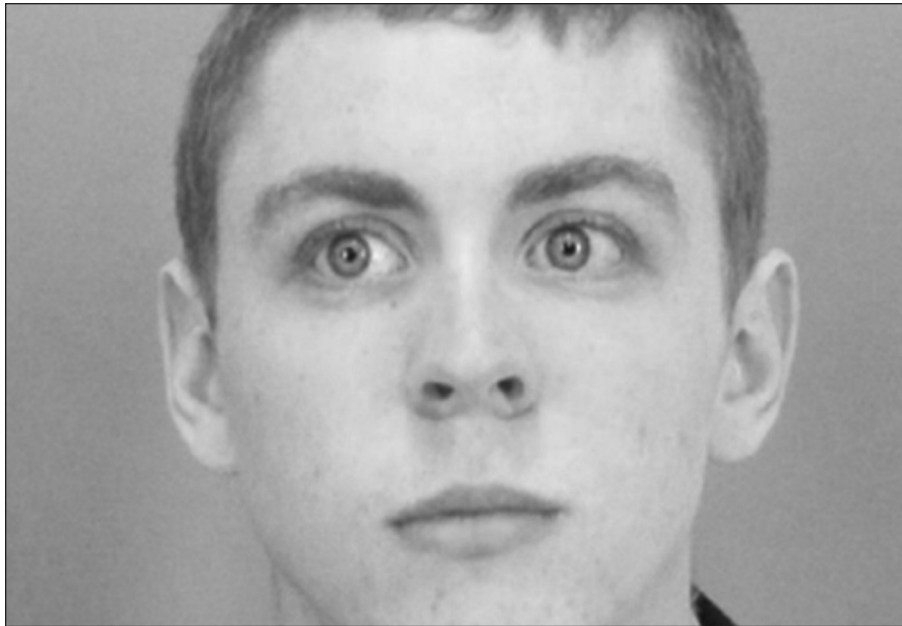
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EX-STANFORD SWIMMER TO BE RELEASED AFTER SERVING HALF OF 6-MONTH SENTENCE IN SEX ASSAULT CASE



Brock Turner was convicted of sexually assaulting an unconscious woman on Stanford's campus in 2015. He's scheduled to be released from jail Friday. (Photo courtesy Santa Clara County Sheriff's Office/TNS)

BY MATT HAMILTON / LOS ANGELES TIMES (TNS)

Former Stanford University student Brock Turner, who was convicted of sexually assaulting a woman and sentenced to six months in jail — a penalty criticized for its leniency — is scheduled to be released from jail Friday, according to public records.

If released this week from the Santa Clara County jail, Turner will have completed half the jail term imposed by Superior Court Judge Aaron Persky, who faces a recall campaign over his handling of Turner's case.

Early releases are commonly given because of good behavior and because of California's prison realignment. In 2014, the Los Angeles Times reported more than 13,500 inmates were being released early each month to relieve crowding in local jails.

Turner was convicted in March of three felony counts: assault with the intent to commit rape of an unconscious person, sexual penetration of an unconscious person and sexual penetration of an intoxicated person. Turner attacked an unconscious woman behind a garbage bin on the Palo Alto university's campus in January 2015.

At his sentencing, the Ohio native faced up to 14 years in prison. Prosecutors sought a six-year prison term.

Persky opted for the lighter jail term

and also sentenced Turner to three years' probation. At the time, he said a lengthier penalty would have a "severe impact" on Turner.

Public criticism of the sentence escalated after the unidentified victim's 12-page, single-spaced letter that she read aloud in court went viral after it was published by the media. She excoriated the judge for giving Turner "a soft time-out, a mockery of the (seriousness) of the assaults."

"The seriousness of rape has to be communicated clearly, we should not create a culture that suggests we learn that rape is wrong through trial and error," she wrote. "The consequences of sexual assault needs to be severe enough that people feel enough fear to exercise good judgment even if they are drunk, severe enough to be preventative."

Persky, who was appointed to the bench by then-California Gov. Gray Davis in 2003, voluntarily moved to civil court, officials announced last week. The judge had recently recused himself from a case in which he was set to decide whether to reduce the conviction of a plumber for possession of child pornography from a felony to a misdemeanor.

Jambar Top 10

What to Watch for in YSU's Season Opener

BY DAN HINER

1. Who will be the starting quarterback?

So far, head coach Bo Pelini hasn't named a starter. Last season's starter Hunter Wells has played the last two seasons. Ricky Davis was the backup most of 2015, but he earned more playing time as the season progressed. Trent Hosick transferred from Arizona Western College and looks more like Pelini's starters while he coached at the University of Nebraska.

2. The wide receivers have improved

Youngstown State University lost their top two receivers from last season. Andre Stubbs and Andrew Williams were impact players on the offensive side of the ball over the last three years. Isiah Scott and Alvin Bailey are deep threats that can take the top off a defense. Darien Townsend can make plays but had health issues during the offseason.

3. The D-line is young but talented

Obviously defensive ends Derek Rivers and Avery Moss have the focus of opposing offenses, but Cody Squiric and Savon Smith will be important parts of the defense. They didn't play a significant role in the past, but both players complement the defensive ends well.

4. Watch the secondary

The Penguins had, arguably, the best secondary in the Football Championship Sub-division last season. They allowed 116.7 passing yards per game, but can they carry that performance into this season? Both safeties are returning — including LeRoy Alexander, who led the Penguins in interceptions last year.

5. Offensive line protection

The YSU offensive line struggled last season due to injury and poor performance. The Penguins are, for the most part, healthy entering the season opener. They are going against two talented pass rushers from Duquesne.

6. Duquesne's Dynamic Duo

The Dukes have Christian Kuntz and Nathan Stone lining up as linebackers. Both were voted Preseason All-Northeast Conference at their positions and are considered two of the top linebackers in the FCS.

7. Martin Ruiz

Ruiz has been a key to the Penguins' offense since his freshman season. He has 29 career rushing touchdowns and is currently tied for eight on YSU's career rushing touchdown list. With one more, he will pass Paris Wicks (1979-82) and Darnell Clark (1900-93).

8. Dillon Buechel

Buechel is one of the top quarterbacks in the North Eastern Conference. He's ranked second on a number of Duquesne's all-time career passing records. The matchup will pin one of the FCS' top secondaries against one of the best quarterbacks.

9. New offensive schemes

There hasn't been a complete overhaul to the Penguins' offense, but there has been some new plays and formations added to best utilize the talent on the offensive side of the ball. One of the reasons the quarterback competition hasn't been addressed has been due to all three quarterbacks learning some new schemes.

10. The punters. Yes, the punters

YSU's punting wasn't very good last season, and Pelini made it a priority to improve the Penguins' special teams. Nate Needham is a freshman that has experience as a place kicker and punter, and Mark Schuler played tight end last season but has taken snaps at punter. He's probably got the strongest leg on the team.

The Millennial Municipal Malady

BY JILLIAN SMITH

I am a political science major. As such, I recently performed a highly scientific, extremely advanced poll in which I asked a few friends of mine why they supported the candidate they did. Whether it was Mr. Trump or Ms. Clinton (controlling for one Jill Stein proponent and one VERY loyal Sanders fan), the overwhelming response I received was not a glowing review of their choice's accolades, but rather, a laundry list of the wrongdoings or poor qualities of the other candidate. It seems that, if people are engaged at all in this election, it is more because they are of the #NeverClinton or #NeverTrump sentiments than they are enamored with their own candidate.

Now, this of course is not a highly scientific survey, and David Porter in the political science department would probably be mortified that I didn't use the methodology taught in his American Public Opinion class, but numbers *do* confirm my suspicions. The latest Gallup poll pins the number of people who dislike both of the candidates at a striking 1 in 4 potential voters. This number is even higher when analyzed in the 18-30 year old range, which is most of us at YSU.

If it feels to you like picking between these two candidates is like starring on an episode of Fear Factor, it may be time for you to be aware of the problem I coined

just for this occasion, the Millennial Municipal Malady. (Thank you, I accept tips). Broken down, the three terms mean "millennials," roughly those between the ages of 18 and 30, "municipal," meaning relating to the government of a city or town, and "malady," an ailment or sickness.

“ We miss out on a major opportunity to get candidates that we like by not having a share in their initial start: local elections.

The Malady, as we'll call it for short, is the issue that arises from the fact that we millennials have CRAPPY voter engagement numbers when it comes to local elections. This past summer, researchers at Oregon's Portland State University studied voting patterns in local elections in four cities: Charlotte, Detroit, Portland and Saint Paul. While they found that overall, voter participation was a dismal 30 percent, a far more striking statistic

was that the odds of a voter aged 65 or older casting a ballot in a mayoral election compared to a voter aged 18-34 were as high as 19 to 1 in the primary and 13.8 to 1 in the general election.

What does this have to do with the fact that you don't like the presidential candidates? Because, I think a major fault of our generation is that we invest so much in the presidential races, and are dangerously apathetic when it comes to local ones. What is the problem with this? National leaders don't come from a vacuum. More often than not presidential candidates get their start at the local level (Let's just ignore Trump for a moment and accept that my premise is generally overwhelmingly true). We miss out on a major opportunity to get candidates that we like by not having a share in their initial start: local elections. What's even more upsetting, we have every right to have that say. There are people who live in our own backyards, whom we know and maybe went to school with, whom we respect, who run in local elections and get defeated, without a single voice of our input, and we complain that we don't like our national candidates. It may sound implausible, but that state senator you really admire and help vote into office could become the next presidential nominee.

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The Jambar Editorial

Protesting *is* Patriotic

During the national anthem at a pre-season football game on Friday, Colin Kaepernick, the quarterback for the San Francisco 49ers, sat.

Although the athletes in the NFL are encouraged, but not required, to stand for the national anthem, Kaepernick's decision to remain seated caught the eye of spectators and the media.

After the game, Kaepernick was asked to explain why he was not standing during the anthem like his fellow teammates. According to NFL.com, Kaepernick said he was sitting because he wanted to use his influence to bring attention to vices against minorities and people of color in modern day America.

"I am not going to stand up to show pride in a flag for a country that oppresses black people and people of color," Kaepernick told the NFL. "To me, this is bigger than football, and it would be selfish on my part to look the other way."

Instead of Kaepernick's action bringing light to the oppression of people of color like he wished, it brought about a debate on free speech and public outreach. Many are concerned that the famous quarterback's actions are either a battle cry for separatism or a plea for attention after he was replaced as the starting QB.

Kaepernick openly denies both of those claims, explaining that his recent actions have been preceded by years of internal dialogue on race and equality in the present world. He told the NFL Media that he understands the possible consequences of public protest and is willing to deal with the aftermath of his actions.

"I am not looking for approval. I have to stand up for people that are oppressed," he said. "If they take football away, my endorsements from me; I know that I stood up for what is right."

Standing up for what is believed to be right is never simple, but according to Rolling Stone reporter Morgan Jerkins, it becomes 10 times harder when you're a black

athlete.

Black athletes make up 70 percent of football players, but a staggering 0 percent of majority owners of NFL teams, presidents or CEOs. Sports anchors love talking about a performance on the field, but shun talking about the person left behind when the season is over.

Muhammad Ali was openly criticized for opposing the Vietnam War. Chris Jackson was suspended from the NBA when he changed his name to Abdul-Rauf. Gabby Douglas was attacked for not placing her hand on her heart during the national anthem at the 2016 Olympics while her white counterpart, McKayla Maroney, was made into a meme after expressing disappointment at the podium only four years prior.

It seems as though fans in sports communities are willing to tolerate illegal behavior from their athletes, but not an opinion.

Athletes have every right to be critical of this country. Every person, regardless of their age, race, sex or religion, has that right. It is one of many rights that our armed forces defend. Criticizing our government and the history it was built upon does not necessarily make someone disrespectful to our country or the troops that protect it.

Our national anthem has other verses. Here's an excerpt:

Their blood has wash'd out their foul footsteps' pollution/
No refuge could save the hireling and a slave/
From the terror of flight or the gloom of the grave/
And the star-spangled banner in triumph doth wave/O'er
the land of the free and the home of the brave."

Kaepernick and many other athletes have decided to move their affiliation from sports to something else — politics. Whether his actions will change anything is yet to be determined, but according to Kaepernick, he'll stay seated until it does.

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The Press Box Perspective:

“What are You Watching?” Week

BY ANDREW ZUHOSKY

I know it's hard to believe, but it's Labor Day weekend. Man, where did summer go? I'm still trying to figure that one out.

Around here, this weekend can mean a final barbecue, a last swim in the pool or a trip to the Canfield Fair.

Labor Day weekend also means the start of one of my absolute favorite sports: college football. Can anyone else smell the pork chops cooking at a tailgate lot like I can right now?

Yes, we had two games last week in Division I, California and University of Hawaii in Australia, which featured a crazy on-side kick to start the game, and Charleston Southern University against North Dakota State University in the FCS Kickoff.

This weekend gives us the first full slate of the new season and proves to be action-packed with exciting contests, such as the University of Southern California and the University of Alabama on Saturday night in Arlington, Texas, Georgia Tech and Boston College in Ireland (that one kicks off just after 7:30 a.m. EDT on Saturday) and Louisiana State University and the University of Wisconsin from Lambeau Field in Green Bay, Wisconsin.

Youngstown State University kicks off its season this evening with a 7:30 p.m. kickoff at Stambaugh Stadium against Duquesne University. I am encouraging you all to be in attendance tonight. If you can't be there, ESPN3 will stream tonight's match-up live.

Now, let's talk a little about some of this weekend's games. I don't know about you, but I'm curious to tune into the USC vs. Alabama contest to see how well the Trojans play.

It's going to be interesting to see how USC performs without

Cody Kessler, who was drafted by the Cleveland Browns this past spring. There's no easy task in replacing a quarterback who threw for over 10,000 yards and 88 touchdowns in college.

Max Browne, a redshirt junior quarterback, was tapped as the starter for USC a few weeks back. This is a man who backed Kessler up over the past few years. I'm interested to see how he progresses through the season as a starter.

Another game that I'm interested in watching over the weekend is the University of Notre Dame at the University of Texas contest on Sunday evening. Notre Dame's key in this game is to simply tune out distractions and focus on the contest on the field.

Notre Dame's football team made some headlines over the past few weeks for off-field transgressions which resulted in arrests, a suspension and a dismissal.

Max Redfield, a safety on the team, was booted by head coach Brian Kelly a week and a half ago, while cornerback Devin Butler remains suspended after being arrested Aug. 19.

Notre Dame's athletes have a high standard that is expected to be met. Hearing about these off-field incidents is shocking to me. I applaud Kelly for doing what's right.

Lastly, a big game that piques my interest has to be the Labor Day match-up between the University of Mississippi and Florida State University in Tallahassee, Florida. Think about it, this game has Atlantic Coast Conference and Southeastern Conference juggernauts squaring off. It's a perfect way to end the first full weekend of the season.

With that, I have nothing more to say to all of you but “let's play some ball!” Enjoy this weekend, my friends!



Ready for Redemption YSU Hosts NEC Champs, Duquesne Thursday Night

PHOTO BY DAN HINER / THE JAMBAR

Members of the Youngstown State University football team run onto the field during the start of a home game during the 2015 season.

BY DAN HINER

The Youngstown State University football team hasn't lost a home opener since 1995. Most of its opponents have been lesser competition, but this year's season opener will be different.

YSU will kick off its season opener on Thursday at Stambaugh Stadium against Duquesne University.

Duquesne finished last season with an 8-4 (5-1 in the Northeast Conference) record, won its third conference title and advanced to the Football Championship Subdivision playoffs for the first time in program history — losing 52-49 to the College of William and Mary.

The Penguins are trying to build off last year's 5-6 season (3-5 in the Missouri Valley Conference), and with head coach Bo Pelini and his staff entering their second season the team is confident the program will take a step forward in 2016.

The Dukes are led by quarterback Dillon Buechel who threw for 2871 yards and 24 touchdowns in 2015. Buechel is one of the best quarterbacks in program history. He's second in Duquesne history in completions, pass attempts, completion percentage and yards. He's also fourth in Dukes' history with 52 career touchdowns.

The Penguins will rely on a strong defense in 2016. YSU finished seventh in total defense and first in passing yards allowed last year. Last season's defense allowed 116.7 passing yards per game, the fewest allowed per game since 1975.

The strength of the defense will be on the defensive line. Two key players are returning on the D-line, defensive ends Avery Moss and All-American Derek Rivers. The Penguins lost both starting defensive tackles, but Rivers says the new talent will be able to step up and contribute early in the season.

“What I'm seeing from these younger guys ... Savon Smith has a great motor — very good strength, Lamont Ragland has great speed and is very athletic, Cody [Squirc] can play with anybody,” Rivers said. “He's a big guy and could hold that point of attack. And Donald Mesier is actually

a really good pass rusher, you wouldn't think so just by looking at him, but he's really good. We're still working on them, but they're all showing flashes of good talent this season coming up.”

There are still several question marks for YSU on the offensive side of the ball. Pelini has yet to officially name a starting quarterback and currently has three quarterbacks, Hunter Wells, Ricky Davis and Trent Hosick listed as the first-string quarterbacks on the team's depth chart.

One other key on the offensive end will be the play of the offensive line. Last season the offensive line was “a revolving door” according to Pelini. This year, the Penguins have both starting offensive tackles returning, left guard Brock Eisenhuth is returning from an injury that ended his 2015 season and two new starters in Gavin Wiggins and Vitas Hrynkievich.

Wiggins, now a sophomore, started the final four games of the season last year after injuries decimated the offensive line. Wiggins started at both left and right guard last season but will start at right guard on Thursday.

Hrynkievich is a junior college transfer from Independence Community College in Independence, Kansas. Hrynkievich was a Honorable-Mention Kansas Jayhawk Community College Conference recipient at center.

“They're just hard workers,” left tackle Justin Spencer said. “They bought into the system, both of them. They're gonna be a huge part for us. They're big, physical guys. They love to hit people, so they'll fit right in.”

This will be the first Thursday night game for the Penguins since YSU played Dayton in 2013. Pelini said he's been a part of several Thursday night games, but they date back to his time coaching in the Southeastern Conference.

“It doesn't matter to me. It's a Thursday, but we treat it like a Saturday,” Pelini said. “Hopefully, it will be good for our fans. I think it's supposed to be a nice night. It's supposed to be a really good day. You won't have as much competition for people [and seating]. Hopefully, people are excited to come out and see this team play.”



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Senior Val Jeffrey sets up a teammate during a home match against Cleveland State University.

Volleyball Set to Serve a Winning Season

BY MARC WEEMS

With the 2016 Youngstown State University's women's volleyball team starting a new season, it is important to find out how they will do.

After a 0-21 season, they are looking to bounce back in grand fashion. After losing four seniors from last year's team, the Penguins are looking to recoup and regain their forward momentum from previous years.

Head coach Mark Hardaway is ready to take on the year knowing their strengths in hand and all in to win this season.

"This year we hope that our ball control can become our biggest strength, along with our passing and defense," Hardaway said. "We are very deep in those positions, and we know that is something we as a team are going to have to succeed at. It is something we are putting a lot of time into during practice to get better at those things. We will find out throughout the season what our true weaknesses are and we will be able to build from our strengths onto our weaknesses."

Hardaway also mentioned that although their main strengths are passing and defense, those things will only become noticeable as the season progresses.

Gabriella Strazzeri, a junior transfer from Iowa Western Community College, spoke on the move to YSU and how the team is progressing together.

"It's clearly a big step up in the level of volleyball being played here compared to where I was before. The girls are all very friendly and helpful, so that's very easy," Strazzeri said. "We communicate a lot outside of practice, so that helps us when we are playing as well. I fit in well because I love playing defense; it is my best position. I'm working on receiving serves and setting others up well. I think everything has gone well so far and can continue to."

Setter Val Jeffery spoke about the strengths and growth that she has seen leading up to the season as a leader of the team.

"We've been extremely competitive in the gym. I think that everyone has bought into our goal to come straight from the bottom all the way to the top," Jeffery said. "I know Hardaway and I discussed right after last season that our goal is to win the conference. We understand that is going to be a huge turnaround. Just buying into that goal is big for us."

Hardaway said the team is going to have to step up because four seniors graduated from last season, and they had a significant impact on the Penguins' success over the past few seasons.

"There is definitely an opportunity for other girls to step into the roles they played. We would expect someone like Gabby [Strazzeri] to step up," Hardaway said. "The competition on our lead row spots is very high. We have several girls competing for a spot and whoever wins that spot is going to be battle tested. We are going to be playing many different lineups and finding out what works as the season goes on. Someone like Sarah Varcolla will be moving into her natural position at the left side hitter area, so that will help quite a bit."

Val Jeffery said certain players will have to contribute at a much higher rate than they did the year before.

"Lori Van Beek is going to be great this season. The timing between the two of us is much improved. We've gotten more efficient as a combination," Jeffrey said. "Also, Sam Brown, who will be a captain this season, has stepped up her defensive game and is quite hard to score on."

The Penguins will play their first home match of the year when they take on Duquesne University on Aug. 30 at 7 p.m. in the Beeghly Center.

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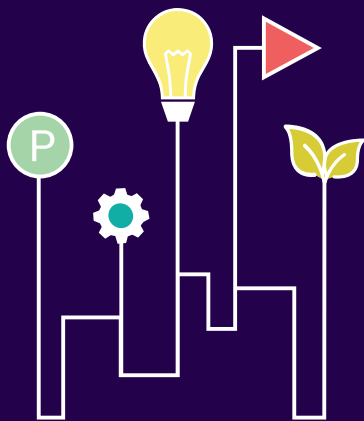
The McDonough Museum of Art celebrates 25 years of public programs and community service with an exhibition honoring John J McDonough's passion for collecting American Art and his influence on building a legacy of collecting in the Valley.

The exhibition features selections from the collections of 11 local lenders influenced by Dr. McDonough to collect American Art and a number of paintings on loan from the permanent collection of the Butler Institute of American Art donated by Dr. McDonough. We are grateful to all of the lenders for their generosity in honoring his legacy and for making this stunning exhibition possible.

Thanks to our lenders

Elfi Bulkley, Albert and Suzanne Cinelli, Sallie and Paul Dutton, Kathryn Franko, Robert and Angela Gilliland, Joseph B. Kope, Joseph W. and Angela M. Kunze, Kenneth and Mary Ellen Lloyd, Carole G. McDonough, Stephen and Ginny Meloy, Paul and Katherine Ricciuti and Louis Zona.

Opening reception Friday, September 9, 5-7pm



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2016 Fall Calendar

Tastemakers, A Progress of Love
September 9-October 21, 2016
Public Reception, Friday, September 9, 5-7pm

Fall Graduating BFA Exhibition
November 18-December 10, 2016
Public Reception, Friday, November 18, 6-8pm

Empty Bowls
Saturday, December 3, 11am-4pm
Proceeds benefit the Rescue Mission of the Mahoning Valley

2017 Spring Calendar

Alex Webb: La Calle, Photographs from Mexico
January 20-March 3, 2017
Public Reception, Friday, January 20, 6-8pm

Selections from the Collection of the
Richard M. Ross Art Museum,
Ohio Wesleyan University
January 20-March 3, 2017
Public Reception, Friday, January 20, 6-8pm

Mad About the Arts Benefit
Friday, February 17, 7-10pm
(ticketed event)

81st Annual Student Art & Design Exhibition
March 24-April 7, 2017
Public Reception, Friday, March 24, 6-8pm

Spring Graduating BFA Exhibition
April 21-May 5, 2017
Public Reception, Friday, April 21, 6-8pm



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