



Ground Breaks on University Edge Phase Two

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Youngstown State University officials joined representatives from Hallmark Campus Communities, Fortress Real Estate Companies and Barnes and Noble College to break ground on the second phase of the University Edge student apartments and a new campus bookstore on Saturday.

YSU President Jim Tressel said the development helps the university “build and sustain growth for the years ahead.”

“It allows us to continue to expand recruitment efforts outside the immediate region, to offer high-quality alternative housing on campus and to continue to build a full and thriving college environment and experience for our students,” he said in a press release.

The first phase of University Edge, a 162-bed unit that opened in August, is filled to capacity. The second phase will consist of a 220-bed unit along Lincoln Avenue, which is expected to open in August 2017.

The building will also feature a “clubhouse” lounge with a fitness center, game room and computer lab.

Jack Tzagournis, president of Fortress Real Estate Co., said increased enrollment and initiative to recruit students in other regions of the country and the world made Youngstown a fitting place for the facility.

“We are very excited about what we have accomplished for phase one, and we are very excited for phase two which will include Barnes and Noble,” he said.

The standalone bookstore will be a valuable resource and provide a place for students to congregate, whether they live on campus or commute, Tzagournis said.

Hallmark developed the University Edge facility and is also partnering with Fortress to build the two-story Barnes and Noble complete with a cafe and convenience store. It will sit on the same block as the housing along Fifth Avenue.

The new bookstore is scheduled to open for the 2017-18 academic year. Barnes and Noble College took control of the existing campus bookstore this year. It was previously run by the university.

Student Government Association President Tyler Miller-Gordon and Executive Vice President Gabriella Gessler said they are excited about the changes. Miller-Gordon said the new developments will serve as a “spark plug” for the community, because it will attract more people and enhance the experience of current students.

“We have heard from countless students the impact that just this one building has had on not only student life, but also for the students who are looking to come here in the future,” he said. “We are extremely excited to see this diversity in our housing.”

Gessler said living close to the university makes students feel like they are part of the campus community, and they hope their voices were a factor in the changes that are being made.

“We feel confident and so appreciative to say that YSU is listening to the needs of this community, and that we have the capability to build these new structures for students to call their home,” she said.

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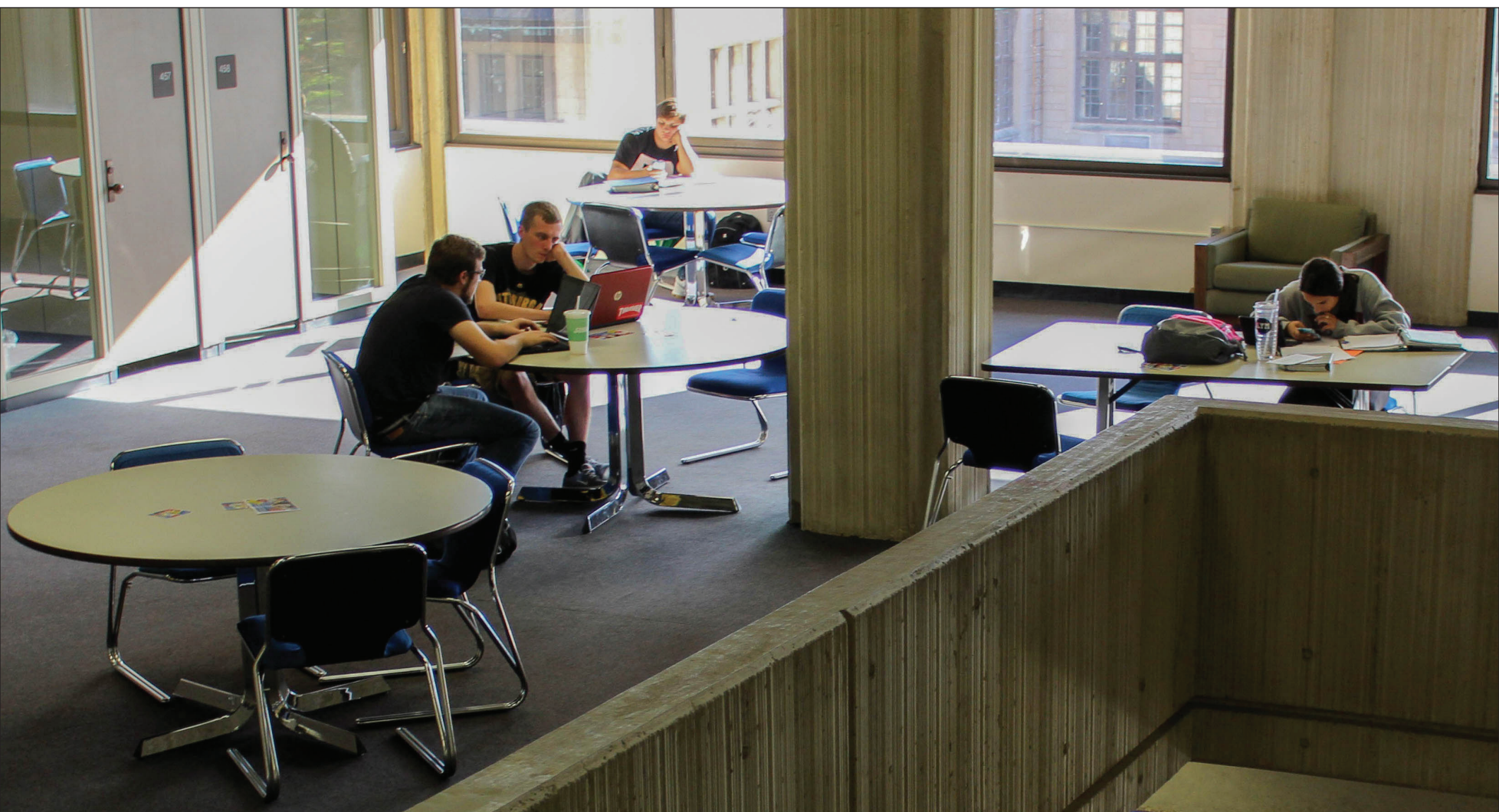


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MAAG WORKS TO MAKE STUDENT SUGGESTIONS A REALITY

BY JORDAN UNGER

A survey was conducted at Youngstown State University by the William F. Maag Jr. Library Committee to learn how they can improve students' experiences in the facility.

The committee, which was appointed by Provost Martin Abraham, sent the survey out to students and faculty during the spring semester. Ana Torres, the interim director of Maag Library, said the survey results will be used to make improvements.

"The committee worked very hard on putting forward a report to give us a vision for [where the library] should be within the next five years," Torres said.

Students who answered the survey offered many suggestions to the committee. Christine Adams, a member of the committee, said one of the most popular suggestions was a change in library hours, particularly during finals week.

"There were a lot that said they wanted to stay and study all night," Adams said.

The report said the need for later hours is a result of YSU having more students living on campus. The committee is looking into additional hours for some locations

in the building, but Adams said the change is a budgetary issue.

Another necessity revealed by the survey was a need for more comfortable seating area. Adams said physical space will be the library's first issue to address.

"We're looking into what options we have to add furniture," Adams said. "The quiet floors have big group tables all around them, so that's not really conducive to silent study. We're going to try to find a way to get more individual study areas [on those floors]."

The committee plans to turn the first floor of the library into a more inviting space for students and a centralized information hub. They hope to incorporate more group gathering spaces, a staff meeting room and a public restroom to increase accessibility.

The library began renovations of the first floor by adding seating area and tables in the reference center. Elena Loedding, a YSU student who works in the reference room, said the changes have been positive.

"They took out a bunch of old books in the reference room and replaced all of the extra shelves with two new couches," Loedding said. "I can definitely say that more people are studying there now."

Torres said the library staff wants to make sure physi-

cal space changes benefit the students.

"We would like for the library to be the space where everyone comes," Torres said. "Whether they're working individually or as teams, as many of the classes are gearing toward teamwork, we understand that the space is needed."

Additional suggestions brought up by the survey include increased library instruction to students and updates to online databases.

The library's online databases were compared to the databases at similar-sized institutions. The study showed that Maag lacked in STEM and eBook databases, something that the committee plans to improve.

Vacancies in library staff have created a challenge over the past few years, and the committee sees it as a priority to fill these vacancies. Torres said the library has been without an executive director since June 2011, and Provost Abraham plans to fill the position by July.

Adams said the survey was a useful first step in bridging the gap between what the library offers and what the students need from them.

"It's always good for the students to let the administration know what they want," Adams said. "That survey helped us see what the students are looking for."

CREATING UNITY IN THE LOCAL LGBT COMMUNITY

BY JAMBAR CONTRIBUTOR
ALYSSA PFLUG

Full Spectrum Community Outreach is a support center aiming to make the LGBT community in Mahoning, Trumbull and Columbiana Counties feel welcomed and supported.

The organization is not affiliated with the university, but YSU students Tim Bortner, Marnie Cram and Emily Coelho form its board of trustees. They brainstormed the program years ago, and in January they began reaching out to prepare for Full Spectrum's July launch.

Bortner said the organization is currently focused on events, support groups, training and bringing awareness to the community. In the future, they have plans to serve as a mental health and emotional support center.

"We are creating a home for those that need it or don't have one or are in search of one and want answers and support of those who have been through what they've been through," Cram said.

The meetings are important, because they provide a

home to those who don't have support in their lives and are seeking understanding, Cram said.

"We have people that come and are relieved that Full Spectrum exists, because they haven't had resources to access," she said. "They've felt alone, and they always express a sense of relief that they know where to come, that this exists."

Prior to Full Spectrum, there wasn't an LGBT center in Youngstown. YSUnity catered to students on campus, but Bortner said Full Spectrum is geared towards the community as a whole and has a physical location in St. John's Episcopal Church.

Cram said they're working to get the ball rolling on mental health counseling.

"In the long term we want to have the mental health agency running, the community groups running and strong, but we are also looking at creating emergency shelter," she said.

Sarah Deiger, a volunteer with Full Spectrum, said everyone in the group is working together to help the LGBT community.

"There is not really another organization like this out

there," she said.

Full Spectrum hosts monthly support groups at St. John's. A transgender support group is held on the second Sunday of every month from 6-8 p.m., and a sexuality support group is held on the second Thursday of every month at the same time. They are also open Monday through Thursday from 9 a.m. to noon.

They're holding a pancake dinner this Thursday at 6 p.m. for \$6. And on Oct. 29, a mindfulness class is scheduled to take place at 11 a.m.

On Nov. 2, they will hold a candlelight vigil at the Courthouse at 6 p.m. to remember people who have committed suicide or been murdered, because they are transgender.

Kai Parker, a volunteer with Full Spectrum, said they will come together to show one another support.

"[It's] a night of love and support and acceptance," he said. "But also to remember that it is a little depressing just because we're remembering those lives of the people who are lost senselessly."

For more information, visit Full Spectrum's Facebook page.

Students Offer Solution to Improve Communication on Campus

BY SAMANTHA PHILLIPS

Students had a chance to voice their opinions on the campus climate survey results at an open forum on Wednesday in McKay Auditorium.

Tyler Miller-Gordon and Gabriella Gessler, president and vice president of Student Government Association, moderated the discussion and encouraged students to offer solutions to problems identified by the survey.

Gessler reminded the group that the university is going through the accreditation process next year, and the results could depend on the response to the survey.

YSU student Jacob Schriener-Briggs pointed to a suggestion made by Adam Earnhardt, chair of the department of communication, at an academic senate

meeting — to have an outside source carry out a communication audit at the university. An open line of communication between senior administration and faculty and staff is needed, he said.

"When senior administration has to make a change by law, they should let faculty know how they'll help instead of telling them what to do and when," he said.

SGA representative Kelly Matanin said faculty and staff should feel like their suggestions are welcome and not be afraid to approach senior administration.

Many faculty members have expressed concerns over athletic spending. Accounting Chair Peter Woodlock audited the university's finances in 2013, and found the university spends more on athletics than peer institutions.

Students at the forum suggested that athletic spending should be evaluated as carefully as academic spending and dis-

cussed having every department collect data to justify expenditures.

Matanin addressed another concern — that faculty and staff who leave or retire are not being replaced. She said senior administration should explain why positions aren't being renewed and consider renewing them if the affected department can provide evidence that the position is necessary.

The group decided that top-down management isn't working. Senior administration should involve faculty and staff in the decision-making process to improve their relationship and build trust, the group said.

But they acknowledged that always making decisions as a group could slow down the administrative process.

Creating new positions and hiring staff should involve current faculty and staff, Schriener-Briggs said. They cited the ap-

pointment of Provost Martin Abraham, who did not apply for the position or go through the search process.

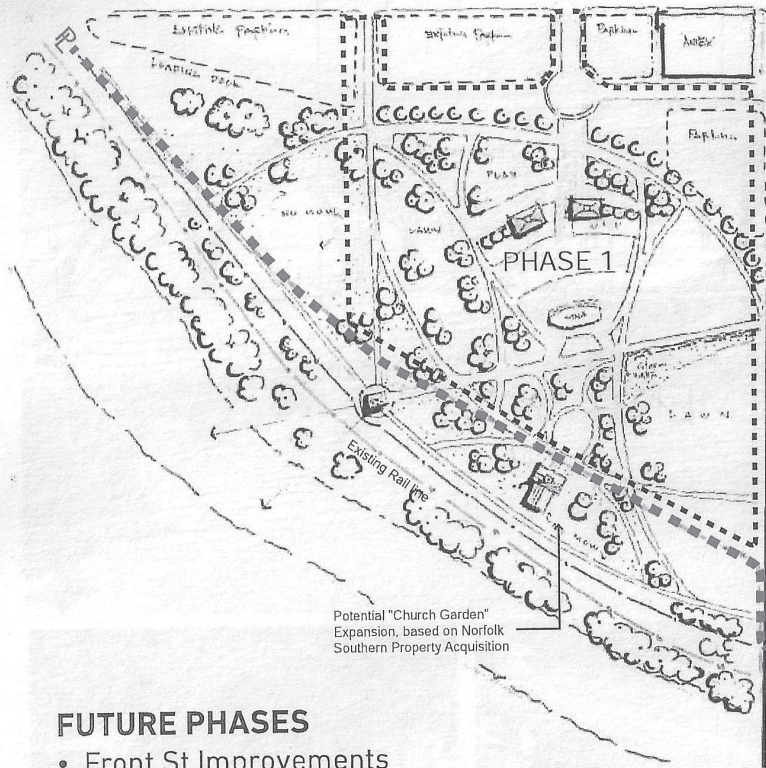
The main solution that the students came up with was to hold a town hall or open forum once or twice a month with representatives of each college in attendance.

This would facilitate discussion between senior administration, faculty and students improving morale and preventing dissatisfaction.

Echoing a comment made by faculty during an earlier open forum, Matanin said she would like to hear what the university's goals are for each year, so students, faculty and staff can offer solutions and gauge the progress they are making. She said new staff and students should be invited, because they can offer new ideas and a fresh perspective.

PHASE 1: AMPHITHEATER

- Amphitheater, restrooms & concessions buildings
- Pedestrian Promenade (service access to Covelli Centre)
- Entry Plaza
- Utility Connections
- VIP Parking (at Amphitheater)

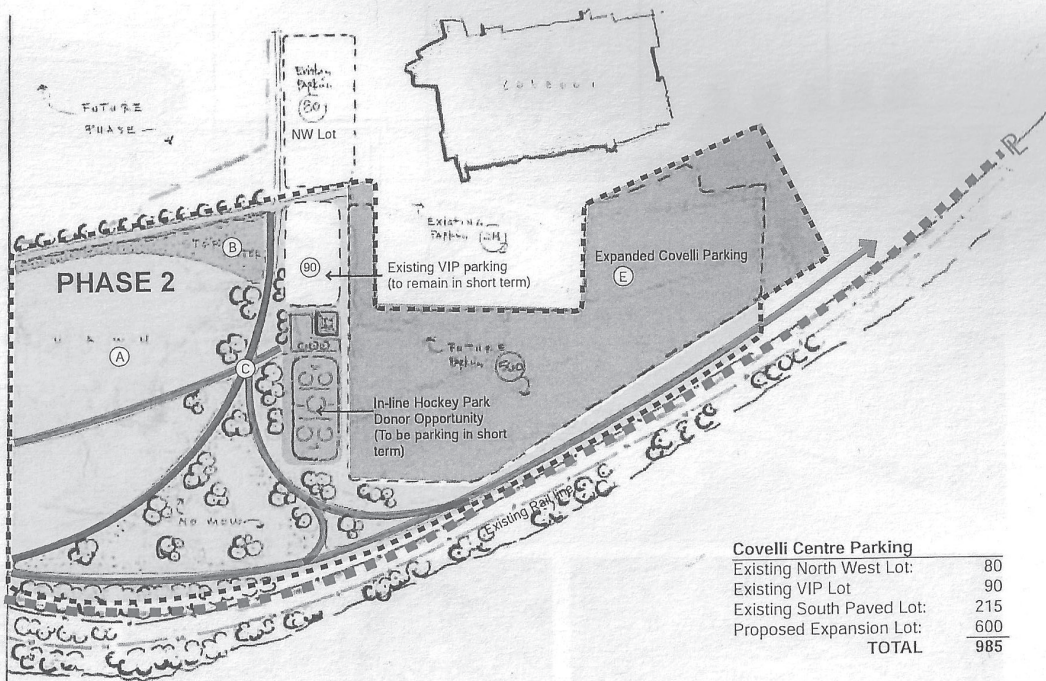


FUTURE PHASES

- Front St Improvements
- Additional Park Improvements / Athletics
- Historic Church Re-location
- River Overlook
- Restaurant / Parking

PHASE 2: EAST OF MARKET

- Earthwork seeding and planting
- Trails and paths
- Covelli Parking Improvements
- In-line Hockey Park



Covelli Centre Parking	
Existing North West Lot:	80
Existing VIP Lot	90
Existing South Paved Lot:	215
Proposed Expansion Lot:	600
TOTAL	985

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City-Wide Project Underway

BY JAMBAR CONTRIBUTOR
TYLER ROTHBAUER

The Youngstown City Council met Thursday to discuss the presentation given by design team, MKSK. This presentation included the extensive plans to build the city-owned amphitheater, the addition of a river front park and the revitalization of Phelps and Hazel Streets.

The meeting commenced with Brian Kinzelman, co-founder of MKSK, talking about the project's vision and how impactful this project can be.

"We want to develop a vision for Youngstown that is transformational for the city and region," Kinzelman said. "There is a spectacular opportunity here with great economic development."

He outlined the presentation with four goals and objectives. The first of these is to create an appealing "front door" to the downtown area possibly across the Market viaduct.

MKSK also has plans to provide locations for street festivals and civic events. He called these planned street improvements "streetscapes."

The improvements for Phelps and Hazel Streets include lighting, gateways, outdoor dining, festivals, designated food truck areas, public art and green infrastructure.

One of the mentioned objectives was to strengthen the links to Youngstown State University.

Finance Director Dave Bozanich noted how important getting students down to the amphitheater will be and said he be-

lieves this completed project will be successful in that.

"We have a lot of comfort that we can get this done," Bozanich said. "High quality, low cost entertainment ... that's what students want."

The streetscape improvements will also contribute to linking the site to YSU.

The other objective and goal is to create a community outdoor amphitheater within a riverfront park.

Kinzelman marveled at the available opportunity, comparing what Youngstown has to Central Park in New York City but on a much smaller scale. He added that there is ample space to incorporate a detailed park featuring trail systems, a river overlook and gardening spaces.

The total seating estimated for the open-air amphitheater is 3,250.

Bozanich briefly discussed the funds and costs of the project. According to him, the project has a \$6 million price tag. He estimates the city can raise \$3 million on sponsorships.

Bozanich said that the river front park plans are already in progress.

"Right now we have 100,000 cubic yards of dirt from the freeway expansion being hauled to the site," Bozanich said.

He predicted that construction will be underway by the middle of 2017 and wants funding to be raised by the first quarter of 2017.

Mayor John McNally believes this will be great for the community.

"We have the resources to carry this out, and we have university students who will contribute," McNally said. "It is going to be transformational."



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Congressman Tim Ryan spoke on campus Wednesday about Republican presidential candidate Donald Trump's past support of the Chinese steel industry. Ryan was joined during the speech by Mahoning County Democratic Party Chairman David Betras and Ohio United Steelworkers.

"I recognize that there are a lot of potential Trump supporters that are out there that think that things are bad, and that he may be the answer," Ryan said. "Because he may talk about a thing or two that resonate with us. But I want every steel worker and construction worker in the Mahoning Valley to know that this man is not our guy."

A press release distributed by the Hillary Clinton campaign said Trump purchased Chinese steel for a Trump Organization construction project.

"If we can't get big businesses to buy American steel in America, we're doing something wrong," Ryan said.

Betras motioned to the steelworkers standing behind him.

"While they're making things in America to make sure that jobs in the valley and Ohio stay here, Donald Trump — the great 'Make America Great Again' champion of the working class — was buying his steel in China," Betras said. "So while our workers are trying to fight for their jobs, we're trying to hold on to the manufacturing. We have a guy running that wants to make America great that was buying Chinese steel and putting Chinese workers to work."

Richard Sawyers of USW 1375 spoke at the event, saying that manufacturing and steelworker jobs are necessary to maintain the middle class.

Physics Students Present Research at OSAPS

BY JORDAN UNGER

Youngstown State University students presented their research at Bowling Green State University for the Ohio-Region Section of the American Physics Society meeting on Oct. 7 and 8.

Five students from YSU presented research at the conference, one giving an oral presentation and four giving a poster presentation.

Christopher Watenpool, a YSU electrical engineering student, gave the oral presentation at OSAPS. Watenpool said he conducted his research based on previous work by Donald Priour, a YSU physics professor.

"I found the research he was doing to be particularly interesting," Watenpool said. "It was mainly condensed matter theory particle physics."

Watenpool presented research on harmonic and inharmonic oscillators, and the effects that introducing a random

noise, by means of heating, has on one-dimensional chains. Watenpool said the research is graduate level material.

"This is really heavy into the theory and looking at how these systems react," Watenpool said. "From that, you can use these theories to apply to other research that can really be beneficial."

This was the fourth conference in which Watenpool has presented research. He said presenting in front of professionals in the field gets easier each time.

"You've been through the motions, you know what to expect," he said.

Donald Priour accompanied Watenpool at OSAPS, and said the student did a great job of presenting.

"[Watenpool]'s making a transition that isn't an easy one to make," Priour said. "He's not so much remembering something or reading or learning a script as he is explaining what he did in his own words."

The conference was broken into 10-minute oral presentations and simul-

taneous poster sessions.

The YSU group that presented a poster discussed using chemical treatments as disposition agents on titanium, which allows for other medically beneficial materials to be applied for hip and knee replacements.

Brian Schubert, chemical engineering student, said the research was originally conducted by Kathryn Shields, who has since graduated. His group worked with Holly Martin, assistant professor in the department of chemical engineering.

"It was more of a collaborative effort," Schubert said.

YSU students David Bernard, Nick McGuigan and Martin Strong also presented the poster at OSAPS.

The oral and poster presentations received positive responses from the professionals at the conference. Watenpool said they were engaged in the presentation.

"The community is really welcoming to undergraduate students getting into re-

search," Watenpool said.

Watenpool said they hope to get their research published in the Physical Review B, a physics material international academic journal, in the near future. Schubert said the continued study of their subject will help support a grant for further research.

Priour said these opportunities are essential for students.

"The sooner the students are exposed to public speaking and the more often they do it, the better advantage they gain," Priour said.

Opportunities to do research and present it bring students one step closer to internships and graduate school, Watenpool said.

"If students are really looking into getting experiences or applying what they're learning from the classroom from the STEM community, definitely go and seek out research opportunities if they can," Watenpool said.



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'Orange is the New Black' Stars Campaign Locally for Democrats

BY ANTHONY KRIM

Actresses Kate Mulgrew and Taylor Schilling spoke about why they are voting for Democratic Presidential Nominee Hillary Clinton at The Federal on Friday. About 80 people, including Democratic Party leaders and Youngstown State University students, attended this event.

"I want everyone in this room ... to get out and vote for a woman who is superbly qualified," Mulgrew said.

Mulgrew and Schilling play the characters Red and Piper respectively on Netflix's hit series "Orange is the New Black." After giving a small speech, they met and took pictures with fans.

Ohio State Rep. Michele Lepore-Hagan said it was an honor having Schilling and Mulgrew come to the event to talk to Clinton supporters.

"They're really passionate about this election, and they want to make sure that we get young people out to vote," Lepore-Hagan said.

Lepore-Hagan said she believes Clinton is the "most qualified leader," and she said it's important to get that message to young voters.

"This is really targeted at [college-aged voters]," Lepore-Hagan said. "I'm so happy to see the YSU kids from the College Democrats here, because it's about energizing our base and getting people to understand that this is about your future."

David Betras, chair of the Mahoning Valley Democratic Party, also attended the event. He agreed with Lepore-Hagan about reaching young voters.

"I think it's important to hold this event near the university to get the millennials engaged in voting for Hillary Clinton," Betras said. "The

crowd is mainly young, and we're happy about that."

Chris Moyer, the regional press secretary for Clinton's Campaign in Northeast Ohio, said he was thrilled with the turnout for the event.

"We've seen great enthusiasm already among young voters," Moyer said.

Moyer said Ohio is an important state in the election, so it's essential to hold political events as election day draws near.

"Certainly this part of Ohio is very important, and the campaign has made a significant investment in this state since day one," Moyer said. "We're competing hard for every vote up until election day."

Dylan Edwards, president of YSU College Democrats, said an event like this captures the interest of young voters.

"It was a great idea, because people under 30 love the show," Edwards said. "It was a great way to get the millennial vote in the area by bringing people in who they watch on TV and look up to, and have them talk about why it's important to get out and vote."

Carissa Benchwick, a YSU graduate student who attended the event, got to meet the actresses. She said she was impressed with the stars' knowledge of political topics.

"After hearing that Piper and Red would be just two buildings down from my apartment, I was blown away because I am a huge fan of OITNB," Benchwick said. "I was extremely impressed by Kate Mulgrew's poise, passion and knowledge about this year's election and support for Hillary Clinton."

BY DANIELLE GARNER

MathFest Counts at YSU

Local high school students came to Youngstown State University to attend MathFest, which featured workshops by YSU students and professors. The annual event explores different ways math is used beyond the classroom.

George Yates, a professor at YSU, said the event is geared towards high school students and challenges their skills while broadening the way math can be applied.

"Students get exposed to a lot of different areas where math is used," Yates said.

MathFest has been held annually for several years by the YSU mathematics and statistics department. Yates said about 300 students attended.

"It's a great outreach into the community, where you talk to high school students and get them aware of what's going on at YSU," Yates said. "Particularly our goal is to educate them ... to the much broader application to the world, and it's going to be an increasing application in the future."

Students were able to choose which workshops to attend. Popular workshops included STEM Behind Sports and Football and an origami-themed workshop.

Students from YSU participated in helping high school students locate workshops, hand out pamphlets and score papers.

Monica Busser, a math major at YSU, volunteered with Khang Nguyen, another YSU student, to teach a workshop on the experiences of math majors.

"I think it opens their eyes to the

possibilities," Busser said. "A lot of people think the only thing that you can do is be a math teacher."

Nguyen said the workshop he taught with Busser invited interaction from the students, and he was excited to explain the benefits of the major.

"Once I started taking statistics for my business major, I actually figured out that I really enjoyed statistics," Nguyen said. "There's a lot of different applications of calculus and things that you can do with statistics."

Randi Yazvac, a teacher at Crestview High School who attended YSU, brought students to MathFest this year. Yazvac said the high school students are more receptive when YSU students interact with them.

"I think it's great that students get to work with professors, but I think they also enjoy the college students, because you're a little more their age," Yazvac said. "I think it's great to mentor those kids, and four years down the road they think, 'That could be me doing that workshop.'"

Lucy Hutchinson, a senior high school student from the Oil City area, said she's excited to come and work with students who have a similar interest in math.

Yazvac said that she was thankful for the faculty and students that are willing to give high school students the opportunity to learn and explore math applications during MathFest.

"Actual professors give up their time to come teach our high school students," Yazvac said. "I think that is wonderful. I think that shows a lot about the caring nature of the professors here."



Jazz Ensemble's First Fall Performance

BY AMANDA LEHNERD

The Youngstown State University's Jazz Ensemble had their first concert of the fall season on Monday in the Chestnut Room in Kilcawley Center.

The Jazz Ensemble started preparing for their first performance at the start of the fall semester. Kent Engelhardt, a professor at the Dana School of Music, selectively chose the pieces that were performed at the first concert.

"I have ideas about the type of music and things I want all my students to have experience with," Engelhardt said. "I wanted to do something by Frank Foster, but I knew I wanted to choose the right piece to fit the personalities of the students."

Stephen Spencer, Jazz Ensemble lead trombone player, said the music he learns for Jazz Ensemble is important and relevant to his music studies.

"Engelhardt always picks tunes that are really good for us to learn. The music allows us to have fun," Spencer said. "He always gives us relevant music to learn, which is great."

The Jazz Ensemble was split into two sections, Jazz Ensemble 1 and 2. The first group is the younger section of Jazz Ensemble, and the second group is the more advanced section.

The advanced group's first weeks of the semester were spent reading music and trying different options to see what would work for their performance. Two weeks before the first show, they narrowed down which five pieces would be in the set.

"The younger group played music by Sammy Nestico and Ernie Wilkins that was reconstructed

from a university research council grant," Engelhardt said. "The more advanced band played a rhythm and blues take on 'Georgia On My Mind.' The advanced group has a larger variety than the younger group."

Engelhardt said that every performance Jazz Ensemble does is a little different than the others. There is always a new selection of music, which allows for people to attend each show and still hear new music.

"Tonight's performance is filled with improvised solos that were constructed for tonight only," Engelhardt said. "One of the skills essential to jazz is improvising, and that was demonstrated in tonight's performance."

The Jazz Ensemble had around 10 people playing solos within a band of 17. Many of the solos represented the skills of improvising that Engelhardt finds important.

"I tell our students; I want us to swing and be as musical as we can and show our passion. Perfect pieces need passion, and perfect pieces do not need to sound like a machine," Engelhardt said. "A humanistic feel and passion that includes good technical aspects are a great balance."

Justin Randall, a trumpet player in Jazz Ensemble, said that it has provided him with some great opportunities and is a great group to be a part of.

"The Jazz Ensemble has given me a lot of great musical moments and has been a pleasure to be a part of the past four years," Randall said. "Playing music with so many different people and professors over the years has been memorable and helped me progress as a musician."



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Clash of Comedy: Cleveland Versus Pittsburgh

BY WILL KEFFLER

Cleveland and Pittsburgh both have their respective comedy scenes, but which city is the funniest? Tonight in downtown Youngstown, Meridian Healthcare hopes to put the rivalry to rest by hosting their Crossroads Comedy Rivalry at the DeYor Performing Arts Center, located at 260 West Federal St.

The event begins at 7 p.m. and costs \$20. It will pit two comedians from Cleveland against two comedians from Pittsburgh to determine once and for all which city has a better sense of humor.

Representing Cleveland will be Bill Squire, one of Cleveland's rising comics, and Mike Paramore, who was a featured comedian on the FOX television show "Laughs." On the flip side, representing Pittsburgh will be Aaron Kleiber, who was voted best comedian by Pittsburgh Magazine, and Mike Wysocki, who brings his comedy to Pittsburgh radio every morning on the Jim Krenn and The Morning Q Show.

For Scott Landy, development manager at Meridian Healthcare, the idea of having the two cities face off on the neutral ground of Youngstown was a no-brainer.

"It's always been an intense rivalry in this area," Landy said. "People either like the Browns or the Steelers, and since we're at the crossroads of the two cities, we thought it would be a good idea to invite comedians to meet in Youngstown and see who the funniest city is."

Additionally, the proceeds from the night will benefit Meridian Healthcare's drug prevention and recovery programs in the Mahoning and Trumbull counties. Last year, the organization held a comedy show that was more of a recovery theme, and they received positive feedback with high attendance. However, this year they decided to stir things up a bit and make the event more local with the Cleveland/Pittsburgh theme.

Renee Amacher, the marketing director for Meridian Healthcare, said when they plan events for the year, they try to focus on three founda-

tional goals. They either try to bring awareness to a topic, raise money for a cause or simply put on a fun event for the community. With this event, the team is hoping to have a perfect blend of the latter two.

"With this event, we're obviously trying to raise money to help our prevention and treatment programs, but we're also trying to have a fun event and create a good night out for the community," Amacher said. "Sometimes we don't want to be constantly pushing our agenda. We want people to be aware that this is for prevention and addiction treatment, but it's mainly to let people have a fun night out, let loose and, hopefully, start the weekend off right."

Specifically, the proceeds from the night will go toward Meridian Healthcare's Prevent and Neutralize Drug and Alcohol Abuse program (PANDA). The afterschool program, which has been in Mahoning and Trumbull County schools for almost 30 years now, focuses on educating youth in the areas to help them make successful life choices.

Ashley Farinelli, prevention coordinator for PANDA, said that the program began with drugs and alcohol, but over the years it has evolved and adapted to cover a variety of problems that teens may face.

"The PANDA Leaders Club empowers teens by giving them the knowledge to make responsible decisions about the issues that affect them most today," Farinelli said. "When we first started, we only covered drugs and alcohol, but then we realized that those aren't the only issues that teens are facing, so we opened it up to encompass more matters such as healthy relationships, peer pressure, internet safety and self-esteem."

With the heroin and opiate epidemic in Northeast Ohio and most of the state, the group hopes that their programs like PANDA can help to create a brighter future for teens.

"If we can stop these kids from going down a dangerous path, hopefully, that will help us stem that kind of addiction, and in 10 years maybe we won't be where we are now," Amacher said.

Q&A with Photojournalist:

Steven Rubin

BY AMANDA LEHNERD

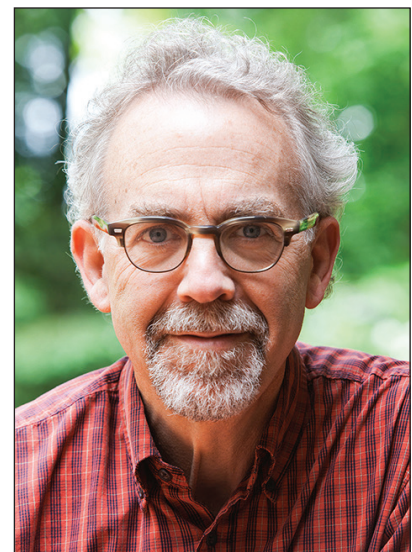


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How did you get your start in the photojournalism field?

Soon after college, I started doing longer-term documentary projects, and that set the base. I didn't really know what it meant to be a photographer in a professional sense, but I knew what photography meant to me. It meant you would take pictures, and you would work really hard at taking pictures. All I really wanted to do was to make good photographs. This all led to the process of me starting to work for publications and photo agencies.

What is your main focus in your photography, and what are you currently working on?

Overall, I really see myself as someone who is interested in the human condition, social issues and political issues. In the past, people have been very much in the forefront of my interests and concerns and my photographs. I have photographed different economic groups, cultures, issues and countries. In the last handful of years, I have been doing work that is more closely identified with landscape work. I have been working on a couple different projects. One is about fracking in Pennsylvania and the Marcellus Shale. I have been photographing people and I have also been photographing the land and landscape and the impact on the landscape. Normally, I would say that the environment or land falls into the background of my photographs with the focus on people. Now with my current projects, the background has become more of the foreground, because some of the work has to do with the land and the landscape. I am also working on a project about wind, wind energy and power, so I have been photographing and doing some landscape work for that as well.

Steven Rubin worked for more than 20 years as a freelance photojournalist and documentary photographer. His work assignments sent him to Iraq, Rwanda, Kosovo, Pakistan, Thailand, Chile, Cuba, throughout Central America and the U.S. His photographs have been published in many national and international magazines and papers, such as The New York Times and National Geographic. He obtained his Masters of Fine Arts in Visual Arts from the University of California and is a recipient of many awards, some including the Fulbright-Nehru Scholar and the Leica Medal of Excellence. Along with being a photojournalist, Rubin is an associate professor of art at Penn State University, where he teaches photography.

How did you decide to become a photojournalist?

From an early age I knew that I wanted to be a photographer. I didn't know what that meant, I didn't know what kind of photography I was going to do, but I knew I loved the experience of it. It was an extraordinary experience to take photographs. I was photographing all through high school and even before. Instead of going off to college to study photography, I decided to go into a broader liberal arts based field. I majored in sociology and anthropology. I spent those four years learning many things, yet still having a sense of unhappiness, because I was not photographing. I did decide to take a year off college to travel to different parts of the world. I spent that time photographing, and that reaffirmed my interest in photography. What I did study in college places a strong interest on people, social issues, politics and everyday life of "real people." It was something I learned a great deal about and found that it correlates nicely with my interest in photography.

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The Jambar Column

Confessions from Someone Who Struggles with Self-Love

BY JILLIAN SMITH

A friend of mine who has been close to me for roughly a year recently told me that for an outgoing person, I am very guarded in how much personal information I share.

It shocked me that a friend I'm very close to felt this way.

The situation forced me to think about some uncomfortable questions over the next few days. Why do I do that? What do I have to hide? Is there some other ulterior motive I had? Am I just shallow?

The awkward truth is that I am afraid of being inadequate, whether it is thinking I am not pretty enough, smart enough or funny enough. I have a real problem with telling myself that I am valuable.

I also feel inadequate writing this column. I feel that talking about the fact that I have this gnawing fear makes me seem even less cool and smart and competent. I am a defective neurotic, in my mind.

I was bulimic in my teen-aged years and still struggle with body image issues to this

day. This is the last thing I want to tell you. The last thing I want to be after you read this is the girl who is advertising her personal business to the world for pity or attention.

So why am I writing this now?

I have been part of the problem. By me refusing to bring up the negative parts of my life, by me filling my Facebook with lists of achievements and creating the impression that I have a carefree life, I don't invite others to be honest about their struggles or their flaws.

Many studies have shown that the curated successes of our friends' lives as seen through social media has a negative effect on our self-esteem. The constant stream of success subconsciously creates an unrealistic and unobtainable version of reality. It's not wrong to document success, and indeed that is far more preferable than having streams full of negativity, but it certainly makes real vulnerability more difficult. The same thing can occur in a non-virtual sense, as it has with me, when we never confide our personal failings or

fears to others.

What's the solution for fear of inadequacy? Psychology Today says that it takes being vulnerable about fear and owning up to it before the fear will ever go away. This is a tough thing because the person who thinks they are inadequate certainly doesn't want to invite impressions of greater inadequacy by talking about their fear of inadequacy. But this is why I am writing about it now, and why I invite others to be unafraid of being open and vulnerable. In their article, Psychology Today notes that keeping our fears to ourselves allows them to grow and become more threatening than what they are, and that the anxiety can lead to actions of self-sabotage. Instead, owning up to our fear allows us a feeling of greater control over our thoughts.

There are moments in your life when you will feel like you are not enough. It happens to all of us. But in those moments, don't feel ashamed of voicing your fear. Indeed, it is the one thing that will allow you to overcome it best.

Editorial

Building a Foundation

Youngstown State University President Jim Tressel and several others broke ground on the second phase of the University Edge housing complex Saturday.

Tressel laid out an ambitious plan in April to give campus a facelift, and — outside of the headaches commuters have been experiencing due to construction along Wick and Lincoln Avenues — University Edge is the first tangible thing to come from that plan.

It's been a success — at least from a business standpoint. The first 162-bed unit is filled up, and phase two will add another 220-bed unit. It will also include the construction of a two-story campus bookstore complete with a cafe and convenient store.

Campuses across the country are in an arms race to build new and shiny amenities in an attempt to attract new students. If University Edge is successful in that regard — and it seems like it will be — YSU will have brought new students in without spending a dime. While they leased the land, Hallmark Campus Communities will construct the buildings.

However, it's worth noting that fancy apartments cater to a certain class of students. Not everyone can afford the rents at University Edge or the University Courtyard apartments or the Flats at Wick. This is a campus where 87 percent of students receive some form of financial aid.

And it's by design that developments like this don't have the average YSU student in mind. Tressel wants to extend the university's footprint beyond students who attended local high schools — those who chose to attend YSU primarily, because it's cheap and close to home.

Ideally, this will increase enrollment which in turn will increase revenue. And while fancy apartments are nice, the university needs to make sure the additional revenue they generate is invested in things from which all students can benefit.

This could be better support services for students, but also better compensation for faculty. If fancy apartments and cool climbing walls are what make a student choose YSU over another campus, they decided to go to college in the first place to get an education. That is impossible without the educators themselves.

At YSU, the educators — both full and part-time — haven't always received the support they deserve, both by necessity and by choice.

It's OK to get excited about new developments like University Edge. We at The Jambar believe the bookstore will be a nice addition to Fifth Avenue.

But let's not lose sight of what really makes YSU a great university — it's not the amenities; it's the faculty.

LETTER TO THE EDITOR

Safe Spaces: Silencing the Opposition

What a weird time to be alive. As the internet continues to connect millions of people with differing backgrounds, one would think that tolerance of free speech would also become more entrenched. However, with the advent of safe spaces and their social justice warrior defenders, that's not the case. Students should beware: deep behind their convictions of social justice rests an authoritarian mind that wishes to silence anyone who might have a different view.

Safe spaces are ultimately about silencing the opposition. While they are disguised as caring about others' views, they do just the opposite. They teach one to run away in ignorance versus debating ideas. Instead of cultivating open minds, safe spaces lead to authoritarian entrapment with like-minded individuals affirming each other's feelings.

What's the most interesting factor about social justice warriors is just how quickly they won't defend a minority if they don't have underlying progressive views. Normally, social justice warriors care extensively about minorities, but as Milo Yiannopoulos and Blaire White prove, that's only if said minority is a pro-

gressive.

Milo Yiannopoulos is a gay conservative who speaks out on such authoritarian regimes as social justice warriors and third wave feminism. His "Dangerous F---t Tour" has taken him to college campuses across the U.S., where he has been completely silenced, and even threatened, by these social justice warriors. Whenever someone has a different worldview than them, that is grounds for being suppressed.

Blaire White is a conservative transgender YouTuber who frequently speaks out against the same group of people. Blaire has been ridiculed for standing up for men, speaking out against infinite genders, among other heated topics.

Speaking out for what she believes to be right led to attempts to doxx (the process of leaking information online about a person and their family, personal information, etc. to the masses) her. In the progressives' world of paradoxes, they claim they want safe spaces, yet leak private information that could threaten someone's safety in a real way because they hold different opinions.

As Milo and Blaire show us, the social

justice warriors having an underlying desire to help minorities is an illusion to help propagate support, namely from those already apathetic about politics. But once one digs a little more into the narrative, you see they only defend fellow progressives, and their biggest antagonist is free speech and free thinking individuals. These ideas are naturally incubated in safe spaces, and will lead us down a dangerous path.

The biggest problem I have with education is the underlying appeal to obedience and conformity, and as a result, political, philosophical or intellectual apathy. Too often in school you learn how to take tests, not how to educate yourself and the people around you. Safe spaces and the social justice warriors spawned from this kind of apathy, and now they wish to control speech as the means to reach their end — a dull, authoritarian allegiance, where freedom is squandered and thinking differently is a crime. Tread lightly.

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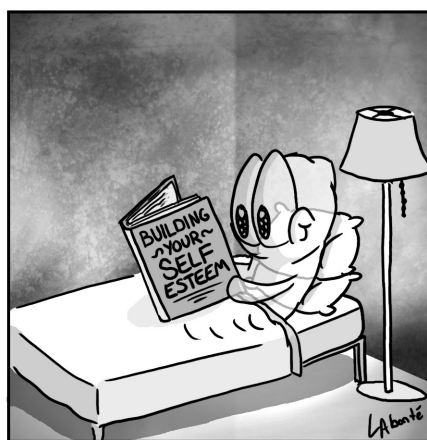
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Personal Foul

Tim Donaghy Speaks to YSU Student-Athletes About Gambling

BY DAN HINER

On Sunday night, former NBA referee Tim Donaghy spoke to Youngstown State University student-athletes about the dangers of gambling addiction and sports gambling.

Donaghy may go down as the most infamous name in the history of the NBA. After a decorated 13-year career, his entire world came crashing down in 2006 after the FBI and the NBA found out about his gambling addiction.

Gambling led to him influencing the outcome of games to feed his habit and, eventually, work for organized crime in Philadelphia.

After serving over 15 months in federal prison and a halfway house, Donaghy has become an advocate against gambling addiction. He travels nationally to give speeches about the warning signs of gambling addiction and the consequences his habit had on his career, family and personal safety.

YSU's athletes started the night by watching a video composed of sports commentary, interviews, court coverage and former NBA commissioner David Stern's press conference following the unveiling of Donaghy's actions.

Donaghy said his addiction started after joining a local country club in Philadelphia. He said he and his fellow golfers would bet who could get the ball closest to the hole. Next thing he knew, he was sitting in hotel rooms with other NBA referees rolling a ball toward the hotel room door and betting \$20 on getting the ball closest to the door without touching it.

Donaghy said his contract as a referee said he "wasn't to place a bet of any kind." But he said it eventually started to consume his life. Later he and a friend

realized how easy it would have been to point shave, and how the NBA wanted officials to call the games.

Eventually, he didn't want to point shave anymore because of the potential repercussions from the league. Any referee caught gambling while employed by the NBA has their contract terminated. But one day he found himself in a car with his friend Thomas Martino and professional gambler James "Baba" Battista.

Donaghy said he and Battista discussed getting out of gambling, but Battista told him he would continue fixing games, because Battista would turn him into the NBA or "have someone visit" his wife and children at their home.

The FBI discovered Donaghy's connection and eventually convinced him to join the investigation as a cooperating witness. He was sent to a federal prison for a 15-month sentence.

While in prison, he was attacked by an inmate who had connections to organized crime. He needed two surgeries to correct the damage that was done. He was offered protection by an inmate who was serving time for a drug conviction.

He was given the option by his protector to get a tattoo during a 10-day process or shave his head. He opted for the latter. Donaghy said that was the only way he could continue to receive protection.

Life 10 Years Later

Eventually, Donaghy was released from prison, but his life was never the same. Donaghy and his wife got a divorce. He said his connection to his two daughters was temporarily ruined but has improved over the last few years.

He said his family and his daughters have kept him from falling back into his gambling

addiction.

Donaghy is no longer allowed to be a referee in the NBA. Instead, he said he became involved in real estate after his release. He released a book titled "Personal Foul: A First-Person Account of the Scandal that Rocked the NBA."

His book is an autobiography discussing his addiction, stories and his impact on the basketball world.

Donaghy said the most upsetting part of the scandal was the potential impact his actions had on the careers of the players that he "screwed." Donaghy said players' careers hung in the balance of the calls he made, but he didn't even consider it while he was officiating games.

He said the one player that stands out in his mind is Rashed Wallace, a former Detroit Piston forward and center.

He said the reason Wallace sticks out in his mind is because of the way Wallace approached him after Donaghy admitted to fixing games. He said Wallace didn't hold any resentment toward him, and that made him feel even worse as the time went on.

Because of those emotions, Donaghy stressed the importance of understanding the impact someone's choices have on other people.

Donaghy said the easiest targets for point shaving and other sports gambling infractions are student-athletes who attend schools like YSU. He said the odds of someone going on to play professional sports from smaller universities is miniscule, and the potential financial benefits of influencing a game for gambling purposes could outweigh the consequences.

Protecting the Penguins

Nicole Kent-Strollo, student-athlete welfare and devel-



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opment coordinator, said Meridian Healthcare contacted YSU last year about possibly partnering with them on a gambling addiction program.

Kent-Strollo said there were several candidates for Sunday's speech, but Donaghy was recommended by one of the co-sponsors of the program.

Donaghy started a question and answer session following his speech. The student-athletes asked questions about his career, why he became involved in gambling in the first place and his experience in rehabilitation.

YSU defensive end Derek Rivers was one of a number of student-athletes in attendance. He said it was an important message for college athletes to hear, and it reminded him of the importance of his role with the university and the football program.

"You reap what you sow. Like coach Bo [Bo Pelini] says, there's consequences for everything that you do," Rivers said. "It takes a lot of courage to tell a story like that. The biggest thing I took away from it was that every-

one has a conscience. You know when something's wrong, and you know when something's right. Sometimes the right way may not be the easy way, but that's life."

Kent-Strollo reminded the student-athletes in attendance of the possible consequences of being caught for gambling while enrolled at YSU. She also emphasized the importance of reaching out to the university's counselling services if a problem ever arises.

"It's honestly the easiest way to lose your eligibility. There are so many kids out there doing it, and it's happening everywhere — DI [Division I], DII [Division II], DIII [Division III]," Rivers said. "Like he said, it may not be watched closely by DII and DIII schools, but it's out there."

"They [YSU athletics] don't want our students to get involved. Every year, gambling or whether it be someone getting money for signatures or anything like that, it's an easy way for student-athletes to get caught and lose their eligibility. They're

The Press Box Perspective:

Thursday Night Football Twitter Streams are a Game Changer

BY ANDREW ZUHOSKY

How many of you have watched “Thursday Night Football” on TV this season? Actually, how many of you have watched “Thursday Night Football” on Twitter this season?

I know that some of you might be thinking right now, “Whoa, wait a minute, I can watch the Thursday night games on Twitter now?!”

Yes, you can, and it’s awesome that the NFL is doing this.

Last spring, the NFL and Twitter agreed to stream 10 of the 16 Thursday evening contests televised on the NFL’s over-the-air TV networks for the package (NBC and CBS), including tonight’s contest between the Chicago Bears and Green Bay Packers, the last of the CBS package for this year on Twitter.

All “TNF” games, even the ones not streamed on Twitter, still air on the package’s original TV home, NFL Network. The best part of it all? The Twitter simulcasts of the football games can be accessed worldwide.

Now that you know about this new feature, you’re probably wondering “How can I access this?” Tonight, just go to tnf.twitter.com around 8:25 p.m. EDT, when Chicago and Green Bay kickoff.

If you’re on Twitter’s mobile app, select the “Moments” op-

tion, the one with the lightning bolt icon and select the “NFL” option. You should see a link to access the live stream. Just choose that link.

This is a great move by the NFL and Twitter. Sports Twitter is already like sports talk radio, except that you’re the host of the show, your followers act as “callers,” there are no phone lines you have to worry about, so you’re never on hold and there are no commercial breaks.

Prior to this year, there was something that sports radio had that sports Twitter didn’t, live play-by-play of the NFL.

It’s also great, because it gives more viewers an opportunity to watch. It provides a viewing opportunity to people who don’t usually have access to the games on a regular basis. It takes advantage of our cell phones and laptops, which we have on us consistently.

I’ve already taken advantage of the Twitter stream a few times this season. The first time a game was streamed on Twitter this year, I decided to watch the stream, just to see what it was like.

It’s a great quality video stream, one that even has a live Twitter tracker of messages from viewers who watch the game.

Just watch the Twitter stream tonight. There’s a good chance I’ll be watching it too.



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Derek Rivers, a Youngstown State University defensive end, sacks Aaron Bailey, quarterback for the University of Northern Iowa. Rivers recorded one sack in YSU’s win over the Panthers on Saturday. Rivers has 31.5 sacks during his career and already holds the YSU record for career sacks. After Saturday night, Rivers moved to sixth all time in Missouri Valley Football Conference history for career sacks. The record is 42, set by UNI’s William Freeney back in 1992.

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1	South Dakota State	3-0	4-2	7
2	Youngstown State	3-0	5-1	13
3	North Dakota State	2-1	5-1	4
4	Western Illinois	2-1	5-1	12
5	South Dakota	2-1	3-3	
6	Missouri State	1-2	3-3	
7	Northern Iowa	1-2	2-4	
8	Illinois State	1-3	3-4	
9	Indiana State	1-3	3-4	
10	Southern Illinois	0-3	2-4	

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Date	Opponent	Result/Time
9/1	vs. Duquesne	W 45-10
9/10	@ West Virginia	L 38-21
9/17	vs. Robert Morris	W 38-6
10/1	vs. South Dakota*	W 30-20
10/8	@ Illinois State*	W 20-6
10/15	vs. Northern Iowa*	W 14-10
10/22	@ South Dakota State*	3 p.m.
10/29	vs. Indiana State*	4 p.m.
11/5	@ North Dakota State*	3:30 p.m.
11/12	vs. Southern Illinois*	12 p.m.
11/19	@ Missouri State*	3 p.m.

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Battle of Conference Leaders

YSU Travels to South Dakota State

BY MARC WEEMS

When South Dakota State University came to Youngstown last season, they beat Youngstown State University 38-8. The team is looking to avenge that loss when they travel to SDSU for this Saturday's game.

Both YSU and SDSU are undefeated in Missouri Valley Football Conference play — each hold a 3-0 record. The winner of Saturday's game will be in sole possession of first place in the conference.

Last week, YSU was able to overcome extreme circumstances in their game against the University of Northern Iowa. YSU was able to put two drives together in order to win that game 14-10 with third string quarterback Nathan Mays.

SDSU quarterback Taryn Christian has thrown for 22 touchdowns this season while running for two touchdowns.

YSU defensive end Derek Rivers said that even though they will be facing a running quarterback again, they will be ready, because they have faced many running quarterbacks. He men-

tioned UNI's Aaron Bailey, University of South Dakota's Chris Streveler and West Virginia University's Skyler Howard as people who are similar.

SDSU's offense has been potent so far this season, averaging 40.6 points per game and gaining 472 yards per game.

"Our defensive backs have a task on their hands along with the linebackers," Rivers said. "Jake Weineke, number 18 [Connor Landberg] and their tight end, Dallas Goedert are all play makers which are big weapons for their offense. We just have to go out there on defense and just play our game."

YSU's defense has only given up 13.8 points per game while giving up just 271 yards per game. Also, YSU recorded 25 sacks with 14 of them coming from defensive ends Avery Moss and Rivers.

"We have to execute our game plan and be in the right spots," YSU head coach Bo Pelini said. "I think our preparation has been better, and I think our attention to detail has been higher than any time before. There are still some things that we have to



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Tevin McCaster, a running back on the Youngstown State University football team, leaps over the defensive line and extends the ball across the goal line during the Penguins' win over the University of Northern Iowa.

clean up and adjust to."

SDSU's largest weakness is on defense. The Jackrabbits give up 32.5 points per game, which gives the Penguins potential to put some offensive drives together against SDSU.

YSU's offense has been able to produce 28 points per game despite its offensive struggles. The Penguins still averaged around 420 yards per game.

YSU running back Tevin McCaster said that finishing games strong is a mentality.

"We have a lot of seniors on the team," McCaster said. "That was their entire focus during camp and through spring ball

and throughout the season so far — that we always have to finish."

McCaster also said that as running backs they don't mind getting their numbers called play after play like they did in their comeback against the UNI. He also said SDSU will try and mix things up a bit to slow everyone down.

Pelini has the utmost confidence in his quarterbacks especially since backup Trent Hosick is out of the season due to a collarbone injury.

"Ricky [Davis] is a lot better, we will see how he plays today, but I anticipate him playing. I have a lot of confidence in Nate

[Mays] and he will get a lot more reps this week. He's a smart, young player," Pelini said.

Pelini said SDSU is going to challenge the Penguins with its passing game.

"We've seen passing teams before, and they do it a little bit different in some respects," Pelini said. "We've played this type of offense before, and they have some good players, so this should be a nice challenge for us. That's the challenge you face, which is get up every week, and this is no different."

Kickoff is scheduled for 3 p.m. at Dana J. Dykhouse Stadium. The game can be seen on ESPN3.