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The NBA Championship Trophy Comes to YSU

PHOTOS BY DAN HINER / THE JAMBAR

BY MYRA CORLEY
& EMILY FRAZZINI

The Cleveland Cavaliers' NBA Championship trophy visited Youngstown State University on Friday as part of the team's All for Ohio tour.

YSU was the next-to-last stop on the tour across Ohio to celebrate the Cavs' NBA Finals win over the Golden State Warriors in June.

The event was held in the Chestnut room from 2 p.m. to 7 p.m. Students, staff and fans from the community attended the event as the trophy was put on display and crowds lined up to take pictures alongside it.

Guests were welcome to take pictures with Cavaliers' girls, Pete the Penguin and the Cavaliers' new mascot, CC, who sport-

ed a championship ring of his own.

Local fans said they were excited about the trophy coming to campus. People traveled to see a piece of Cleveland sports history.

Northeast Ohioans credit the victory to the Cavs' small forward LeBron James, who grew up in Akron. YSU student O'Keal Gist said he is proud to be from James' hometown.

"Being a kid from Akron and seeing the trophy here, especially knowing the trophy was delivered by another kid in Akron, is truly special," Gist said.

Tori Pacheco was another fan waiting in line. She has been a fan of the Cleveland Cavaliers since as long as she could remember, and she said their Finals' win was breathtaking.

"It made everyone in my house cry," Pacheco said. "We started jumping up and I

threw my chair back, and I remember my Dad was crying and I started crying it was a very happy moment for us."

She said the win taught her to never give up. Frederick Lee Harvey got a similar message from the win. He said he had been a fan of the team for 10 years.

"Keep up the good work, hard work pays off," Pacheco said. "Hopefully 'next year' is just as good as this year!"

Olivier Sedra, the public address announcer for the Cleveland Cavaliers, attended the event. Sedra said it has been a special experience not only sharing the trophy with YSU but with everyone on the tour.

"Every time we see the fans reaction to the trophy on display, I get goose bumps," Sedra said. "It is incredible to be involved with something like this, and none of us want this feeling to go away. I've been

working with the Cavs for 11 seasons, and it's a privilege to do what I do."

Sedra provides information to the fans during each Cavs game and reciprocates their energy. He said although he speaks for a living, winning a championship makes him speechless.

"Not too many teams get to experience this and not too many states get to experience this," Sedra said. "All for Ohio truly means All for Ohio. We're taking every opportunity to get this trophy everywhere, and because, really, it belongs to us now."

The All for Ohio tour reached its end as the new NBA season began Tuesday. Sedra said the team will now need to hit the reset button.

"Once we tip the ball up, it is a new season, a new game, and we will have to defend the land yet again," Sedra said.

Campus Collaborations at Launch Lab



PHOTO COURTESY OF CHRISTINE SHELTON

BY JORDAN UNGER

Students from different colleges at Youngstown State University combine their skills to assist clients with creative projects and innovative ideas.

The Launch Lab, located in the Williamson College of Business Administration, fosters the collaboration of students from the business college, the College of Creative Arts and Communication and the College of Science, Technology, Engineering and Mathematics.

Ten lab assistants work in the Launch Lab. John Bordell, YSU graduate student and coordinator of the Launch Lab, said the students in the lab use manufacturing equipment such as 3-D printers, 3-D scanners and modeling software to complete tasks requested of them.

“Students working in the lab are collaborating with other students, and possibly community members and other businesses in the area, to try to help them solve whatever problems they can and use our resources’ capabilities to accomplish that,” John Bordell said.

John Bordell said the assistants’ diverse backgrounds contribute to the Launch Lab. He said an example of this would be if a student approached them with an idea for a new pen design.

“They come in, an engineering student would help them design the part in CAD software,” John Bordell

said. “An art student would help them with the aesthetic design of the pen to make it more ergonomic and then the business student would help them facilitate the marketing.”

Wim Steelant, the dean of STEM, said the Launch Lab is a great way for students to get hands-on experience and learn from each other’s skills.

“The more you know and the more diverse your degree is, the better you’re prepared for a job skill,” Steelant said.

Brittany Bordell, YSU business student and lab assistant, said Launch Lab teaches her things she never expected to learn in her major.

“Working with students of all different areas of study has been a really special thing,” Brittany Bordell said. “We all get to learn a little bit of what we’re creating and get to share our knowledge from our field.”

The Launch Lab team is contacted by various businesses in the area who need help with projects. John Bordell said he was approached by an extrusions company who needed to test a part’s capabilities before investing in the extrusion.

“It would’ve cost him quite a bit of money to have a company make a prototype of it,” John Bordell said. “So we were able to really quickly 3-D print it, and then he could see that it worked and have confidence in getting the extrusion actually made.”

Two students from the lab are currently working with the Youngstown Historical Center of Industry and Labor to 3-D print parts to replace models in the museum that are falling apart. John Bordell said some of the projects will be as large as 15 to 20 parts that need printed and assembled.

“We’re pushing forward with it, and I think it’s going to be a really cool project,” John Bordell said.

The team is working on a contract to prevent competition with businesses in the area, one of the challenges that Launch Lab is trying to eliminate.

“We can’t take business away from them,” John Bordell said. “We are trying to figure out exactly where we need to align this lab to whatever legal constraints of the university.”

The Launch Lab is a first step toward the Innovation Center that is in the works at YSU. As for the lab itself, John Bordell hopes it will continue to promote the blending of majors and become incorporated into curriculums.

“The schools are like silos, and people stick to their own,” John Bordell said. “Involving the educational process, an important aspect of that is getting people working together.”

Lab assistance is available to all YSU students and faculty who have creative projects in the works and need access to equipment.

Administration Clears Up Cloudy Vaping Policy

BY ALEXA DEVORE

Although many students are greeted with clouds of vape smoke as they walk across Youngstown State University, vaping is actually prohibited on certain parts of the campus according to the Student Code of Conduct.

The code was updated on June 17, 2015. One of the changes was made to the tobacco use policy, which now includes “electronic cigarettes or any other devices intended to simulate smoking.”

Kelly Beers, associate director of Student Conduct, said health concerns are the reason why vaping is treated like tobacco use on campus.

According to Beers, smoking is allowed in areas that are 50 feet from YSU buildings. Still, students and faculty can be seen smoking cigarettes and vape pens near Maag Library, DeBartolo, Cushwa and Meshel under the overhangs.

Carrie Clyde, wellness coordinator, said the tobacco

use policy isn’t typically enforced or abided by students, staff, faculty or guests.

Beers said the Student Conduct department is going to work toward more strictly enforcing the tobacco use policy, and making sure students are fully aware that it exists.

She said they are taking vaping seriously because there isn’t much research on the effects of inhaling “second-hand vapor.”

YSU student Matt Milligan said he doesn’t mind when people use vape pens to stop smoking, but thinks people take advantage of it.

Some students, like Hannah Telesz, think of it as a safer option as long as it’s outside the buildings.

“I don’t think it is a bad thing on campus, I think it is a healthier alternative,” she said.

But others, like Bobby Marinelli, are distracted — especially in the classroom.

“I personally think it is very inconsiderate,” he said. “It

is distracting to others students trying to learn.”

Nursing student Nicole Hetmanksi said she would rather see YSU enforce its ban on smoking near buildings before they try to limit the use of vape pens and e-cigarettes.

However, she is concerned about potential health effects of vaping.

“Vape pens may contain nicotine, which increases blood pressure and heart rate and lead to heart disease and stroke,” Hetmanksi said. “I don’t know much about vaping, but I do know that they aren’t as harmless as people would like to pretend they are.”

Clyde said it’s essential for YSU to strongly enforce their tobacco policy to create a healthier campus culture. If students would like to see that, they need to speak up.

“I do recommend that anyone that has concerns about this issue speak up and voice them to YSU’s administration, so as they understand the pressing concerns of our population,” she said.

The Horror of It All

BY JAMBAR CONTRIBUTOR
ELIZABETH LEHMAN

It’s Halloween, which means droves of people are visiting haunted houses, dressing up in spooky costumes and, of course, watching horror movies.

For Niles resident and horror aficionado David Denovchek, horror movies have been a big part of his life since he was little. Denovchek’s father was a computer programmer for a video rental store, and every Friday, he would bring home that week’s scary feature.

“I have very vivid memories of movies like Puppet Master, Dollman, etc. And it was always just incredible to sit and watch movies with my dad. As I matured, my love of horror grew with me,” Denovchek said. “Now I find them so enjoyable, because I find that horror allows for so much room for interpretation and variety.”

With fear being a natural survival reaction to a threatening situation, one might wonder why people purposely seek out a good scare for fun.

Mathias Clasen, a Danish scholar of horror fiction and the author/editor of three nonfiction books on the horror genre, said people are intrinsically motivated to seek out mediated fear in order to experience negative emotion in a safe context.

“When we know it’s just a guy in a monster suit on the screen, when we know it’s just actors in the haunt, we can enjoy the physiological arousal produced by negative emotions, and we can find and maybe even push our own boundaries, our tolerance, for fear,” Clasen said.

Clasen compares it to playing games like peek-a-boo and hide-and-seek as little children.

“It becomes a sort of inoculation,” Clasen said, “a way to gain experience and develop coping mechanisms, not unlike

children’s paradoxical love for playful activities that allow them to experience suspense and apprehension in perfect safety; chase play, hide-and-seek, peek-a-boo, etc.”

There is some science behind why it’s fun to go see a scary movie on a date or go to a haunted house with your friends. From the biochemical perspective, being scared with other people can be a bonding experience.

Retired UCLA research professor Shelley Taylor’s 2006 journal article for the Association for Psychological Science said that being under stress can release oxytocin, which can prompt affiliative or befriending behavior in response to the stressor.

“Under conditions of stress ... affiliating with others [is] at least as common [a] response to stress in humans as fight-or-flight ...,” Taylor said. “This affiliative activity ... may take the form of befriending,

namely seeking social contact for one’s own protection and solace.”

Taylor said that befriending others has substantial mental and physical health benefits in times of stress.

“Social isolation is tied to a significantly enhanced risk of mortality, whereas social support is tied to a broad array of beneficial health outcomes including reduced risk of mortality,” Taylor said.

Science aside, Clasen said that people are drawn to horror for the thrill of it.

“They love the physical arousal produced by horror,” Clasen said. “The elevated pulse, sweaty palms, strong blood flow to the large muscle groups, all of which prepare the organism for flight or confrontation — and they love the psychological stimulation, the imaginative immersion into dreadful scenarios, the flirtation with danger, the peeks into the abyss of utter horror.”

Spooky Ohio Sites

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North Benton Cemetery

Distance from campus: 30 miles

Chester Bedell was an aggressive and unrepentant atheist who challenged God to prove His existence. On his deathbed he asked that his grave be infested with snakes if God were real. As you may have guessed, gravediggers had trouble burying Chester because of the unusual number of snakes. Now they crawl in and out, around his tombstone and underneath it, a living demonstration of how wrong Chester apparently was. His cursed grave is in a small cemetery off SR 14.



First Covenant Church

Distance from campus: 5 miles

Boardman's First Covenant Church is haunted by voices, cold spots and, most interestingly, the sound of chainsaws. Sometimes a blurry figure is seen sitting in a corner.



Lipply Road

Distance from campus: 17 miles

Lipply Road in New Springfield borders a hayfield with a small grove of trees in the center. Inside the group of trees are the graves of three witches, the stones in German. Cars have trouble when driving by, and the ghosts have been spotted in the trees.



Yellow Creek Park | Distance from campus: 5 miles

The spirit of a black man killed before the Civil War haunts this park in Struthers. A runaway slave, he was lynched from a tree by bounty hunters from the South as an example rather than being taken back to the plantation, and now his shadowy form is seen walking through the park, head down or sometimes coming up through the waters of Yellow Creek itself. Jim Williams from Struthers took a photograph, which seems to show a face emerging from the creek, and says he's seen the silent slave walking the pathways near the playground.



Egypt Road Bridge | Distance from campus: 22 miles

Egypt Road near the Mahoning County line has its own crybaby bridge legend. A baby just barely old enough to walk ran from his front door while his parents were fighting. The mother spotted him as he reached a bridge nearby and ran after him, but she was a moment too late, and the baby fell to his death in the creek. Today you can hear crying there at night, as well as the scream of the baby's mother as she runs to save him.

Homecoming Week at YSU

BY JAMBAR CONTRIBUTOR
ALYSSA PFLUG

Homecoming week at Youngstown State University takes place during the week of Oct. 24-29. This year's theme is Ghosts of Guins Past – Legends of YSU.

Carolyn Jesko, who is in charge of setting homecoming up, said the celebration is a YSU tradition. The homecoming football game occurs on Saturday.

Students can expect to see various activities on campus such as pumpkin carving, spirit contests, a mock tailgate in the Chestnut Room in Kilcawley Center and Fall Fire Fest. All of these events lead up to the homecoming parade and game, where the king and queen will be crowned during halftime.

Prospective homecoming court members were nominated by student organizations on campus, and then students voted to choose the homecoming court.

Rose Betras, a member of YSU's Homecoming Court, said that being involved with homecoming has been an amazing experience.

"It was a little stressful the weeks before voting, but the week of voting has been a blast, and I'm so glad to have had this experience" Betras

said.

Hannah Telesz, the homecoming parade chair, said that this is the 76th annual homecoming parade.

"This year our goal was to increase our student organizations and group participation numbers for our parade," Telesz said.

Telesz also mentioned that students, alumni, faculty and businesses in the area along with groups from around the Valley have joined in to help YSU celebrate homecoming. The float building helps groups and organizations learn to work as a team.

They will be offering prize money to those who compete in the homecoming float building and receive first, second and third place. The prizes are \$3,000 for first place, \$2,000 for second place and \$1,000 for third place. Several float participants will be in a morning segment on WFMJ at 8 a.m. on Saturday.

Offices and departments across campus will be participating in a decorating competition in order to show YSU spirit all over campus.

Jesko asked students to make sure to wear red and white during the week of October 24 - 29 to show your school spirit for YSU.

Students and Penguin alumni can expect to see a variety of groups, from bands and dancers to military personnel and sports teams.

Event Schedule

Thursday	Friday	Saturday
Build-A-Penguin 10:00 AM-Until they're gone! Kilcawley Center, Chestnut Room	Free Application for FAFSA Filing Session 11:00 AM-1:00 PM Kilcawley Center, Training Room	Student Tailgate 10:00 AM-4:00 PM M63 Tailgate Lot
CW Prize Wheel 11:00 AM-1:00 PM Kilcawley Center, Lower Arcade	Nursing Haunted Hospital 12:00 PM-3:00 PM Cushwa Hall, Room 2410 (overlooking the atrium)	Homecoming Parade 2:00 PM Fifth Avenue
Nursing Haunted Hospital 12:00 PM-3:00 PM Cushwa Hall, Room 2410 (overlooking the atrium)	Humans vs. Zombies Escape Room 2:00 PM-5:00 PM Kilcawley Center, Humphrey Room	YSU Homecoming Football Game vs. Indiana State 4:00 PM Stambaugh Stadium
Fall Fire Fest 7:00 PM-11:00 PM M71 Lot	YSU Swimming & Diving vs. Niagra 5:00 PM Beeghly Natatorium	King and Queen Crowning Halftime
Jazz Combos 7:30 PM Bliss Recital Hall	YSU Volleyball vs. Wright State 6:00 PM Beeghly Center	Nightlights 8:00 PM Ward Beecher Planetarium

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Snagging First Place in Seattle

BY ALEXIS TIMKO

For the first time in Youngstown State University history, two YSU Honors College students were awarded first place in different categories at the National Collegiate Honors Council Annual Conference in Seattle.

Fourteen YSU Honors College students presented research at the NCHC conference from Oct. 13-16.

Amy Cossentino, the Honors College director, said the conference benefits students.

"The conference provides an opportunity for honors students, administration and faculty to share best practices in teaching and learning; undergraduate research; and outside-of-the-classroom experiences," she said. "Scholarship and research is one of the pillars of the honors experience."

Cossentino said this conference sharpens the students' presentation skills and exposes them to new content and ideas from other honors students across the country and

internationally.

Mariah DeFuria and Elizabeth Rogenski won first place for the Sloan Prize in Undergraduate Research for Outstanding Student Poster.

DeFuria, a senior majoring in chemistry, won in the category of Environmental Science, Conservation and Green Technology. Her research focused on perfluorinated metal-organic frameworks and took her over a year to complete.

"There were plenty of failures, abandoned approaches, rerouted plans and rerun experiments," DeFuria said. "Overall, one of the best aspects of my research experience is the relationships I have built with my adviser and research group."

Rogenski, a senior double majoring in mechanical engineering and physics/astronomy, won in the category of Business, Engineering and Computer Science. She began her research in August 2015 and completed it in late March. Her poster titled "3-D Scanning of Metal Parts Produced by Selective Laser Melting" uses 3-D scans to analyze the part location for post-process machining.

This was the first time Rogenski won first place in her three years of presenting a poster at NCHC. She said she enjoys discovering what students across the nation are studying more than competing.

"I'm interested in going to see what other students from across the nation have been researching. Topics which ranged from DNA studies to rocket fuel heat transfer simulations to the psychology behind Disney movie relationships," she said.

DeFuria said she was proud to represent YSU.

"I greatly appreciate the opportunity to showcase a fraction of the research performed on our campus," DeFuria said.

Rogenski said she was shocked when her name was announced as a winner of the poster session.

"I was completely shocked when they announced my name as a winner of the poster session," Rogenski said. "It was also really cool that Mariah [DeFuria] was called right after me for her award. Two winners from Youngstown State looks really good on a national level."

Seventh Annual Halloween Party and Costume Contest at Inner Circle

BY WILL KEFFLER

Calling all Ken Bone and Donald J. Trump look-a-likes, Halloween has returned. Thursday is the seventh-annual Youngstown State University Halloween party and costume contest.

The party is hosted by Inner Circle Pizza on the corner of Lincoln Avenue and Elm Street and will run from 8 p.m. to 1 a.m. The event, which is sponsored by the Department of Communication, is free admission, and all proceeds will benefit the American Cancer Society.

Inner Circle will provide a buffet of pizza and punch for \$5, and a karaoke contest will begin at 8 p.m. with an entry fee of \$2. Along with pizza and karaoke, there will be raffle tickets for sale to win an assortment of prizes.

The costume contest begins at 10:30 p.m. and will feature a special guest judge, President Jim Tressel. For \$5, anyone can enter the costume contest and have a chance at winning prizes donated by various student organizations, including YSU apparel and gift cards from many Youngstown restaurants. Along with President Tressel, Ty Landis of WFMJ and Alex George from WKBN will help to decide who has the best costume on campus.

The event began when Jeff Tyus, a communications professor, wanted to find a way to get his students involved and give back to the community at the same time.

“One Friday night I stopped at Inner Circle after work, and I was expecting it to be packed, but I was the only one in there,” Tyus said. “Then the idea hit me that we could scratch each others backs

by hosting an event at Inner Circle. I was looking for a fun event that students might get excited about, so we came up with the idea of the costume contest.”

Tyus showed some concern about the construction on Lincoln Avenue affecting attendance numbers, but he has confidence that it won't deter people, due to the promoting that his students have done.

“I appreciate what my students in that class have done as far as helping to develop this event,” Tyus said. “I look forward to seeing how everything will turn out, and I want them to feel as though the work that they've put in will pay off.”

Bill Glenellen, the manager at Inner Circle, said that the past six parties have been a great success and he attributes it all to Tyus and his students.

“Jeff and his students are the reason that this has been possible for seven

years,” Glenellen said. “They're the driving force behind the success of this event. We pretty much just provide the venue and food, and let Jeff and his class take care of the rest.”

Adrianna Phillips, a student at YSU, said she has gone to the party in the past and enjoyed the night. This time, however, she is part of Tyus's class and has helped to organize the event.

“There are always a lot of people that end up going, and I think President Tressel being a judge is a big selling point,” Phillips said. “The costumes are definitely going to be interesting this year due to what a wild year 2016 has been.”

For last minute updates on the campus Halloween party, students can follow @YSU Halloween on Twitter.

YSU Students Host a Fundraiser for New Lease on Life

BY RALEIGH BASINGER

Students competed in the popular video games Super Smash Brothers Melee and Mario Kart 8 to raise money for an animal shelter in the Chestnut Room on Thursday.

The fundraiser was put together by a group of students in their intro to honor class. For their project, they needed to do something that would help the community. Someone in the group suggested that they help a local animal shelter.

The fundraiser's proceeds went to New Lease on Life. The prize for the winner of the video game tournaments was a \$20 Amazon gift card. Briana Schumacher, a

pre-vet student, had the idea for helping New Lease on Life.

“New lease on life is a nonprofit organization entirely run by volunteers, and they really needed some help,” Schumacher said. “So the idea is to paint the front of their building to make it look like an animal shelter, because right now there's a sign saying it's a furniture store.”

Jake Mauk, a computer science student, said they raised \$150.

Schumacher said people are more likely to engage in a fundraiser that involves a fun activity rather than selling a product. Mauk agreed.

“I thought it was definitely well worth doing, because I know a lot of people came out to play games and have a tour-

nement,” Mauk said. “I think we raised more that way than we would have selling candy bars like a lot of people do.”

Andrew Zack, a pre-med student, came to the event to support his friend.

“She's doing it for a charity event for some sort of animal crusade, if you will, and I thought it would be fun to support her,” Zack said.

During the event, more people seemed to play Super Smash Bros. Melee and Super Smash Bros more than Mario Kart 8.

“There have always been a group of 10 to 20 people that find a little backroom that is in Dunkin Donuts,” Zack said. “We take over one of the two TVs in there, and someone will bring in either a Gamecube or Wii U. It is a fun way to get together

with a couple of people and play with your friends.”

Zack has participated in one other tournament prior to this one.

“It was in Liberty, and I went and got absolutely crushed by all the people that were there,” Zack said. “It's impressive how much people can invest in this game to become the absolute best that they can.”

Brandon Cappelli, an early childhood education student, was interested in seeing what it was like.

“I love Super Smash Bros., and I've been playing it for a long time,” Cappelli said. “I was interested that YSU had an event going on, so I came down and checked it out.”



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Thrill The World With Downtown Youngstown

BY AMANDA LEHNERD

The B&O Station presents the eighth annual Downtown Youngstown Zombie Crawl Saturday.

The B&O station has been hosting the Zombie Crawl for the past seven years. The Zombie Crawl is a beer crawl that branches across all local bars in the downtown Youngstown area. Amy Komara, event coordinator for the B&O Station, explains how people can get involved in the Zombie Crawl.

"Everyone registers at the B&O Station. After you register, there is a professional FX makeup artist who can do your 'zombie makeup,'" Komara said. "The price for the makeup ranges from 10 dollars and up. The first 150 people to register for the Zombie Crawl get a t-shirt."

The Zombie Crawl is in conjunction with the Thrill the World Dancers. Every year there is a flash mob type thriller dance to kick off the Zombie Crawl. People who have signed up for the Thrill the World Dance will also make a special appearance at the Youngstown State University Homecoming Parade.

"At 6 p.m., the Thrill the World Dancers will take place to dance the 'Thriller,'" Komara said. "The Thrill the World Dance is in the Guinness Book of World Records for most people doing the Thriller dance at one time. When they are done with the dance that is the kickoff to zombie crawl and they can walk across the bridge to all of the different bars downtown."

All local bars downtown are offering food and drink specials in conjunction with the Zombie Crawl. Jeff Kurz, co-owner of The Ryes Craft Beer & Whiskey and Imbibe Martini Bar, has come out with two special drink menus for the Zombie Crawl.



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"We will be offering at Ryes Craft Beer & Whiskey a Halloween Cocktail Menu including Corpse Reviver Prohibition Cocktail, Ryes and Dine Boilermaker, Bloody Brain Shot, Pumpkin Beer and a debut of new ghostly named beer and ghostly named cider," Kurz said. "At the Imbibe Martini Bar our special menu consists of the Trick-or-Treat Martini: Let us surprise you with one of our candy inspired martinis, a Carmel Apple Martini, Candy Corn Martini and Pumpkin Beer."

The B&O Station will be offering a trolley that will take pa-

trons to the locations participating in the crawl. Most bars are places along West Federal Street, but there are a few located a little farther from the B&O station, like MVR and the Royal Oaks.

This year instead of doing a charity, the Thrill the World dancers are doing a collection with Second Harvest Food Bank. People are welcome to bring canned goods and non perishable food items to donate.

Along with the Zombie Crawl, Suzie's Dogs and Drafts is presenting a free concert by The Zou and hosting a Halloween costume contest.

The Zou is a locally formed band that has been performing the Halloween show at Suzie's for the past three years. Khaled Tabbara, lead singer of the band, said they have a spooky show in store for everyone coming.

"The environment is fantastic. What makes the show special is it's not just a common set of music. We have the chance to do Halloween themed covers," Tabbara said. "We like to cover some Rocky Horror Picture Show hits, other Halloween songs and some of our more spooky original songs. We also dress up in costumes to set the vibe."

According to Tabbara, downtown Youngstown is the place to be Saturday. After the Zombie Crawl there will be awesome music at Suzie's and a costume contest everyone can get involved with. The bands will be playing some great Halloween-inspired songs, and it will get anyone in the mood for Halloween.

The Zombie Crawl is all ages, but it should stay focused on 21 and over. All bars will be carding at the door. When registering for the Zombie Crawl, you must have your ID present, or you can't register or get on the trolley.

Local Churches Offer Their Alternatives to Halloween

BY JAMBAR CONTRIBUTOR
JENNIFER RODRIGUEZ

Local churches are providing an alternative way of celebrating the Halloween season.

The history of Halloween dates all the way back to the eighteenth century when November 1 was declared All Saints Day by Pope Gregory III. This was also known as All Hallows. The night before, October 31, was considered All Hallows Eve, which later was renamed as Halloween.

Celebrating Halloween doesn't have to include the scary monster costumes, creepy decorations or trick-or-treat. Churches all around the country hold fall events that children and families can take part in so they do not have to miss the fun of the holiday season.

"Trunk-or-treat" is a phrase many churches are grabbing a hold of this year. Trunk-or-treat is when people decorate the trunks of their cars and fill them with candy and treats. The children, some of whom are dressed up, then go car to car to gather them. It's like trick-or-treat without having to go door-to-door in a dark neighborhood.

Operation Impact, an outreach ministry through Victory Christian Center, will hold their first trunk-or-treat this year. They will also have a craft teaching section, food and activities.

"This is a family event, there is no age limit," said Mandy Diaz, one of the church's employees. "When the people come to the trunks we will also be offering prayer for any need they may have."

Holy Bible Church on Louis Avenue in Youngstown will be having a harvest party on Oct. 29 from 4-8 p.m. The event will have food, games and a special showing of "It's the Great Pumpkin, Charlie Brown."

A harvest party will also be held at Christ Centered Church in Youngstown on Hudson Avenue on Oct. 29 from 6-9 p.m. This will include music, games, food, face painting and a bonfire.

Spanish Evangelical, a bilingual church on the city's east side will also be holding a family friendly event.

"On Halloween we have something we call a Harvest Fest which is an alternative for celebrating Halloween," Mariel Rodriguez, a youth leader at Spanish Evangelical, said. "We do it mainly for the children but a lot of young people and adults come out and get involved as well."

The harvest fest will include games for the kids, a bible lesson and candy. Spanish Evangelical has their Harvest Fest annually. Rodriguez said this is a great opportunity for the church to reach out to people and spread the Gospel.

The harvest will take place in the late evening at the church. Spanish Evangelical is located at 369 Keystone Ave.

Cushwa Hall to Host Haunted Hospital

BY JAMBAR CONTRIBUTOR
GABE GARCIA

On October 26-28 and 31, the Youngstown State University department of nursing will be hosting their Second Annual Haunted Hospital from noon to 3 p.m. in Cushwa Hall in room 2410. The cost to get in is a donation of \$1.

Marion Kalasky, the learning resource coordinator of the Nursing Lab, is in charge of putting the Haunted Hospital together.

"We've really stepped it up from last year," Kalasky said. "There are different effects, different stories and a whole lot more creativity! It's a pretty creepy atmosphere."

Last year, the nursing department was able to raise \$500 for a local children's hospital. This year they hope to receive the same turnout. This year's donations will go to the American Cancer Association in regards to men's health.

"Student Assistance got together to decide where the money should go," Kalasky said. "Money, usually, is put towards other ventures, but a lot of the time we forget about men's health, and

with November coming up, we wanted to point out the importance of prostate health."

Many of the nursing students are volunteering to help out with this event, but students from all majors are invited to volunteer.

"This is my first year being involved with the haunted hospital, and it's crazy how much work needs to be done," Blake Veglia, a nursing student at YSU, said. "The laughter and excitement of everyone working hard makes the haunted hospital such a success! We're a very close knit group, and know that there are people out there who are going to significantly benefit from the money we raise."

The Haunted Hospital will feature an insane asylum, a morgue, the birth of a baby and much more.

"I love scary movies and haunted houses and anything to do with Halloween really," Matthew Hurley, a freshman at YSU, said. "It definitely sounds like fun, so I might check it out."

For more information on how to get involved in the Haunted Hospital, contact Marion Kalasky at mlkalasky01@ysu.edu.

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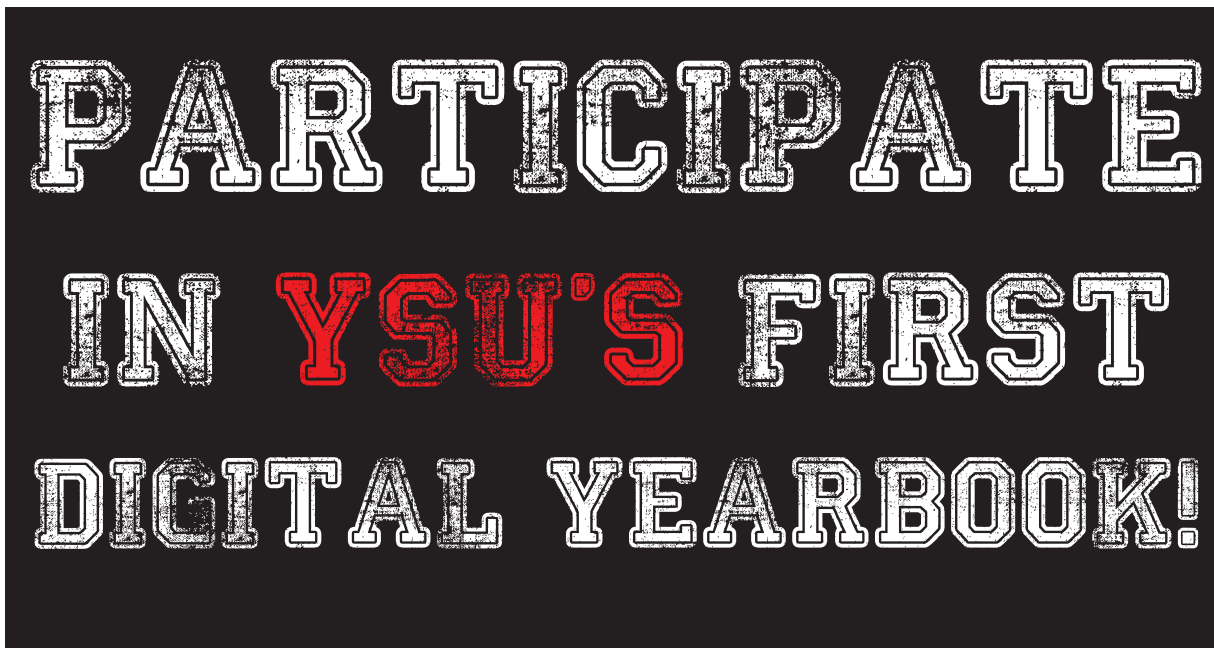
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The Jambar Column

Why We Should Remember the Pennsylvania Elk

BY JILLIAN SMITH

There are 207 people living in the town of Benzette. There are also nearly a thousand elk in the area surrounding the town. Located in the heart of Allegheny National State Forest, the town of more elk than people is surrounded by beauty that one may have thought only belonged in Yosemite. When I traveled there last weekend, the rolling hills were aflame with a kaleidoscope of reds, oranges and yellows of birches and beeches interspersed with stately looking conifers. The Clarion River shoots through Benzette and around the hills like high-energy silver ribbon. Bald eagles dive for fish just beneath its surface.

While the scenery and isolation is a draw for the outdoorsy spirit, the undisputed attraction for travelers is the elk herd. People LOVE these elk. The county even went so far as to change its name to Elk County. There are entire restaurants, bars, wineries and festivals named for the elk and devoted to those who go see the elk. It's easy to understand why. The elk are quite exquisite. These creatures can weigh 900 pounds and prance down the Allegheny Mountains with the grace of a dancer. They can smash together antlers in epic battles. They thunder across fields in the 5 a.m. morning mist with a call that seems a kind of invitation to a primitive wildness.

However, the great, truly wonderful thing about the elk, the thing that makes them the most remarkable, is that at the beginning of the 20th century, they were not there. Due to overhunting, the elk had been brought to extinction. For many years, the forests sat empty of their most valued inhabitant. In the 1950s, however, a group of 50 elk were brought over from Wyoming. Frustratingly slowly, the elk population has finally reached a point that

wildlife experts deem sustainable.

What can the elk and the wildlife workers teach us about our time here at YSU?

Don't get frustrated.

In our studies, and in life in general, the general monotony of the daily actions needed in order to eventually get to where we want to be can be disheartening. The three daily hours you may devote to studying for a mystifying math class, when you can't see any progress being made, can make you feel hopeless. The elk are an embodiment of what you will sometimes experience at Youngstown State University. Progress can be annoyingly slow.

For many years, the wildlife workers of Central Pennsylvania fought hard for tiny victories. Three more elk this year. Five more the next. It would have been easy for these wildlife workers to get discouraged at the slow progress and chalk up their work to a failed experiment. But instead, each day a decision was made to continue on creating an environment for success. With each 9-5 day, showing up, devoting hours and labor, continually choosing to put in the effort even when no positive returns were visible, the workers eventually helped to create one of the largest elk herds on the eastern half of the United States.

It is often not in grand sweeping moments that success comes to us. It is in those unsexy moments, the ones when you are simply choosing to go forward and not stop, that can be summed up to look back on after much time and see the full reality of success perched from atop our new vantage point of an earned place.

As midterm season closes in around us, draw inspiration from him and the elk. Maybe your progress is slow now. But know that one day, you will be in a place much father from where you started, as long as you choose not to stop.

Editorial

Blowing Smoke

No one enjoys walking through a cloud of cigarette smoke as they exit a building on campus. There has been plenty of research on the harmful effects of secondhand smoke, plus, it just smells bad.

Now we've added vaping to the mix. Vape pens produce vapor that smells like plastic mixed with popcorn or plastic mixed with bubble gum or another artificial analogue for a supposedly pleasant scent. It's especially pleasant when multiple clouds of vapor mix with the clouds of smoke outside of buildings.

Youngstown State University updated its Code of Conduct last year to include vaping in its tobacco use policy. This means that vape pens and e-cigarettes must be used 50 feet away from campus buildings, just like cigarettes.

YSU made this choice so students and faculty wouldn't be exposed to the vapors. This may come as a surprise to those of you who pull out your vape pens and blow bubblegum-flavored vapor into the air during class.

Vape pens and e-cigarettes are marketed as a safe alternative to smoking tobacco. Not enough research has been done to know for sure if secondhand vapors poses a health risk, but research shows they are harmful to the person smoking them.

A study published in the "American Journal of Physiology — Lung

Cellular and Molecular Physiology" suggests that e-cigarettes and vaping liquids can harm lung cells.

"Scientists suspect it may have to do with solvents and other potentially toxic materials that are inhaled through e-cigarettes," the study said.

But the vaping ban isn't likely to stop anyone from using e-cigs or vape pens near campus buildings anyway. According to an administrator, the smoking policy isn't strictly enforced or abided by.

Which begs the question, why have a policy that isn't enforced? We should at least keep smokers and vapers from crowding under the overhangs of DeBartolo and Cushwa Halls, and other areas near the main entrances to buildings.

Unlike secondhand vapors, there are several studies pointing to the hazards of secondhand smoke. According to the American Lung Association, it causes more than 41,000 deaths per year.

If you accept the risks of smoking and do it anyways, the consequences fall on you — but don't expose other people to the carcinogens. Be considerate.

As for the university, maybe we should work on enforcing the existing tobacco policy before trying to expand it. If people are ignoring the policy and smoking tobacco near campus buildings, what's expanding the policy to include vaping going to do?

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

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As a nursing student at Youngstown State University and in my final year, I have cared for a wide variety of patients, but none affected me more than a beautiful young woman who took her own life. As she lay there on life support I wondered what could've driven her to the point where she felt as though she had to find a permanent way out. This brought me back to a time in my own life when I looked at my own brother laying just rooms away in the same hospital, wondering the same thing as I looked down at him as he lay in a coma after his attempt at taking his own life.

Though males are four times more likely than females to die by suicide, this was not the case in this instance. The difference between the two scenarios was supportive social and family network, or lack thereof. I noticed as I cared for this young woman that the room was silent except for the numerous machines keeping her alive. Was there not anyone that cared enough to mourn her? Did she reach out to someone, a friend, a family member or

a health professional? Were there warning signs?

Between 50 percent and 75 percent of people who attempt or commit suicide talk about their suicidal thoughts, feelings and plans before the act, according to the American Foundation for Suicide Prevention (AFSP). Many suicidal people struggle intensely with wanting to live or die, and it's important to guide them toward help. It is important to realize that talking to a person about their suicidal thoughts does not make them more likely to commit the act, the thoughts are already there. We need to let them know we are concerned, and we want to get them the treatment they need. They are in terrible pain and need to know that the pain will pass.

My brother survived with the help of family, friends and mental health professionals. Fortunately, our family realized the importance of love, support and forgiveness in time to save his life.

RILEY JONES
YSU NURSING STUDENT

What if one day when you left your house, you get stopped by a police officer while you were on your way to the mall, where you get stopped and have your bag checked by a store associate? What happens when you feel like you have a target on your back everywhere you go? What would that feel like, could you imagine? What happens when you don't get the job you want or things don't go the way you expect? For some Americans this is reality.

Racial profiling is a problem for many minorities in America. One of the most prominent victims being African American men and women. Movements like Black Lives Matter or Driving While Black are real. According to The New York Times, in Greensboro, North Carolina blacks are charged five times more often than whites on a charge of possession with less than half an ounce of marijuana. These problems occur all across America.

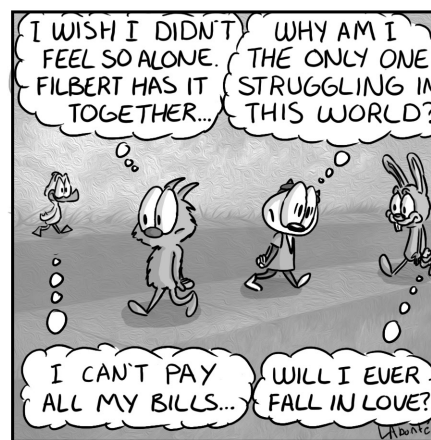
Is it fair to question the feelings of bias and inequality? Does everyone believe that it is real, or is it generally accepted and nothing is being done about it? Both thoughts are equally

disturbing to entertain. For years African Americans have spoken out for the injustice that has been done time and time again, but has there been any real change?

There is a reason why most of this is set in question form. Although these problems have been discussed for years, the conversation feels relatively new. Most people cannot identify with this, because they are not directly affected by these matters. You can never really know how something feels unless it happens to you. This matter affects everyone in society, we can choose to ignore or attempt to change and discuss the problems we face.

In my opinion, this is the number one problem facing America. I will admit that I do not have the answers to this problem. I do believe that it starts with each of us reaching out to a member of another race and showing humanity. As a nurse it is second nature to take care of those in need. For most people it is easy to take care of those they identify with. It is time to unite all people and end racism in America.

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Jamar Pinnock (6) flips Aaron Bailey, quarterback for University of Northern Iowa, in the air and forces a fumble during the second quarter of YSU's 14-10 win over UNI on Oct. 15.

Penguins Want SDSU Rematch in the Playoffs

BY DAN HINER

For the last two seasons, the Youngstown State University football team lost to South Dakota State University.

This season, the Penguins saw themselves as the top team in the Missouri Valley Football Conference. But following the team's loss to the Jackrabbits, the Penguins are trying to regain their momentum for the rest of the season.

On Tuesday, the football team held its weekly press conference. During the press conference, YSU defensive tackle Cody

Squiric said the Penguins are a playoff team and they're hoping for another shot at SDSU.

"We'll definitely see them again," Squiric said. "We'll see them again ... I hope we see them again. I think if we definitely get one more chance with that team ... if we inspect what we did wrong, what they did right and we get everything corrected, we'll definitely get to see them one more time."

The Penguins lost 24-10 on Saturday. The Jackrabbits scored their first touchdown of the game on a Brady Mengarelli two-yard run, YSU's first rushing

touchdown allowed this season.

"I think we'd hold them to a lot less than 24 points. We didn't give up a rushing touchdown [all season]," Squiric said. "We'd love to have that back, it's definitely something I'd love to get back."

YSU committed two turnovers and the Jackrabbits converted those miscues into 14 points. Head coach Bo Pelini said he's not paying attention to the fans' reaction to the loss and also wants to get another chance against SDSU.

"That's a good football team. We spotted them 14 points and I

hope we see them again," Pelini said. "We got to earn our way to get there."

"It's up to us. If we approach it the way we did last week, and we don't make our adjustments ... you're not gonna hope it to get better. You got to get better, you got to execute better, you have to earn it and that's up to us. The process continues. There's no secret. There's no magic wand. You roll up your sleeves, you point the thumb at yourself and you get back to work."

Pelini said that his message would have been the same whether the Penguins won on

Saturday or not. He said the team didn't play up to its potential against the Jackrabbits, and he believes the Penguins could compete with anyone when they play up to their potential.

YSU guard Gavin Wiggins said the Penguins want to get a second chance to prove they are the best team in the conference. Wiggins said one more game would allow the Penguins to prove what YSU is made of.

"After the loss, I thought we'd definitely see this team again as soon as we get to the playoffs," Wiggins said. "We're gonna get after them next time."

The Press Box Perspective:

You Can't Teach an Old League New Tricks

BY DAN HINER

The football world has been swirling over since last week after the journal of New York Giants kicker Josh Brown was released to the public.

In his journal, Josh Brown admits to abusing his wife, Molly Brown. Josh Brown was arrested on May 22, 2015 following an incident with his wife.

A Giants representative said the team was unaware of the journal or any admission from Josh Brown but was aware of the incident.

The NFL suspended him one game for the 2016 season opener and he was put on the Commissioner's Exempt List on Friday and subsequently released by the Giants on Tuesday.

But in 2014, the NFL modified its policies regarding the punishment of players involved in domestic violence.

The league required a minimum six-game suspension for anyone involved in such acts. But following the Josh Brown suspension, the NFL announced the league's mandatory six-game suspension could be reduced or increased at the discretion of the league.

Following Ray Rice's domestic violence debacle, Goodell and the NFL created a committee to work with the league in regards to domestic and sexual violence.

So, what happened to the committee NFL Commissioner Roger Goodell put in place in 2014?

The NFL and Goodell received praise from the public after announcing the formation of four women to consult the league and help determine punishments if a player was accused of assault.

Lisa Friel, the former head of the Sex Crimes Prosecution Unit in the New York County District Attorney's Office, was retained as

an adviser when the group was formed.

Jane Randel, co-founder of NO MORE, and Rita Smith, the former executive director of the National Coalition Against Domestic Violence, were also a part of the group.

It's understandable that Goodell, who considers himself the NFL's judge, jury and executioner, would want to limit the negative publicity and punishments associated with NFL players. But how much attention has been paid to the committee — a group comprised of third-party advisers who specialize in domestic violence?

Where were they in the decision to suspend Josh Brown?

In a letter sent from Goodell to the NFL's teams in 2014, Goodell referred to the members of the committee as "leading experts to provide specialized advice and guidance in ensuring that the NFL's programs reflect the most current and effective approaches."

Unfortunately, this probably means there were only two possible scenarios. Either Goodell and the league issued the suspension without consulting the committee or the committee agreed with the one-game suspension.

This sadly means the NFL and Goodell learned nothing from the Rice incident in 2014 and still holds onto its view of women as second-class fans.

The league's policies and procedures that were put in place, at best, didn't work. And at worst, the changes were just a facade to act as if the league really wanted to change its view on violence against women at all.

Now we have to sit and wait — observing the Josh Brown investigation and the NFL's response. But that unfortunately means another player must attack a woman for the NFL to prove it's learned from its past mistakes.

Going, Going, Ghana

Two YSU Soccer Players Abruptly Join Ghana's World Cup Team

BY DAN HINER

With the college soccer season coming to an end, the Youngstown State University soccer team will be without one of its best players for the rest of the season.

The YSU athletic department confirmed YSU midfielder Ernestina Abambila got on a plane to play with Ghana's U20 World Cup team.

When asked, the YSU Sports Information Department was unaware of her leaving.

The U20 World Cup is Nov. 13 through Dec. 3, but YSU's last game of the season isn't until Oct. 28.

On Oct. 19, OC Sports News, a sports website headquartered in Ghana, reported Abambila joined the team at Ghanaman Soccer Centre of Excellence at Prampram.

According to Ghana's U20 Facebook page, Abambila was also invited to try out for a roster spot on the World Cup team earlier in the year.

Abambila has started in all 14 games for the Penguins this season and leads the Penguins with six goals and assists with eight.

Abambila made her FIFA debut in 2014 while playing for Ghana's U17 team. She played in four games during the tournament and scored one goal.

YSU freshman Belinda Anane, a midfielder

and forward, also joined Abambila on the team. Anane, also a native of Ghana, made her FIFA debut in 2012. She played in six games for Ghana but hasn't scored in any FIFA matches.

Anane has played in nine games for YSU, including four starts, but she hasn't scored during her first season as a Penguin.

The YSU athletic department and the soccer team couldn't comment any further on the issue.

But there is a question of the eligibility of both players. According to YSU Student-Athlete Handbook, "The Athletics Department requires that all student-athletes attend all classes."

In regards to participating on an "outside team" such as the U20 World Cup teams, the handbook says "A soccer or volleyball student-athlete may compete on an outside team no earlier than May 1, or during an official vacation period outside of the team's playing season."

Elaine Jacobs, YSU's associate director of Athletics, is also in charge of handling student-athlete eligibility and compliance. Jacobs also confirmed the players were on the Ghana roster but declined to comment on any eligibility issues.

Jacobs said if there is any punishment upcoming for the players, head coach Fabio Boateng will handle the situation internally.

Ghana's first game will be against New Zealand on Nov. 14.

'This is Not the End of Our Season' YSU Driven Following Loss to SDSU

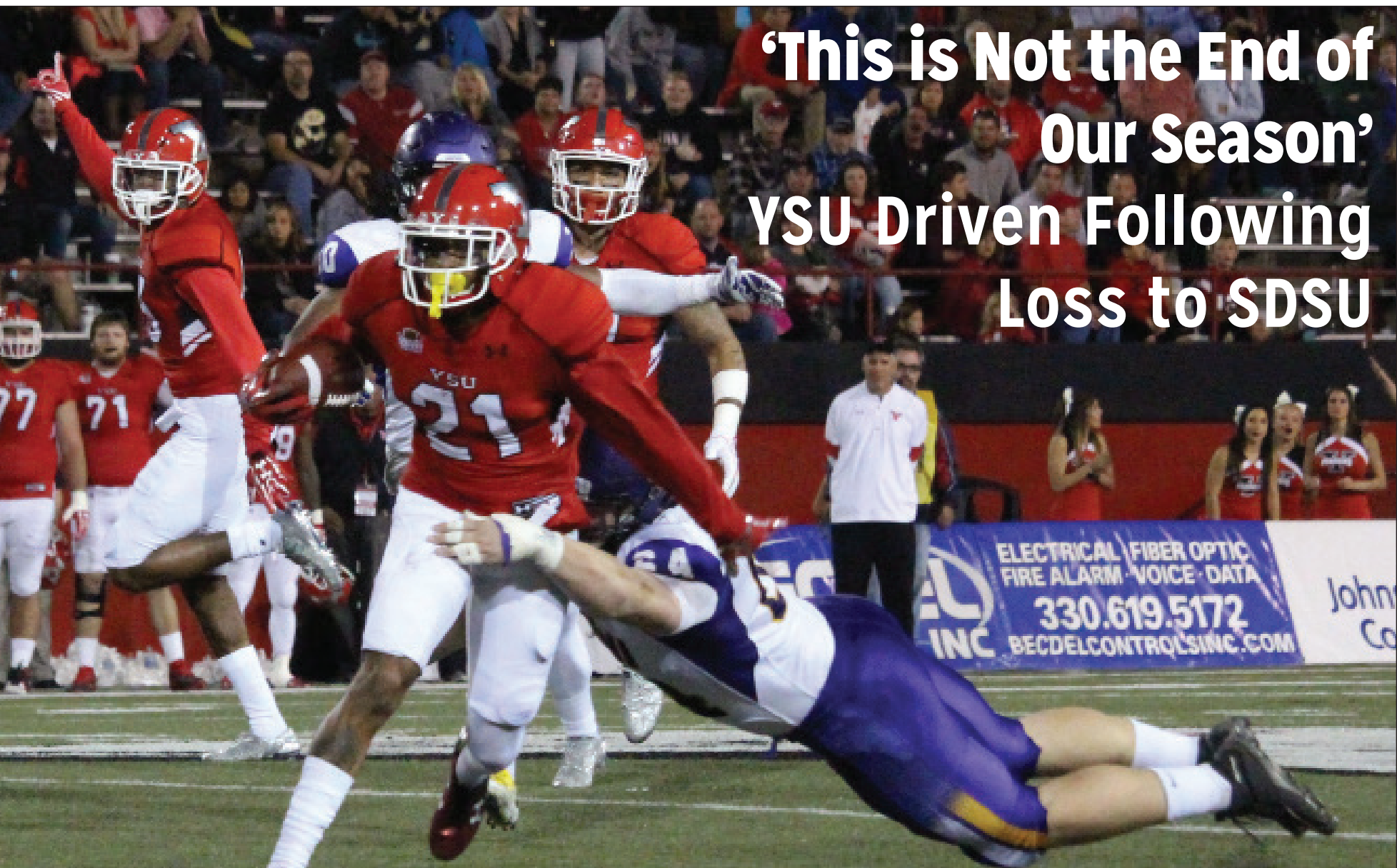


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BY DAN HINER

The Youngstown State University football team lost its first Missouri Valley Football Conference game of the season after a 24-10 loss to South Dakota State University on Saturday.

Now the Penguins are looking to regroup and learn from their loss to the top team in the conference.

Head coach Bo Pelini said the Penguins need to work on fixing the small things. He said focusing on the team's fundamentals at all positions is the team's top priority.

"The little things are big things, and I've been saying that all along," Pelini said. "You have to guard against that. You have to have the attentiveness, the discipline, the accountability to take care of those little things, because that's what's gonna make the difference. It was really obvious in that game."

The Penguins will host Indiana State University on Saturday. The Sycamores are coming off a 22-14 win over Southern Illinois University. Indiana State enters the game with a record of 4-4, 2-3 in MVFC play.

Indiana State quarterback Isaac Harker averages 292.1

yards passing per game, third in the MVFC. Harker is also third in the Football Championship Subdivision with 2,337 yards passing.

YSU has the top passing defense in the conference and is 19th in the FCS — the Penguins allow 176.9 yards passing per game.

Fans can expect a close game between the Penguins and Sycamores. The last two games between the teams have resulted in identical 27-24 losses for the Penguins in both games.

YSU lost the final game of the 2015 season at Indiana State after Sycamores' kicker Eric Heidorn converted a 38-yard field goal in the snow as time expired.

In 2014, YSU quarterback Hunter Wells threw an interception on the Penguins' first possession of overtime. Heidorn connected on a 28-yard field goal to beat the Penguins on the following possession.

This season, four of Indiana State's five conference games have been decided by one possession. Indiana State has lost two of its three conference games by a combined total of four points, a 36-35 loss at Western Illinois University and a 33-30 overtime loss at the University of South Dakota.

For YSU, the loss at SDSU left the Penguins with a desire to get back to winning. Despite having the better record, YSU's players are viewing themselves as the underdogs heading into Saturday's game.

"Personally, this game is huge. I love the 'underdog mentality,'" defensive tackle Cody Squiric said. "Nobody likes coming off a loss. I like being the one everyone rules out real quick. You prepare yourself as much as possible to win. Just because you lost, it makes you want to prepare harder each week."

Last season, YSU's first conference loss was a turning point in the Penguins' season. YSU lost the next two games that season and fell out of playoff contention.

This season, the Penguins are looking for a different result. YSU guard Gavin Wiggins said the Penguins are more focused and determined to prove they belong in the playoffs.

"The feeling in the locker room is different," Wiggins said. "Everybody is ready to get back to practice this week and get after it, because we know that this is not the end of the season for us by any means. We're ready to get after it and win out from here."