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Campaigning on Campus: Students Take Sides

BY JUSTIN WIER

With the election approaching, Laurenzia Canzonetta has been attempting a task that might seem difficult — she’s trying to get college students to vote for Donald Trump.

While acknowledging that most YSU students — and young people in general

— are liberal, Canzonetta said people are underestimating the number of conservatives on YSU’s campus.

Polling shows that 60 percent of voters aged 18 to w29 have thrown their lot in with Hillary Clinton, but there are still 30 percent supporting Trump (the other 10 percent back third party candidates or are undecided). Their presence is vis-

ible on campus: supporters don pins and T-shirts, and several cars in campus parking lots are adorned with Trump stickers.

The Youngstown State University College Conservatives, the group Canzonetta leads, has grown from three members when she reactivated it earlier this semester to over 50 now.

“Trump just lit a fire in that he wasn’t a

politician,” Ashley Kirila, secretary of the College Conservatives, said. “He wasn’t corrupted. He was all for us and bringing back jobs.”

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Thanks, Obama

BY SAMANTHA PHILLIPS

The election on Tuesday will mark the beginning of the end of Barack Obama's presidency, even though the inauguration of his successor doesn't occur until Jan. 20. With this in mind, we asked several Youngstown State University students to reflect on his legacy.

Dylan Edwards, president of the YSU College Democrats, said he was proud to call Obama his president. He believes history will look kindly upon his time in office.

"The impacts of Obama's presidency will continue to affect the country long after he leaves," Edwards said.

Other students, like Laurencia Canzonetta, president of the YSU College Conservatives, said he didn't meet presidential standards. She cited the recent premium hikes in the health care marketplaces created by the Affordable Care Act.

"Millennials are being fined by the government, and married couples are getting big increases in Obamacare premiums," she said.

Edwards said the ACA was beneficial for many Americans, but he wished the bill had included a public option.

YSU student Connie Buck said the ACA's measure requiring insurance companies to cover individuals with pre-existing conditions benefited her family. Prior to the legislation, her parents' insurance wouldn't provide coverage for her brother because he had asthma.

"I feel like [healthcare] should be a basic human right," she said. "The Affordable Care Act has some good things and bad things, but it's miles better than what we had before."

YSU student Christa Buckler agreed that it's a good start. She said it's provided medical coverage to millions of people.

"Everyone should have that accessibility without going into extreme amounts of debt," she said.

The Economy and Foreign Policy

James Mullarkey, vice president of YSU College Conservatives, applauded Obama for contending with the recession during his first term, but he said he was not impressed by the amount of jobs created.

Canzonetta said young Americans will have to face the \$9 trillion in additional debt accumulated over the past eight years.

Obama also vetoed the construction of the Keystone XL pipeline because of the



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potential environmental damages, which doesn't sit well with Canzonetta.

"Obama unilaterally stopped the Keystone XL pipeline, [which] would have produced a minimum of 20,000 jobs with not a single penny of taxpayer money," she said.

However, Buckler said she appreciated the actions Obama took to preserve the environment. She said it was important to her to have a president with eco-friendly values that fights to stop global warming.

When it comes to foreign policy, conservative students seem to agree that Obama wasn't aggressive enough. Canzonetta and Mullarkey suggested his withdrawal of troops from Iraq gave an advantage to rising terrorist groups like ISIS.

"Our departure from the Middle East

was very hasty and led to insurgency," Mullarkey said.

Mullarkey discussed his distaste for the "Obama Doctrine," which outlines the president's foreign policy principles.

"The Obama Doctrine is built on three key things: entrenchment, appeasement and accommodation," Mullarkey said.

He said this has led to distress in the Middle East, particularly the civil war in Syria. Mullarkey thought Obama should have intervened after Syrian President Bashar Al-Assad used chemical weapons on his own people.

The Iran Nuclear Deal also draws mixed reactions from people. Mullarkey said it's an example of how the U.S. appeases to adversaries, which leads them to becoming greedier.

"Some people think it's the best diplomatic agreement in Obama's tenure, but getting rid of the sanctions so quickly was a mistake," he said.

Buck, on the other hand, supports the Iran nuclear deal. She said she agrees with the president's support of diplomacy over war.

"I don't think America is necessarily the world's police," she said. "I think he showed a lot of leadership and courage by not just declaring war and running in; he thought about it. He is meticulous and strategic."

Other Areas

Edwards said people often overlook Obama's picks for Supreme Court — Elena Kagan and Sonia Sotomayor. He said they made positive contributions to the country, particularly with the legalization of same-sex marriage.

"It was a new outlook on the judicial matters of the country," he said. "Due to those two court picks, we gained marriage equality for LGBT [individuals]."

Edwards said there were some things he would have liked to see happen during his presidency that weren't fulfilled, such as the closing of Guantanamo Bay.

He made the point that other presidents have moved away from traditional democratic values, but Obama is a "true liberal." This appeals to some citizens, but serves as a point of contempt to others.

"Obama is the most liberal president we have had since Lyndon Johnson," he said. "And with that you have the ... energy that really pushed Americans out of the recession and pushed them to try and find that better union that we have to seek as citizens."

Buck said she will miss Obama. She thinks he is more genuine than the two presidential nominees. Because he was the first black president, she said he had to work harder to prove himself.

Outside of the birther movement, she said there weren't any real scandals during his presidency.

As an after-school teacher, Buckler said it was nice for her students to see a president that shares their skin color. She said Obama is her favorite president, and she appreciates the diversity he brought to the country.

Edwards said he looks forward to Obama's next move.

"Yes we are saying goodbye to Obama as a president," he said. "But we are going to see what he will do as a citizen."

ELECTION
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People are frustrated, Canzonetta said, and Trump has tapped into that. She said Trump speaks his mind, and that serves as an antidote to a rising tide of political correctness that some might feel stifled by.

“He’s speaking up against the corruption,” she said. “Not just [with] the opposing candidate, but on the party ticket that he’s running. I think that’s something that’s really resonating with people.”

As a woman in college, she recognizes that she isn’t the typical Trump supporter, but she said he’s someone who has created jobs and wealth; he can take those same principles and apply them to the American economy.

Canzonetta doesn’t agree with the things he’s said on the leaked Access Hollywood tape in which Trump bragged about kissing women without their consent, but she said actions speak louder than words. When Trump Tower was being constructed, the foreman was a woman.

“Yes, the words that were said were disgusting,” Canzonetta said. “But he apologized. I accept his apology, and I think this election is a lot bigger than some words said 11 years ago.”

Kirila said that while she agrees with Trump on border security, the way he spoke about Mexicans early on in his campaign was troublesome. She said he’s gotten better about expressing his views as the campaign has progressed, and after supporting Ben Carson in the primary, she’s backing Trump in the general election.

She also has concerns about the Access Hollywood tape, but those concerns aren’t great enough to risk a Clinton presidency.

“I did not appreciate the things that he said,” Kirila said. “But I would rather have him in there than Hillary.”

The Other Side of the Aisle

Meanwhile, Dylan Edwards, president of the YSU College Democrats, has been trying to get college students excited about voting for Hillary Clinton.

Getting involved in politics isn’t a recent development for Edwards. When he was nine, he wanted to volunteer for Secretary of State John Kerry’s presidential run, and he’s been involved to some degree in just about every election since. His support of Clinton stretches back to her ‘08 run.

Getting students on board has become an easier task lately. Before the debates, Clinton was polling anywhere from 15 to 30 points behind where Barack Obama was in 2012 with young people. She’s caught up since then, and now she commands about 60 percent of the millennial vote.

Edwards said there’s still some work to be done to heal the divide revealed by Sen. Bernie Sanders in the primary, who rallied young people around issues like student debt and the financial crisis.

“You have young people departing from the more centrist Democratic mold and moving towards the left,” Edwards said. “And when you have Clinton, a candidate who seems to be more like the center that they’ve been trying to shy away from, the connection’s not there.”

Jacob Schriener-Briggs, the College Democrats’ press secretary, has made that connection. He supported Sanders in the primary — he said the Senator’s progressive views are more in line with his own — but he’s come around to Clinton.

“I get why people are stubborn about it and frustrated about it,” he said. “But the choice I have to make is a choice between two candidates, and it’s not even close for me.”

Edwards was with Clinton from the beginning, a position he credits to his background as a political science major. Having studied the inner-workings of congress — and having observed them as an intern for U.S. Sen. Sherrod Brown over the summer — Edwards said he didn’t think Sanders would be able to follow through on his promises.

He understands why concerns about Clinton’s trustworthiness might give people pause, but he also said anyone involved in politics is going to accumulate baggage. Hillary may have more than most, but he said that’s because she’s been in politics for 30 years.

Schriener-Briggs said he has some concerns — he’s found some of the reports on the Clinton Foundation disconcerting — but he doesn’t think those concerns are unique to the Democratic candidate.

“If you dug deep enough [into any candidate] you could find some of these relationships that give people pause,” he said. “I just think maybe with Hillary Clinton — because of her longevity in the public sphere and because she’s a woman — those things are working against her extra hard.”

A Democratic Demographic

The conservatives also have their own challenges in connecting with college students. Namely, that young people tend to vote for Democrats.

For Canzonetta, being conservative is in part about respecting a strong work ethic. She was brought up to believe that hard work is the key to success, and she said that’s reflected in the Republican Party. She said some young people get blinded by social issues and neglect to consider the economy.

“It’s one thing to be passionate about one social issue,” she said. “But you gotta look towards your future.”

She mentioned things like premium increases under the Affordable Care Act and the trillions of dollars added to the national debt.

“This is what a young America will be saddled with,” she said. “They’re going to carry this.”

Kirila has liberal friends, and there are a lot of things they disagree on. But she said they share her concern about being able to

find employment opportunities when they graduate. She said Trump would lower the corporate tax rate and bring back jobs that have been outsourced.

James Mullarkey, vice president of the College Conservatives, said limited government and lower taxation are basic elements of conservatism that aim to restore power to the people.

“We want economic prosperity for all, not just the few,” Mullarkey said. “We’re not encouraging governmental exploitation and subjugation like the Democrats and their big government policies that encourage a welfare state.”

Mullarkey supported New Jersey Gov. Chris Christie in the primary, and he acknowledged that Donald Trump is not always a conservative in the traditional sense. But Christie’s practical approach to governing a blue-collar state appealed to Mullarkey, and he said Donald Trump shares that with Christie, which could be a benefit.

“I would say that he’s a pragmatist,” Mullarkey said. “There’s a lot of appeal for cross-over Democrats on the left, or your disgruntled Republican that’s been very dissatisfied with the establishment in Washington over the last 20-25 years.”

Getting Out to Vote

Given that young people tend to vote for Democrats, the divisions in the Democratic Party could depress turnout among young voters. This is a perennial concern. In 2012, 18 to 29 year olds were the least likely to vote among all demographics.

Edwards said the lack of engagement is bothersome because millennials recently surpassed the baby boomers to become the largest age-group voting bloc in the country.

“[It] gives us a great deal of power to actually influence who our leaders are, who our president will be, the policies and direction of our country,” he said. “But we don’t take it.”

Getting out to vote is one area where the leaders of both the YSU College Democrats and College Conservatives can find some common ground. Canzonetta said her group has talked to a lot of people who struggle to find a connection with either candidate.

“A lot of people are just like, ‘Oh well, I’m not voting. Who cares?’” she said. “It’s hard to explain to them that it’s an amazing right to have because a lot of people around the world don’t have it.”

She also stressed that young people are allowing older generations to dictate policies that will shape their lives for years to come.

Both groups have been doing the same kinds of things to increase involvement: registering voters, canvassing and phone banking.

Mullarkey said the response has been enthusiastic. Edwards said older students have felt pestered by voter registration efforts, but younger students are excited to vote in their first presidential election.

Schriener-Briggs said whatever students can do to engage in the democratic process

and help elect leaders who share their views is important.

“If you’re not voting because you’re apathetic, I would always strongly encourage you to start looking to get involved and to start reading up on candidates and issues.”

Students Speak Out

Cat Cooper, vice president of the Latino Organization at YSU, supported Bernie Sanders in the primary, and she’s supporting Hillary Clinton in the general election even though she doesn’t agree with all her policies.

“I will not vote for someone who disregards the Hispanic or Latino community,” Cooper said. “You’re offending the whole Hispanic community [when you make comments like Trump has].”

Minority rights, women’s rights and support for the poor are important issues, Cooper said.

“It doesn’t matter what political party you associate with,” she said. “At the end of the day, you have to remember that we’re all human beings, and we’re all Americans.”

She said a lot of Hispanic students feel similarly about Trump’s treatment of Hispanics, while noting that there are also some Latino students who support Trump.

Grant Fleegle, a political science student, said this year’s election is ridiculous, with two of the most corrupt people in America running for president.

“We have one candidate with no political background, many failed businesses and many of his policy positions do not really exist,” Fleegle said. “The other is a corrupt warmonger ... Neither of these two people deserve to be president. They will both not represent America well.”

He’s supporting Jill Stein in the election, he said her policies align with Sanders’, who he supported in the primary.

While many have tried to argue that third-party votes are inconsequential, Fleegle said he doesn’t think he’s throwing his vote away.

“I educated myself on every candidate running for president this year, and I’m voting for who deserves to run this country, not for who is telling me they should,” he said. “The lesser of two evils will never go away if we keep putting them into power.”

Greta Frost is a political science student and vice president of the College Democrats. She said she’s excited to see what happens in Ohio.

“We’re not too far out from the election,” she said. “And we really have no idea which way [Ohio]’s going to go.”

Clinton has enjoyed a substantial lead in national polls since the debates, but that has started to contract over the last week. Canzonetta said she still thinks her candidate has a shot.

“They think Hillary has it by a landslide,” Canzonetta said. “I think they might be surprised on Nov. 8. At least I hope so.”

Staying Up on the Down Ballot

BY JORDAN UNGER

Presidential races tend to be the center of attention at the polls every four years. There are also, however, state and local positions and issues that voters will see on the ballot Tuesday that may be overlooked.

The Community Bill of Rights charter amendment will return to the ballot in Youngstown to illegalize fracking or storage of environmentally threatening waste in the city.

This is the sixth time the amendment has made it on the ballot, failing the past five attempts. Ray Beiersdorfer, professor at Youngstown State University and supporter of the amendment, said the bill lost by 300 votes last year.

"I'm optimistic that it's going to pass this time," Beiersdorfer said.

Beiersdorfer said the bill will revoke permits on injection well companies in the area. He said an injection well in Youngstown that ended operation in 2010 has been plugged and abandoned ever since.

"The permit said that it must be plugged after 60 days of non-operation," Beiersdorfer said. "It's now close to 1800 days."

Beiersdorfer said the issue will not stop manufacturing jobs relating to the gas and oil industry.

Youngstown voters will also notice the Part-time Workers Bill of Rights charter amendment on the ballot. The amendment, issued by Goodrich Quality Theater's owner Bob Goodrich, requires employers to offer part-time workers equal rights as full-time workers.

The issue states that employers will be required to give part-time workers the same starting wage as full-time workers. In addition, employers must give part-time workers a 48-hour notice on schedule changes, proportional paid and unpaid time off work and equal benefits.

According to the bill, treating part-time workers with the same respect and benefits as full-time is important for the financial and emotional wellbeing of these workers. Bertram De Souza, an editorial writer at The Vindicator, said this could have a negative result.

"A lot of part-time workers are going to lose their jobs because small businesses work on very small, narrow margins," De Souza said. "For YSU students who are of voting age and are dependent on part-time work to pay tuition and room and board, [they] need to be aware of this."

William Binning, the Government Relations representative at YSU, said the bill will likely not pass because it has not received much attention.

"To get somebody to vote yes, they have to feel comfortable, knowledgeable about what it is," Binning said.

Seats in the U.S. Senate, U.S. House of Representatives

and the judicial system will be decided by the election. De Souza said the outcome of the presidential election may not influence the result of these seats.

"Donald Trump as a candidate, even though he is running as a Republican, is really not a traditional Republican in any way," De Souza said. "The people voting will be voting for him based on his own image, not because he's a Republican."

De Souza said since the number of cross-over voters was substantial in the primaries. Many Democrats hope a vote for Trump will not necessarily be a vote for all Republican positions on the down-ballot.

Only one county-wide issue will be presented on the ballot in Mahoning County. The issue requests for the five-year tax renewal for disability services and operations of facilities by the Mahoning County Board of Developmental Disabilities.

Local tax renewals in cities and townships will also make their way on the ballot.

Greta Frost, a political science student at YSU, said it's at the local level that voters can have the most impact. However, those races get less coverage and getting informed requires more legwork.

"Voting for down-ballot candidates is extremely important," Frost said. "Those are the people that can really patch the holes on your road or fix your school systems."



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Presidential candidate Donald Trump's son Eric poses for a group photo with Mahoning County Republican chairman Mark Munroe, a dog wearing a Trump shirt and a supporter at the county GOP headquarters in Boardman. Eric Trump visited the Valley on Wednesday and spoke to a crowd outside the headquarters in support of his father's campaign.

Mahoning County Down-Ballot Races

US Senate

Tom Connors (Nonparty)
Joseph R. DeMare (Green)
Rob Portman (Republican)
Scott Rupert (Nonparty)
Ted Strickland (Democratic)

US Representative to Congress (13th District)

Richard A. Morckel (Republican)
Tim Ryan (Democratic)

US Representative to Congress (6th District)

Bill Johnson (Republican)
Michael L. Lorentz (Democratic)

State Representative (58th District)

Michele Lepore-Hagan (Democratic)
Andrea Mahone
Corrine Sanderson (Republican)

State Representative (59th District)

John A. Bocchieri (Democratic)
Don Manning (Republican)

Mahoning County Commissioner

Adam L. Rutushin (Republican)
Anthony T. Traficanti (Democratic)

Mahoning County Commissioner

David C. Ditzler (Democratic)
George Levendis (Republican)

Justice of Supreme Court

Pat Fischer
John P. O'Donnell

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To Vote or Not to Vote

“The country deserves much better than what is being offered, and I can’t choose one over the other...”

BY JAMBAR CONTRIBUTOR
AMELIA MACK

The presidential election is quickly approaching, and some Youngstown State University students said they are opting out of voting in this election.

These students do not see their decision as laziness or neglecting their civic duty, but instead see it as making a choice to not be pressured into supporting ideals that they disagree with.

Josh Bosheff, a senior at YSU, said he cannot vote for Hillary Clinton or Donald Trump in good conscience.

“The country deserves much better than what is being offered, and I can’t choose one over the other. There is no lesser of two evils in this case to me,” Bosheff said.

“Evil is evil, and I won’t take part in that process this election.”

Jordan Ustaszewski, a YSU chemical engineering major, said he is still debating on whether he should vote or not. He said he doesn’t want to vote for a candidate out of obligation, but because he thinks they will contribute to our country as president.

“I believe that in our country you have the right to vote as a citizen, but you also have the right to choose to not vote,” Ustaszewski said. “If I come to the point where I believe that neither candidate can do a reasonable job or that neither candidate can make our country better, then I will not vote.”

For the past several weeks, the YSU campus has been filled with different organizations and groups trying to help and

encourage students to register to vote. Two of these groups are the YSU College Democrats and the YSU College Conservatives.

Laurencia Canzonetta, president of YSU College Conservatives, said the only negative reactions they received while helping students register to vote was students shaking their heads as they passed by.

“Although students are roughly only 20 percent of our population, we are 100 percent of our future. This election will greatly impact the future of the United States,” Canzonetta said. “It’s important for students to vote and have their voices be heard because our futures are at stake.”

Dylan Edwards, president of the YSU College Democrats, said the middle

ground between these candidates is vast, and that makes the decision difficult for certain people.

“It’s definitely more polarized on each side, because you have two candidates who represent the furthest reaches of the values on their end of the spectrum,” Edwards said. “There’s almost too much middle ground to bridge.”

Both YSU College Conservatives and YSU College Democrats are hoping that all of YSU’s students will go out and vote in this election.

“We are at such an important point in the story of our country,” Edwards said. “We have to choose the path that we believe as citizens and voters is going to produce the best results for the country that we are tasked with caring for and building.”

CASTING YOUR VOTE: The Election Process Explained

BY ANTHONY KRIM II

The race for the presidency will soon end as Americans across the nation cast their ballots on Nov. 8.

However, if you don’t understand this process, you’re not alone. Many Americans don’t know what happens after they leave their polling place. With allegations of a ‘rigged’ election and the confusion surrounding the electoral college, we reached out to some people to clear things up.

When voting for president, you are not voting for the candidate that is on the ballot. You are voting for which candidate the electors in your state will support. If majority vote of the state is Democrat, for example, then the electors from that state will cast their vote as Democrat. On

Jan. 6, congress meets, and electoral votes from the states are officially counted.

The number of electors from each state equals the state’s number of Senators and representatives in the House. There are 100 senators, 435 representatives in the house and three electors that represent the District of Columbia. This totals 538.

So, who are the electors? The electors are generally people who hold a prominent role in their states’ parties. For example, a governor could be an elector. The electors are trusted to vote in accordance with the popular vote of their state.

Could the election results be tampered with? This is a growing concern among Americans, especially after Donald Trump, the Republican Party candidate for president, has made allegations of a rigged election. David Porter,

professor of political science at Youngstown State University, doesn’t believe so.

“I challenged my students to come up with a way that the election could be rigged,” Porter said. “If they could come up with a logical way, I would give them an automatic ‘A’ for the class. None of them could. I just don’t see how fraud of that magnitude could be committed.”

Elections are carried out at the county level, and Porter said that nationally we should have no concern about the outcome of the election being different from how people voted.

Mark Munroe, chairman of the Mahoning County Republican Party, said we’re safe on the local level as well.

“I think Ohio has got a terrific voting system,” Munroe said.

The Mahoning County Board of Elections comprises two Dem-

ocrats and two Republicans. The board’s staff is divided evenly between members of both parties.

“There’s so many checks and balances,” Munroe said. “There’s a paper trail for every vote that is cast in the county. I think voters can have great confidence in how votes are cast and counted.”

However, Munroe said asking this question is something we should be doing as Americans.

“That’s not to say that we should stop being vigilant. We need to be cautious always,” Munroe said. “It certainly is fine to be concerned and vigilant.”

Munroe said in-person voter fraud is extremely low, and studies carried out at the national level seem to support this. He suggested that things are murkier when it comes to voter registration and absentee balloting. However, absentee ballots very seldom determine the outcome

of a race.

“I think we’ve got a great system [in Mahoning County], and that we can be very confident that the results that are reported on election night in this county will reflect the ballots that are actually cast,” Munroe said.

So, should you even vote? Many people feel that with the electoral college determining the president, their vote doesn’t count.

But in a speech in October, President Barack Obama reminded Americans of the sacrifices made so that we could have the privilege of voting for our leaders.

“There was a time when folks couldn’t vote,” Obama said. “Folks were beaten to vote. Folks risked everything to vote. In this election, whatever issue you care about, it could not be easier for you to vote.”

Suzie's Dogs and Drafts Presents: Joshua Powell and The Great Train Robbery

BY AMANDA LEHNERD

Suzie's Dogs and Drafts presents Joshua Powell and The Great Train Robbery along with Hayden Brooke Music and Demos Papadimas for a show this Saturday night.

GTR has played over 500 shows in 40 states and three countries in the past three years. The band's music has a primarily folk sound with hints of psychedelic and rock music mixed in.

GTR officially started in 2011 with Joshua Powell, Ryan Corlew and a slew of other miscellaneous band members, but after a short journey and through much trial and error, the band was able to find their final band member Adam Shuntich.

"The GTR is definitely Powell's brainchild. He started out in Anderson, Indiana, where the three of us went to school," Shuntich said. "The band started touring in the tri-state area and went through many band members, who couldn't keep up with the busy tour schedule."

Powell, Corlew and Shuntich all went to school together in

Indiana. So when the band was having a hard time finding a permanent member, Shuntich was asked to join.

"I had always wanted to play with GTR, and when they asked me to join, I couldn't refuse," Shuntich said. "When I started in spring of 2015, we pretty much immediately went on a cross country tour."

While on tour, the band doesn't have much time at home with family and friends. There may be one show where the band can stay for a night, but then they're back on the road.

"We did a four-month long tour without coming back home," Shuntich said. "The tour branched across 37 states, Mexico and Canada, and we only stopped home once within that tour."

Along with a performance by Joshua Powell and The Great Train Robbery, there will be Hayden Brooke Music and Demos Papadimas.

Brooke has known the members of GTR for a while and had started his own solo music career. The guys of GTR wanted to

take Brooke under their wing.

"Brooke and I went to the same high school and have been playing together since sixth grade. I moved out to Indiana, and we drifted apart," Shuntich said. "When I came back, I saw that Brooke was doing awesome stuff with his music and offered to help him out with branding and show him the business side of music."

GTR invited Brooke to do a show with them, because they were planning to do a show at Suzie's Dogs and Drafts and felt he would be a good asset due to the similarities in their music.

Brooke had been working closely with Demos Papadimas for a while and felt he would be a good fit for the show as well due to the similarities in all of their music.

"We all stem from the roots of folk and Americana music, but I think each of us bring the different twist on it," Brooke said. "GTR has a more psychedelic feel to it, but in recent years has become more rock, while Demos Papadimas started out as a pop-punk and has moved into Euro-



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pean influenced music."

Demos Papadimas started playing pop-punk music in a band when he was younger. His idea of music shifted as he aged and moved towards a more Bob Dylan sound.

"I gradually shifted into becoming a singer-songwriter more or less in the style of Bob Dylan,"

Papadimas said. "Primarily, I play folk-influenced Americana, but I enjoy taking some detours into Mediterranean and Eastern European influenced sounds."

The show will start at 9 p.m. at Suzie's Dogs and Drafts. People looking to attend the show should bring their ID. The bar will be carding before entry.

Q&A With Curator, Critic and Cultural Worker: Nicole Burisch

BY AMANDA LEHNERD

Nicole Burisch is not your typical artist; she is a curator, critic and cultural worker as well. Through various collaborative projects, much of her work is focused on contemporary craft and craft theory. She has researched, published, exhibited and lectured on this topic in Canada and internationally. Her research with Anthea Black for politically engaged craft practices is included in numerous publications. Her writing on contemporary art, craft and performance has

also been published by many, some to name are, No More Potlucks, FUSE Magazine, Stride Gallery, the Richmond Art Gallery and in the Cahiers metiers d'art: Craft Journal.

Can you summarize the research you have done with Anthea Black?

I have been collaborating with Black for about 10 years now. We started doing research together around 2006. We were thinking about works that intersected craft and craftivism. She curated

a show called "Super String," for the artist center in Calgary Alberta where we were both living. I have been doing research about a group called the Revolutionary Knitting Circle. Together we started thinking through those and other works that represented craft and social justice concerns. We are currently working on a publication called "Craft on Demand: The New Politics of the Handmade." Craft and Demand features new texts and artist projects by international scholars and practitioners who activate craft as a critical field

for understanding and thinking through the most immediate political, economic and aesthetic issues of our time, which will be released in 2017.

At the Nov. 2 Department of Art Lecture Series event where you are featured, what do you plan to talk about?

The lecture is about my practice. I am also going to talk about the projects I have done, some writing and research projects and how I started my career in the art industry. I am not a typical art-

ist; I am a writer, curator and a critic. Some past projects I have co-authored with Black, "Craft Hard Die Free: Radical Curatorial Strategies for Craftivism in Unruly Spaces" in Extra/Ordinary: Craft and Contemporary Art, and "Craft Hard Die Free: Radical Curatorial Strategies for Craftivism in Unruly Spaces" in The Craft Reader. I received my B.F.A. in ceramics from the Alberta College of Art and Design and an M.A. in art history from Concordia University.

Dana School of Music Presents: *Octubafest*



PHOTO BY WILL KEFFLER / THE JAMBAR

BY WILL KEFFLER

The costumes were in abundance and the tubas were booming Sunday night when the Dana School of Music presented their annual Octubafest.

The event, which is run locally by Youngstown State University's Brian Kiser, was created to spotlight an instrument that is not often recognized in the standard band setting.

Octubafest began in the 1970s when Harvey Phillips, a renowned tuba professor and advocate, wrote a series of solos to highlight the tuba. Along with the original scores of Octubafest, additions were drafted to tell the story of a sequence of blind dates through the bass notes of the

tuba. Although Harvey passed away in 2010, his mentees like Kiser carry on his tradition of putting the tuba on the pedestal.

However, Kiser added his twist to the tale years after he began YSU's Octubafest 12 years ago. YSU is the only school that celebrates Octubafest by adding in students to act the part of the blind-daters in the storyline.

"Phillips wrote it a few years ago, and I was part of a group that commissioned it," Kiser said. "So we came up with the dates, and it was our spin to have the acting with it. I believe we're the only school that does that."

Following Phillips's original spirit of glorifying the tuba, Kiser also feels that the tuba is an unsung hero of the band. For

Kiser, continuing the tradition of Octubafest is his way of not only spotlighting his students, but also challenging them with more sophisticated music than they're used to.

"You have to have the bass," Kiser said. "Often in bands and orchestras, the [tuba] parts are very easy, so with these solos, it's a chance to show off the talent that isn't always heard."

For student Alyssa Kordecki performing the solo acts in Octubafest is crucial to her because of the challenge it creates compared to common tuba ensemble scores.

"This solo music is far more difficult than anything we play in a bigger ensemble," Kordecki said. "If you don't give the tuba

the spotlight every once in a while, they're not going to learn to play in a soloist style. When tubas are only in ensembles, they'll think their only ability is to play an accompaniment line."

Fifth-year student Travis Beatty said that adding in the challenge of the Octubafest solos to the schedule is an endeavor that he gladly welcomes.

"The good thing about an academic setting like this is we get one on one time with Dr. Kiser, and we get to work on solo literature, which is much more challenging," Beatty said. "It flushes out extended techniques and ranges, things that you wouldn't hear from the back row in the band or orchestra and brings it front and center."

As a fifth-year student, Beatty said that he had seen the amount of students in the tuba studio change over his years, and he's excited about the fact that more people are taking an interest in the tuba/euphonium track. He said that Octubafest is a great, laid-back environment for underclassmen to get their feet wet with solo performing.

"This year, a lot of the studio is underclassmen, who don't have a lot of experience with performing in front of a crowd on their own," Beatty said. "So lightening up the mood like this definitely takes some of the pressure off their shoulders and allows them to go out and have fun. It's a great way to decompress."

It's a GUINNER

The Digital Yearbook Has a Name: The Guin

BY CHRISTINA YOUNG

Youngstown State University Student Media ran a yearbook naming contest for the university's new digital yearbook this week. For most students, this was the first time they heard of the university having a yearbook, but the existence of a yearbook stretches back to the late 1920s.

Brian Brennan, assistant archivist of the Maag Library said the first annual yearbook was called The Technician. At the time, YSU was called the Youngstown Institute of Technology.

Other attempts continued, with names like Hourglass, Beacon and Wye Collegian. The one that lasted the longest was Neon, which was launched in 1935 and contin-

ued until 1992, when it ceased publication for budgetary reasons. It briefly reappeared in the early 2000s, but wasn't successful — partly because it didn't include photos.

Now the yearbook is back. The new edition will be online only and include pictures of all graduating seniors who choose to participate.

Billy Ludt, photo editor for YSU Student Media, and his staff will be taking pictures.

"This is a way to get an idea of who you are graduating with," Ludt said. "So if you are graduating this December come to The Jambar office to schedule a time for me to take your picture."

Now the yearbook is back, and this time it includes pictures of all graduating seniors who want to participate. Ludt will be taking the pictures of the students that not

only will be published in the digital year, but the students can also use them for their own personal headshot.

Rashawn Yancey, a senior, said he sees potential in an online only yearbook.

"With the way that the technical landscape is coming, I can see it taking off and many students getting good use out of it," Yancey said.

After hundreds of students placed their votes this past week, a yearbook name has finally been decided-- The Guin.

If you are expected to graduate in December and would like your picture in the yearbook please come see Mary Dota, who works in The Jambar office from Monday through Thursday from 8 a.m. to 1 p.m. to schedule a time to have your picture taken.

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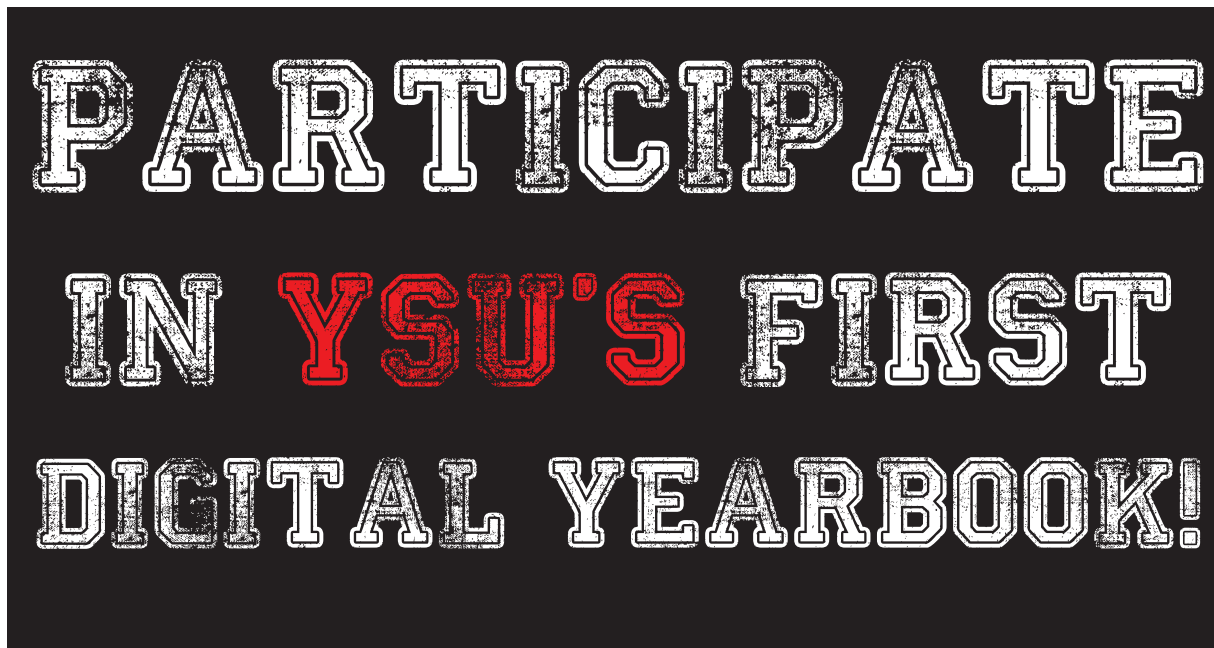
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The Jambar Column

Editorial

How The Hell Are We Going to Get Along?

Your Brain on Nature: A New Mental Health Strategy for YSU

BY JILLIAN SMITH

Henry David Thoreau, the author of the famous essay entitled *Civil Disobedience*, which inspired the likes of Martin Luther King Jr. and Mahatma Gandhi, wrote the majority of his work while living in a tiny cabin with few essentials in a forest crowned with a small water body known as Walden Pond.

Apart from penning his much-loved work, Thoreau made the following remark of the pond and the natural settings surrounding him, "...in wildness is the preservation of the world."

Many consider the phrase to have been the first spark of the environmentalist movement, but Thoreau was by no means the first individual to have identified the idea of human wellness being tied to a connection to nature. Cyrus the Great believed as such when he ordered the Hanging Gardens of Babylon to be built, and Fredrick Law Olmstead, a contemporary of Thoreau's and chief mind behind the creation of Central Park, noted that, "...the occasional contemplation of natural scenes of an impressive character ... is favorable to the health and vigor of men and especially to the health and vigor of their intellect."

The concept of the natural world being directly beneficial to our humanity was understood anecdotally. What none of these men had, however, was concrete evidence to back up their claim. When we spend time in nature, they noted, and we still note, something seems to happen within us that makes us feel more at peace and lightens our mood.

But the assertions these men provided was based on a hunch, and not scientific evidence. Thanks to recent developments

in neuroscience and psychology, however, there is much to support the idea that people spending time in nature has positive mental health and even some physical health benefits. It turns out that there is a reason walks in Mill Creek Park and watching sunsets make us feel good.

One of the main benefits, according to research done by a psychologist at the University of Utah is that nature forces our mind to stop running on half empty. Our brain, David Strayer of the university claims, is like a muscle, which can get fatigued from overuse. Nature, he says, gives our brains the recharge it needs to get back to work.

In an experiment, Strayer had students complete a series of creative problem solving. He then took the students on a three-day hiking trip through the wilderness of Utah. He again administered problem solving tasks and found a 50 percent improvement in the completion of the tasks.

The difference has something to do with what Atlantic writer Adam Atler calls "Attention Restorative Theory," and he explains it this way:

"The difference between natural and urban landscapes is how they command our attention. While man-made landscapes bombard us with stimulation, their natural counterparts give us the chance to think as much or as little as we'd like and the opportunity to replenish exhausted mental resources."

While cities and suburbs have laptops and cars that force us to be in control, he essentially claims nature, in a way, puts our brain in the backseat and takes us along for a ride.

This restorative quality can even be seen on a chemical basis. Japanese researchers in 2010 had test subjects divided into two groups; one that regularly

took walks in the city, and another that regularly took walks in the forest. The forest walkers on average had dramatically decreased levels of cortisol, the stress hormone. High cortisol levels can lead to all kind of health complications, including high blood pressure, high nerve sensitivity and even heart disease. Numerous other studies have shown that increased time in nature has a direct effect on decreasing incidences of depression, ADD symptoms and lessens the effect of sleep disorders.

In fact, the Japanese government long ago realized the mental health benefits of nature, and in 1982, their Ministry of Agriculture, Forestry and Fisheries began a campaign called "shinrin-yoku," which literally means "forest bath." The campaign encourages people to seek regular trips to the forest as a preventative health measure.

At Youngstown State University, as the administration seeks to intensify its efforts to provide greater mental health services to students, it should not forget to include in that strategy one of the greatest assets to mental health that we have: Mill Creek Park.

Mill Creek Park, as our own Volney Rogers once stated, is a place where, "The pleasure and delight of going to this rock (on which stands Lanterman's Mill)... with a grand vista of a deep rocky gorge, a rushing stream, a deep pool, a magnificent waterfall, mosses, ferns and evergreens adorning rocks, cliffs and hillsides, is to an appreciative person beyond description."

That pleasure and delight Rogers spoke of were not mere indulgences to the senses, as science shows us, but can be a key strategy in YSU pairing one of its city's best assets to one of its greatest needs.

This election has exposed a major rift in this country.

In past elections, however heated they may have been, there was at least some common ground. This election has replaced that common ground with an obstacle course of accusations, ad hominem attacks and angry social media posts.

Hillary Clinton and Donald Trump both have record levels of unfavorability for presidential candidates in their respective parties.

The problem now isn't who will win the election so much as it's how we will cope with the divide that will be left in the election's wake. No matter who wins, a large number of Americans are going to wake up angry on Nov. 9.

We're going to have to find a way to live together. The volatile comments lobbed back and forth between Republicans and Democrats over the last 15 months make it hard to imagine the resolution will come easy.

Are Mexicans and Muslims going to be able to live comfortably in their neighborhoods knowing who, by supporting one candidate over another, would have supported keeping their families out of the United States? Are the white working class communities that struggle with joblessness, poor health and opioid addiction going to be able to find hope in the election of a candidate who dismissed them as deplorable?

Unless everyone who has threatened to leave the country if the candidate they oppose is elected actually follows through on their promise, they're going to have to.

Much of this election cycle has been spent with liberals and conservatives talking past one another. There is a tendency to assume the opposing parties' concerns are not valid and thus can be easily dismissed. If we assume we're smarter than those we disagree with, it's easy to feel our beliefs are superior.

We've taken solace in separation instead of unity. Social media has made it easy to remain in echo chambers where all the information we see reinforces our beliefs and prejudices. But we're all in this together and isolating ourselves from one another is only going to leave us worse off.

Instead of talking past one another, we need to start talking to one another.

Both liberals and conservatives have many similar concerns. If we start communicating instead of isolating ourselves, maybe we can begin to find areas of agreement. Maybe the common ground will begin to resurface. Maybe we can build a bridge across the rift created by this election cycle.

Some things said during this election cycle might be hard to get past, but until we sit down and have those conversations, we won't know if there's a way forward.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

We have all been there, driving down Fifth Avenue in Youngstown when suddenly we come across a vehicle going 10 miles per hour below the speed limit and swerving across lanes of traffic. Once we have the opportunity to safely pass them, we notice it is an elderly male driver who can barely see over the steering wheel.

The elderly are at an increased risk of hearing, vision and other health issues that can negatively affect their driving ability. You frequently hear of elderly drivers losing control of their vehicles, going the wrong way down the highway or

hitting pedestrians or buildings while in a parking lot. Elderly drivers account for 14 percent of all traffic fatalities and 17 percent of all pedestrian fatalities. Some of these fatalities can be prevented if elderly drivers are retested and, if needed, have their driver's licenses revoked. Retesting elderly drivers protects not only other drivers and pedestrians, but the elderly themselves. Drivers over 65 are more likely to die in car accidents than due to health issues related to aging.

I propose elderly drivers, those 65 years and older, undergo a mandatory driv-

ing test; to include a vision and hearing check; at least once every four years. For those drivers that do not pass the driving test, they should be provided information on available transit resources such as the Western Reserve Transit Authority, Uber and additional transportation resources in their area. In this way they can maintain and enjoy their independence safely.

**SINCERELY,
KATIE CARDON
CONCERNED DRIVER**

Suicide is the second leading cause of deaths for ages 10-24. Every day there is an average of 5,400 suicide attempts in our nation and an average of 4,600 teen/youth suicide deaths per year. Annually 157,000 children receive medical care for self-inflicted injuries. Suicide, a clear problem in our nation, is continuing to grow, and there is a strong link connected with bullying.

Bullying-related suicides have drawn attention to bullying; however, more attention needs to be brought to the fact bullying is a big issue. A study done in Britain found that at least half of suicides

are related to bullying. Many people in our society consider bullying as part of being a kid, but bullying is a serious problem that contributes to negative effects on young children. Bullied children are two to nine times more likely to commit suicide. Twenty percent of high school students have seriously considered suicide, and 7 percent have attempted.

Depression, withdrawal from others, trouble sleeping or eating are just a few warning signs. Four of five teens that have attempted suicide showed clear warning signs, so as parents or peers it is important we pick up on these early warnings.

These warning signs can resemble being a typical teenager but be proactive and have a conversation with that child.

It is important as parents to teach our children not to bully someone, and if your child is being bullied, it is important to talk to your child and the bully. No one at the age of 10 should feel the need to want to commit suicide. Teach and talk to your children about bullying. It is a bigger problem in our children's lives than some think.

**MORGAN BURKE
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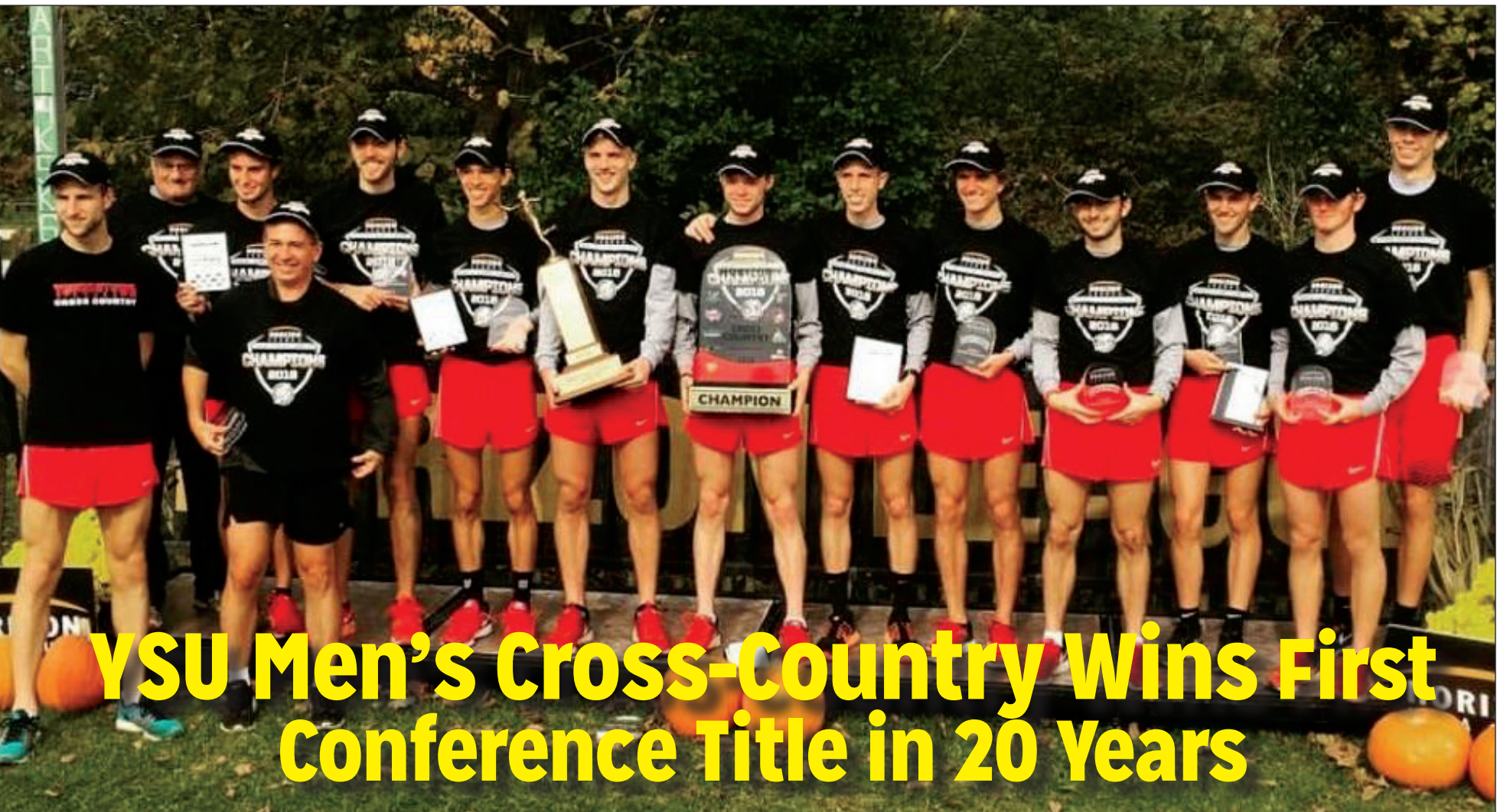
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YSU Men's Cross-Country Wins First Conference Title in 20 Years

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The Youngstown State University men's cross-country team takes a group picture with the Horizon League Championship trophy following its win at the conference championships.

BY DAN HINER

The Youngstown State University men's cross-country team claimed its first Horizon League Championship in program history and snapped a 19-year drought.

The 1996 season was the last time the men's cross-country team won a conference title, when YSU was a part of the Mid-Continent Conference.

YSU's Ryan Sullivan said the team's goal this season was to win the conference championship since the team has gone almost 20 years without a title.

The Penguins finished with a final score of 48, the University of Illinois at Chicago finished in second with a score of 68 and Northern Kentucky University came in third with a score of 116.

"This year was kinda the window," YSU head coach Brian Gorby said. "We knew that we had a pretty good window. Most of these guys [are] coming back. This was the window that we would be able to get the monkey off our back after 20 years."

"We've been chasing this one, and it's just a phenomenal feeling — after missing by a point, missing by six points and missing by eight points — to see our kids taking care of business."

Junior Ryan Sullivan was the Penguins' top runner on Saturday with a time of 25:14.4. Sullivan finished in third place. Senior Ethan Wilson also finished in the top 10. Wilson came in eighth with a time of 25:57.1.

The Penguins had five runners finish in the top 15. YSU was the only school to finish with three runners or more in the top 15. Juniors Alan Burns and Dylan

Dombi, 11th and 13th, and freshman Tristan Dahmen finished 12th.

The Penguins finished in the top three in each of the last four conference meets. The Penguins lost to Oakland University by one point last season. YSU finished in third place in 2014 and second place in 2013.

YSU's track and field team won the indoor and outdoor titles during the spring. With the cross-country championship, YSU's men's team won its first triple crown since 1996.

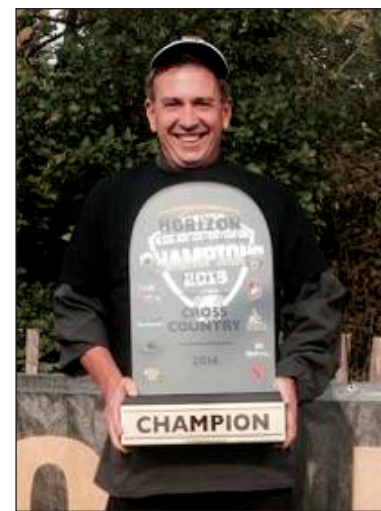
YSU's last race will be the Great Lakes Regional on Nov. 11. This week's rankings have the Penguins at 14 in the region. Gorby said the team's goal is to finish in the top eight in the race. He said he'd be surprised if YSU finished in the top five and advanced to nationals.

Burns said the team will take

the same approach in the regionals as it had throughout the season. He said the team is excited to prove it could compete with bigger programs and make a name for itself against national programs like Wisconsin and Michigan State.

"We have big goals for ourselves. There's some schools that are real tough. They're high up in the national rankings and are very hard to beat," Burns said. "But there's also schools like Ohio State [University], Notre Dame [University] and other big schools, that for us, we're putting a big target on their back."

"For us it's going out and trying to prove that YSU can run with the big schools. We're not just a small DI school. We're capable of competing with anyone in the race."



Brian Gorby, head coach of the Youngstown State University cross-country team, poses with his Horizon League Coach of the Year trophy following the conference championships.

The Press Box Perspective:

The NFL Needs to Update Its Rules

BY ANDREW ZUHOSSKY

If there's one gift a man hates to get for Father's Day, it's a tie, and if there's one outcome an NFL fan doesn't want to see in a game, it's a tie.

Here in 2016, we've already had two tie games — both in the past two weekends.

The 2016 NFL season will go down as the first season since 1997 where games ended in ties in two straight weeks. In Week 12 of 1997, the Philadelphia Eagles and Baltimore Ravens game ended in a 10-10 stalemate after neither Matt Stover nor Chris Boniol (both kickers for their respective teams) could convert game-winning field goal attempts inside the game's last 2:30.

One week later in the Sunday night game on ESPN, the Washington Redskins and New York Giants played to a 7-7 draw.

Following the successive ties in 1997, no ties were recorded until 2002. Since then, the NFL's had seven games end in ties. Five of those ties have occurred in the last five seasons.

Most recently, the Oct. 23 Sunday night game on NBC between the Seattle Seahawks and Arizona Cardinals ended in a 6-6 tie in a game which saw no touchdowns from either team, and both Chandler Catanzaro and Steven Hauschka failed to convert game-winning field goals from inside 30 yards away.

Last Sunday, the Redskins and Cincinnati Bengals game from London's Wembley Stadium finished level at 27-27.

Tie games are a letdown for the players and, perhaps to a further extent, the fans.

I think that it's time the NFL adopt the NCAA's overtime rule. Four downs on the opponent's 25-yard line to try and score, and you have to go for two points after a touchdown starting in triple overtime. That's simple enough to be sufficient.

Another thing that's bugged me

about the NFL for years is the fact that the officials are seemingly intent on throwing penalty flags on anybody who even attempts to celebrate scoring a touchdown.

Before you say anything, yes, I understand that some celebrations are taboo. My stance is as long as the players aren't doing anything too objectionable or otherwise inappropriate, the refs should keep the flags in their pockets.

Then again, the refs, or sometimes the coaches, will also penalize the funny, harmless celebrations. In 2000 during the San Francisco 49ers and Dallas Cowboys game, San Francisco wide receiver Terrell Owens caught a touchdown pass from quarterback Jeff Garcia and then ran out to the 50-yard line and stomped on the Cowboys' star logo.

While the referees did not eject Owens, then-49ers head coach Steve Mariucci banned him from the next week's game.

Eight years later, Owens, who by that time was in his third year as a member of the Cowboys, celebrated a touchdown reception in that year's Week 1 game vs. the Cleveland Browns by imitating Olympic gold-medal sprinter Usain Bolt.

I remember watching that game live and found that celebration to be hilarious, but was incensed when the Cowboys were assessed an excessive celebration penalty. "Come on, you're flagging that? That's funny!" I thought.

Or how about when former Bengals' receiver Chad Johnson celebrated touchdowns by doing such things as utilizing the pylon as a golf putter and swinging the football like it were a golf ball, going toward a cheerleader and acting like he was proposing to her and holding a note reading "Dear NFL, PLEASE don't fine me AGAIN!!!!!"

There was nothing remotely offensive about those celebrations. The funny celebrations shouldn't be flagged, plain and simple.

Only time will tell if these changes will actually be put in place.



PHOTO BY DAN HINER / THE JAMBAR

Cameron Morse, Youngstown State University guard, drives past a Northern Kentucky University defender last season.

YSU Men's Basketball Confident as Season Approaches

BY DAN HINER

The Youngstown State University men's basketball team suffered one disappointment after another during the 2015-16 season.

The team's best player, senior forward Bobby Hain, suffered a broken hand before the season started, and Hain, eventually, was out for the season following a broken foot.

The Penguins started the season 0-4, but fought back to a 4-4 record. YSU eventually lost eight of its final 10 games, including a 92-79 loss against the University of Detroit Mercy in the first round of the Horizon League tournament.

YSU head coach Jerry Slocum renewed his contract in the offseason and will return for his 12th season with the Penguins.

The Penguins are trying to rebound from last season's record of 11-21, 6-12 in the Horizon League.

"We're extremely confident. We have a lot of

guys returning," YSU point guard Francisco Santiago said. "We got Cam [Cameron Morse], who's one of the best players in the league, and we got one of the top five 3-point shooters in the country [Matt Donlan] coming back. I mean that's just huge for us. We got a lot of guys that worked in the summer and came back better. Last year we were kinda new to it. Everybody was trying to figure out their roles, we were kinda struggling with that, because we were a young team."

Junior guard Cameron Morse is returning for his second season as a starter. Morse was named Preseason First-Team All Horizon League on Oct. 6. He averaged 20.3 points per game and was second in the Horizon League in scoring last season, behind only current Cleveland Cavaliers' guard Kay Felder.

Morse said he needs to be aggressive this season. He said that his ability to score will open up opportunities for his teammates to get shots.

Morse and Santiago said the most important part of the team's success will be on the defensive end of the court. YSU was last in the Horizon League in scoring defense last season, allowing 83.8 points per game.

"Our defense leads to offense," Morse said. "We need to continue working on the defensive end, and everything will be fine."

YSU added four players in the offseason. Junior Rahim Williams joined the Penguins roster after playing two seasons in junior college. Santiago said Williams is going to provide energy and athleticism to the team.

"He's really a player we really didn't have in past years," Santiago said. "He could jump out the gym, he's very athletic, he runs the floor better than anyone and he's very good defensively. His length is gonna bother people."

The Penguins open their season on Nov. 12 against the University of Akron as a part of the second annual Northeast Ohio Coaches vs. Cancer tournament.

YSU Looks to Take First Place in North Dakota State

Martin Ruiz (29), a Youngstown State University running back, drags North Dakota State University's Nick DeLuca (49) as he fights for extra yards.

BY MARC WEEMS

After a hard fought win against Indiana State University last week, the Youngstown State University football team is tied for first place in the Missouri Valley Football Conference. A win against North Dakota State University will give the Penguins sole possession of first place.

Last week, YSU quarterback Hunter Wells started for the first time this season due to injuries to both quarterbacks Ricky Davis and Trent Hosick.

Running back Martin Ruiz said having Wells at quarterback gives them experience and said that the first start last week should have built up his confidence more.

YSU's offense has been slow the last few weeks only scoring a combined 37 points in three weeks but have gone 2-1 in that span.

"Personally, I enjoy playing good football teams," Bo Pelini, head coach, said. "I have a tremendous respect for them and

that program. I don't change my approach for any game, and we need to do what we need to do day by day."

Although the offense has struggled, the run game has done well. YSU has gained 237.8 yards per game. Running back Martin Ruiz has been the leading rusher with 701 yards and seven touchdowns.

Ruiz said with this being a big rivalry, the team is going to come out and give it all they got. He said they have to play a complete game and play hard all 60 minutes.

"We just have to finish things and play better overall," Ruiz said. "We just have to finish what we start out on the field. I'm fine with being the workhorse on this team."

With their offense looking to break out, YSU's defense has been just as good as advertised. YSU's defense has only given up 15.5 points per game while only allowing 276.1 yards per game.

"NDSU is the same team we have seen in the past, and they aren't going to change things,"

defensive end Derek Rivers said. "Just playing hard is the key. They do the little things very well. They all are big, physical guys which makes them tough."

For NDSU, their offense averages 27.1 points per game while gaining 399.8 yards per contest. They get 223.4 yards per game from the rushing game.

Their defense allows just 18.4 points per game while giving up 330.2 yards per game but only give up 93.8 yards per game on the ground.

Rivers said that NDSU's style is similar to YSU's style of play. He said, "It's almost like playing ourselves."

Both teams are first and second in terms of rushing offense and rushing defense. YSU gains more yards per game, while NDSU's defense gives up fewer yards per game on defense.

Pelini said he was pleased with the running game against Indiana State, but the offense needs to hold onto the football if they want a chance to win in the Fargo Dome.

"I thought that we moved the



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King Frazier (22), running back for North Dakota State University, breaks a tackle from Youngstown State University's Lee Wright (5) as he walks into the end zone.

ball well in between the 20-yard lines," Pelini said. "We rushed for almost 200 yards, and we had opportunities to score, but we can't turn the ball over. Those are things we need to clean up."

Last season, NDSU beat YSU 27-24 on a last minute touchdown by quarterback Easton Stick as YSU blew a 24-10 lead in the fourth quarter. Rivers said that this matchup is the game the Penguins have been waiting

for all year.

"There are specific games that still left a sore spot in our hearts," Rivers said. "We are definitely focused on what we have to do, and not what they are going to do."

Kickoff is scheduled for 3:30 p.m. on Nov. 5. Fans can listen to the game on 570 WKBN. The game will be televised on WBCB and a live stream will be available on ESPN3.