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BY SAMANTHA PHILLIPS

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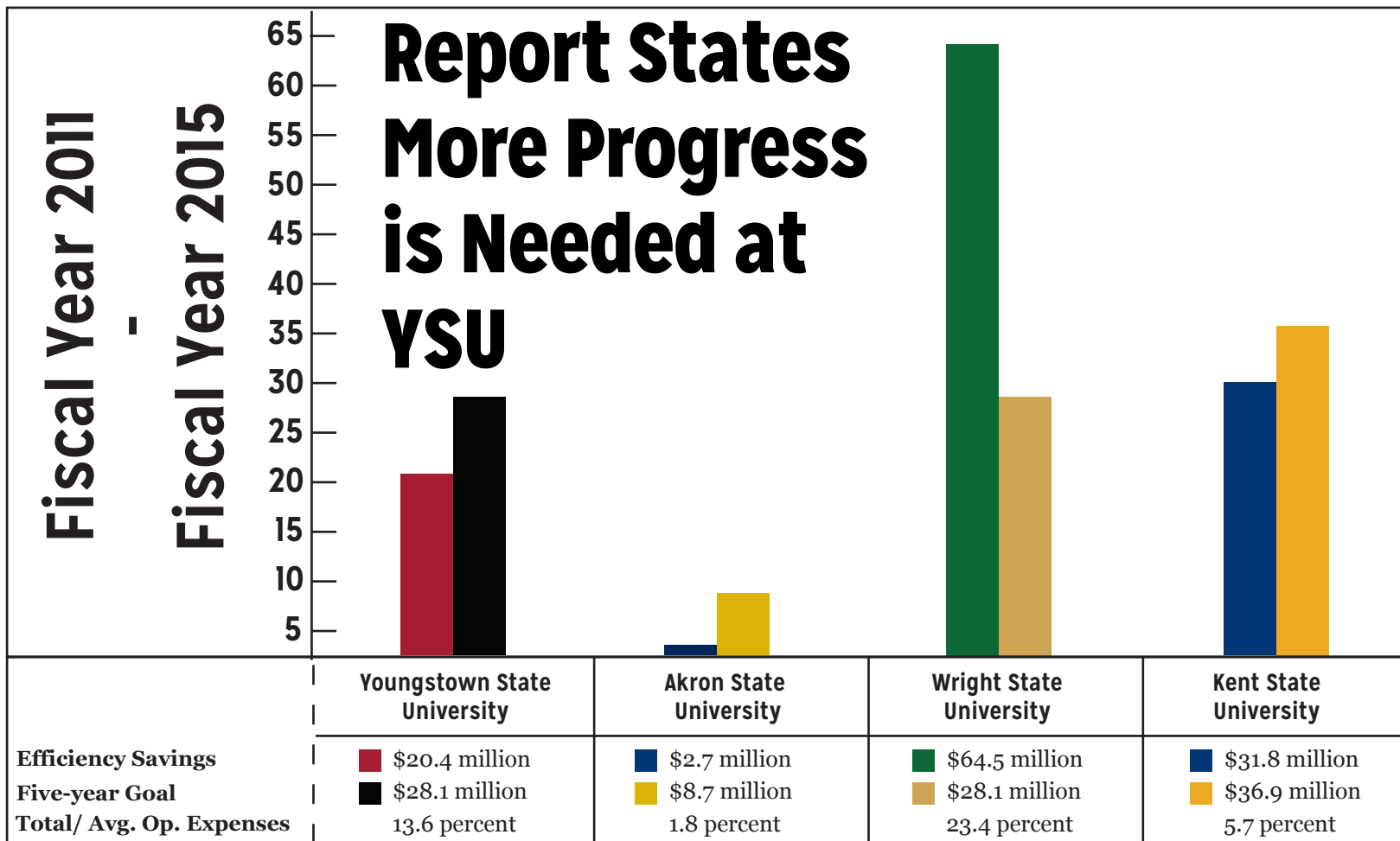
-Progress Report: An evaluation of how institutions responded to “Action Steps to Reduce College Costs”

At the Board of Trustees meeting on March 15, Neal McNally, Youngstown State University vice president of Finance and Business Operations, expressed his frustration at a state-produced progress report that claimed Youngstown State University needed to improve at generating savings to benefit students in utilizing existing contracts, conducting cost diagnostic and five other categories.

McNally called the report a “political tool,” saying it didn’t outline the work that the university has done to make college more affordable, such as freezing the tuition cost in 2015.

“Going forward, we hope to have the opportunity to clarify what we are doing because we are doing great things in a lot of these categories,” McNally said.

Textbook affordability is one of the categories that the task force made recommendations on, and it’s one that affects students directly. YSU President Jim Tressel said YSU Provost Martin Abraham has been working with the Student Government Association to promote textbook af-



fordability by promoting high-quality open source textbooks and providing Maag Library with textbooks that can be rented by students.

Despite these initiatives, the frustration of McNally and other administrators stems from the poor progress and evaluation scores given to YSU in the report, one of 13 state institutions in Ohio profiled within it.

An evaluation of how institutions responded to “Action Steps to Reduce College Costs”

The progress report, written by the Ohio Task

Force on Affordability and Efficiency in Higher Education, is a follow-up from a list of action steps that were delivered to Ohio universities in 2015 by the task force.

Ohio Governor John Kasich created the task force to address a major problem in Ohio. According to the Action Steps to Reduce College Costs report, Ohio universities have the 12th highest average cost of tuition and mandatory fees in the United States. Kasich mandated that Ohio public universities have to reduce the overall cost of higher

education.

The progress report provided assessments in seven categories for participating institutions. The scores were “Strong Progress,” “Continued Progress Needed” and “Unacceptable.”

YSU received a “Continued Progress Needed” rating in the categories of developing five-year goals, utilizing joint contracts, conducting operations review and providing financial advising and literacy, and an “Unacceptable” score in utilizing existing contracts, conducting cost diagnostic

and developing digital capabilities for textbook affordability.

Tressel and McNally believe the report does not reflect the current cost-saving initiatives occurring at YSU. Tressel said the ratings reflect the lack of detail on their initiatives that was sent to the task force in the updated plan.

For example, in areas where YSU received a “U,” the task force commented that the “diagnostic was not completed” and “tracking of results and benefits to students is needed.” In

the category of five-year saving goals, where YSU reported a five-year goal of \$28.1 million, the report stated there was “detail needed about plan to benefit students.”

The progress report stated that, “only three institutions earned strong ratings on the recommendation to create five-year plans for efficiencies and new resource generation, largely because many institutions did not provide clear plans for directing benefits to students.”

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Barnes & Noble Set to Open in Time for Fall Semester



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Construction of the new campus bookstore is expected to reach completion before Youngstown State University students return for the fall semester.

Barnes & Noble will be located on Fifth Avenue, neighboring the University Edge apartments. The bookstore will replace the current location in Kilcawley Center.

John Hyden, executive director of University Facilities and Support Services, said the new location will feature a Starbucks shop and other amenities.

"This is going to be like a retail Barnes & Noble that you would see out in a shopping center someplace," Hyden said. "It's going to have the spirit side with t-shirts, the ball caps and all of that stuff. Then, it's going to have the book side."

The spirit store will be on the lower level, accompanied by the café with communal seating. Textbooks will be available on the upper level, and will be open seasonally like the current textbook section of the

bookstore.

YSU bursar Gloria Kobus said she is excited for this addition to YSU.

"The building itself seems to bring a sophistication to campus," Kobus said. "I've visited, just in my travels and personal life, some Barnes & Noble stores on campus at other universities and it's pretty slick."

Barnes & Noble is expected to continue price-matching at the new location, a perk that came to YSU last fall.

Kobus follows chatrooms on YSU's app at the beginning of each semester to keep up with students. She has read positive feedback on the store's price-matching feature, she said.

"I see chatter from the students saying, 'Hey, don't forget there's price matching at Barnes & Noble,'" Kobus said. "Actually, I haven't seen anything negative in that chatroom in regards to Barnes & Noble."

Gabriella Gessler, president of the YSU Student Government Association, said Barnes & Noble is on board with ensuring that students can afford textbooks. She said SGA recently held a meeting with the manager of the bookstore on ways to ad-

dress this issue.

"We've been having very healthy conversations with Barnes & Noble and they're definitely on our team as far as textbook affordability goes, so we're very excited with that," Gessler said.

Barnes & Noble is working with SGA on textbook adoptions where faculty request textbooks for their classes and the bookstore makes orders to publishers. Gessler said getting the requests in on time has been historically problematic, but the issue has lessened.

"I believe we had a 40 percent adoption turn in this time last year and this year it's gone up to 70 percent," Gessler said. "The Barnes & Noble has done a better job of really encouraging faculty and working with Provost Abraham to make sure they can communicate with them."

Kobus said one of the stipulations of the new location is its distance from the current one, which is based in the heart of campus. The new location will require students to cross Fifth Avenue to purchase their textbooks.

"How will students perceive having to walk to a destination rather than having

that in the hub of the university?" Kobus said. "I think once they get in there and they've got the café, the Wi-Fi where they can sit down at the café ... I think it'll be good."

At the same time, Kobus said having the bookstore in the area will benefit the community.

"It offers opportunities to bring the community to campus," Kobus said. "I think the opportunity of that community-university partnership is going to be good for all of us because it will be a destination for a lot of folks."

Pete's Points will be accepted at the café. Kobus said attempts are being made to allow students to use them on selective merchandise in the spirit store.

"Right now if you go to the bookstore and try to use Pete's Points, you can only do that for food," Kobus said. "We've made a request for [Student Experience associate vice president Eddie] Howard that we expand on that."

The bookstore is scheduled to be operational in early July, Hyden said.

PROGRESS REPORT FRONT

"We are constantly working on making college more affordable and more efficient," Tressel said. "When we see the areas where we could do better, we ask if we have to better communicate the way we can show people we lowered the cost."

McNally said some universities may have invested money in having consulting firms write to the state about their progress, but because that is costly, they had their plan done in-house. He said they already achieved some of their goals outlined in the action steps.

"We got a 'Continued Progress Needed' score in the operations review, but we thought we did a robust job of operations," McNally said. "We outsourced our student clinic from Mercy Health, and we entered into two ground leases last year to develop student housing. Maybe we didn't do a good job of communicating this."

The progress report serves as a warning that universities need to improve their efficiency savings and make college more affordable for university students in Ohio.

How do the public universities stack up?

As far as affordability, YSU is the third most affordable public university in Ohio, according to the National Center for Education Statistics. Tuition has been capped at \$8,317 from 2015-2017. The average cost for an Ohio university, based on data from U.S. News and World Report, is \$11,136.

Central State University's tuition cost \$6,246 and Shawnee State University's tuition cost \$7,365 in 2016. Both universities, though, have less than 5,000 students enrolled.

However, schools that are more expensive, such as The Ohio State University, score higher in college rankings. The U.S. News and World Report ranked OSU as the #54 best university in the country, with Miami University and the University of Cincinnati ranking #79 and #135, respectively. YSU's rank was not published.

According to U.S. News and World report, only universities that are ranked in the top three-fourths of their category have published rankings. In other words, if a university doesn't have a published ranking, they scored in the bottom 25 percent.

McNally said YSU has been striving to generate efficiency savings and find ways to make college more affordable for students.

In addition to textbook affordability, YSU has taken initiative to make college more affordable by doing things such as lowering the required credit hours for most majors, increasing the bulk rate from 16 to 18 credit hours and adding the Penguin Jumpstart program, in which incoming freshmen take six credit hours during the summer at a lower rate.

At the board meeting, Tressel said the report will serve as a learning tool, but does not prompt a need for redirection.

"We are in a good place, and we can only get better from here," Tressel said.

Afraid of The Game: A Series on Student Athletes

Part 1 of 4

BY JAMBAR CONTRIBUTOR
KATIE MONTGOMERY

The alarm buzzes at 5 a.m., but Samantha Vaughan is already awake. She didn't sleep last night.

Again. She slides out of her warm bed and tosses cleats and sneakers into a backpack. Right before she walks out the door, she realizes she won't be home until 7 p.m., so she grabs her school bag too.

She doesn't eat because she doesn't want to throw up. Her anxiety is acting up.

Again. Spring season is dreaded by Youngstown State University soccer players, with four to five days a week of high-intensity conditioning crammed into the early morning hours and late night team practices. It's not unusual for her and her teammates to leave their beds before 6 a.m. and not get back until midnight.

Even without traveling every week for conference games, like they do in the fall season, Vaughan still feels like school is a secondary priority in the spring.

She almost quit freshman year, partially because of her teammates, but didn't — mostly because she didn't want to be seen as a quitter. She'd rather deal with this constant, almost paralyzing fear than quit.

It wasn't until her junior year of college that she thought to reach out to a mental health professional. She was diagnosed with anxiety. She thought that her incapacitating fear, that often happened daily, was normal.

"I was always that kid that had to check things 87 times, but I didn't realize that people

don't actually worry this much until I got to college," she said.

While she doesn't regret playing soccer in college, she feels that playing at YSU, a Division I school, exacerbated her symptoms. It's an entirely new level of competition for most high school students entering their first year of college sports.

The upped ante makes many students realize that the sport they love isn't about having fun anymore. For Vaughan, the difference was palpable.

She could feel the constant scrutiny from day one of preseason — she was being watched and evaluated for every kind of mistake.

"Every move is make or break," she said. "I was surrounded by new people and in a new place, which is scary enough, but I lost all the confidence I had."

That was a good day at practice. If it was a bad day?

"I would go home and cry," she said. "There were times I was literally stuck on the floor of my room, sobbing hysterically, and I couldn't stop."

Other times, everything would start to go black and she wouldn't be able to control her body anymore — she was having panic attacks.

It took her a year to talk to the assistant coach about it.

She had to rehearse the meeting dozens of times in her head, just to make sure that her coach would believe her diagnosis.

"I didn't want to be seen as complaining or making excuses," Vaughan said.

But the assistant coach, which at that time was Jennifer Montgomery, helped Vaughan tremendously, just by listening and acknowledging the problem.

"She showed that she cared

about what was going on, and that really helped," she said. "Even if she couldn't fix it for me, she didn't think I was a wimp and she wanted to hear about it."

As another year passed, Montgomery had left the program and Vaughan felt like she was back at square one again. She never had a problem admitting something was wrong with her — it was pretty evident, she said. But even then, her parents had to force her to get treatment.

"I didn't know how to go about it," she said. "And I didn't know what to say if I did meet with someone. I had to talk to my mom and write down what to say. I read that paragraph over and over again."

With regular counseling and about six months of medication, Vaughan successfully finished her college career and has no regrets.

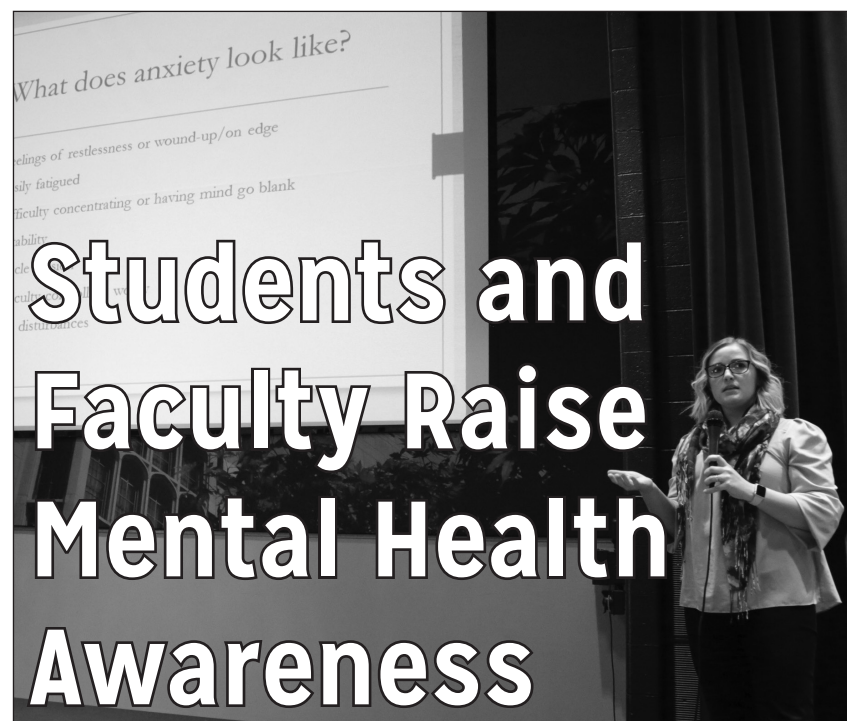
But she did wish athletic departments had someone athletes could talk to, someone specifically designated to do what Montgomery did for her.

"They could act as a bridge between the athletes and the coaches," she said. "If something was really happening, they could tell the coaches or the trainer and help the athlete deal with it right. They could also weed out the athletes who may just be making excuses and complaining, that way the coaches would know what was real and what wasn't."

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But when it comes down to it, Vaughan credits her small friend group as her saving grace.

"Anyone playing sports in college needs a small, close group of people they trust," she said. "They're the ones who kept me here and helped me the most."



Students and Faculty Raise Mental Health Awareness

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NATHAN HRITZ

Students and faculty at Youngstown State University made a joint effort to raise awareness for mental illness and combat the stigma surrounding it on March 23 in Kilcawley Center.

This is the second year the Student Government Association hosted the Mental Health Advocacy Training. SGA president Gabriella Gessler said the potential risk of suicide is heightened during college years, so it is important to raise mental health awareness and equip the campus with suicide prevention information.

"This event is to help students realize that we are all in this together and that help is available to those who need it," Gessler said.

Student Government, Chi Sigma Iota and YSU faculty coordinated the training. Former students and psychology professors gave presentations to help attendees better understand mental illness.

Jerrilynn Guy, member of Chi Sigma Iota, said mental illnesses such as depression and anxiety are more prominent on college campuses throughout the country. She said the event focused on issues with these two conditions, but other mental illnesses were also covered.

"College brings on a variety of different occurrences that can spike mental illnesses," Guy said. "Mood disorders, trauma, adjustment, so-

cial anxiety and general anxiety [were] addressed at the event."

She said the best way to bring feelings of anxiety and depression down is to do something that the individual enjoys, whether it be meditating, working out, hanging out with friends or any relaxing activities.

Handouts were given at the event containing a variety of small items, which Gessler said were designed to help remind students to stay grounded and reach for help when they need it.

"On-campus counseling is available to students, along with a variety of other resources that were listed on the pamphlet," Gessler said.

If students believe counseling would benefit their situation, Guy said they should speak to Anne Lally and Ann Jaronski from Counseling Services.

"It is important to fight the stigma that surrounds mental illness because of how many students and adults are affected by it," Guy said.

Help is also available through a counseling clinic housed on the third floor of Beeghly Center, she said.

Andrew Kirkbride, a business student, said involvement in events like the training is important to educate and raise awareness for mental illness.

"People are afraid of what they do not know," Kirkbride said. "It is important to equip individuals with the means of coping with whatever mental illness may be impacting them."

Moser Hall Gets a New Machine

BY RALEIGH BASINGER

Youngstown State University received a grant from the Office of Naval Research through a program called the Defense University Research Instrumentation Program.

With the grant, YSU purchased a HAAS VF-3 machine which is in Moser Hall.

Brett Conner, associate professor and director of industrial and systems engineering, said this is a hybrid manufacturing machine that combines both additive and subtractive manufacturing.

“By additive, we mean layer-by-layer laser fusing of metal or ceramic powder,” Conner said. “By subtractive, we mean removing material through milling operations.”

The specific laser tool is called AMBIT and is made by Hybrid Manufacturing Technologies. The laser fusing system itself is a process called directed energy deposition.

Tim Daugherty, a graduate student, said the AMBIT system combines traditional CNC machining capability with additive manufacturing capability and is able to print functionally graded materials. The AMBIT system is

mounted on a reconditioned HAAS VF-3 4-axis computer numerically controlled machine tool.

“The subtractive machining improves the geometric dimensioning and surface finish over 3D printing alone, allowing for a more precise and durable final part,” Conner said.

Michael Juhasz, a graduate student, said the first thing students and staff are going to try and do is understand the material the machine works with.

“You put these powders in and you fuse them with a laser and we’re not sure what the material properties will be,” Juhasz said.

Once they understand the material, they are going to try and repair parts, especially those from aircraft. If a crucial pin breaks instead of making an all new part, students can just fix the old one, Juhasz said.

YSU’s system has four powder feeders allowing for multiple materials to be deposited.

“Our research team is very interested in using this equipment to produce functionally graded materials,” Conner said. “These are materials where the composition is gradually changed. For example, one could start printing in steel and gradually change to a nickel-based

metal like Inconel.”

The reason the machine was purchased was to do research on hybrid manufacturing methods, Daugherty said. It will also be used to investigate properties of functionally graded materials, which are produced by additive manufacturing.

The machine will also be used to maintain and fix military parts so that certain equipment can be used longer, saving money.

As of right now, though, the machine is for strictly research.

“It was funded through the military, but I assume that other projects will make use of it,” Juhasz said. “I think with all the additive technology, it is all sort of new, and they’re finding ways to incorporate them into the learning process for the undergrads. For students in five years, if the industry moves the way they think it will, then students will see this outside of just pure research.”

The equipment the HAAS VF-3 contains will enable research and education in hybrid manufacturing, functional graded materials and part repair. Daugherty and Conner said the machine will allow YSU to conduct and report on a new realm of research.

Dual License Program Established at YSU

BY RACHEL GOBEP

This fall, the Early Childhood Education program at Youngstown State University will offer a dual licensure program that will open new opportunities to education graduates.

Once the program is implemented, students who are training for their Early Childhood Education license will also receive an Early Childhood Education Intervention Specialist license. Students with this dual license will be able to teach in special education classrooms and to teach English to speakers of other languages.

Kathleen Cripe, the associate professor of the Department of Teacher Education, and Crystal Ratican, the assistant professor of the Department of Teacher Education, have been working on blending the coursework of both licenses for two years.

“The Ohio Dean’s Compact Association came up with a grant, which they sent out to all Ohio universities asking if anyone wanted to send in a proposal to create a dual licensure program,” Cripe said.

Ratican said the education department received \$225,000 to fund the program over two years.

“Teacher candidates will be able to apply for a pre-kindergarten through third grade Early Childhood Education license, a kindergarten through third grade Early Childhood Education Intervention Specialist license and a TESOL (Teaching English to Speakers of Other Languages) endorsement,” Ratican said.

“There are a few other universities that do the blended program with Early Childhood Education and Early Childhood Intervention Specialist, but we are

the first to offer it with TESOL,” Ratican said.

Charles Howell, dean of the Beeghly College of Education, said employment in Early Childhood Education is competitive, but students who graduate with the Early Childhood Education and Early Childhood Education Intervention Specialist dual license have an advantage over those with an early childhood education degree.

“When we asked principals and superintendents who they would hire if they had someone with an early childhood degree versus an early childhood intervention specialist degree, they unanimously said they would hire the second one,” he said.

Ratican said the updated program will provide more employment opportunities for future teachers.

“Potential teachers will be prepared to teach all students inside a classroom. This program will help teacher candidates to increase their marketability when graduating. They will possess knowledge pertaining to early childhood education, special education and TESOL,” she said.

It was essential for the Beeghly College of Education to offer this major because classroom settings have changed from what they once were, Cripe said.

“In past years, special education students were in their own classroom, but that’s not the way it is anymore,” she said. “They are in the classroom with the general education students, so it is an inclusive classroom.”

There are students who are pushing back their graduation date by a couple years so they can graduate with the new dual license.

“We have spoken to many teachers who are already out in the field, and they think this program is wonderful,” she



A Summer of Campus Construction

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BY JORDAN UNGER

As summer break approaches, construction projects both old and new are scheduled to be completed before students and faculty at Youngstown State University return for the fall semester.

The first road enhancement project focused on Lincoln Avenue. John Hyden, executive director of University Facilities and Support Services, said the project improved pedestrian safety by adding stop signs, removing overhead utilities on the north side and painting cross-

walks to make them stand out.

“Most of it was the roadway itself and how you get across the street,” Hyden said. “We’ve narrowed the street at the crosswalks, so you’ll notice that there’s little bump outs there. When you’re walking across, you have a little bit of a safety island. You’re not trying to get across 50 feet of roadway — you’re trying to get across 30 feet of roadway.”

Lincoln Avenue became vehicle-accessible in December, a project Hyden said is expected to be finished soon with the warm weather approaching.

“What’s remaining to be done on Lincoln Avenue is just the landscaping,” Hyden said. “Trees and planting in those beds, primarily along the north side of the

road.”

Hyden said construction on Wick Avenue is much further from completion, estimated to be operational in August.

“They’ve taken that thing down to the depths,” Hyden said. “All storm sewers, sanitary sewers water lines, gas lines and all of the overhead utilities are going to go down in duct banks underground, so that’s going to be a real transformation.”

Wick Avenue is going to be redesigned with three lanes, Hyden said.

“That’s going to be a major change in the traffic patterns,” Hyden said. “That road was never wide enough for four lanes. It was tight ... and we’ll have to see how that works out.”

Ron Cole, YSU public information officer, said they have been pleased with the patience of YSU attendees during these projects.

“Things have gone fairly smooth considering the work and the detours that are in place,” Cole said. “Everyone seems to be doing their best job in following those detours the best ways possible and we have heard relatively few complaints.”

Also underway is phase two of the University Edge apartments on Fifth Avenue, which are on track to be ready for move-in day in August.

Major behind-the-scenes enhancements to campus facilities are planned to be completed within the upcoming months. Richard White, director of Cap-

ital Planning and Construction, said this includes innovations to Meshel Hall and Ward Beecher, roofing to Jones Hall and a staircase leading past Bliss Hall to the student apartments.

“It’s just a hill now where a lot of [students] walk down the hill. Now you’ll have a set of steps to walk down,” White said. “We want to make it a little safer. It will be well-lit, and hopefully ... we’ll have a deicing system so you only have to shovel it.”

A full list of summer projects to campus can be found on the board of trustees’ website.

The city plans to do construction of Fifth Avenue as well, but Hyden said no definite schedule has been made yet.

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Dana Chorale

BY AMANDA LEHNERD

The Dana School of Music announces an upcoming concert featuring the Dana Chorale, directed by Hae-Jong Lee. On Friday at 7:30 p.m. the Dana Chorale will perform their spring Choral Concert, "Musical Journey from America to Korea" at St. Columba Cathedral, 159 W. Rayen Ave.

The Dana Chorale department will be traveling to South Korea May 8-9 where they will perform three concerts with other university choirs in South Korea. The idea to take the trip was brought about when the choir sang at a benefit concert in Chicago. This is the first time a music ensemble from YSU is traveling to Asia.

The members of the Dana Chorale are:

Soprano: Amanda Bertilacci, Kristina Clemons, Sara Eck-enrode, Katy Howells, Olivia Kochunas, Francesca Molinaro and Kortney Squibbs.

Alto: Christina Aviles, Kathleen Brown, Rebecca Enlow, Jordan Hazy, Amanda Nottingham, Christina Russo and Erika Walker.

Tenor: Victor Cardamone, Dante Colella, Sam Gregory, Emilio Santiago and Stephen West.

Bass: Nicholas Hazelton, Andrew Gurdak, Anthony Humphrey, Jared Liscinsky, David Mouse and Jason Volovar.



PellaPenguins Recital

BY GABE GARCIA

On Friday, March 24, Youngstown State University's PellaPenguins held their first concert in Bliss Recital Hall.

The recital began promptly at 7 p.m. where the acapella group performed their renditions of "Hallelujah," "We Will Rock You" and "White Winter Hymnal" to name a few.

Another song performed was a parody of the song "Tomorrow" from the musical "Annie," arranged by Pella Penguin member Evelyn Koch.

"I wrote the song back when I was a junior in high school," Koch said. "I like to work with lyrics even though I don't necessarily know how to write music."

Koch is a freshman currently obtaining her Bachelor of Arts degree in forensic science.

"The inspiration for the song came to

me one night as I was procrastinating on an assignment, and it won in the Honors Talent Show last month," Koch said.

The PellaPenguins began the recital by singing YSU's Fight Song followed by the Star Spangled Banner and "Vuelie", which is the opening number for the movie "Frozen."

Other songs performed such as "Bohemian Rhapsody", or "Boogie Woogie Bugle Boy" featured solos from Sierra Bradley, Hannah Feeney, Ashley Cunningham, Elena Loedding, Jessie Pietrasz, Selena Chandler, Beverly Nelson and AnnaMaria Jadue.

"We practice all of our songs at least twice a week each for an hour," Jadue, founder of the PellaPenguins, said. "We currently have 21 members, but for this recital, we had 19 perform. One girl was unable to make it, and another is studying abroad in Prague."

Jadue is a junior majoring in Vocal Mu-

sic Education and Integrated Language Arts Education. In high school, she participated in choir for all four years as a mezzo-soprano and sang in the Dana Chorale as an alto.

"I've always loved acapella choirs and in high school, I tried to start my own," Jadue said. "After Pitch Perfect had come out, the idea became more popular, especially after I watched it in my dorm freshman year and forced all of my friends to [do] it with me," she added jokingly.

Jadue also went on to say that even though the PellaPenguins aren't involved in any tournaments at the moment, they hope to be someday.

"For the recital, we tried to pick songs that people already knew," Kortney Squibbs, president of the PellaPenguins, said. "The founding members had a couple they had already been working on, but we also tried to see what other girls wanted to do."

Squibbs is a sophomore majoring in nursing, who came to join the acapella group last semester.

"It was honestly one of the best decisions I've ever made," Squibbs said. "AnnaMaria convinced me to come and try out, and at that time the members consisted of everyone in her suite. After that auditions were held and more girls were able to join the group."

Squibbs also went on to say that the Pellas were planning on having a concert last semester, but then decided to postpone it because they felt they weren't quite ready.

"We hold mini-auditions in the fall and the spring," Jadue said. "We like to have a good mixed social environment as we're a team building group. We try to focus on the team element as much as possible so girls should definitely consider joining if they like to sing and have fun."

Jambar Top 10: Student Services

BY AMANDA LEHNERD

1. The Center for Student Progress

The Center for Student Progress is the home to many helpful services for students on campus. Academic Coaching Services is located in the CSP where students can talk with professional academic coaches on a one-on-one basis. The coaches teach students learning and metacognitive strategies to apply to coursework.

Adult Learner Services is located in the CSP to help adult students age 25 years and older transition into college. The Adult Learner Services provides academic and personal support individually and through programs such as Academic Coaching, Starfish Early Alert and time management and goal setting.

First-Year Student Services helps students become familiar with Youngstown State University, build confidence, develop direction and identify opportunities that assist in achieving personal goals. Common first-year student services offered are peer mentoring, Starfish Early Alert, social and academic activities.

2. Tutoring

Students have the option to seek out tutoring services when they are in need of help. There is free tutoring for courses such as accounting, engineering, biology, history, chemistry, physics, economics and psychology. If students would like to take a more individual approach to tutoring, there are regularly scheduled and individual group sessions. There are also independent study materials, computer-assisted instruction and review sessions for exams. Students can sign up for tutoring services online or call the CSP for more information.

3. Counseling Services

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5. Ombudsperson

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6. Student Diversity Programs

The Office of Student Diversity Programs is here to enhance students' college experience by contributing to an environment that supports diversity and inclusion. The program supports student organizations and individuals to cultivate relationships and create a sense of belonging on campus. Students can learn through the programs of the diversity office the value of civic engagement, cultural awareness and gain an appreciation for diverse perspectives.

7. Student Food Pantry

YSU has a food pantry for students on campus. When gaining access to the pantry, students are required to swipe their YSU ID to collect the date and time of entry. Rec Center Interns & Nutrition Graduate Assistants help package the food to ensure nutritional balance. The pantry is continually accepting nonperishable and monetary contributions. The pantry is located in the hallway behind Wendy's in Kilcawley Center.

8. Writing Center

Students in writing courses on campus have the option to seek help with their papers from the writing center. Writing center employees can help students strengthen their papers by checking sources, sentence structure, thesis and the overall impact of the paper. Students wanting to seek help can set up an appointment online at the YSU writing center.

9. Disability Services

Disability Services provide students, faculty and staff with assistance and information regarding accommodations for people with disabilities, either permanent or temporary. The center serves as a gateway for accommodations for YSU students with disabilities.

10. Graphic Services

Kilcawley Center's Graphic Services provides students with design services, exclusively for student events, student services and student projects. Graphic Services can create flyers, banners, logos and brochures and provides services such as large form printing, mounting and lamination. Graphic Services is located on the lower level of Kilcawley Center.

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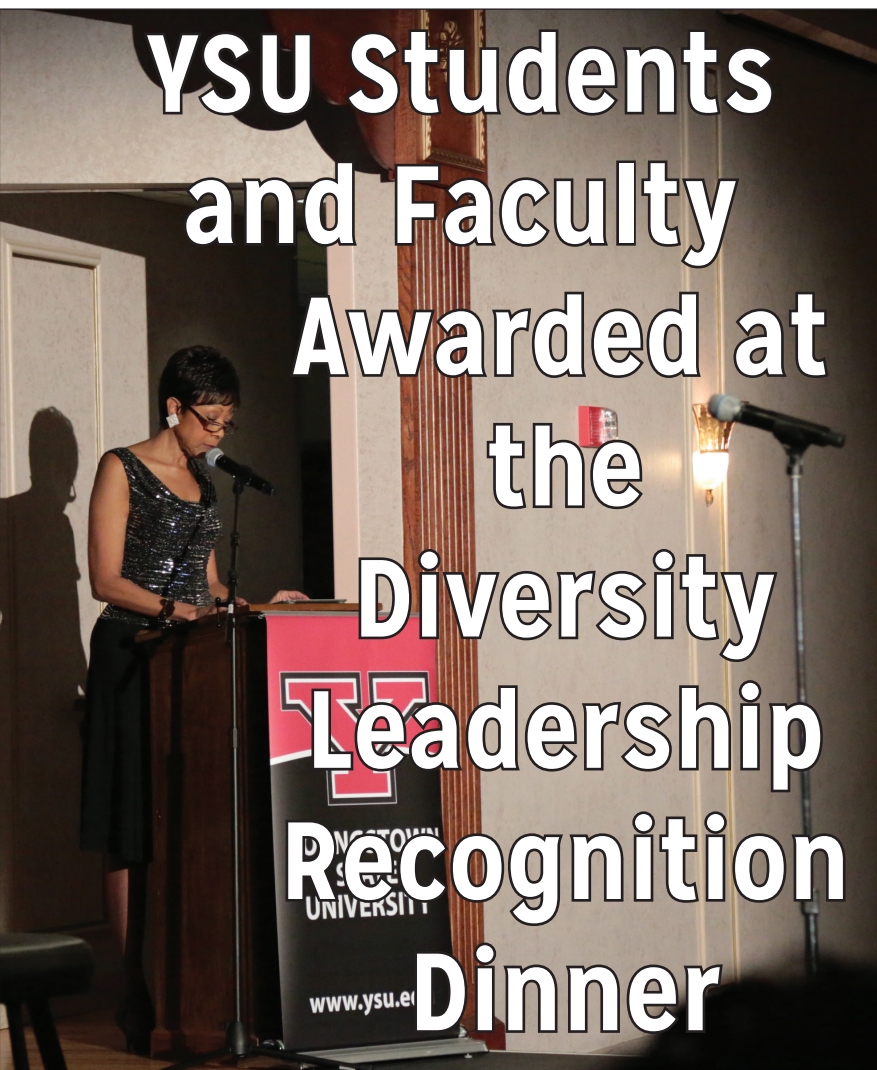
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YSU Students and Faculty Awarded at the Diversity Leadership Recognition Dinner

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BY SAMANTHA PHILLIPS

Students and faculty from Youngstown State University were honored for their leadership in diversity and inclusion efforts at YSU and the Youngstown community during the Diversity Leadership Recognition Dinner on March 24 at Stambaugh Auditorium.

Bryan Bautista, a semifinalist on NBC's "The Voice" Season 10, warmed up the crowd with a quick speech and musical performances.

Sylvia Imler, associate vice president of Multicultural Affairs, said she saw Bautista perform on the show and decided to reach out to him and invite him to perform at this event.

"There was something that he shared about his culture. When he began to talk about his culture, that's when I reached out to him," she said.

Jaietta Jackson, a communication professor at YSU, and Karen Larwin,

an associate professor in YSU's Educational Foundations, Research, Technology and Leadership Department, were recognized for their campus leadership.

Jackson, who also works with the Minority Alumni Council at Cardinal Mooney, teaches multiculturalism and intercultural communication at the university. She said she is passionate about promoting cultural understanding and diversity and appreciates the acknowledgement, but she didn't do it for the accolades.

Larwin works with the Ohio Commission on Minority Health and uses her experience from the commission to present real-world examples in her classes. She is working towards lowering the rate of infant mortality in Youngstown.

The Diversity Leadership Scholarship was given to YSU students Dia Scruggs, Ramona Kindell and Kaitlin McClendon for their campus involvement. The Division of Student Experience was awarded the Diversity Leadership Achievement Award.

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The Jambar Column

The Scary Potato Lady

BY JILLIAN SMITH

I called her the scary potato lady. All 4 feet and 9 inches of her seemed coiled and ready to snap at any customer who took too long to order from her impossibly large menu. From her perch atop the cashier's stand of the noisy, crowded café, she barked orders to the kitchen like a battle-hardened general. Simultaneously, she would rain righteous indignation down at any soul who could not procure the Mandarin syllables necessary to express their dietary wishes.

I was that soul. My first day experiencing the chaos of her shop made me nearly call home, sobbing. I was overwhelmed. Frying pans banged. Hot oil sizzled. Masses of impatient crowds nearly bowled me over, and the scary potato lady shouted. The idea of a line is fairly tenuous here in China, but particularly so at her shop, and if the person at the front of the line is a quivering mess who can't speak a word of the language, scary potato lady quickly acknowledges the next person instead.

Communicating through awkward sign language, I finally did get my potatoes. I planned on never going back. The embarrassment and confusion and awkwardness that I felt made me certain that I did not know what I had gotten into when I came to China, and that I was not nearly as ready to dive into such a foreign culture as I had liked to believe.

The problem was that the potatoes were really, really good. Each batch is first sliced, like scalloped potatoes, but then sautéed in a blend of green onions, chili peppers, capers and salt, and served over steaming white rice. The perfectly seared and seasoned culinary art of scary potato lady's creation was a mouthwatering lure that forced me to endure her staccato frustrations again and again.

It was evident that I was an economic dead-

weight loss for this woman. Her tiny shop, flooded with masses of hungry patrons, lost money every minute longer I attempted to communicate with her with flailing arms and horrifically pronounced phrases. When I first tried to ask for no meat, it was like I had told her that I was a criminal militant, from the way that she yelled at me and pointed at me and narrowed her eyes at me angrily. After the day I attempted to ask for my potatoes to-go, she visibly sighed whenever I came in. I was difficult.

Still, her potatoes were the cheapest and best option by far, and so the anxiety-filled first afternoon I spent in pursuit of these potatoes quickly turned into weeks' worth of afternoons, and then months. But over the course of these months, something was happening. I was learning Chinese, and I was getting better at navigating Chinese culture.

A few days ago, I headed into scary potato lady's shop. Swiftly and unhesitatingly, I approached the register. In Mandarin that was massively, exquisitely improved from my first encounter, I told SPL that I wanted potatoes to-go, and with no meat. In a moment that I can only describe as tunnel-vision-like bliss, I felt the frenetic activity of the lunch counter slow nearly to a halt. She looked up from her cash register, locking eyes with me. She regarded me for a moment. Then, her mouth broke into a wide smile as she nodded her head and said, "Dui!" which means, "Correct!" She proceeded to ring in my order.

When they were ready, rather than her usual gruff and unceremonious pass-off of my food, scary potato lady called to me, smiling. She handed me my meal with the care one would expect of a dear friend. "Zai jian!" she told me, still grinning. I thanked her and paid and smiled back. I walked out of the shop feeling like something meaningful had just happened. As I shut the door behind me I looked back, and potato lady was still waving and grinning after me, even as hungry crowds spilled in and finally blocked me from her view.

Editorial

Pell Grants: Part of the American Dream™

It's that time of year when students begin filling out applications for scholarships, federal loans and grants. But next year at this time, students across the country may see a decrease in the assistance they receive.

On March 16, President Donald Trump revealed his plan to cut \$9 billion from the education budget in 2018. Pell Grants will remain, but the proposal will cut \$3.9 billion to the Pell reserves.

According to data collected by ProPublica, 49 percent of Youngstown State University students received Pell Grants in 2014. The same data also said 32.7 percent of YSU's Pell Grant recipients graduated in 2013.

It is already more difficult for low-income students to graduate college, considering that they may face challenges middle and upper class students may not, such as needing to work to support their family income, not living at home and having their own set of bills to take care of.

Those difficulties may be a reason that not everyone who is gifted a Pell Grant finishes college, but that argument is for another editorial.

This editorial is about giving everyone a fair chance at advancing and bettering themselves, something that many believe is a key component to the traditional American Dream™.

Instead of investing in low-income students in a time of historically high student loans and college prices, the President is planning to indirectly hurt them by cutting what little assistance they get.

To get into college, these students would be forced to take out private loans or other predatory forms of private financing with extremely high interest rates that could put them at risk, later on if they can't make payments, for losing their home, their car and everything they gained by getting a college education.

Given, money isn't the only way to support low-income students, but it is a big one. Those who want to pursue a college education should be able to.

If this budget goes through, students, faculty and staff at respective universities will have to pick up some of the slack by encouraging and helping students more than they are required — if the low-income student can scrape enough money together to even attend the school.

If the United States is attempting to be the number one nation that we feel we once were, we're going to need to continue investing money into the young minds that want to improve our situation, not monetarily force them to stay in ignorance — an educated population is one that is moving towards greatness.

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The Press Box Perspective: *Weighing in on eSports*

BY ANDREW ZUHOSKY

All right, let's talk about a rising event in the sporting world, one which doesn't pertain to any sort of actual athletic competition. That's right, we're talkin' eSports today.

If you don't know just what the heck eSports is, here's the meaning:

Do any of you remember going to your buddy's house back in the day to compete in a video game tournament and it was just between you and him to see who could get the higher score on a game?

Do you remember your older brother telling you stories of when he used to play in video game tournaments when he was growing up?

Well, that's what eSports is.

There are many types of games that are played in current eSports tournaments. You can find various streams of eSports tournaments on the Web.

Case in point: Tournaments involving the "EA SPORTS Madden NFL" series can be found on YouTube, Facebook Live and the Madden NFL Twitch channel.

Furthermore, BTN2GO, the digital platform for Big Ten Network, streams League of Legends matches involving Big Ten Conference schools, with BTN having aired last Monday night's League of Legends final.

In past years, ESPN's profiles have aired and streamed matches from Heroes of the Dorm, a college contest where the game "Heroes of the Storm" is played, with the tournament now being streamed on Facebook Live for 2017.

In last year's Heroes of the Dorm tournament, gamers from Arizona State University's The Real Dream Team swept the championship match three games to none to capture the title after going undefeated across all tournament matches.

Tomorrow night, TBS begins its coverage of the third season of ELEAGUE, an eSports competition that in 2017 will have "Street Fighter V" as the featured game in lieu of "CounterStrike Mobile Offensive".

The program will consist of selected highlights throughout the week's action tomorrow night.

Here is how ELEAGUE Season 3 will be formatted:

All this week, 32 gamers, 16 who qualified to this ELEAGUE season after competing in last year's CAPCOM Pro Tour, and 16 who were invited by the video game company, have been competing in preliminary round action, which concludes tomorrow.

The top six gamers from each prelim group will advance to regular season play. Regular season matches are contested in a best-of-5 format.

First- and second-place gamers from each regular season group qualifying for

the postseason, which will be contested the week of May 26.

All postseason contests are in best-of-five formats, with the winning gamer pocketing \$250,000 in prize money.

This all begs the question of "Are eSports sports?"

On one hand, you have the people who follow it like the NFL or NBA and you have to consider the fact that TV networks are devoting air time to it.

With traditional sports networks and well-known traditional sports television brands like ESPN, BTN and Turner either having streamed or aired or are currently streaming or airing eSports programming, it definitely pushes the argument in favor of eSports being sports.

But on the other hand, you have the people who dismiss eSports as childish silliness and would rather watch something else.

In my opinion, yes, eSports are sports. In the past, I have watched the various eSports competitions and loved them.

These people who participate in eSports practically eat, sleep, drink, breathe, and live the game being played. It shows. Boy, it shows.

They're passionate about the games and take the competition seriously, much like how Corey Kluber would take a playoff start for the Cleveland Indians seriously, or like how Blake Griffin would take a playoff series for the Los Angeles Clippers seriously.

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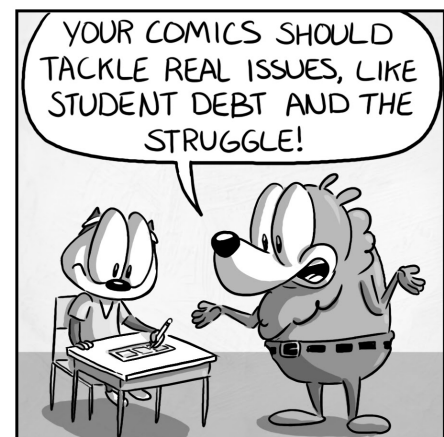
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COURTESY OF YSU SPORTS INFORMATION

BY MARC WEEMS

With the Youngstown State University men's and women's track and field winning the Horizon League indoor championships, it will look to repeat outdoors. The team would not be where it is without volunteer assistant coach Eric Rupe.

Rupe has been with the YSU program since the 2011-2012 season. He redshirted in 2012-2013 due to injury. This is his first season as a coach of any sort.

"I ran at YSU for five years and it was just kind of a natural fit for me," Rupe said. "I was the oldest guy on my team by a year. All the guys I ran with all came back the year after I graduated. Coach [Brian] Gorby was gracious enough to offer me a spot as a volunteer assistant coach. He was trying to help me too since I'm still training as well."

YSU track and field head coach Brian Gorby brought Rupe on almost immediately after he graduated.

"Eric has just what you want in a guy," Gorby said. "He's got the pedigree of coaching and can bring people together. That is something that I think that is built into his DNA. Both his father and uncle were both great coaches so it seemed natural that he could be too."

In his time as a Penguin, Rupe laid the foundation for what the program has become. As a part of the cross-country team, Rupe became the first male runner to win a Horizon league championship.

"That was actually a really cool experience," Rupe said. "That year, we hosted the Horizon League championships over in Boardman. I was able to win in front of a home crowd. That sort of spoke to the program. Every year we were so bad and then that year we got better. I had a breakout year and we finished second that season."

Rupe also said that he is proud that he has helped turn both the cross-country and track and field teams into reputable teams.

"His parents were looking to go high school coaching," Gorby said. "Eric loves YSU through and through. I can see him coaching for sure. I can definitely see him in a situation in the next five to 10 years running a program. He is just a workaholic and he is very humbled. Those are

traits that I believe make a good coach."

Gorby said Rupe's willingness to work harder than other people is what made him want to bring him on the staff. Rupe will never stop helping other people when they are struggling with something, Gorby said.

"I kind of do a little bit of everything and that's how I was in college," Rupe said. "I ran all types of different races. I think that experience was one of the good things. It is what I bring to the table whether it is good or bad. I also think my good and bad races all help me to coach others on what to do and what not to do. I've done everything on both ends of the spectrum."

Rupe also said that without his experiences, both good and bad, that he would not be where he is and without Gorby he wouldn't have the skills and knowledge he has now.

"He has always worked his tail off," Gorby said. "Those are things and traits that I think are so important. He understands how to communicate and how to handle certain situations. The biggest key to his success is he can bring everyone together like glue. He is so team-oriented and has brought the team even more together."

Looking to Repeat:

YSU Outdoor Track and Field Season Gets Underway

BY RICK HENNEMAN

Both the men's and women's track and field teams at Youngstown State University will look to copy the success they had during the indoor season when they take to the track outside. Both YSU teams emerged from the Horizon League Indoor Championships victorious this past February.

The Penguins have started what some would call a dynasty in Horizon League track and field over the last two seasons. YSU head coach Brian Gorby said that there are many factors contributing to their continued success.

"We definitely have recruited a higher level of athletes," Gorby said. "We went from recruiting the top of Ohio to now moving to the top of the nation. The facilities also make a huge difference. Our old motto was to do more with less and now we are doing more with more."

Gorby also mentioned that the men's team is ranked in the top 50 of the nation and that the top to bottom strength of the women's team makes it one of the best in the country.

The top athletes on YSU's track and field team will spend this weekend competing at the Pepsi Florida Re-

lays in Gainesville, Florida. The Penguins will run against some of the top programs in the country including the No. 1 ranked Florida Gators.

Many YSU athletes will use this opportunity to improve their marks on the track against some of the best competition in the NCAA. Sophomore Chad Zallow had a record breaking indoor season and looks to improve on his performance from last year.

"I definitely want to make it to the outdoor nationals this season," Zallow said. "Last year I missed out because of a pulled hamstring. I made indoor nationals this past season and want to continue that success outside."

Zallow's brother Carl is a junior on the team and competes in some of the same events. He said that it helps to have someone as fast as his brother to push him on a day-to-day basis.

Senior Chenera Lacey competes in many different events for the YSU women including high jump and triple jump. She is hoping to accomplish something she has yet to do as a Penguin.

"My goal is to make it to regionals," Lacey said. "I haven't made it there yet in my four years so it would be nice to accomplish that my senior year."

Gorby is optimistic for both teams this outdoor season. He said that it is rare for a university to have a track and field program that is strong in every event.

"We have student athletes that are at an extremely high level in all events," Gorby said. "There are 20 events and it's common for teams to have areas that they are not strong. It is tough to match-up with Youngstown State because we have a complete team. This has come over the last 25 years."

Gorby also said that there are some freshmen that have made immediate impacts on their teams and that they are worth looking out for this season.

"Collin Harden just made the junior nationals in the 400 hurdles," Gorby said. "He was number one in the state of Ohio when he got here and now he is in the top two or three in the country. Jaliyah Elliott for the women's team was a monster surprise for us. She had a number one time for us in the indoor season."

Although it is early in the season, some Penguin athletes have already earned Horizon League accolades. Ryan Booth, Taylor McDonald and Jaynee Corbett have been named Horizon League athletes of the week for their performances this past weekend at the Raleigh Relays.



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The Youngstown State University softball team swept a doubleheader against Robert Morris University with 8-0 and 12-3 wins on Wednesday afternoon. Go to thejambar.com for complete coverage of both games.



A Sleeping Giant: Jerrod Calhoun Introduced as YSU Men's Basketball Coach

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New YSU head coach Jerrod Calhoun introduces his family during his introductory press conference on March 28.

BY MARC WEEMS

With the retirement of Jerry Slocum, the former Youngstown State University head coach, YSU needed to find a new head coach. It didn't take the program long to hire Jerrod Calhoun who was at Fairmont State University for the last five years.

"It is not every day that you get to make a decision like this," YSU athletic director Ron Strollo said. "One of the most important things as an athletic director is to make a decision on a head coach."

In Calhoun's five seasons at FSU, he compiled a 124-38 record including a 15-win turnaround in his first season. He took FSU to the Division II national championship and had a 34-3 record in his last season there.

"I'd like to thank Ron Strollo, President [Jim] Tressel and Ron's entire staff," YSU head coach Jerrod Calhoun said. "It has been a very busy week for my family and I. We got back Sunday from Sioux Falls, South Dakota, where we played in the national championship game. When I received the call and the offer, it was a dream come true."

Calhoun said he has been waiting for this opportuni-

ty for a long time.

"The vision that Ron [Strollo] shared with me on the phone was remarkable," Calhoun said. "It's a great time to be a Penguin."

Aside from his time at FSU, Calhoun was also an assistant under Bob Huggins at West Virginia University and when Huggins was at the University of Cincinnati. Strollo said that having that Division I experience was a big factor in hiring him.

"Coming into my last year, I'm really excited," YSU guard Cameron Morse said. "He wants to play an up-tempo style. He sold me when he said that we were going to average 85 points a game. Scoring is what I do, so I'm feeling confident in him."

For Calhoun, he gets many of the players back from last season including both Morse and Francisco Santiago.

"When I think of the city of Youngstown, the first thing that comes to mind is toughness," Calhoun said. "I talked with YSU head coach Bo Pelini and he preached togetherness. What he has been able to do in a short time is unbelievable. Of all the words I thought of, one thing was missing — basketball. The Valley is dying to have a basketball team it can be proud of."

Calhoun preached togetherness and accountability throughout much of his speech. He also said that he will approach this opportunity with a lot of excitement.

"This is exciting for sure," YSU guard Francisco Santiago said. "As a guy from Cleveland, it is a blue-collar town just like Youngstown. We have to work for everything we get."

Santiago also said that he is excited for the style that Calhoun wants to play and that he wants to get after it already.

"You just have to get these kids to believe in what you do," Calhoun said. "We've got to give them some direction, but we also have to piggyback on the success of their last two games. They came together and played great basketball. You dream of this opportunity because there are only so many out there."

Calhoun said that he wants his team to think bigger and better. He wants them to think of Horizon League championships and their first NCAA tournament bid.

"I looked at Youngstown State as a sleeping giant," Calhoun said. "They have great facilities. We have a great recruiting base. Why can't we win? Why can't we build on what Coach Slocum did in the tournament? Those kids believed."