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# YSU EARNS ACCREDITATION AND MORE: THE STATE OF THE UNIVERSITY ADDRESS

**RACHEL GOBEP**

President Jim Tressel highlighted the history, impact, progress, campus and future of Youngstown State University at the annual State of the University address on Monday in Kilcawley Center.

During the address, Tressel announced that the university has been reaccredited by the Higher Learning Commission through 2027.

According to a Jambar article, YSU has had continuous regional accreditation since 1945 and received a 10-year reaffirmation in 2008. Accreditation qualifies the university to administer federal financial aid to students and to receive federal grants and contracts. It also supports transferability and recognition of credits earned by students.

There are five criteria that a university must meet to receive or maintain accredited status. Of the five criteria, 21 categories are measured. Tressel announced that in those 21 categories, 20 of them were met and one was met with concerns.

According to a YSU press release, the HLC report noted that YSU “has made tremendous progress in overcoming previous major challenges, most notably in the areas of fiscal

health and enrollment.”

Tressel also announced that there will be a Strategic Planning Organization, which will help the university to have “informed collaboration.” The Strategic Planning Organization Team is working to engage the university community to have a conversation about strategies for the future of YSU.

He focused on the progress of the university in advancing students, alumni and the community and stressed that “accreditation is usually the first measuring stick” for progress.

Tressel said the incoming freshman class is the largest class since 2010 — touting record high GPAs and ACT scores. The international student enrollment is at its highest, there has been increased retention, the Penguin Tuition Promise was implemented and the university housing is at capacity.

Additionally, the “We See Tomorrow” \$100 million capital campaign has hit the \$75 million mark.

Tressel stressed the impact the university has on the five-county area including: a contribution of \$923.9 million into the five-county area every year, 15,699 jobs held by YSU employees and graduates, about \$3.1 million put back into the community and around 600 YSU student teachers with an economic impact of \$4 million each year.

The university has faculty research collaborations with eight foreign countries, 12 industry partners and 75 partners/sponsors. YSU is a global leader in additive manufacturing and is one of two universities in the world to own all seven additive manufacturing technologies.

“The impact of this institution is unlike the impact of any of the other institutions in this state, in my opinion and the numbers seem to bear it out,” Tressel said. “It’s certainly a tremendous impact for each and every person that lives here.”

Additionally, the 69,324 community service hours across the campus accumulated an estimated national volunteer value of about \$1.7 million, as hygiene students provide 2,500 free appointments each semester and business majors complete 500 tax returns a year through the free VITA program.

When it comes to the campus at its current state, there will be many updates between now and 2019.

The Enclave apartments have opened on Wick Avenue, with the retail portion opening this fall and the new Student Health Center on Lincoln Avenue is set to open in January.

Eddie Howard, vice president of student affairs, said the additional 200 students living close to campus at the Enclave will create more opportunities for student engagement.

The work for the Constantini Multimedia Center at Stambaugh Stadium has begun, which will house classes for sports broadcasting majors. Tressel also said there are plans for a student recreation field, a tennis and bowling center west of Fifth Avenue, a proposed Fifth Avenue improvement and additional parking spaces.

“The opportunities for the future are exciting, and what excites me is that Youngstown State University can be a leader,” Tressel said.

Mike Sherman, the special assistant to the president, said there is a great foundation for the university to build upon.

“My observation since I’ve been here is that a YSU degree is the most valuable degree in the State of Ohio in terms of the experience students have, the low cost and most importantly the placement opportunities that exist for jobs after students have graduated,” Sherman said.

Sherman said he believes that the institution will create for itself in the future.

“That’s why the Strategic Planning Organization Team intends to instigate a process that’s highly collaborative,” he said. “There will be a lot of campus opportunities to be engaged.”

For more information about strategic planning go to <https://ysu.edu/strategic-planning>. The university is also asking for those in the campus community to “Join in on the Conversation” to provide input.



# FIRST-YEAR PENGUINS EXPLORE CAMPUS AT IGNITE

Photo courtesy of **Erin Driscoll**

## VICTORIA REMLEY

IGNITE, a two-day program that encourages first-year students to explore campus, was held at Youngstown State University on Monday and Tuesday.

About 2,000 new Penguins were able to enjoy photo booths, games, contests and a cookout with live music by the Kilcawley fountain.

Erin Driscoll, a co-coordinator for IGNITE and director of student activities, said the event helps first-year students adjust to campus life.

“[IGNITE assists] first-year students in their transition to YSU by providing opportunities to meet their peers, become familiar with campus resources and facilities, take part in YSU spirit

and tradition activities and get connected to students, faculty and staff across campus who can support them during their college experience,” Driscoll said.

The students received early access to the campus before upperclassmen return for classes. This gave them a chance to locate their classrooms and begin to develop friendships with other first-year Penguins.

Driscoll said IGNITE is a “great way to kick off the Penguin experience” and helps to calm students’ nerves about the upcoming school year.

She said the IGNITE and peer leaders helped to provide the students with insight for navigating campus and making the most of their time at the university.

Scott Fraedrich, an IGNITE intern and volunteer coordinator, said first-year students should attend the program for a variety reasons.

“First and foremost, the information you will receive at IGNITE is invaluable. Not only will students be introduced to campus in a personal way, through tours and the Fun Run, but they will also get to meet their fellow peers and get to know others with interests similar to theirs,” he said.

Fraedrich said one goal of IGNITE is to be useful and informative for students.

Hannah Feeney, the Fun Run coordinator, said the Fun Run allows first-year students to explore the campus in an interactive way on day one of IGNITE. She said different offices, departments and organizations had stations

spread across the campus.

Another one of IGNITE’s goals is to make getting ready for the first day of classes fun and exciting.

Feeney said students spend the day with a campus leader “who is excited to welcome them to campus and show them the ropes of Youngstown State.”

Driscoll said that it was a large task to plan an event for 2,000 people.

“We’re grateful for the involvement of everyone from President Tressel to student volunteers and people at all levels in between,” she said.

# THE FIRST ISSUE OF THE JAMBAR

## BRIAN BRENNAN

A number of years ago, I had the pleasure of attending a dinner at the Park Vista Retirement Community. One of the guests seated at my table was Burke Lyden, a Park Vista resident.

He was a distinguished-looking gentleman with white hair, a small moustache and a beard. He reminded me a little of the Burl Ives snowman character from the famous holiday television offering, “Rudolph the Red-Nosed Reindeer.”

I was very happy to meet him because I remembered that Lyden was the founder of *The Jambar*. At the table, Lyden exhibited an age-induced reticence — until I mentioned his role with *The Jambar*.

He became more animated then and happily told me his story. In the wake of this

conversation, there was no doubt in my mind that the creation of *The Jambar* was one of Burke Lyden’s proudest accomplishments.

By early 1931, many students at Youngstown College wanted a campus newspaper, but it was not until young Burke Lyden took up the challenge that such came into being.

Lyden approached college secretary Freda Flint for help. Flint provided Lyden with paper and other supplies. The first editions were put together in the attic of the old Wick Mansion, where present-day Jones Hall is located.

Seeking a title that would be unique and reflect the industrial heritage of the Mahoning Valley, Lyden and his sister named the newspaper after a rod used in steel production by “puddlers” to clear jams in the old-style Welsh furnaces that were in service in Youngstown at the time. The name stuck and continues to grace the paper’s masthead.

The premiere issue of *The Jambar* came out on Jan. 14, 1931, and looked nothing like the current publication. Having to be done on the cheap — this was during the Depression, after all — professional printing was out of the question.

Lyden and his staff typed their copy on stencil masters, with printing done on a mimeograph machine. Early issues were presented with full cover pages. Artwork and lettering were hand-drawn. Interestingly, readers were charged two-cents per issue.

From today’s vantage point, one cannot help but chuckle. While their news coverage mostly relates to sports, specifically basketball and fencing, the stories are light-hearted. Student gossip and innuendo abound, but there’s nothing tasteless.

In fact, the text concludes with an endorsement by Youngstown College Director

Homer Nearpass, the de facto president of the institution, who praises the endeavor and urges other students to contribute to the success of *The Jambar*. Later issues included student poetry.

While Burke Lyden has since passed away, his legacy at Youngstown State University lives on. In the years since its initial printing, *The Jambar* remains in publication and has won many awards.

The paper’s complete run is preserved by YSU’s Archives and Special Collections, located on the fifth floor of the Maag Library.

In addition, *The Jambar* may be viewed online via the Maag Library’s homepage at [www.maag.yosu.edu](http://www.maag.yosu.edu) (click the link to “Digital Collections” for access).

The first issue of *The Jambar* may be viewed directly at <http://hdl.handle.net/1989/3864>.

# PENGUINS “ON CLOUD Y” DURING WELCOME WEEK

Photo by Tanner Mondok/The Jambour

## COURTNEY HIBLER

Youngstown State University will be welcoming students “On Cloud Y” during Welcome Week. This beginning to the academic year serves to help new students feel acquainted with the campus during the beginning of the semester with information booths, activities and food.

From Aug. 18 to Sept. 1, the event will have various on-campus organizations and student groups participating to help bring the university together.

Wyatt Miller, outreach coordinator and member of Pete’s Planners, said he provides ideas and plans while making sure all events run smoothly and efficiently.

“Welcome Week is designed to be an environment that fosters inclusiveness as well

as cooperation and is a place where people can come together,” Miller said.

The events tend to change from year to year to entice new students in participating in the activities.

“Of course there are a few fan favorites such as Build-a-Penguin,” Miller said. “The favorites usually resurface every year.”

Another popular event among students is Puppy Palooza. The event held outside the Andrew’s Recreation and Wellness Center features dogs and cats that are all available for adoption for students to interact with as a stress reliever. Miller said each group that plans a certain event covers all necessary responsibilities such as food, staffing and contracts.

Welcome Week events are favored among many YSU students and remain an annual constant.

Allie Diernbach, a junior business major, said

she tries to attend Puppy Palooza every year.

“I love it,” she said. “It helps calm me down when I’m worried about the start of all my classes and I hope this stays as a tradition for years to come.”

Abigail Cochran, a freshman undeclared major, said as she enters her freshman year at YSU she is hopeful to gain friends during Welcome Week.

“I’m looking forward to finding fun things to do,” Cochran said. “As an incoming freshman, I want to know as much as possible about YSU.”

Cochran said college can be an intimidating and scary environment to new students.

“Knowing these certain resources are available for me and others can help relieve a lot of the stress I feel,” Cochran said.

Students can learn about their campus and community through information tables and booths; however, new students can also learn

from the more experienced students they meet during Welcome Week.

Brandon Clinker, freshman criminal justice major, said he thinks Welcome Week will help him integrate into YSU culture.

“I’ll learn about things I didn’t know about, meet new people and feel more relaxed and at home,” said Clinker.

Making new friends, learning valuable information and joining different groups and organizations are a few ways new students can adapt to the YSU community and their peers.

A list of all Welcome Week events is available at the Office of Student Activities in Kilcawley Center or here: <http://cms.ysu.edu/administrative-offices/welcome-week/welcome-week-events>.

# NEW ASSISTANT DIRECTOR OF DIVERSITY PROGRAMS AT YSU

## RACHEL GOBEP

Ani Solomon began her position as the assistant director of diversity programs at Youngstown State University in July and said she her main goal is to support every student’s needs and make their experience at the university positive.

“My passion has always been really celebrating my student populations and pushing them to think about who they are, the identities that they hold and the identities of the people around them,” she said.

According to Erin Driscoll, director of student activities, Solomon’s position was created to add a “new dimension” to the programming offered by the Office of Student Activities and the Division of Student Experience.

“Our desire is to present programming which exposes students to stories, experiences, and traditions that may be different from their own, challenges students to reflect on their own perspectives, and provides opportunities to build community among students through new shared experiences,” Driscoll said.

She said that data from recent campus-wide student surveys and the Noel Levitz National Survey of Student Engagement show that YSU is in need of additional experiences and conversations to promote the inclusion of all students.

Solomon said her new position is currently at the ground level. “Hopefully, we can start putting in a strong foundation

for diversity education and diversity programming to grow,” Solomon said.

Driscoll said Solomon’s position could also help to “create an environment which promotes, values, and invites a diversity of thoughts and experiences.”

“It is our hope that through an intentional variety of programming topics and styles, we can play a part in shifting the culture of our campus, to break down barriers and create a stronger community and environment which supports the success of all of our students,” she said.

Solomon is originally from Ohio and received her bachelor’s degree in journalism from Bowling Green State University and her master’s at the University of Toledo.

She said she began to think about what she wanted to do as a senior at BGSU and realized she loved being in a college setting — Solomon said she fell into student affairs through this.

Solomon said she met her wife while at the University of Toledo and they were looking for an area that had great Ph.D. programs and a good university where Solomon could work — this led them to Omaha, Neb., where they lived for five years.

She said she likes to see students transform during their time in college.

“I love watching students go from the timid first-year student to a really confident, educated adult as they walk down the commencement aisle,” Solomon said.

Solomon’s wife ended up at Kent State University, which led

Solomon to look for programs in the area. She said she is really lucky to now be the assistant director of diversity programs at YSU.

She said she is different because she comes with a new outlook on things.

“I think sometimes it could be easy to get into a rut of your job and you forget to look outside ... I think myself being new really helps see that. Just like a brand-new student, I’m learning [the] campus,” Solomon said.

Driscoll also stressed the importance of outside perspectives. “Here at YSU, many of us have been here for a long stretch of time,” she said. “And while we may be aware of the challenges that our campus and our students face, it can be easy to be so caught up in the history or the way we do things at YSU that we struggle to see alternative ways of approaching a problem.”

Driscoll said Solomon has a mix of characteristics including her educational background, knowledge of diversity and inclusion and professional programming experience that will enable her to make an impact as the assistant director of diversity programs.

“Not only will [Solomon] provide a breath of fresh air with great new programs for our students, she will also ask questions that lead all of us to reflect in new ways on our students’ experiences, and help open our eyes to new opportunities to bring our students together in meaningful ways,” Driscoll said.

# YSU LEASING ROOMS AT ERIE TERMINAL

Photo by Megan Feldhouse/The Jambar

## NAMI NAGAOKA

In response to an increasing presence of international students and a growing need for diverse living spaces, Youngstown State University has partnered with the NYO Property Group to provide five apartments at Erie Terminal for 17 international students and a resident assistant.

Kate Fitzgerald, director of housing and residence life, has been coordinating with the International Programs Office (IPO) and NYO to create what she believes would be a small community for international students to have a great experience at YSU.

"They will be able to experience Youngstown living," she said. "The YSU housing office

assigned Rachel Davis as an RA at the Erie Terminal to support the students ... she will be a great resource for them."

Ian Tanner, associate director of contracts and assignments, mentioned the additional benefits of living on campus.

"We want our international students to have a good experience here," he said.

Tanner said those residences will have access to the YSU community and resources while also experiencing life downtown.

Nathan Myers, the associate provost at IPO, has a great impact on this change.

"IPO has been advocating for less expensive housing for the last two years and there were several issues to make the YSU housing less expensive," he said.

Myers pointed out the difficulties for

international students to adjust to life in the United States.

He is also very supportive of having an RA on staff at the location and said it will let students have a peer support system for dealing with issues such as language barriers, communication and social issues due to different cultural backgrounds.

"It's becoming very important for the international students to have responsible individuals to connect with," Myers said.

He said he is excited to see the development and expansion of the YSU community near downtown.

Rachel Davis, the international housing coordinator for Erie Terminal, is currently interning at IPO.

"I love helping students," she said. "It's

important for [international students] to have somebody who can support them and help them out."

Davis has already moved into the building and said she has interacted with the students.

"I'm excited to oversee such a diverse population of students," she said.

Davis said international students have sought her out to learn more about the area, places to buy groceries, how to access the building, get accustomed to American culture and housing issues.

Davis said she enjoys connecting students with others to develop friendships and have study partners.

"I am excited to see how this goes and if the program does well, it would be great to have more rooms available next year."

# VEGAN AND VEGETARIAN OPTIONS ON CAMPUS

## ALYSSA WESTON

Youngstown State University is evolving to meet the needs of students and food trends by adding plant-based menu items to restaurants on campus.

A vegetarian diet eliminates meat and a vegan diet is fully plant-based, eliminating all animal products such as meat, dairy, eggs, honey and gelatin.

According to Forbes, 2017 sales of plant-based food in the United States went up by 8.1 percent topping \$3.1 billion. These numbers were estimated in research carried out by Nielsen for the Plant Based Foods Association and the Good Food Institute.

Emma Linnen, a sophomore anthropology major, has been vegan for one year and said she doesn't have any plans to go back to her previous diet.

Linnen credits the book "Mainstreet Vegan" by Victoria Moran for her decision to adopt the plant-based diet.

She said, in her opinion, there isn't much variety for vegan options on campus.

"A Chinese or Vietnamese restaurant on campus would be ideal," she said.

Linnen has advice for people looking to adopt a vegan diet.

"Do your research. There are so many blogs, podcasts, and people around you just waiting to be listened to. There are many reasons to go vegan and a curiosity is all it takes to find the right one," she said.

Eric Finkelstein, a senior music education major, has been vegetarian since August 2017.

A mixture of things influenced Finkelstein's decision to become vegetarian.

"Over the years, I'd always thought about it and how screwed up the meat industry is and how there isn't much I could really do about it other than protest it as of right now," he said.

Finkelstein said the internet played a role in why he is a vegetarian.

"I was definitely made more aware of it via the internet and the media. I think that it's hard to say whether or not I would be vegetarian had it not been for the internet," he said.

Finkelstein said he is typically able to find at least one or two options to eat at most eateries on campus.

Susan Payton, an instructor in the human

ecology department, has been a vegetarian for over 40 years and runs Cultivate: a co-op café in Youngstown, which offers many vegetarian options.

Payton said the topic of veganism and vegetarianism come up in both groups of students she teaches, Hospitality Management and Food and Nutrition.

"For the Hospitality students, we often discuss the necessity for the inclusion of dietary concerns on menus. There is a growing trend within the industry to increase the amount of vegetarian options on menus," she said.

Payton said vegetarian restaurants are growing and many local vegetarian restaurants claim their customers are mostly non-vegetarians looking for a healthier option.

"As our society becomes more educated, healthful choices are becoming in greater demand," she said. "Vegetarians should be able to walk into any restaurant and find options that suit their needs."

Payton said her Food and Nutrition students often discuss the nutritional needs of vegetarians and debunk common myths associated with the diet, such as not being able to get enough protein.

"Typically, many will just jump on the trend without having any knowledge of how to incorporate the proper foods to maintain health. This group of new vegetarians are those at risk for deficiencies," she said.

Payton said she would encourage students curious about plant-based diets to find a few cookbooks to help meal plan. She also stressed the importance of understanding fundamentals of good nutrition before trying to become vegetarian or vegan.

"Most people stop eating meat and begin consuming too many simple carbs. There is a lot of uncertainty as to what to eat. Part of the problem is that vegetables have always been thought of as a side-dish to the meat entrée," she said. "Be adventurous. There are so many vegetarian foods that are fabulous. Experiment with ethnic foods, but put in the research."

For a list of vegan options at Youngstown State University go to [www.thejambar.com](http://www.thejambar.com)

Vegan Options on Youngstown State University's Campus. All menu items are subject to change. Always double check with the restaurant employees if clarification about a menu item is needed.

# CLAUDIA BERLINSKI NAMED ART COORDINATOR AT MCDONOUGH

Photo by *Tanner Mondok/The Jamban*

## JOHN STRAN

The John J. McDonough Museum of Art on Wick Avenue made a leadership change during the summer.

Leslie Brothers, the art director of the museum, stepped down in May after 17 years to pursue the art director position at the Ulrich Museum of Art at Wichita State University.

Brothers said the new position puts her in a great place that provides her a lot of opportunities and support.

“This is a very exciting time to be working in a museum within a major urban research institution committed to diversity, equity, community, creation and transfer of new knowledge,” Brothers said in an article with Artforum.

As Brothers left the McDonough, so did the art director position. It was replaced with an art coordinator position, which has been filled by Claudia Berlinski.

Berlinski has been at Youngstown State University for 18 years where she has served as a professor, foundation program coordinator and assistant to the chair in the art department.

Joy Christiansen Erb, chair and associate professor of the Youngstown State University Department of Art, described Berlinski as the perfect fit.

“She’s not only a dedicated educator but also a talented artist with experience in arts administration and curatorial work,” Erb said.

Berlinski is expected to bring a better connection between the McDonough and the art department.

“Having a faculty member from the Department of Art serve as the museum coordinator only strengthens the relationship between both parties,” Erb said. “This merger will allow for museum programming to support the academic mission of the department, as well as enhance the relationship between the museum and the broader community.”

The McDonough’s new mission statement also reflects a yearning to build a relationship saying, in part, the mission of the museum reinforces the mission of the College of Creative Arts and Communication.

For Berlinski, the transition means she’ll be cutting back on her other titles; teaching fewer classes in her drawing and 2-D foundations field and stepping away from the assistant to the

chair and foundations program coordinator positions.

Berlinski said she applied to the position because she believed she met the requirements of the job, including demonstrated record of successful art related administration and the ability to collaborate on campus and in the community.

“The title of coordinator was the best fit for my position and aligned itself more with titles I’ve had with other similar positions at YSU,” she said.

Even with Berlinski’s qualifications, she said she knows there’s still room to grow.

“I’m still learning the ropes here at the museum, but I work with a great staff that has many years of experience,” Berlinski said. “It’s been exciting and busy, and I can’t wait to see new things develop.”

The first two exhibitions for the fall semester, Sanctuary and Resort, will be showcased on Sept. 7. Sanctuary deals with climate change and declining biodiversity, while Resort delves into the global refugee crisis.

More information on other exhibitions and events being held at the McDonough Museum can be found at <https://ysu.edu/mcdonough-museum>.

# A NEW YOUNGSTOWN BEER ON THE RISE

## MARAH J. MORRISON

What started as a project between a husband and wife has developed into Penguin City Beer. Co-owners Aspasia Lyras and Richard Bernacki have worked together to come up with a Youngstown-based signature beer that everyone will soon be tasting.

Lyras said she enjoys marketing and promoting things while her husband enjoys making craft beer. She said her husband started to learn how to make and brew craft beer and the name of the beer followed.

“Right now, Penguin City Beer is one beer,” Lyras said. “It’s called a ‘crisp, golden ale.’ It’s five and a half percent [alcohol], and we wanted

to have something that would appeal to a lot of people.”

Lyras said she and her husband wanted to create a beer everyone could drink with ease and still be able to enjoy themselves. She said they have more ideas for new beers in the future.

“I think coming up with this brand was very exciting to us because we really love this town,” Lyras said. “We were always a part of the downtown scene even when no one was there.”

Lyras said to actually build a brand that represents Youngstown, their love for Youngstown and beer has been an exciting experience. She said being a part of the other breweries in Youngstown is a way to put their name in the hat.

“I would like to see it grow,” Lyras said. “I just

want to see the pride behind it and people being excited about a beer in Youngstown.”

Bernacki said he’s excited about the city of Youngstown being able to have a beer people can identify with. He said the idea of a nice, session beer has been something they wanted to strive for.

“Nothing too wild,” Bernacki said. “Just something tasty and smooth. It took me a while to get to the specific recipe that it is now.”

Bernacki said he hopes this beer kicks off and that it’s something people from outside of Youngstown can see and already know the name.

Michael Pontikos, who does the marketing and branding for Penguin City Beer, said being a part of this has been a lot of fun. He said it’s

been a great experience.

“My dad and Aspasia’s dad worked together back in the day,” Pontikos said. “It was kind of a no-brainer when they asked me,” he said.

Pontikos said he wants to see Penguin City Beer progress to the point where it’s everywhere. He said they are making a solid beer for solid people.

“People tend to look at craft beer completely different, but once you taste it, you know that wow, this is something that I can have all day long,” Pontikos said. “It wasn’t so much about the beer, but more about the experiences that you’re having with everybody else.”



Photo courtesy of Rick Orr

# LOCAL BAND PLAYS THE LAST WARPED TOUR

**KATLYN KRITZ**

Vans Warped Tour is a traveling rock festival that began in the summer of 1995. This past summer was the festival's last run. A Youngstown rock band, Alteras, had the opportunity to play a few shows at Warped Tour.

Zack Orr, bassist of Alteras, said playing at Warped Tour was an unbelievable experience. He said Warped Tour has always been influential in his career.

"[I've been] wanting to play ever since I started attending when I was young," Orr said.

Warped Tour hosted popular musicians such as Bowling for Soup, 3OH!3 and Mayday Parade. The festival is known for having some of the biggest names in rock music headline the tour and has become famous among music enthusiasts.

"Seeing [our] name on that big, inflatable sign with so many other great artist was truly something I'll never forget," Orr said.

Much like Orr, many young adults grew up going to Warped

Tour. Brianna Williams is a friend and fan of Alteras. Though she wasn't able to make it to their show, she said she was excited to find they would be playing at Warped Tour.

"I've seen them a bunch of times, so I didn't feel too bad about it," Williams said. "I would have loved to share that moment watching my [friends] on stage."

Williams said she loves Alteras and she believes they're incredible musicians and an incredible group of guys. She said they just released their album "Myself on Fire" and she's been jamming to it nonstop.

The last run of Warped Tour was bittersweet for many concert goers.

"My dream was to work on Warped's social media team," Williams said. "I was a bit crushed when I first got the news of it ending."

She said her favorite Warped Tour memory was from this year when she was watching the band Ice Nine Kills perform. She said she looked in the crowd to see how much fun everyone was having.

"It got to my [feelings] a bit because this would be the last time

this crazy, sweaty tour would be here," Williams said. "Everyone there was having the time of their lives. It was beautiful, really."

Warped Tour serves as a community for people from all walks of life to enjoy music. This year was Youngstown State University student, Ashley Cunningham's second year attending Warped Tour and she described it as a place for people to listen to music unapologetically.

"It's a place to fall in love with music you've never heard before," Cunningham said. "You get to meet and see a bunch of bands you've loved or that you've just found. Nonetheless, it's a place of community."

Cunningham was able to see Alteras' set at Blossom Music Center and she said they deserved their place at Warped Tour.

"It's great that they have been able to get where they currently are," she said. "They're talented. It was exciting to see someone from Youngstown playing [alongside] my favorite bands."

Follow Alteras on Youtube to hear new music at <https://www.youtube.com/user/TheAlterasBand>.



# STUDYING ABROAD: A REWARDING EXPERIENCE



## FRANCES CLAUSE

Studying abroad is an opportunity to experience a country's history and culture. For Rose Rivera, a Youngstown State University junior, spending the 2018 spring semester in Thailand was more than that.

Rivera, an international business and interdisciplinary arts major, said studying abroad gave her independence and strength.

"There are times when I encountered situations overseas that were disheartening, but I never lost sight of how it was my adventure and I had to make the most of it," she said.

Rivera was a recipient of the U.S. State Department's Benjamin A. Gilman International Scholarship. Recipients with financial need to study abroad receive up to \$5,000 and additional funding for studying critical need languages.

"The application process was rigorous and exhausting at times, but it was all worth it for something this prestigious," she said. "The detailed essays and heavy commitment toward the scholarship really paid off."

Ann Gardner, assistant director of international programs, said Gilman scholars are required to carry out the Follow-on Service Project proposed in their scholarship application within six months of returning to the U.S.

"Rose and other Gilman scholars are expected to spread the word and promote the Gilman scholarship," Gardner said. "Students interested in studying abroad are highly motivated by hearing others' experiences, and when they meet students like Rose, they know they can overcome challenges that come with studying overseas."

Rivera spent her semester attending Chiang Mai University. She said forming friendships with Thai students was difficult but valuable.

"Some of the best relationships I formed were during my internship at Burisiri hotel in Chiang Mai," she said. "Making connections was valuable because natives of the area were very understanding and willing to help foreigners when needed."

Although most Thai people speak English, Rivera did research on the language and culture before traveling.

"My family speaks a bit of Thai, so it was easier for me to pick up," she said. "It's important to be respectful, as long as Thai people can see a foreigner is making an effort, they should not feel discouraged if they struggle with the language at times."

Rivera said if a student is interested in Thailand or another country for studying abroad, they should not limit themselves to staying in one area during their experience.

"Even though I studied in Thailand, I also made trips to Malaysia, South Korea and Vietnam," she said. "It's important to take advantage of seeing the countries around you, especially when they all have such different and beautiful qualities."

One of her favorite places she visited was Vietnam. She said the people were kind and that she'll always remember when a group of Vietnamese school children walked up to her, eager to practice their English.

"I had no clue it was going to be so developed due to what I have learned about it in the past," she said.

Rivera is prepared to influence and empower YSU students this upcoming semester who are interested in studying abroad.

"It took a lot of strength to get through certain obstacles, but studying in Thailand was one of the best decisions I've made during my time in college," she said.

Ann Gardner said if a student is interested in a study abroad program, they should attend information sessions Fridays at noon in Jones Hall 1042 or call the International Programs Office at (330) 941-2336 to register.

"We cover many topics including the best way to choose a country, how a certain language could apply to someone's career and what program is best for a student's major," she said.

There will also be a Study Abroad Fair Sept. 25 from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. in Kilcawley Center for students who are interested in learning more about overseas study opportunities.



# COUNTRY DUO BREAKS YOUNGSTOWN RECORD

Photo by Rachel Gobep/The Jambar

## MORGAN PETRONELLI

Youngstown was bursting with energy on Aug. 11 when Florida Georgia Line performed at the Y Live Concert presented by JAC Live at Stambaugh Stadium.

Tyler Hubbard and Brian Kelley make up the country music duo. FGL is known for making music while frequently featuring a little flare from other music genres such as hip-hop and pop.

Their break-out hit “Cruise” shot to number one on the Billboard charts and eventually received the first ever Diamond certification for a country song.

Concertgoers tailgated for hours before the show, some even in business parking lots.

People flooded 5th Avenue, causing heavy traffic congestion. On the upside, it was nice seeing the city so alive.

The Y Live event began with a performance by Chris Higbee followed by “Up Down” artist Morgan Wallen.

FGL took the stage at 9:15 p.m. to 20,000 people, breaking a Youngstown record for the largest gathering of people in the city.

The opening visuals and pyrotechnics grabbed the concertgoers’ attention as FGL kicked off the concert with “Anything Goes.”

They followed up by performing their less widely known songs such as “Colorado,” “Smooth” and “Confession,” before bringing back the energy with their new single “Simple.”

A major problem during the concert was the

lighting which made it difficult to capture good quality photos for both photographers and concertgoers.

The background visuals also lacked creativity as they simply displaying the music video for the song they were singing at the moment.

Both Kelley and Hubbard had well-tuned vocals that intertwined seamlessly, but it was their energy onstage that seemed to be lacking. They aimlessly shuffled around onstage and it wasn’t until the second half of the concert that they utilized the remaining stage that expanded into the crowd in a “T” shape.

What saved the concert was the energy the fans brought by fully immersing themselves into the songs. Hits such as “Cruise,” “Meant to Be,” “Holy” and “God, Your Mama and Me”

sprang the crowd into a full-out sing-off with fans busting out the lyrics word for word.

FGL created a unique and special moment by inviting their manager onstage to sing with them for the first time. They also brought opener Morgan Wallen back to perform his single “Up Down” which FGL happens to be featured on.

Despite the enormous turnout, FGL did not live up to expectations. A lack of energy, lazy visuals and poor lighting immensely impacted the duo’s performance.

The concert wasn’t the worst I’ve been to, but it also wasn’t the greatest. It will be interesting to see who JAC Live will bring to perform at Y Live next year.

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Justen Shotts, a sophomore graphic design major, paints by the fountain on campus on Monday, August 20.

"Well there's no rain," he said. "Everyone's outside. It's a really nice place to show off my artwork because everyone is walking all the time. Instead of sitting in your room all day, come outside and talk to people."

Shotts said he's painting this particular piece so he can hang it up in his dorm room.

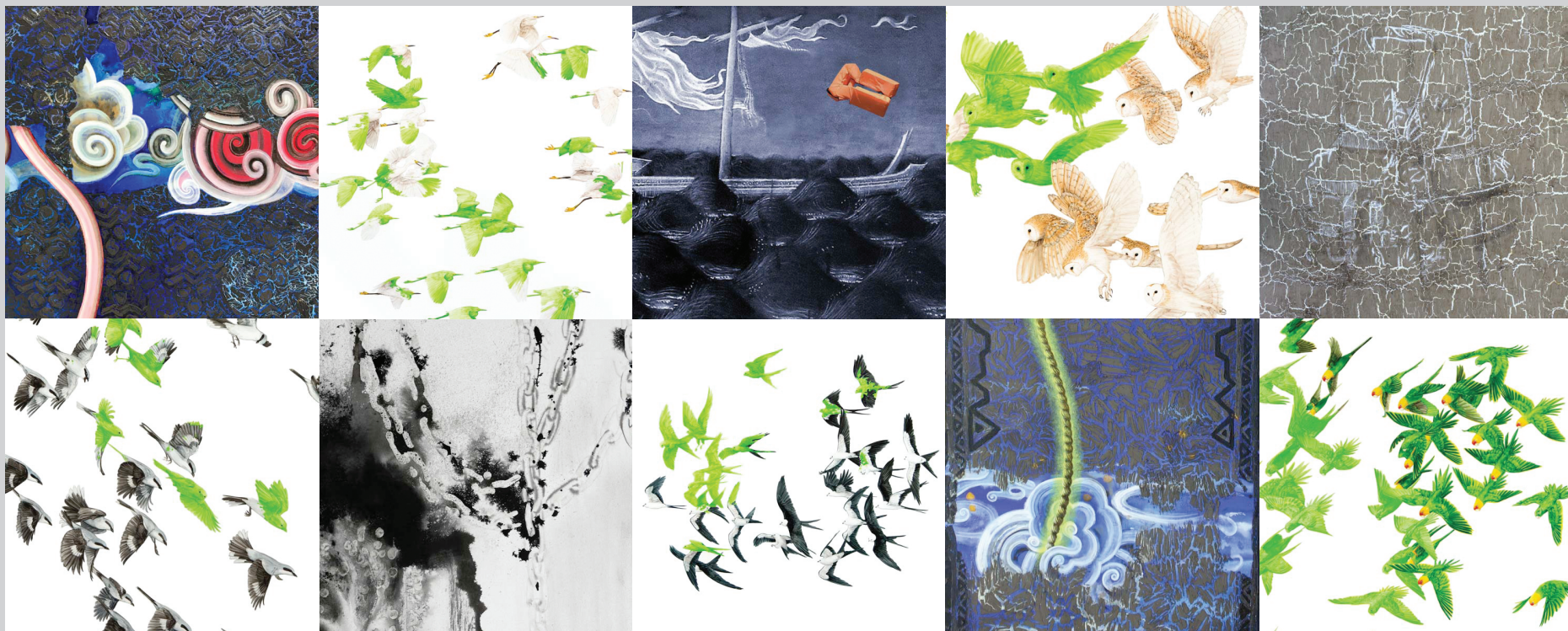
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## EDITORIAL

**MORGAN PETRONELLI**

Welcome back, returning Penguins and hello to our fresh waddlers! The first day of class is one of both grandeur of a fresh start and tediousness from repeatedly going over syllabi all day.

A new school year can bring new friendships, new experiences and even a new *Jambar*. Our staff has worked tirelessly over the summer to ensure that we will provide our readers with the highest quality of journalism possible this academic year.

I want to thank every individual on my staff for all of their time and effort they put into our organization to help me turn it into

what it is today. I couldn't have done it without you all and thank you endlessly for encouraging me to strive to be the best editor-in-chief I can possibly be.

Unfortunately, despite our best efforts to provide accurate facts, we live in a time where the news media is under a constant wave of attack.

With an administration that is dead set on creating hate-filled and violent rhetoric towards individuals working within the media, it's hard for the general public to decide who to believe.

Regardless of political affiliations, religious beliefs or personal preferences, it's time to face the actual facts. Sometimes the truth is hard to hear, but it doesn't take away the fact it's still true.

During these difficult times to be a member of the media, *The Jambar* will strive to bring the Greater Youngstown area and Youngstown State University community the most accurate and unbiased reporting we can possibly achieve.

We want to alter the narrative currently surrounding the media and prove that the truth is and always was out there.

So, without further ado, I'm proud to present the new and improved *Jambar*. Sit down, grab a coffee and crack open Youngstown's favorite student newspaper for all of the latest news that relates to you.

# MARIO'S MOVIES: BEST FILM OF THE SUMMER, 2018 EDITION

**MARIO RICCIARDI**

What we see in most movies are fake. For instance, this summer we saw fake superheroes (lots of them: the Avengers, Deadpool, the Incredibles, Ant-Man, the Wasp), fake dinosaurs, fake spies, fake space (with fake Wookies) and fake soldiers (Benicio Del Toro).

Even great movies portrayed as real are fake (I'm looking at you "Eighth Grade"). This element of artificiality is crucial to movie making, so why do movies matter so much to us in the real world? Because what they stir up within us is real. With that in mind, my favorite movie of summer 2018 is a movie that fully balanced the illusion of movie with the risks and grit of reality.

For me, "Mission Impossible: Fallout" stunted its way to the best movie of the summer. Lead by Tom Cruise, the "Mission Impossible" team and its production once again took death defying stunts to the max. Fronting green-screen-less helicopter aerobatics, helmet-less motorcycle chases against traffic, leaping tall buildings and fight choreography on the edge of a cliff.

Now wait, I have to mention it takes more than just a lack of personal safety to rise to the top of my movie lists. What "Fallout" manages to do is mesh the grace and thrills of world class action sequences with a visually stylish and engaging spy flick.

The sixth installment of the M:I franchise forces Ethan Hunt and team join forces with CIA assassin August Walker to prevent yet another disaster of epic proportions. Villain John Lark returns, accompanied by a group of terrorists known as the Apostles. Their plan? To use plutonium cores for

simultaneous nuclear attacks around the world. After the cores go missing, Ethan and his crew must race against time to prevent the plutonium from falling into the wrong hands.

As if plutonium never made its way into a spy movie before, right? It's a seemingly classic espionage tale of epic proportions with just enough twist and turns to keep you guessing. What keeps you on the edge of your seat is the handsome cast, in handsome sets and locations, making the impossible possible. To match Cruise, supporting Actor Henry Cavill, who plays the mysterious yet brutal August Walker, fought to perform as many of his own stunts as possible.

Cavill managed every single stunt except for the HALO Jump scene at Cruise's specific insistence that special training was especially needed for the feat. Ensembling Cavill in supporting roles includes a hilarious Simon Pegg, a threatening Angela Bassett, a classy Rebecca Ferguson, and Ving Rhames making the absolute best out of his time on screen.

The movie excellently blends plot, pacing, performance and action that packs a punch. It's not just fake action, and its fake characters feel very real. There's lots to look at, including a great execution of on screen spatial relationships. The story goes all out and so did the people behind it to bring us, the audience, real thrills.

Tom Cruise famously broke his ankle jumping across buildings, only to recover in record time to complete shooting. As he upped the antics, so did his co-stars. Ultimately, these people risk their lives to entertain people and when that kind of dedication pays off, it pays off in the best kinds of ways aka, "Mission Impossible: Fallout." 🍿🍿🍿🍿 4/5 Penguins

# SCHERR EARNED AND PLAYED IN THE U.S. AMATEUR GOLF CHAMPIONSHIP



Kevin Scherr tees off on picture day back on Sept. 22, 2017. Scherr participated in the U.S. Amateur from Aug. 13-19. Via YSU Sports Information  
Photo Courtesy of *YSU Sports Information*

## MARC WEEMS

Youngstown State University men's golfer Kevin Scherr qualified for the 2018 U.S. Amateur Championship after posting rounds of 71 and 73 at Woodmore Country Club in Mitchellville, Md. on July 18. After that, he played at the Amateur at Pebble Beach Golf Links in Pebble Beach, Calif.

Pebble Beach hosted the U.S. Amateur for the first time since 1999 and for the fifth time overall. The tournament, which is organized by the United States Golf Association (USGA), has served as a proving ground for some of the best golfers in PGA Tour history.

Past winners of the event include Tiger Woods, Phil Mickelson, Arnold Palmer and Jack Nicklaus. Spyglass Hill Golf Course will

co-host the tournament during medal play for the second time.

Scherr is coming off an impressive freshman campaign in which he earned two top-10 finishes and was YSU's top finisher on two occasions. He participated in all 11 tournaments and 30 rounds while averaging a team-best 76.7 strokes per round.

Scherr also led the Penguins at the Horizon League Championships with a three round 224 (73-75-76) to notch a career-best, sixth-place finish.

Scherr was a standout at Nazareth High School in Nazareth, Pa. He competed in 31 junior men's amateur and high school tournaments, with a 0.0 USGA Handicap Index.

As a senior and team captain, he led Nazareth to an undefeated regular season and conference and district titles and a second-place finish at the state championships. The Lehigh Valley Golf Hall of Fame has presented him with the Lehigh Valley Junior

Golf Tour Player of the Year Award each of the last three years (2015-2017).

Scherr was one of 312 golfers in the tournament field after 7,463 qualifying entries were accepted. Any amateur golfer whose handicap index did not exceed 2.4 was eligible to compete at one of the 79 sectional qualifying sites from July 2-25.

Despite not qualifying for the last two rounds and finals, Scherr finished a +11 with rounds of 78 and 76 at the U.S. Amateur with four birdies. He finished T-193 which was ahead of 108 other golfers.

YSU's first match is the Turning Stone Tiger Intercollegiate hosted by the University of Missouri at Turning Stone Resort in Verona, N.Y. on Sept. 2.

# WITH SCOTT AT THE HELM, PENGUINS VOLLEYBALL SET FOR 2018

**JOSHUA FITCH**

With an overall record of 8-22 in 2017, the Youngstown State University volleyball team is determined for a much-improved 2018 campaign under Aline Scott, new head coach for the Penguins.

Scott takes over for Mark Hardaway, who spent six years as head coach of Youngstown State before stepping down following the 2017 season.

The new YSU coach is no stranger when it comes to leadership on the court, spending the past three seasons as the head coach of Hiram College's volleyball program. She was also the head coach of the Indiana University of Pennsylvania Crimson Hawks, as well as an assistant coach with the University of Akron Zips for five years.

Scott, a native of Brazil, has been living in the Youngstown area since she started with the Zips program. Watching the Penguins volleyball program over the years, she believes this team can be great with a new sense of direction.

"The first thing we focused on was creating the right kind of culture. We are getting better every day, looking for small wins," Scott said.

The "small wins" have come during the offseason, one in which players had to adjust to a new coaching staff. Despite the changes, Scott believes her team is responding well.

"Change is hard, but I think once they realized that this wasn't going to be the same, they've kind of run with it. They are a hard-working bunch," she said.

The season begins on Aug. 24 in Lewisburg, Pennsylvania with a matchup against the St. Peter's University as part of the preseason Bucknell Invitational tournament.

The team's first 16 matches take place away from the Beeghly Center. The long road trip includes four preseason tournaments: the Bucknell Invitational, Duquesne Invitational, Jefferson Cup (Charlottesville, Va.), and the Akron Zips Invitational.

Horizon League play follows for YSU with two more road games against Cleveland State University on Sept. 21, followed by Oakland University on Sept. 22.

The Penguins home opener is scheduled for Sept. 28 against Wright State University, a team that finished eighth in the Horizon League during 2017, and held a conference record of 5-11.

However, two of those five wins came against the Penguins, sweeping the season series from Youngstown State 3-1, and 3-0, respectively. YSU finished with a conference record of 1-15, respectively.

With such a long stretch of road games to start the new season, defense and stamina will need to be priorities every night if the Penguins want to be successful.

"We've talked a lot about this. I think for us this

year, it's going to be defensive relentlessness," Scott said.

Making the opposition tired and executing in late-match situations will be the blueprint for wins in 2018. Scott added, "The longer we can go in a match, the better shot we have."

The Penguins will also be without Libbie Darling, sophomore setter, to begin the season due to a knee injury suffered during a match last year. Darling led the team with over five assists per set and started 20 matches for YSU in 2017.

Despite an underachieving season last year, injuries, and a lot of changes in the offseason, players remain optimistic and will continue rally around each other this fall.

"I'm really excited to see what we can do," Morgan Tippie, a fifth-year senior middle blocker, said.

Having spent her entire collegiate career at Youngstown State, Tippie can sense the changes that have been made, and it's a testament to her new head coach.

"From the start of her coming in during the Spring, we've all worked extremely hard to take that extra step and we know our same routine in the past wasn't good enough."

On the opposite side of the spectrum, Alexia Byrnes, a redshirt freshman, spent 2017 with the University of Louisville. She knows she can rely on her team as she adjusts to life in Youngstown.

"I think they're great mentors to all the younger ones and especially myself coming in, not knowing anybody."

Byrnes won three state championships during her high school career at St. Francis High School located in Wheaton, Illinois. She calls Youngstown her "home away from home" and feels "very comfortable."

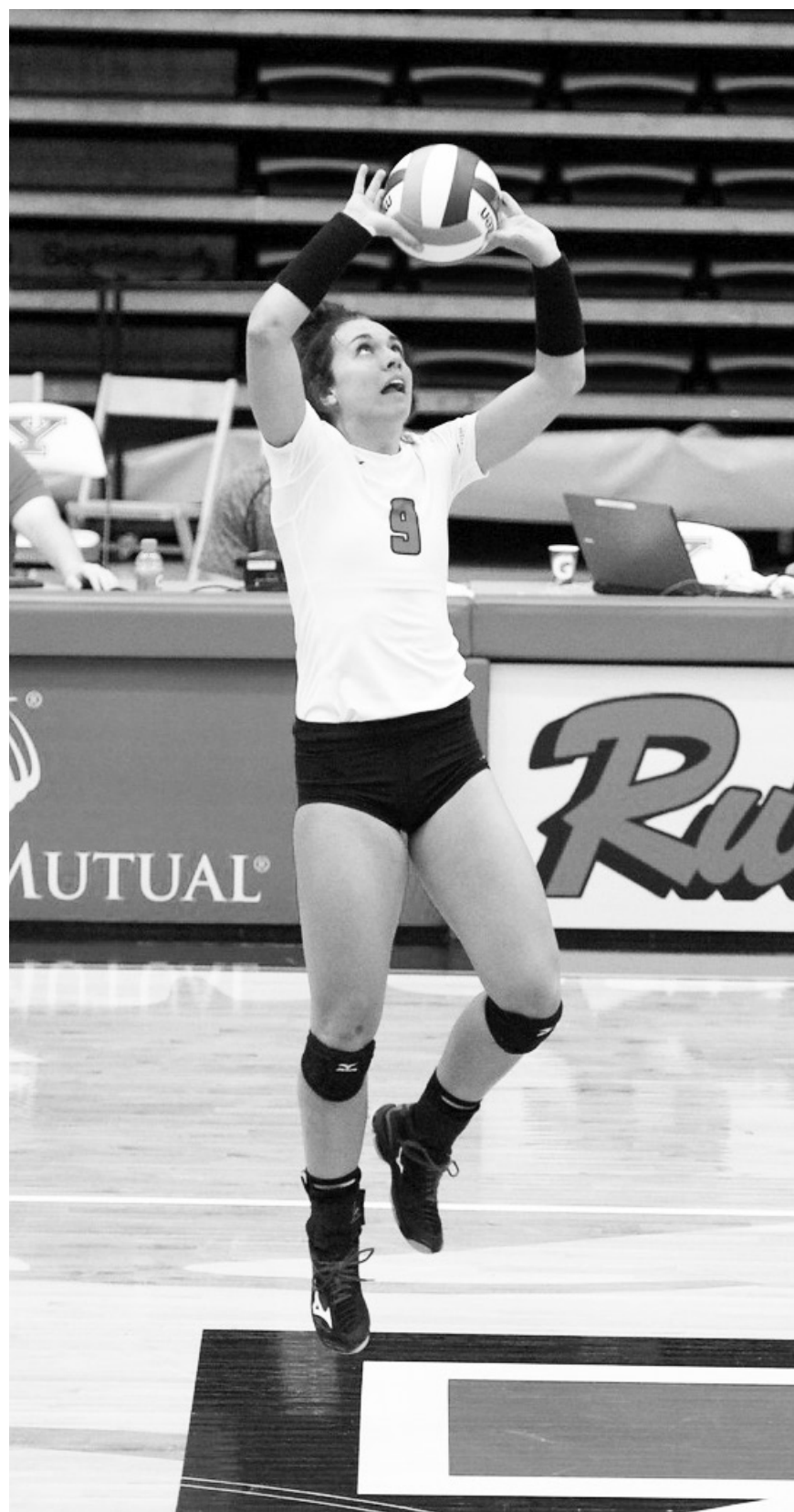
The thought of having a team the community and student body can get behind is motivation enough for Aline Scott.

"What I really would love to see is the support from our school, from our students, that they'll be behind this team. Hopefully create a really fun atmosphere at Beeghly."

A new-found team chemistry and sense of opportunity has dominated the offseason for the Youngstown State volleyball program. With the season two days away, coach Scott can't set anything in stone, however she can be sure of something.

"I can never guarantee a win, but this is a team that's going to fight and hustle," Scott said. The characteristics of her players backs the consistent effort that Scott wants to see on the court on a daily basis.

Being one of the largest aspects of the sport, it bodes well for the Penguins that effort is a staple in a new program looking to change the narrative of Youngstown State volleyball in 2018.





# PENGUINS READY TO BREAK FREE

Tevin McCaster gives his signature hands-together touchdown celebration against Missouri State University on Nov. 18, 2017. YSU won 38-10.

Photo Courtesy of *YSU Sports Information*

## BRIAN YAUGER

With the season inching closer, the Youngstown State University football team is finishing up its offseason camp schedule. Aug. 17 was the Penguins' final major scrimmage, with a two-hour session at Stambaugh Stadium. The Penguins are gearing up for their first game of the 2018 season, with a contest against the Butler University Bulldogs on Sept. 1.

"We're just working," YSU center Vitas Hryniewicz said. "We have a lot of people, a lot of pieces and a lot of parts so we're just trying to work and trying to get everyone to sync. Whenever you have a new offense it's all about synergy, and that's what we're trying to find right now."

In Friday's scrimmage, quarterback Montgomery VanGorder was responsible for two touchdowns. He first was on a 50-yard pass to Jeremiah Braswell. The other was on a quarterback keeper for 11 yards. The former University of Notre Dame graduate

transfer quarterback is favored to win the starting job out of camp.

"I'm feeling good. We're pretty deep into it right now, getting ready to transition into the regular season schedule," VanGorder said. "We've had a good camp so far and we're ready for Sept. 1. We just want to get better each day. We aren't going to rush it. We'll just go day by day and execute when that time comes."

Braxton Chapman led the running backs with 68 yards on six carries. Devon McNutt tallied 12 yards on five carries. Tevin McCaster, the presumed starter, played only one series but still made his impact known. On his lone series, McCaster had rushes of five, 10 and 30 yards.

The defense stepped up as well, forcing four interceptions. Alec Burzynski, DeMarko Craig Jr., Terray Bryant and LaQuan White all picked the ball off through the two-hour session.

"We're just focusing on understanding our craft and getting better," senior defensive tackle Tommy McCraw said. "We installed a couple new things. The focus is always getting better

at the things we know we need to get better at. We have a game coming up shortly and we're trying to get ready for that."

The Penguins open up the season against Butler on Sept. 1 at Stambaugh Stadium before going down to Morgantown to face the West Virginia University Mountaineers.

"We've got a lot of young guys stepping up," McCraw said. "A lot of new things we've put in, and through the last couple years our defense has gotten a lot better. We understand our defense a lot more than we have. I feel really confident going in, on the offense and defense. We both look good."

With the first game coming up shortly, you can feel the excitement spreading through the air.

"How can you not be excited," Hryniewicz said. "I think every team has a specific characteristic and this year's is work. We want this, especially the seniors. There's no selfishness, everyone just wants to work to a common goal."

YSU hosts Butler on Sept. 1 at 2 p.m. at Stambaugh Stadium.