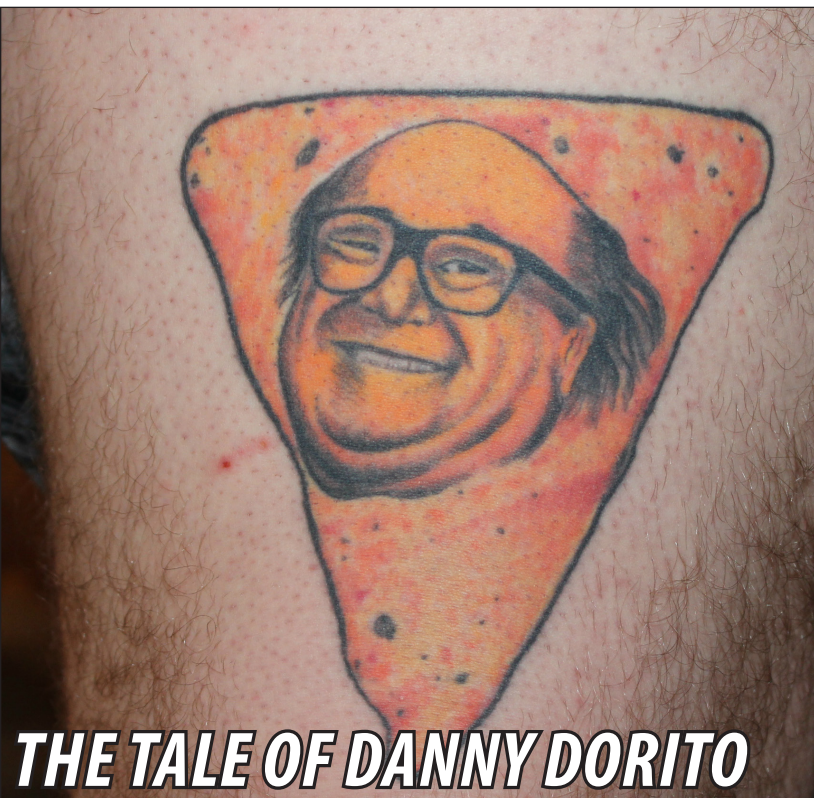


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## THE TALE OF DANNY DORITO

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**BRIAN YAUGER**

I bet you're looking at that picture and wondering how I got there, with a tattoo of Danny DeVito as a Dorito on my thigh. This whole thing started in 2016. I'd just watched one of Danny DeVito's shows, "It's Always Sunny in Philadelphia," for the first time on Netflix, a show I had been meaning to watch for a long time. I loved it. It's a fantastic show if you've never seen it. I can't recommend it enough.

In the midst of watching, I came across a picture of Danny DeVito Photoshopped on a stock image of a Dorito. Danny Dorito. I thought it was hilarious.

One night, late enough that most people are normally in bed, I posted that picture of Danny Dorito on Twitter with the caption, "300 retweets and I'll get this tattooed on me."

Yes. Just 300. I thought that it was late enough at night, only a few people would see it and then it would blow over. Everyone would forget about it.

I was kind of right.

After a day or so, only a couple people retweeted it, exactly what I expected. Then my notifications suddenly started blowing up. Conor Galvin, a writer from "It's Always Sunny in Philadelphia," had found my tweet and the ensuing chaos unfolded. An hour after Galvin retweeted it, my original post reached 300 total retweets.

It's a promise I had to own up to. Many would slink away from paying their dues, but I'm a man of my word. For better or worse.

I'd searched for a few months for a tattoo shop that would give me the best product for the best price. I decided on DNA Studios. Yes, that DNA Studios. This was when they were still located in Warren. Dennis Kirsch, now with The Tree House Tattoo Studio, was the artist behind the Dorito.

"Well to be honest, I didn't think you were actually going to get it," Kirsch said. "I was pretty stoked to see that someone wanted this kind of imagery. It was a very fun experience because I don't get to do those kind of designs very often."

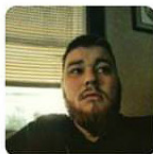
Roy Schmidt, owner of DNA Studios, was in attendance for the whole thing.

"At first you seemed a bit hesitant, but the moment you showed us what you wanted, the entire shop was like, 'This is so cool, it'll be great.' Obviously, you had concerns, being your first tattoo, and you're throwing this massive thing on your thigh. You took to it, and the result is the coolest thing."

Amber Slick, who is tattooing at The Tree House Tattoo Studio with Kirsch, was also in attendance for the incident.

"At first I thought it was a badly placed joke, but when I realized you were dead serious I was pretty humored about the whole thing," Slick said. "I was surprised that you wanted such a large and involved piece for your first

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tattoo."

Slick continued on to give her thoughts about the outcome of my little Dorito adventure.

"I thought it came out fantastic in the end, and thought you took it relatively well for your first tattoo," Slick said.

I know what you're probably thinking, "Why would his mom let him do something so stupid?" I'll let her explain that.

"I thought you were crazy and stupid," Pati Yauger, my mom, said. "I think tattoos should have a meaning, and I still don't understand your meaning, but it's your body and you were an adult so I couldn't stop you even if I wanted, but I thought a tattoo on your leg where you could hide it wouldn't hurt anybody."

To this day, she still doesn't know why I did it, but she's cool with it so I won't explain.

"I still laugh every time I see it," my mom said. "I still can't believe you did it. But if you like it, so be it."

So, the lesson of the story isn't what you think it is. It's not that you shouldn't post a retweet bet on Twitter with such a low bar. It's not that you should run out and have Danny DeVito's face permanently etched on your body. It's that you shouldn't be afraid to do something crazy while you're young.

They say life is short, so I say have fun with it while your body still lets you.

I tried reaching out to Danny DeVito on Twitter to comment on this whole tale, but he's too busy posting pictures of his feet.



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## OAK HILL COLLABORATIVE SEEKS TO EXPAND DIGITAL INCLUSION

**ELIZABETH LEHMAN**

Digital Inclusion Week 2018 takes place May 7 to May 11 and Oak Hill Collaborative is participating. Digital inclusion has been part of the nonprofit's goal for the area for about six months to a year.

Pat Kerrigan, executive director of Oak Hill Collaborative, said in developing the strategic plan, the organization came together as a board, along with staff, volunteers and those who were interested within the community.

"We came to the conclusion that this would be the best way for us to do what we can for the Mahoning Valley," Kerrigan said. "It was at least six months ago that we started to do it, but there really is so much to it, including getting funding to get it done."

Between receiving a \$20,000 grant from the Youngstown Foundation, and smaller grants from other funders, Oak Hill Collaborative has been working on making progress on the initiative.

Kerrigan said the motivation for championing digital inclusion is due to a real need in the community, which is currently not being fully supported by any other organizations. He said there are smaller

initiatives, but nothing coordinated that covers the full range of digital inclusion.

"Teaching people how to use their computers all the way to trying to get literally millions of dollars for access and better broadband and fiber and all those things ... So, I think it's a comprehensive approach ..." Kerrigan said. "It's a way we can make a more significant impact on the community from low- to middle-income people all the way to businesses and everything in between."

Sara Daugherty is with Eastgate Regional Council of Governments and has been working with Oak Hill Collaborative and others on this project. She said part of the goal is to spread awareness to resources that already exist and to see what people want and need.

"There's actually some really great resources in the community. Every week there are basic training workshops, and these take place through SCOPE [Senior Citizens Opportunity for Personal Endeavor] as well as the Austintown Senior Center and the Girard Multi-Generational Center," Daugherty said.

She said Library of Mahoning County and the Warren Library have weekly events. There will also be more events at the new Michael Kusalaba Library, lo-

cated on Mahoning Avenue. She said a representative from AT&T will be giving a presentation to seniors about getting connected, too.

"We are hoping to build from these few, about a dozen, activities, to see where the interest is and then overall hopefully that will lead to more and better programming," she said.

Daugherty said a recent study showed how many homes in the county are not connected to the internet.

"Connect Ohio recently prepared a study for Youngstown and Mahoning County that found that although 97 percent of households have access to service, only 30 percent subscribe. Affordability and relevancy are the main reasons," Daugherty said.

She said a program called Lifeline is available for families who qualify for the Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program, which offers 15 megabytes of service for \$10 a month.

Daugherty also said the local libraries are an important partner in digital inclusion, not just during Digital Inclusion Week, but all year.

Janet Loew, communications, public relations and marketing director at the Public Library of Youngstown and Ma-

honing County, said the library provides a range of digital services.

She said all library locations offer free, high-speed Internet on public access computers.

"Also, all of our locations offer free Wi-Fi access for people to use on their own laptops, smartphones, tablets and other devices. Several of our libraries have laptop loans, where laptops can be checked out on a library card for use within the branch for a limited time. We also have mobile hotspots available for loan to library cardholders," Loew said.

Loew said the Kusalaba Library has a heavy focus on technology in addition to traditional library services. "The Michael Kusalaba Branch has a unique MakerSpace, which features equipment available for use by the public ... This is currently the only MakerSpace in the PLYMC library system," Loew said.

For more information on activities during Digital Inclusion Week or any other time, email Pat Kerrigan at oakhillcollaborative@gmail.com or visit Oak Hill Collaborative's Facebook page at <https://www.facebook.com/OakHillCollaborative/>.

## STUDENTS CLEAN-UP CAMPUS

**MELISSA TUROSİK**

The Youngstown Environmental Sustainability Society (YESS) held the Angela Bell Memorial Campus Clean-Up with about 20 volunteers picking up trash and recycling items around Youngstown State University on Friday.

Curtis Burns, vice president of YESS, said the clean-up was to honor Angela Bell, an environmental studies student who recently passed away.

"A lot of people in the group knew her and had a class with her. We were trying to find something that we could get a lot of people involved in that would be reflected well on her memory," Burns said.

Burns said he believes Bell would be happy with the event.

"It's a good thing. It's going to reflect well on us,

and hopefully reflects well in her name," he said.

Burns also said he wanted to do something that helped volunteers take pride in their campus.

Allison Erf, a YESS officer, said the M-70 parking lot had the most trash and Parking Services wanted it to be clean in time for spring commencement.

Erf said overall, the clean-up will improve the appearance of YSU. She said she wonders why people do not throw trash away in trash cans.

Kevin Stein, a YSU student, said he volunteered because he has seen a lot of people littering around campus. He said that is unacceptable.

"I feel that it's wrong. It makes the campus look bad and makes the environment dirtier and unsafe," Stein said.

Erf said YESS is also conducting community outreach projects, including educating local Girl Scout troops on different environmental issues, especially air quality.



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# STUDENT RESEARCH PAPER SENT TO OHIO HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

**RACHEL GOBEP**

David Beavers, a sophomore social work major at Youngstown State University, conducted research this semester on the dangers of conversion therapy on LGBTQ+ individuals. This form of therapy refers to the practice that attempts to change a person's sexual orientation or gender identity.

Beavers said there are protections in some states that ban the practice of conversion therapy entirely, but it still exists in some parts of the United States.

"Some states only ban the practice on minors, [but] still allow it to be performed on adults. Ohio is one of those states," he said.

Beavers, who is an armed forces veteran and a gay male, said he believes Americans should have the right to live their life however they choose to.

"I had the privilege to speak with others in the LGBT community, both locally and abroad, who unfortunately were put through the practice of conversion therapy during their life," he said. "The horrific stories they told me had me in disbelief."

He said he could not believe practices such as electroshock therapy or forcing a person to bathe in ice cold water until they couldn't feel their sexual organs or starvation could still exist in America.

"After hearing about this psychological and physical abuse, I decided to further research the topic," Beavers said.

Through his research, Beavers said he found shocking facts.

"Research conducted by various agencies found that conversion therapy is often ineffective, treating homosexuality as a mental illness, when it is not recognized as one," he said. "Individuals who underwent conversion therapy are put at an increased risk for other serious illnesses."

According to research conducted at San Francisco State University on the issue of family acceptance of LGBTQ+ youth, those who were rejected by their parents or caregivers were more than eight times as likely to have attempted suicide and six times as likely to report high levels of depression than those who were not rejected or partially rejected.

They were also more than three times as likely to use illegal drugs and to be at high risk for HIV and STDs.

He said he believes further education on conversion therapy is important "to prevent discrimination and encourage tolerance of others that are not like us."

Beavers said students and young adults need to learn from the mistakes of previous generations and encourage acceptance.

"The senseless persecution of any group of people is unethical and immoral, for we are all Americans, living in the land of the free," he said.

Beavers said he forwarded his paper to the Ohio House of Representatives for proposed legislation.

"Ultimately, my goal for my paper's submission ... is to have the practice of conversion therapy entirely banned from the state of Ohio," he said. "It is my fear that as long as the practice exists in Ohio, there is the potential for both juveniles and other LGBT individuals to be coerced or forced to undergo this horrific practice."

He said although there are Ohio laws that protect juveniles, the law should be broadened to protect all Ohioans.

Melissa McKenney, manager of financial aid programs and English instructor,

said Beavers took her Writing 2 class online. She said his paper was organized and thoroughly researched.

"He presented a well-supported argument that not only offered a great deal of factual information and statistical data, but effectively employed the audience appeals of logos, ethos and pathos," McKenney said. "Through these methods, David was able to create an educated and convincing proposal argument that left no doubt of the need to eliminate conversion therapy as an accepted medical practice."

She said she had more interaction with Beavers than some students she has taught in a classroom setting.

"He was very diligent and timely, always wanting to ensure that he was understanding the course content clearly, and completing assignments properly and thoroughly," McKenney said.

She said students who utilize the English 1551 course as an opportunity to research topics that interest them to expand their own education "truly make teaching on this level a joy each semester."

"It was a pleasure assisting David these last 16 weeks on his writing and research journey," McKenney said.

# PETITION CREATED TO AID IN DEVELOPMENT OF WOMEN'S CENTER

**MORGAN PETRONELLI**

For over the past year, Youngstown State University has struggled to make the idea of a Women and Gender Resource Center on campus become a reality.

Issues, ranging from difficulties naming a director and now finding an assistant director to trying to locate a space sufficient enough to house the resource center, have been problematic for those advocating for the project.

Recently, students from YSU banded together to create a petition in support of the creation of a Women and Gender Resource Center on campus.

The petition was created by Lindsay Heldreth and Moataz Abdelrasoul with the goal of gaining 500 signatures to present to Provost Martin Abraham in hopes of moving the conversation about the center's development forward.

Heldreth, a student at YSU and board member for the Women and Gender Resource Initiative, said they started the petition "to demonstrate overwhelming student support for the initiative, and demand action."

She said four promises were made for the initiative: a part-time interim director, an assistant director, student workers and a space. A part-time interim director,

Megan List, was appointed, but the other three promises have since gone untouched.

Citing a series of articles written by Elizabeth Lehman in *The Jambor* about the ongoing development of the initiative, the petition states that Provost Abraham's focus has shifted to allocating the decision-making responsibilities onto its proponents in order for the initiative to move forward.

Heldreth said space is the number one priority at the moment in order to get the center on track to being a reality.

"The petition proposes that the old space for the Student Health Center be repurposed for the Women and Gender Resource Center," Heldreth said. "This space would be ideal, as it is centralized, and is an adequate size for the center. We would certainly be open to discussing other possibilities, but starting the conversation here seemed like our best move."

Ernie Barkett, a YSU student involved in the petition, said YSU is one of the only Inter-University Council of Ohio IUC colleges without a women's center and "has fallen behind in providing crucial support to a large population at the University."

He said the women's center could be an instrumental resource for a large number of YSU students.

"The women's center can be a safe zone for victims of

rape, sexual assault, discrimination and those seeking support for various reasons," Barkett said. "Not only will this offer support to the women on campus, but also those exploring their gender identity and other marginalized groups."

Caroline Smith, a YSU student and petitioner, explained why she chose to become a part of the petition.

"I chose to become involved with the petition because I care about women's issues. I think a women's center would be an excellent resource that could greatly enrich all of student life on campus," Smith said.

She said a center "has the capacity to engage with students in a way that is personal and identity focused," such as introducing rape crisis management and counseling into resources the center could potentially provide.

The petition is available in three forms. One is a physical copy of the petition for students to sign. The other two are online forms located on [change.org](http://change.org) for non-students and then in a google form for students.

At the moment, Heldreth estimated that the petition has close to 130 signatures from students, and 87 signatures from faculty, alumni and community members.

A fundraiser dinner for the Women and Gender Resource Initiative will take place on Friday, April 27 from 5:30 p.m. to 9 p.m. in the Ohio Room in Kilcawley Center.

# THE PENGUIN CAPTAIN

JAMBAR CONTRIBUTOR  
DAVID FORD

Ron Strollo starred as a football and baseball player at Austintown Fitch High School, but it was during his basketball season that Jim Tressel and the Youngstown State University Football staff took notice.

“Ron came to us shortly after I arrived at Youngstown State, and it was really at the beginnings of some real good recruiting classes,” Tressel said. “He was a good basketball player, and a good football player, obviously. He was a tremendous role model for his teammates. He excelled as a student. I think people admired how well he carried himself, how well he did things.”

During an unofficial visit to YSU in December 1987, Strollo said he knew YSU was the place for him.

“It was important to me to stay home, and to play in front of my parents, friends and family,” Strollo said. “[Tressel] used to bring a lot of recruits to their banquet in January, and I probably knew, even before that, this was the place I wanted to go.”

Strollo arrived at YSU in 1988. For him, the practices went faster, the competition got tougher and the expectations were larger. At Austintown, Strollo played an iron-man style of football- both offense and defense.

He said Tressel wanted him on offense. For four years, Strollo played tight end.

In high school, Strollo said he dreamed of a state championship. In college, Strollo said, Tressel was building a foundation to make that dream happen, albeit at a higher level.

YSU traveled to Kent State University in Strollo's first game as a Penguin. Although they lost, he described it as a great experience.

The team improved from then on. In 1990, YSU ran the table; it was a perfect 11-0 season, until it wasn't. During the first round of the playoffs, YSU lost to Central Florida 20-17.

“As we evaluated ourselves, it felt like we were thinking too much about the playoffs, and the championship game, rather than focusing on getting better,” Tressel said. “We just got caught up in the moment.”

For the 1991 season, Strollo was named team captain.

“It was amazing. When you're young, you look up to those captains,” Strollo said. “To know your team voted for you, it was really special.”

The Penguins opened up the '91 season strong, but two straight losses, one to Liberty University during homecoming week, put YSU at 4-3, with a road game against powerhouse Georgia Southern looming after the bye-week. The loss didn't deter anyone.

“We really felt that we had our focus in the right place, and we were working on the right things,” Tressel said. “We really did a nice job not thinking too far in advance this time ... We focused on the task at hand. The results took care of themselves.”

Strollo said the bye-week allowed the team to regroup.

“During the open week after Liberty, our younger guys got a lot better,” Strollo said. “Then, we went down and played Georgia Southern, who at the time was probably the modern day North Dakota State.”

Strollo recalled his most memorable moment as a Penguin, which came during the Georgia Southern game. On the road, YSU held a 19-17 lead. With the ball at their own 10-yard line, Strollo said the team needed to ice five to six minutes off the clock.

“I'm not sure that if we gave them the ball back we could have stopped them,”

Strollo said.

On the drive, Strollo caught a third-down pass, and YSU converted two fourth-down plays to seal the victory. Georgia Southern never got the ball back.

According to Strollo, that victory gave the Penguins the confidence they needed.

“If we could beat Georgia Southern on the road we could beat anyone,” Strollo said.

Finishing the season off 8-3, YSU crept in the postseason. A clutch field goal from sophomore kicker Jeff Wilkins helped propel the Penguins past Villanova in the first round. Years later, Wilkins did something similar, this time in Super Bowl XXXIV. He kicked four field goals and two extra points to help guide the St. Louis Rams to a 23-16 victory over the Tennessee Titans.

A 30-28 victory against Nevada, and a 10-0 shutout of Samford put YSU in the national championship, against the Thundering Herd from Marshall University, a school which would produce talents like Randy Moss, Chad Pennington and Byron Leftwich, among many others.

The championship atmosphere was completely different for most players on the team. Marshall came into the '91 national championship as title favorites. When the fourth quarter started, Marshall led YSU 17-6.

“It was pretty close for a stretch, but they had a really talented quarterback and began to pull away,” Strollo said. “We were a team that ran the ball a lot, but fortunately we connected on some big pass plays. We had a turnover late in the game, and we were able to score a touchdown to sort of put it away.”

The Penguins defeated Marshall 25-17. Both teams faced off the title game the next two seasons; Marshall won the 1992 title 31-28, while YSU won the 1993 title 17-5.

According to YSU Sports Information, Strollo ended his YSU career with 27 receptions for 319 yards and four touch-

downs. He was named 1991-1992 Penguin Male Athlete of the Year.

Strollo said it was always his dream to win a state championship. That dream became a reality in 1991. The reception back home was even more special, for both Strollo and Tressel.

“Coming home after that game, landing at Youngstown Airport, we literally couldn't make it down the runway,” Strollo said. “We had police escorts coming back on the bus, and a parade through downtown Youngstown. It was a special time for the city ... You could tell from the talent this team was going back [to the title].”

Tressel described the reception as unlike anything he'd ever seen.

“The region and the city had been through some tough times, with the steel mill closing,” Tressel said. “It was the first extraordinary event that happened in quite some time, and we got an unbelievable reaction.”

During his tenure at YSU, Tressel won three more national championships in '93, '94, and '97, but first one holds a special place for him.

“The thing about the first one, it was an affirmation that we could accomplish great things,” Tressel said.

The '91 title game, played at Paulson Stadium in Statesboro, Ga., still resonates with the Youngstown community, those who played and coached, as well as those who attended. Nicole Kent-Strollo was one of the Penguins in attendance.

Kent-Strollo, a graduate of Ursuline High School, received a scholarship to run track at YSU.

“It was a really cool thing because [my] parents both went here ... It was a new, exciting opportunity,” she said.

After she arrived on campus, she met her future husband, Ron Strollo.

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## IPO PROVIDING SUMMER STORAGE FOR INTERNATIONAL STUDENTS

NAMI NAGAOKA

The International Programs Office (IPO) announced that they will provide a storage area in Jones Hall for international students' belongings during Youngstown State University's summer break. This is the first attempt for IPO to provide a secure storage space for students.

The idea was brought to the office by United Penguins, a student employee group that is dedicated to helping international students transition to life in the United States.

Bikash Thapa, freshman computer science major, is the team leader of housing and student life of United Penguins. He said there were some students who had issues of not being able to keep their items in their rooms during summer break in the past.

He said he thought that was a serious issue, and he said he is excited for international students to have a space to keep their belongings.

He is currently living in Lyden House and said he will be using the facility over the summer.

"I feel safe [leaving my items on campus], and I believe other students will also feel the

same," he said.

Nathan Myers, associate provost for International and Global Initiatives, said IPO will accept plastic bins no larger than 72 quarts, which can be purchased at Walmart. Students will be charged \$5 to store each container for their items.

Those fees will be used for IPO's future activities.

Carly Devenburgh, an assistant director of IPO, said she will be sending out an email to all the international students.

"We are glad to be able to assist students," she said.

This service will be first come first serve. This storage area will be available for students who live in Cafaro, Lyden, Kilcawley, Wick, and Weller Houses and the University Courtyards.

There will be three drop-off times: May 3 from 3 p.m. to 5 p.m., May 4 from 9 a.m. to noon and May 5 from 9 a.m. to 10 a.m.

The pick-up times will be August 18 from 2 p.m. to 3 p.m., August 20 from 3 p.m. to 5 p.m. and August 21 from 3 p.m. to 5 p.m.

Myers said there will be a \$5 fee if students want to pick up their items at another time.



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The Clothesline Project, an artistic display to address the issue of violence against women and men, was displayed on the second-level of Kilcawley Center this week.

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Youngstown CityScape raised money to fund the Wick Park improvement project with the help of the inaugural 5K Run/Walk, which was held April 14.

Youngstown CityScape, in partnership with the Youngstown Rotary Club and local businesses, held the run with all proceeds going to the Wick Park improvement project, which aims to improve the running track and the pavilion in the center in the park.

The race was a three-mile-long course and was held within the park. The race started at 10 a.m. and lasted until noon. Medals were awarded to the top three male and female runners in several age brackets: 0-14, 15-19, 20-29, 30-39, 40-49, 50-59, 60-69 and over 70.

Phil Kidd, associate director of Youngstown CityScape, has been working on the Wick Park improvement project since 2008. Since then, he has raised \$850,000 over 10 years and helped improve landscaping, exercise equipment stations, parking, sidewalks and a disc golf course.

Kidd said the event had over 100 people register for the

inaugural race.

"I think this was an amazing turnout. We were hoping to get at least a hundred people, but we flew past it," Kidd said.

Kidd explained how they were able to get the bulk of the money they needed for the Wick Park improvement project.

"We were able to get \$350,000 from the Youngstown Rotary Club so that helps with the renovation of the pavilion that should be finished by the end of summer," Kidd said.

The Youngstown Rotary Club was able to raise the money for the pavilion as part of the club's Centennial Campaign. A donation of \$100,000 came from the city of Youngstown that will be given over a period of time.

Kidd said that this project was important because it has helped establish the park as one of the city's most used assets.

Ethan Courtney and Emma Crissman, seniors at Ursuline High School, took part in the event, using their education as motivation to help.

"I'm a cross country runner for Ursuline so I use the park to practice all the time, so I figured I'd help out," Courtney said.

Courtney placed with the second fastest time overall in the race.

"I plan on going to Youngstown State University, so I thought I should help make the city look its best," Crissman said.

Steven Protheroe, owner of the Culturehouse Coffee Roasters in Youngstown, offered free baked goods and coffee to runners and staff to help energize people for the early morning run.

"We're about to open a brick-and-mortar across the street called Cultivate and we wanted to make an investment in the park's success," Protheroe said.

Protheroe said that it was encouraging seeing so many people coming together to help the park.

"Seeing the neighborhood get involved shows that the city is showing more interest in the things they have and showcasing the park shows that the city has come a long way from the city it used to be," Protheroe said.

## NEWS BRIEF

### KITCHEN POST TO OPEN DOWNTOWN

The Kitchen Post at the Erie Terminal Place in downtown Youngstown will be opening its doors to the public at 4 p.m. on Friday.

The restaurant and bar will offer guests old favorites from their previous menu plus new dishes and cocktails.

The Kitchen Post, which rose to popularity at its previous location in Struthers, closed earlier this year. The new location is on the corners of Commerce and Phelps streets.



## CAPPING OFF THE SEMESTER

MARAH J. MORRISON

Graduating seniors at Youngstown State University will bring memorabilia to life with the decision of decorating their caps. Those who are planning to take this action just may have that cap that will go down in history.

Savannah Osborne, who's graduating with a major in nursing, said she definitely wants to have the initials RN and BSN on her cap and "Nurse Savannah" with a heartbeat sign. She said she's going to have YSU colors and sparkles on her cap as well.

"This was my go-to thing," Osborne said. "Just so I can look back on it and remember."

Osborne said people don't really know the story of a graduating student unless they look at their caps. She said people can kind of get a picture of what the graduating student went through all four years.

Daziana Velasquez, also graduating with nursing from YSU, said she wanted to make her cap kind of creative and have a bow on the back. She said her grandpa is who

got her into nursing, so she's going to put something about him on one of the sides of the bow.

"He passed away, so I thought it would be like in memory," Velasquez said.

Velasquez said she loves colors, so she took a bunch of pictures and wants to include, "And so the adventure begins" with a heartbeat, her name and the initials BSN.

"I've been looking forward to this for the past four years now," Velasquez said. "[It's] definitely memorable."

Jayme Ritchie, graduating from YSU with nursing, said she looked at a bunch of pictures on Pinterest for graduation cap ideas. She said she found the quote, "The best is yet to come," which sums up how fast the past four years have gone by.

"Looking at it all, I feel like there's so much more yet, even though the past four years have been a lot," Ritchie said.

Ritchie said she enjoys being creative and plans to use colors that will match her outfit on her cap. She said she is also looking forward to looking at everyone's caps on graduation day.

"It kind of says a little short story about the past four years of your degree," Ritchie said. "It shows a little bit

about who they are."

Desiree Ridzon, who is graduating with early childhood education from YSU, said she wants to do something in memoriam of both her grandma and her fiancée's grandma on her graduation cap. She said she's still trying to work on it.

"It could be really important," Ridzon said. "It depends on the graduate if they want to or not. Some don't feel like it's important, but some do."

Stephen McDermott, who's graduating with hospital management from YSU, said he thinks seniors decorating their caps is important because it shows their beliefs and what their major means to them.

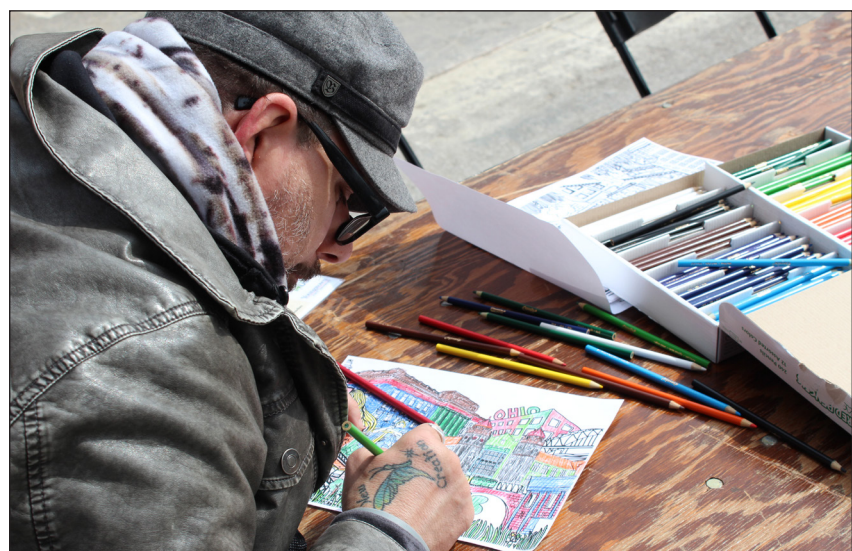
"It kind of also shows where they really would want to go with their career," McDermott said.

McDermott said he would definitely put a pineapple on his graduation cap because the hospitality society is symbolized by the pineapple. He said they believe they all stand together, so maybe a hand and a pineapple mixed with a background will be on his cap.

"It shows who you are, who you went to school with and what you want to do with your life," McDermott said.

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## SHUT DOWN THE STREET; LET OUT THE ARTS

**JOHN STRAN**

The fourth annual Federal Frenzy was held Saturday, filling West Federal Street with an array of music, art and various vendors.

The mainstage was a makeshift platform placed near the center of downtown. Performers included Clevelanders FreshProduce and Carlos Jones and the Plus Band, as well as local rockers The Vindys and the headliners, Smallpools.

Starting their journey in Los Angeles and eventually making Nashville their home, Smallpools has gained a substantial following of fans since forming in 2013.

The four-piece act infuses indie rock with dance-pop to create hit songs such as “Million Bucks” and “Dreaming.”

Guitarist Michael Kamerman said the progress the band has made since forming is surprising, and everything that’s happened since has just felt like a whirlwind.

“Everything began forming in the first couple of weeks,” Kamerman said. “Then we released ‘Dreaming’ and it took a life of its own.”

Drummer Beau Kuther accredited some their success to timing.

“Our style was really popular when we started, so it was just the right time for the sound,” Kuther said.

This was the band’s first time performing in Youngstown. The group agreed any show that’s not in their different hometowns is always a little less stressful.

“When you play in your hometown, you have to make sure that you meet their expectations which always makes things more hectic,” Kamerman said.

If this is the case, most of the acts at Federal Frenzy were under added pressure. On top of this, one act was performing for the first time.

The Pella Penguins are an a capella group from Youngstown State University. The group name has been around for a couple years, but this was the first performance for this particular group.

AnnaMaria Jadue is the founder of the group. She said these singers started practicing together in January.

Jadue said the group is comprised of only a few students majoring in vocal performance, and the rest are just students with a passion for singing.

The artist and vendor side of the festival included artists creating pieces on canvas and the street of portraits and realistic pieces, and clothing companies such as Youngstown Clothing Company and Misprint Apparel.

Rachel Hritz spent her first time at Federal Frenzy creating a street portrait of Prince in remembrance of the second year since his passing.

Hritz said she frequently does pieces like this which she defined as pop art. Her work will be more prevalent downtown and on campus next year when she enters her freshman year at YSU as an art major.

A vendor who was there for their second year was Kate Miley. At her end of the tent of roughly eight vendors were a selection of bracelets, necklaces and magic wands.

Miley began selling her crafts after her boyfriend suffered a brain injury and she needed an extra source of income. She had a fair amount of buyers the previous year and her hope was to receive the same response.

The event is a loud and artistic bookend for the spring semester. Penguin Productions is holding a sounding board May 1 to hear ideas of what acts people want to hear in the next school year.

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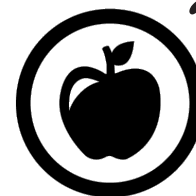
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# A JAMBAR

## EDITORIAL: PARTING WAYS

My first memory at Youngstown State University was sitting alone in DeBartolo Hall. I was greeted by Mary Beth Earnhardt, who was eager to discuss my plans at the university. I was unsure at the time, only certain that a field in writing would be my forte. She gave me a tour of The Jambar, welcoming me into the journalism program if it was something I wanted to pursue.

Still, I did not take her up the offer right away. I went through my first year of college without much motivation, only attending classes with a group of people I did not know and driving home as soon as my classes ended.

It wasn't until my second year when I began taking journalism classes. I started to feel more connected to campus. I knew faces and the world at YSU seemed to expand tenfold. Four years later, here I am as the managing editor of The Jambar and co-editor of The YO Magazine, counting down the days until May 5.

Of course, nothing is perfect. We have seen students, faculty and staff face injustices and struggles. We have played the game of "What road or building is under construction this semester?" and slid across the sidewalks in the winter like we were short track speed skating in the Winter Olympics. I would have done anything for some decent chow mein every once in a while.

I reported someone losing their life on campus. I remember the silence that surrounded the crowd who

gathered there. It was somber.

One of the perks about being a journalist is the opportunity to see not only the worst of the worst, but also the best of the best. It is the people who build a university up. It is the people who accomplish great things while in college and after. This job has given me the opportunity to tell a small portion of these stories. Through all of the people I have spoken to and all of the things that I have seen, I know the dedication that both students and faculty give to support one another and the Youngstown community.

If working at The Jambar has taught me anything, it is that the campus community fuels this place. Even if it was for just a short two years, it has been a privilege to tell a handful of your stories.

### To my staff:

The hardest part about writing this is to say something motivational or meaningful that you don't already know. It seems unnecessary to wish you good luck in the upcoming fall because I expect nothing less than what I have already seen. You are a passionate, dedicated and eager group and it has been in honor to be a part of you these past two years.

Times won't always be easy. There will be times that you will feel overwhelmed by all of the obligations in your life, whether they be professional or personal. You

will want to stop everything and give up. You will even want to punch a hole through the wall (they are thin, so it wouldn't take much effort). We all know this. We have been through it before.

I know that I have been in the same boat, and there were times when I have completely shut down. It isn't writing that brings me back. It isn't the drive for my degree (maybe the drive to rub it in your faces, but that is a different story). It is the people who motivate me and inspire me to keep producing the best work that I can. When my grandma passed away last year, I fell into one of these slumps. What was it that pulled me out? The Jambar staff's support for one another. I look up to you all for how understanding and helpful you have been and will strive to carry everything that has helped me grow, not only as a writer but as a person, into the next chapter of my life.

Thank you for making this experience more than a job. If you ever need any help or guidance, you know where to look, but I doubt that you will need it. I think you've taught me more than I've taught you. Keep kicking ass like you always do.

*Jordan Unger  
Managing Editor*

# A JAMBAR

## EDITORIAL: GOODBYE

I hated Youngstown State University with a fiery passion when I first got here five years ago.

It was boring, hard and there was a lot of walking I wasn't used to. I had no friends, didn't know anyone and even though I spent hours upon hours studying, rewriting notes and tutoring, I failed every French test. I would call my mom crying every day because I didn't want to do this anymore. I just wanted to be a hobo, and sometimes I still think that would be preferable.

She kept encouraging me to do my best and take things one day at a time. To write down what I had to do in order of due dates and just take things one task at a time. To take time out of the day to do something I enjoyed and just take life one breath at a time.

Mary Beth Earnhardt and Greg Graziopoli gave me a chance as a general assignment reporter, and I sucked. I wasn't ready yet, but I'm grateful I was given a chance. It allowed me to see the best in people and give them a chance too. I would like to thank Justin Wier for not strangling me at the time. I was put on the design desk at the end of that semester and I just worked my way up from there. I learned what I know from reading work like Justin's.

I've seen some of the community's greatest accomplishments, conflicts and even their worst moments.

In the end, I owe everything to my awesome support system, those who kept encouraging me to keep going when I just wanted to quit. To my mother, Lynn Rahuba; to my adviser and friend, Dave

Davis; to the best business manager ever, Mary Dota; to my friends, Jordan Unger, Marah Morrison, Rachel Gobep and everyone else here, I couldn't have done this without any of you. I owe everything I have become to you all.

There have been a lot of tears, swearing, blood and sweat. It hasn't always been easy, but every moment was worth it.

### To my staff:

I have been in a very bad place for the last year, and many of you definitely noticed. Depression and anxiety basically took over my life, and toward the end here my usual coping mechanisms no longer worked. I wound up having a panic attack in the office on a day where nothing was particularly wrong, so anyone who hadn't noticed by then certainly figured it out.

The overwhelming support that night

was incredible. The sense of compassion, understanding and love in The Jambar is beyond anything I've ever known. You guys are truly amazing people and a wonderful family. You deserve every kindness in the world.

I might be busy figuring out how to adult after graduation, but I will never be too busy for my Jamily. If you ever need anything, I'm here for you. I am leaving The Jambar in very capable hands. I fully believe Morgan Petronelli is going to be a great editor.

It has been a privilege and an honor to be the Editor-in-Chief and see it all through with you guys. You aren't just a staff. You're my friends and my Jamily.

*Laura McDonough  
Editor-in-Chief*

## MARIO'S MOVIES:

## A FINAL REVIEW

MARIO RICCIARDI

The camera dollies out, the director yells cut, credits roll. That's a wrap. Another school year has gone by, filed to the backs of our minds, reduced to a piquing highlight reel the fractured impression of a time that has come and gone to make room for more experiences. For you dedicated readers out there, not only has it been another year of highs and lows, but also another year of films and ideas. From flops like "Justice League" to indie-hits like "Lady Bird," it has been a journey full of surprises. That being said, I'm sure you can imagine the quiet pressure I faced picking the right film to close this first year of reviews.

Most of you will be back next semester and some of you will be graduating, but we're all going somewhere, constantly moving forward while looking back at the same time. I was initially going to review a new film in theaters, then I thought maybe it would be right to revisit a film of the past. Eventually, I came to the conclusion that life's segue to the unknown needs a theme. Much like "Pomp and Circumstance" or Dr. Seuss' "Oh the Places You'll Go," I needed something to come back to every year that spoke familiarity and change all in the same volume.

I decided to dedicate each year's final edition of Mario's Movies to a different film by a man I have highest regards for in terms of personality and filmmaking: John Hughes. Hughes was a unique man in both his work,

and in his personal life. A staunch Republican, he had as much disdain for the culture of Hollywood as he did love for his craft. Leaving the world of advertising in Chicago with his family for the even more unstable world of filmmaking in Hollywood, Hughes took the risk, worked hard and left an impression that the world will never be able to shake.

Balancing convention with personal preference, I felt it would be fitting to discuss Hughes' most popular film: "The Breakfast Club" is a film that gives us a look inside the personalities of young America and slyly passes itself off to us as entertainment, a film that takes a day in the life of and turns it into a life in the day of (something like that). "The Breakfast Club" had its humor, its upbeat Brit-pop soundtrack, its moments of excess, but most of that is forgotten because what the film truly leaves with us is its honesty.

The epitome of that honesty comes in the form of Brian's letter at the end of the film. I think it's a very appropriate message worth sharing as we all move on to our next chapters.

"... You see us as you want to see us, in the simplest terms, in the most convenient definitions. But what we found out, is that each one of us is a brain, and an athlete, and a basket case, a princess and a criminal. Does that answer your question? Sincerely yours, The Breakfast Club."

I always heard this quote as a voice of rebellion, a young kid formulating the perfect voice of reason and

really sticking it to the man. During my last viewing, though, instead of hearing an agenda, I heard an insight. When you're younger (say that mess of a time called high school) it was hard to not label others into these "Breakfast Club" categories. But as we get older, and are left to our own devices, I see less and less of one character and more of them all combined.

When Bender talks about his home life, when Andy talks about the pressures of competition, when Claire talks about what it takes to keep up appearances, when Brian shares his aspirations for greatness, when Allison just kind of loses it, I can't help but see a piece of each of them in every one of us. Even when Hughes introduces Principal Vernon or Carl the janitor I see versions of what we could become once we finally grow up. As much as we can choose who we become we are all, to some degree, fundamentally made up of "The Breakfast Club."

In closing, I'd like to leave you with the reminder that no matter who you think you are, or who you think someone else is, we are as much the same as we are different. As we leave the joviality and safety of youth, be prepared for the challenges and pressures of adulthood to be a reminder that each and every one of us is part brain, part athlete, part basket case, part princess and part criminal. No matter how loud that single-serving past calls out, we will only have this truth to move forward to (until Elon Musk invents time travel).

Until next semester, YSU!

The Breakfast Club:  (4/5 Penguins)

## YOU CAN GRADUATE AT YOUR OWN PACE

SAMANTHA ALLAN

The end of the semester is finally here. The rush of papers, presentations and projects is a clear indicator there is a light at the end of the tunnel. First, it is important to note you can make it through all the due dates. Keep pushing forward and let all of your hard work come together.

For many students, including myself, this is the final tunnel. Graduation is less than two weeks away. The years of hard work, sweat and tears are finally paying off. For some of the graduates, the four or five years have flown by. It may seem like only last semester was their very first time at Youngstown State University.

After completing over five years of school, I cannot relate to that feeling. I

have met a lot of great people, taken classes I never even considered and experienced a lot of personal growth in my time here. YSU has been a constant part of my life for quite some time now and I am glad for the experience. However, I am also really glad it is coming to a close. I have put more time and work into college than I ever would have imagined. While I am grateful for the education, I am ready to move onto the next stage.

Many college students feel the senior itch, and YSU is not any different. Years spent in the same place could make anyone eager for some space away from constant familiarity. Graduation may feel far away, but it creeps up a lot faster than you think.

Some days will be better than others. Although it may feel like the impossible,

you can definitely graduate. In the long run, an extra couple of semesters is not the end of the world. There is nothing wrong with staying a little longer than planned in order to change majors, study abroad or simply to give yourself a break.

It took me a little while to accept that my college plan was not going exactly how I expected. (Does anything in life ever go according to plan?) Everyone learns and grows at their own speed; being in school longer than four years is nothing to be embarrassed about. The most important takeaway is you can succeed in wherever college may take you. No matter how long it might have taken you to graduate, it is wonderful that you kept pushing for success.

I will not lie and say a longer college experience was easy. Some days you might

grow tired of waiting and begin to question why you went to YSU in the first place. You are not alone and plenty of other students are facing the same worries. A longer trip can mean more time to learn about yourself and what you truly want in the future.

No matter where you fall in completing your degree, the last couple weeks can be pretty stressful. Don't let yourself be discouraged and remember all the reasons you began college in the first place. I am speaking from experience when I say you will reach that final light. It may not feel like it now, but all of your hard work will be worth something much bigger. Good luck to everyone and be sure to enjoy all the summer you can.

# YSU GOLF TEAMS FINISH YEAR AT HORIZON LEAGUE CHAMPIONSHIPS



CJ Hughes was a huge part of the Youngstown State University men's golf team's success throughout the year.

*Photo Courtesy of YSU SPORTS INFORMATION*

## MARC WEEMS

Both the men's and women's golf teams at Youngstown State University had their fun at the Horizon League Championships down in Howey-in-the-Hills, Fla.

On the guys' side, freshman Kevin Scherr finished in sixth place to lead the YSU men's golf at the Horizon League Championships at the El Campeon Golf Course.

Scherr had a three-round total of 224 that featured consistent rounds of 73, 75 and 76. In his final round 76, he had 13 pars and five bogeys. On the final nine holes, he was two-over-par. Strong play on the back nine throughout the tournament lifted Scherr to his top-10 finish. In the three rounds he combined to go two-over-par on the final nine holes. From No. 8 through 18, he was just one-over-par for the event.

Junior Jason McQuown finished with a three-round total of 235 to finish 24th after a final round 77. For his third round, he had birdies at No. 1, No. 14 and No. 16.

Freshman Ken Keller posted a final round score of 77 to end his first tournament appearance on a high note. For his round, he had 12 pars and six bogeys. He parred

his final five holes of the round.

Freshman C.J. Hughes finished with a three-day score of 247 following a final round 83 on Tuesday. Hughes' round was highlighted by a birdie on the par-5 10th hole.

Senior Justin Hallapy carded a 248 for the tournament after a final round 86.

In the team standings, YSU finished seventh with a three-round total of 938. The Penguins had a score of 313 on Tuesday.

YSU's Katlyn Shutt had a solid final round to finish in the top-10 while her sister, Courtney Shutt, capped off her Penguins career on a high note as the Horizon League Women's Golf Championships concluded on Tuesday at the Las Colinas Golf Course, also in Howey-in-the-Hills, Fla.

Katlyn Shutt had a one-over-par 74 for her final round on Tuesday to improve six spots in the final standings. Katlyn Shutt posted a three-round total of 237 to finish in eighth place. She was in a groove on Tuesday posting 14 pars, two birdies, a bogey and a double bogey. After a bogey on the first hole, she parred 13 of the next 14 holes. The only non-par was a birdie on the par-4 sixth hole. A double bogey at No. 16 halted her run, but she rebounded

to par the 17th and birdied the 18th to finish her round.

Courtney Shutt, a senior, concluded the tournament with her best round carding an 82. She played her final 10 holes at one-over-par to finish her career strong. On the back-nine she had six pars, two bogeys and a birdie at the par-5 14th. In the individual standings, she placed 36th with a 257.

Freshman Tori Utrup had a final round 83, her best of the tournament, to finish 25th with a three-round total of 252. In her final round, Utrup had a birdie on the par-4 ninth hole.

Megan Creager and Kara Raines each finished with a three-round total of 262 for the event. In their final rounds, Creager shot an 86 while Raines carded an 87. Raines' round was highlighted by a birdie on the par-4 ninth.

In the team standings, the Penguins finished seventh with a three-round total of 1,003. YSU had its best round of the event on Tuesday, finishing with a team score of 325.

Congratulations to all the seniors that golfed in their final Horizon League Championships.

## PRESS BOX PERSPECTIVE: "WHO THE HELL IS SETH RIVELLO ANYWAY"

### SETH RIVELLO

I may not be Mel Kiper Jr. or Todd McShay but I like to think I'm knowledgeable when it comes to the NFL draft. It is almost a given the Cleveland Browns or a team like the New York Jets will botch its picks. Tonight at 8 p.m., teams will invest in their future and it could go two ways: good or bad.

The Cleveland Browns are first on the clock and general manager John Dorsey won't tell the nitwits below who he plans to take. It's been leaked that quarterback Josh Allen from Wyoming could be the pick. This kid is a huge project. His big frame and arm cover his many blemishes. Allen struggles with accuracy, consistency, pocket presence, field-reading and completion rate.

In Cleveland, he won't have too much time to stand in the pocket. When he is forced to roll, his accuracy decreases. At

Wyoming, he never had a completion percentage higher than 56 percent in his two years as a starter. Allen rarely competed against top tier teams at Wyoming and when they did, it ended in a loss by a double-digit margin. Allen is a prospect that just isn't ready to jump in. If he lands in Cleveland, he'll have some time to sit behind Tyrod Taylor but that might not help too much.

The New York Giants, New York Jets, Cleveland and Denver Broncos pick in that order after Cleveland. Four more quarterbacks could fall off this board with these picks. If Allen goes first the next best available would be Sam Darnold. The product of the University of Southern California has a thick frame like Allen but excels where Allen struggles. Darnold is very mobile for a big man and can make all the throws. Darnold can be careless with the ball at times and take sacks when incompletions are available. He does have a strange windup but with a solid coach

that can change.

If he falls to the Giants that would be a blessing. New York needs a back-up plan for when Eli Manning decides to call it quits. If Darnold can sit for a year and learn from Manning that would be the best possible situation for him.

Now the New York Jets are a mess, they need all the help they can get. Josh McCown and Teddy Bridgewater are the only reasonable quarterbacks on the depth chart. Now, the best available option would be Josh Rosen from the University of California Los Angeles. Rosen does have some character problems but he seems like the closest thing the NFL has seen since Aaron Rodgers.

Rosen does struggle on the move especially when being forced out of the pocket. Quarterbacks aren't really drafted for their speed but Rosen ran a 4.92 40-yard dash at the NFL combine which really shows how slow he is. Sometimes he does struggle with pre-snap reads and doesn't

have a huge arm compared to the other quarterbacks but that's about it. He is the best quarterback in this draft and if he slides to teams like the Arizona Cardinals or New England Patriots, he could be molded into an all-time great.

Then finally it comes down to the Oklahoma Sooners gritty quarterback Baker Mayfield. Mayfield takes a lot of heat for his height and the way he conducts himself on and off the field. Barely cracking 6-foot-1, he's been compared to the likes of Johnny Manziel, Drew Brees and Russell Wilson. Mayfield played in a spread offense that gave him easy throwing windows and lacking BIG 12 defenses, but those are just a couple things "experts" say to diffuse his great abilities.

Mayfield would be perfect in Denver. A team with a great defense, offensive weapons and seven more draft picks. Baker will need help to win and Denver gives him that all around help and edge.

## INDIYA BENJAMIN AND CHAD ZALLOW WIN ATHLETES OF THE YEAR

### MARC WEEMS

Youngstown State University women's basketball player Indiya Benjamin and men's track and field standout Chad Zallow are recognized as the 2017-18 YSU/Vindicator Athletes of the Year at the annual Scholar-Athlete Banquet at The Georgetown in Boardman.

Indiya Benjamin finished her history-making tenure as the program's point guard holding school career records for assists with 629, minutes with 3,964, games played with 128 and games started with 127. The assists record had stood since 1986. Benjamin finished her career with 1,288 points, which ranks 12th in school history. She became just the second player to lead the Horizon League

in assists in three straight seasons. She is the first YSU guard to be named first or second-team all-league since 1999-00 when the Penguins were members of the Mid-Continent Conference.

Chad Zallow has earned four NCAA All-American awards in his three years as a member of the YSU men's track and field squad. In indoor track, he is a two-time first-team All-American as well as a second-team honoree. In outdoor track, he was a second-team All-American in 2017 with this year's meet slated for June. So far, he has won 10 Horizon League individual races with eight coming on the indoor circuit.

Zallow has also competed against some of the best at his sport on the national level and competed very nicely. He has been one of the best indoor track athletes at YSU for the past three years.



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Indiya Benjamin (#3) is being guarded by Cierra Bond (#2) in a game in Oakland. She became the all-time assists leader for YSU this year.

# FOUR ATHLETES WIN HORIZON LEAGUE HONORS FOR YSU IN TENNIS



Noelly Longi Nsimba was a first-team all-league honoree for Youngstown State University as part of the long-standing success for the tennis team.

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## MARC WEEMS

Youngstown State University senior men's tennis player Danylo Veremeichuk was named first-team All-Horizon League while sophomore Joao Garretto was a second-team selection, the conference announced on Wednesday.

Veremeichuk was joined on the first-team by Cleveland State University's Nico Mostardi, University of Detroit Mercy's Artem Vasheshnikov, University of Wisconsin-Green Bay's Florian Kraenzler, Indiana University-Purdue University Indianapolis's David Beasley and Wright State University's Michal Kianicka.

It marks the second straight year that Veremeichuk has been recognized by the league after earning second-team honors in 2016-17. This season he was 21-11 overall with an 11-8 record in dual contests this spring. In doubles play, he went 20-8 overall, 14-4 in dual play and 5-2 in Horizon League play.

Garretto picked up the first all-league recognition of

his YSU career. This season he was 17-14 overall, 11-9 in dual play and went 4-3 in Horizon League contests. In doubles play, he was 18-10 overall, 12-6 in dual matches and 4-1 in completed Horizon League matches.

The Penguins open play at the Horizon League Championships on Friday afternoon against Wright State. First serve at Purdue's Schwartz Tennis Center in West Lafayette, Ind., is set for 3 p.m.

On the women's side for YSU, Noelly Longi Nsimba and Sofia Macias have been named All-Horizon League First-Team selections, the conference announced on Wednesday.

The Penguins were the only school to have two players recognized as first-team all-league. Cleveland State University's Isabella Spindler, Oakland University's Darya Maltseva, Northern Kentucky University's Margita Sunjic and Wright State's Karoline Haller were all named first-team honorees along with Macias and Nsimba.

It marks the second consecutive year that Nsimba was named first-team all-league and it is also the second straight year the Penguins have had multiple players

### Men's Tennis First Team All-League

Nico Mostardi, Cleveland State  
Artem Vasheshnikov, Detroit Mercy  
Florian Kraenzler, Green Bay  
David Beasley, IUPUI  
Michal Kianicka, Wright State  
Danylo Veremeichuk, Youngstown State

### Men's Tennis Second Team All-League

Luke Phillips, Cleveland State  
Matthew Terry, Cleveland State  
Nathan Ponton, Detroit Mercy  
James Ling, Green Bay  
Param Pun, Wright State  
Joao Garretto, Youngstown State

### Men's Tennis Awards

Player of the Year – Nico Mostardi, Cleveland State  
Freshman of the Year – Matthew Terry, Cleveland State  
Coach of the Year – Aaron Paajanen, Detroit Mercy  
Herb Foster Sportsmanship Award – Blaine Carr, Northern Kentucky

### Women's Tennis First Team All-League

Isabella Spindler, Cleveland State  
Darya Maltseva, Oakland  
Margita Sunjic, Northern Kentucky  
Karoline Haller, Wright State  
Sofia Macias, Youngstown State  
Noelly Longi Nsimba, Youngstown State

### Women's Tennis Second Team All-League

Jasmine Apawti, Detroit Mercy  
Maria Koo, Northern Kentucky  
Dasha Artamonova, Oakland  
Lejla Colic, UIC  
Georgie Sanders, UIC  
Haily Morgan, Wright State

### Women's Tennis Awards

Player of the Year – Margita Sunjic, Northern Kentucky  
Freshman of the Year – Darya Maltseva, Oakland  
Coach of the Year – Shannon Tully, UIC  
Herb Foster Sportsmanship Award – Hannah Watton, Northern Kentucky

named first-team all-conference. It is the first career all-league honor for Macias.

Nsimba went 14-8 in dual matches this spring and was 7-2 in Horizon League contests. She played all 22 of her matches this spring at the No. 1 spot in the lineup. In Horizon League doubles matches she was 7-1. Macias has an identical 14-8 record in dual matches, but went a career-best 8-1 in league play. She played 23 of her 24 matches at No. 2 doubles this spring.

For her career, Nsimba has won 63 singles matches, 41 of which have come in dual play. In Horizon League regular-season contests, she was 21-6 posting a 7-2 mark in each of her three seasons with the program. Macias has won 69 singles contests, including 54 dual matches. In Horizon League regular-season contest she was 25-9 in her four years.

The Penguins, who have won four straight Horizon League postseason championships, look to defend their title starting on Saturday at 11 a.m. YSU will face the winner of the CSU-NKU match in the HL semifinals at Purdue's Schwartz Tennis Center in West Lafayette, Ind.