



Dunn begins school year with State of the University address

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In front of a packed Chestnut Room in Kilcawley Center, new Youngstown State University President Randy Dunn delivered his first State of the University address on Monday. Dunn said he wants to explore approaches to solve challenges the University will face in the future.

Limited state funding and a decrease in enrollment have led to a subsequent reduction in the university's revenue. This is one challenge Youngstown State University must face.

"Over the next eighteen months to two years, we have to stabilize our revenue stream," Dunn said. "For this year alone, the one just completed, fiscal year 13, we are looking at about 1.9 million dollars in deficit."

Tyler Hovanec, a first year electrical and computer engineering student, said he is concerned about this deficit.

"This is my first year here, and I wasn't aware that the university was operating under a deficit," Hovanec said. "[Dunn] seems hopeful that he can turn that around."

Dunn said as of now, state funding accounts for only 25 percent of the university's budget. This funding has been increasingly linked to graduation rates, and YSU has struggled with graduation numbers in the past.

Dunn indicated that YSU's graduation numbers fall in the bottom quartile of Ohio universities. He said that in-

formed advisors and a strong Center for Student Progress could help improve graduation rates.

With only 25 percent of revenue coming from the state, YSU is dependent on tuition and enrollment for the rest of its budget. And, this fall, enrollment is expected to decrease for the third consecutive year.

"[Enrollment] is going to be lower than we have budgeted for. That happened to be a one percent decrease that we had anticipated, and we're going to exceed that as we cut into this year," Dunn said. "Generally, broadly, crudely speaking for every one percent loss in enrollment we are losing about one million dollars"

Dunn said YSU has the facilities, the teaching staff and the pricing to improve enrollment.

"We will work to attract students from several states," Dunn said. "We have the opportunity to become a university of destination."

Dunn also said he wants to focus on increased community involvement and pointed to YSU's past successes with community partnerships, such as the university's relationship with the Youngstown Business Incubator.

"We are going to look at all of these places and engage through partnerships. As those boats are raised in the harbor... ours will as well," Dunn said.

Finally, Dunn concluded that despite challenges, YSU is capable of achieving excellence.

"People are attracted to



YSU president Randy Dunn delivers his first State of the University address on Monday in the Chestnut Room of Kilcawley Center. Photo by Josh Medore/The Jambar.

quality. People will follow quality. Students in the new territories we are going to re-

cruit. International partners we are going to be growing... People come to excellence,"

Dunn said. "People want to be associated with a winner. And we can show that we are

a winner. We have a thousand ways we can show it. And we are going to show it."



Ted Roberts reviews legal documents located in downtown Youngstown. Roberts is the newest member on the YSU Board of Trustees. Photo by Frank George/The Jambar.

Ted Roberts to serve as YSU's newest trustee

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James E. "Ted" Roberts is the newest member on Youngstown State University's Board of Trustees. Roberts began his nine-year term on June 26 after being appointed to replace Scott Schullick by Governor John Kasich. His membership on the board adds to the long list of organizations in which Roberts has been involved.

Roberts earned a bachelors' degree in combined social studies from YSU before receiving his law degree from the University of Akron. He currently practices school, business and employment law. As a Youngstown graduate, Roberts maintains a connection with YSU.

"My wife graduated from YSU too, so she's my biggest connection," Roberts said. "I've also been on the limited service faculty at the

school of education during the last ten years. ... I taught school law and collective bargaining."

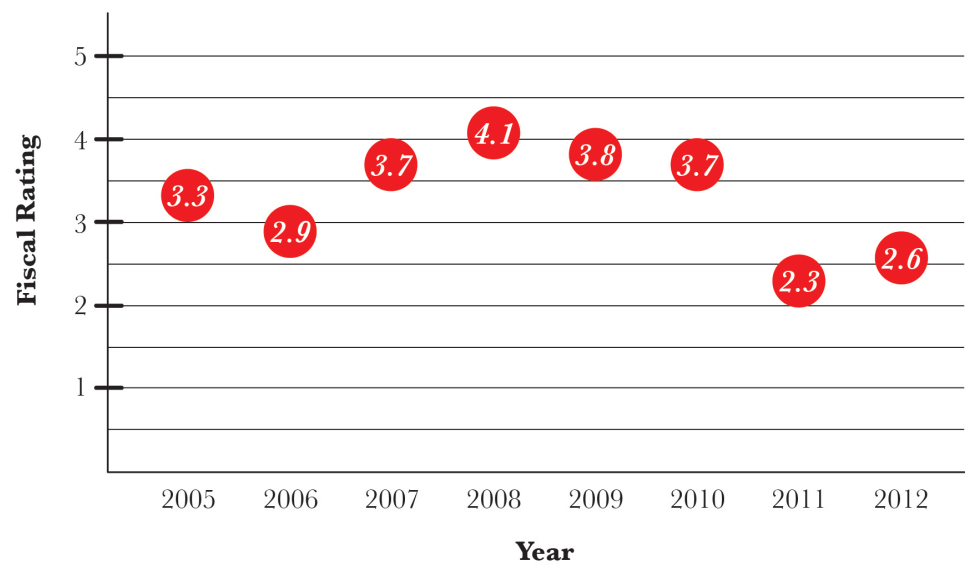
The Board of Trustees consists entirely of volunteers, and Roberts said he is comfortable with volunteerism and community involvement. He has served as the president of the Mahoning Valley Bar Association, assisted the Salvation Army as a member of their East Side Advisory Board, and worked with the Youngstown Rotary Club.

In addition to teaching at YSU and volunteering in the community, Roberts has also developed a vision for the university's future success. He wants to make YSU a stronger educational institution. This goal, he said, begins by improving enrollment numbers.

"We need to be cognizant of the market forces

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YSU's financial rating increases



Info from Ohio Board of Regents

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On July 12, the Ohio Board of Regents published their financial ratings for state colleges and universities for fiscal year 2012, and Youngstown State University's financial rating has been upgraded from 2.3 to 2.6, out of a possible 5.

Senate Bill 6 requires state colleges and universities to submit quarterly financial reports to the Board of Regents within 30 days after each fiscal quarter. Using the year-end audited financial statements submitted by each public institution, the Board of Regents monitors individual campus finances and assigns them a financial rating.

David Cannon, vice chancellor of finance and management for the regentst, explained that the rating system

is in place to keep university finances in check.

"The financial rating is intended to increase the financial accountability of colleges and universities by using a standard set of measures with which to monitor the fiscal health of campuses," Cannon said.

Cannon explained that a university's financial rating is determined by its expendable net assets, plant debt, total revenues, total operating expenses, total non-operating expenses and change in total net assets.

Using this data, the board of regents calculates three ratios. A viability ratio - expendable net assets divided by plant debt, a primary reserve ratio - expendable net assets divided by total operating expenses, and a net-income ratio - change in total net assets divided by total revenues.

These individual ratios are

used to determine the composite financial rating.

YSU's composite score has improved .3 points since the 2011 fiscal year. Though a fraction of a point, Cannon said this increase is significant. It shows that YSU's viability ratio improved over the 2011 score due to a decrease in debt and an increase in its expendable net assets.

"A .3 increase shows the university is getting a better handle on the finances from the previous year," Cannon said. "

Neal McNally, director of budget planning and treasury operations for YSU oversees all aspects of the university's budget and says the improved score is important.

"I would say that in any environment where revenues are falling, due to declines in both

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Welcome from President Dunn

Greetings!

As your new president, I am pleased to officially welcome you to Youngstown State University for the 2013-14 school year, and I'm also grateful to The Jambar for the opportunity to do so. YSU—in addition to being the place where a world of opportunities can open for you if you let them—also serves as your home for a few years, and all of us want to be helpful as you are settling in and getting ready for another academic term.

As you read this, my wife, Ronda, and I moved here a little over six weeks ago—and I'm completing my fifth week on the job. If you are a recent transplant to the city and the Mahoning Valley region, my hope is you'll feel the same connection to this place that we do. There is much to see, do, and explore—and we'll undertake that together as the Valley's newest residents.

For those who come from the area and know it well, YSU still provides a wide variety of events, activities, and people that you might not have even known are right in your backyard. Take advantage of everything here as much and as often as you can, because that's what a great university experience is all about.

All the happenings during Welcome Week 2013, this year's "Penguin Boot Camp," have been designed to extend a very special YSU greeting and to fold you into campus life once again. As I came here in July, my own transition was smoothed by many genuine and kind people on campus and in the community. I am certain you will be impressed and embraced by the same hospitality and support somewhere along the way during your time at Youngstown State.

If you haven't figured it out already, Youngstown State provides a great higher education opportunity by combining the right balance of institutional size with a real sense of community. Said another way: YSU is big enough to provide just about everything you could want and need from a well-known public university, but

not so big that you won't know the people you see on campus or feel like a lone person in the crowd. As a larger, "mid-major" higher education institution we are able to offer the selection of academic and student service programs you expect from a comprehensive university, and yet we still maintain a strong focus on you as an individual student similar to what you would expect to find at a smaller college. It really is the best of both worlds.

So I am encouraging all of you to take on everything that is possible at this special place—stretching yourself, setting high goals, doing new things, and forcing yourself to think outside of the box with the many and diverse people you will encounter here. Indeed, this is at the heart of what a university education should cause you to do! Take advantage of all that is YSU beyond just successfully acquiring credits toward graduation (that's Job 1 of course)—because the privilege of higher education is about much more than just preparing for a career. It should prepare you for an enriching life as well.

Once you are acclimated to campus please follow me on Facebook and Twitter (@YSU-Prez), check out my webpage at www.yzu.edu/president or just email me at randy.dunn@ysu.edu with an idea, thought or comment whenever you like. When I am able to do so, I'll generally try to respond back to you.

And if you see me out and around at the University or elsewhere, don't hesitate to come up, say hello, and introduce yourself. The best part of being a university president hands down is getting to meet a lot of amazing and interesting people...many of them our students!

We're going to be spending a few years together and I hope to get to know many of you during that time. So welcome to YOUR campus. Welcome to Youngstown State University. You will have a great life-changing experience here. I guarantee it.

Go Penguins!



Seven college roommate conflicts – and solutions

Jessica Yadegaran (MCT)

As summer winds down and thousands of college students flock to their university digs, it is important to remember that roommates can be among the most enriching relationships in your college experience. But, learning to get along with a stranger, often in a small space, can also be challenging, especially if you've never had to share a room. "It's just about learning how to communicate, compromise and respect each other," says Kenrick Ali, associate director of residence life at Cal State East Bay, which welcomes 1,500 residents to its dorms on Sept. 20.

Ali has mediated hundreds of roommate conflicts over the years and says the most common issues among college roommates are scheduling conflicts — you're a morning person, he's a night owl — and using each other's belongings without permission. Having a roommate's boyfriend or girlfriend spend the night in your dorm room is also a major point of contention, for obvious reasons.

We enlisted Ali and two other experts — Audrey Frey, a recent University of California-Berkeley graduate living in Fremont, Calif., and Nikhil Sharma, a Cal State East Bay junior majoring in business — to tackle seven roommate conflicts and offer their solutions. Frey had a different roommate each of the four years she attended Berkeley. Sharma serves on the board of his university's residential hall association and helps mediate conflicts.

THE FOOD FIGHT

When it comes to food, you and your roommate take turns buying the common items, like eggs and milk. But, lately, you've noticed that she's been dipping into your personal items in the refrigerator, like your Greek yogurt, which isn't cheap. What do you do?

Frey: Label your food.

Sharma: I always say, "If you want any of my stuff, just ask before, and I'll most likely say 'yes.' But if you don't ask, and it keeps happening, I'll report it to the residential adviser."

Ali: It is imperative that you speak to your roommate about how much they can use, what happens when items start running low, what happens when there is no more of the item, and who pays for the replacement.

FEELING LIKE A THIRD WHEEL

Your roommate's girlfriend is visiting your dorm room ... again. That's the third weekend this quarter. Doesn't he realize it's a small space and listening to them makes you uncomfortable?

Ali: Speak to your roommate in a nonthreatening manner about the impact that his guest is having on you. Suggest developing a specific schedule of when each of you is allowed to have visitors and ask him if there are other places that they could go. Flexibility is the key. Express that being able to hear them makes you uncomfortable. But, you also have to compromise and be OK with overnight guests once or twice a quarter.

Frey: If all the PDA in the room is making you uncomfortable, tell him that directly. Remind him that it's your room, too, and you deserve to feel comfortable. If this is a recurrent problem, remind your roommate to ask permission before having overnight guests. Explain you'll do the same for him.

Sharma: If it's in the middle of the night, and you're trying to sleep, ask them to be quieter or ask them to find somewhere else to go.

THE MESSY FLATMATE

After a year in the dorms, you and your roomie move into an on-campus apartment. But the extra space has brought out the slob in her. Her unwashed dishes are piling up, and you fear they will attract critters soon.

Ali: A very standard rule is that all of the shared spaces in the apartment are to remain clean. Create a task list and schedule a rotation between roommates. If critters decide to live with you because of your roommate's messiness, it is appropriate for you to ask her to pay for them to be exterminated.

Frey: Tell her as you see it — the apartment is a mess. Chances are she's already aware of it and probably feels somewhat guilty. If she won't clean up on her own and needs more prompting, set a cleaning date. Consult both your schedules and find a day of the week or month when you're both free to clean.

Sharma: This happened to me. My roommate didn't wash his dishes before Thanksgiving break, and we came back

to hundreds of baby flies everywhere. We had to buy a ton of fly swatters to get rid of them. We were direct and told him it was disgusting and that he needed to get his cleaning done. It worked.

And if your dorm mate brought too much stuff from home and it begins to creep into your space?

Sharma: I would just tell him to find a place to put his own stuff, because I'm entitled to my own space.

Frey: If her stuff somehow ends up in areas that are clearly yours, just put it back on her side of the room, let her know where you found the item, and ask her not to leave it there again.

A DIFFERENT LIFESTYLE

You begin your first roommate experience at college and realize that your roommate is gay. You are somewhat concerned, as you do not know any gay people and the thought of sharing a living space is somewhat uncomfortable.

Sharma: Treat your roommate as you would treat anyone else: With respect. If they hit on you and that makes you uncomfortable, just address it like you would anyone else who hits on you by saying, "I'm living with you for the whole year and think this is inappropriate. Please stop."

Frey: Realize that your roommate's sexual orientation doesn't change anything about the roommate situation. Once you get to know your roommate, you'll find that their sexual orientation is only one part of their identity, and their other character

traits are what will largely determine whether or not you two are good roommates. As in any roommate relationship, the most important thing is mutual respect. If you're really uncomfortable, seek resources and educate yourself. If you treat your roommate awkwardly or strangely, she'll probably feel hurt and respond in the same way.

Ali: Open your mind. Get over yourself. If you want to go to college, there is no way around it. You are going to meet people with different lifestyles. Don't expect a move, either. If you immediately demand to be moved from your room to a different room because of not agreeing with someone else's lifestyle, it will not happen. Most universities stand by their non-discriminatory values and mission and work to create an open and welcoming educational community.

THE COUCH CONFLICT

Three roommates pool their money to buy a new couch for the apartment. When they disband at the end of the school year, who gets the couch?

Ali: If one roommate is attached to the couch, then they should consider purchasing the couch from the remaining roommates. However, the roommate that is purchasing the couch shouldn't expect to get the full amount that was originally paid, as the couch has now devalued from the original cost.

Frey: A lot of people don't want their stuff at the end of the year so they decide to give it away to Goodwill or leave

it on the street for someone to claim.

Sharma: Sell it and split the money three ways. Or if you're going to live together again next year, put it in storage until then.

A POT PROBLEM

Midway through the semester, you realize that your roommate smokes marijuana and he likes to do it in your room. What should you do?

Sharma: Tell him or her, "If you want to drink or smoke, do it off campus."

Frey: Before you report your roommate, see if you can talk things out. Tell him you don't want him to smoke in the room anymore and explain that you have a right to a smoke-free environment, and chances are your university has a no-drug policy. Let him know that if you catch him smoking in the room again, you're going to have to report him.

Ali: As popular as marijuana is, it is still illegal, and if you do not want to jeopardize your housing and educational endeavors, then it is important that you immediately remove yourself from the situation. You may want to consider speaking with your roommate and asking him to not smoke in your room to ensure that you are not involved in any policy violations that will result in the university pursuing judicial sanctions against you. If that fails, contact campus police or a housing staff member to document the situation.



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that attract students and do not attract students... We have been losing enrollment over the last several years so the university needs to determine why and how that can be improved," he said.

Roberts also said that he hopes to act as a liaison between the university and Youngstown residents.

"The Board of Trustees are essentially the citizen representatives for the University. We connect the people who work there and the students who go there to the thinking of the community in which they are operating," Roberts said.

Roberts explained that the ultimate goal of the Board of Trustees is to better YSU's students.

"As long as we can keep the focus on how best to strengthen the future success of the students that we're teaching, everything should come out okay," he said.

Fellow board members Carole Weimer and Harry Meshel expressed confidence in Roberts's abilities.

"He's a wonderful addition to the board," Weimer said. "He has a lot of years of experience in education. Legal experience, obviously, is always most helpful as a board member, but he has also been very involved with Youngstown City Schools in a legal capacity for a number of years... We thank the governor for making a thoughtful and excellent choice for the board of trustees."

Meshel agreed with Weimer. "Ted has had an extraordinary legal career and married into a fine family. He's a great admission.... He's one we can all be very proud of having with us," Meshel said.

As a trustee, Roberts will be able to vote on all Board issues, including personnel, curriculum and business decisions.

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state funding appropriations and enrollment levels, any positive shift [in the financial rating] is significant," McNally said.

Cannon and McNally both agree that the upgrade in YSU's financial rating is an issue that should concern students.

"A student should be concerned about the financial health of the institution to understand the school's ability to finance current and future operations," Cannon said. "A student should be interested to know if the institution can maintain facilities, continue course selection and be able to pay its ongoing operation costs."

McNally added that an increase in the financial rating is "something students and alumni should take pride in."

"Having a strong financial position ensures the long-term viability and success of the University," he said.

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50 years ago, the March on Washington

On Aug. 28, 1963, more than 250,000 people gathered on the National Mall in Washington, D.C., for the March on Washington for Jobs and Freedom, the largest rally for civil rights in U.S. history. After a summer of rising racial tensions in the south, civil rights leaders united with common purpose. Participants arrived on buses, trains, planes from around the country. Their demands: comprehensive civil rights legislation, desegregation of schools, job training for black Americans.

Timeline of events

May 1963

Civil rights protests and violent backlash flares in cities such as Birmingham, Ala.

June 11

Southern Christian Leadership Conference leaders call for demonstrations in Washington; activist Medgar Evers is assassinated

July 2

Officials in administration of President John F. Kennedy insist that demonstrators arrive on a weekday morning and depart the capital the same evening

Aug. 24

Chartered buses depart from the West Coast for Washington

Aug. 28

More than 2,000 buses converge on the city, and 21 trainloads of demonstrators



March leaders

1. **Mathew Ahmann**
Executive director, National Catholic Conference for Interracial Justice
2. **Cleveland Robinson**
Chairman of Demonstration Committee
3. **Rabbi Joachim Prinz**
President, American Jewish Congress
4. **A. Philip Randolph**
Organizer of the demonstration, veteran labor leader
5. **Joseph Rauh, Jr**
Washington lawyer, activist
6. **John Lewis**
Chairman, Student Nonviolent Coordinating Committee, later a U.S. representative from Georgia
7. **Floyd McKissick**
Chairman, Congress of Racial Equality

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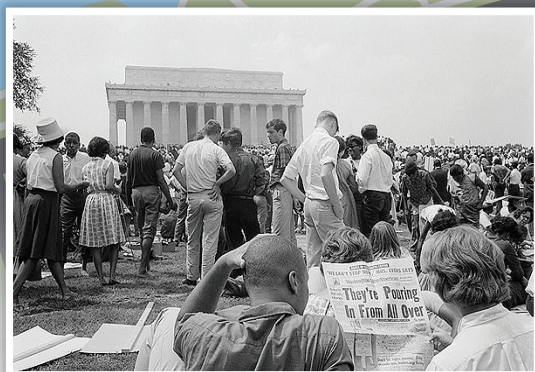
- James Farmer**
Conference of Racial Equality
- Rev. Martin Luther King Jr.**
Southern Christian Leadership Conference (pictured below)
- Roy Wilkins**
National Association for the Advancement of Colored People
- Whitney Young Jr.**
National Urban League



- Marchers gathered in front of U.S. Capitol, walked west on Mall
- They began before the leaders planned to; leaders had to catch up

Tremendous crowd

Attendees stretched from Lincoln Memorial to Washington Monument; buses parked north and south of the Mall; celebrities such as Joan Baez, Bob Dylan, Charlton Heston, Sidney Poitier attended



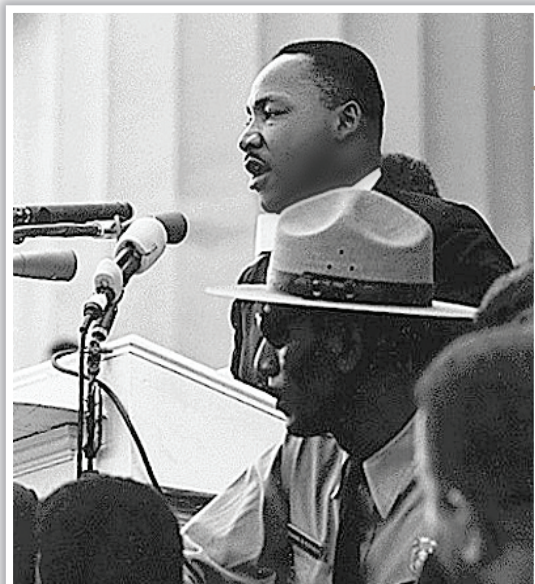
Throng gathers at Lincoln Memorial

African Americans and whites on the grounds of the memorial; local newspapers chronicle the event



Peaceful demonstrations

Procession of African Americans carries signs calling for equal rights, integrated schools, decent housing, an end to bias



King's soaring speech electrifies

"I have a dream that one day this nation will rise up and live out the true meaning of its creed... I have a dream that my four little children will one day live in a nation where they will not be judged by the color of their skin but by the content of their character. I have a dream today!"

Attendees traveled from across the country

On Aug. 24, chartered buses from the West Coast begin the long cross-country journey

Avon Rollins Sr. flew from Chicago to attend; in 2008, Rollins wrote: "Forty-five years later, I still ask, 'America, are you really America to me?'"



On Aug. 27, A crowd gathers in Birmingham, Ala., to squeeze aboard six chartered buses; hundreds are left behind for lack of funds

"Freedom Special" train, 22 cars long, leaves Florida, rolls up East Coast, picking up marchers

Danny Schechter rode a bus from Baltimore; in 2003, he wrote: "40 years on, I am still thinking about how those days changed our world, at least in part"

Anniversary observances

- Aug. 21** Worship service, Mt. Airy Baptist Church, Washington, D.C.
- Aug. 23** Commemorative concert, Washington Convention Center
- Aug. 24** Realize the Dream march and rally, Lincoln Memorial
- Aug. 28** Let Freedom Ring; closing ceremony with speeches by presidents Jimmy Carter, Bill Clinton, Barack Obama



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2013-14 Welcome Week activities

On Aug. 17, Youngstown State University began its semi-annual weeklong celebration of its students returning to campus. Events will run until Tuesday, Aug. 27 and include games, contests, cookouts, and events hosted by both the university and student organizations.



NEWS BRIEFS

YSU Community Diversity Program Series

The YSU Diversity Council will be presenting a program series focused on promoting awareness of diversity in society through its Community Diversity Committee. Sponsored by the YSU Office of Diversity and Multicultural Affairs, the series will feature events and activities that are free and open to the public. The series will continue until the middle of April.

Dana School of Music presents "Meet the YSU Marching Pride"

On Aug. 24, the public will get a preseason glimpse of what is to come from YSU's marching band during a free performance at Stambaugh Stadium. Presented by the Dana School of Music, "Meet the YSU Marching Pride" will begin at 7:30 p.m. and donations will be accepted at the door.

NEWS BRIEFS

Hispanic Heritage Celebration announced for September

Youngstown State University's Office of Diversity and Multicultural Affairs and the Hispanic Heritage Planning Committee will kick off the 2013 Hispanic Heritage Celebration with an opening ceremony at the Mahoning County Courthouse on Thursday, Sept. 12. Estrellas Latinas Brillando — Latino Stars Shining Under One Sky — will have several events and seminars throughout the fall semester and will conclude on Nov. 1 with the OCCHA's 41st Annual Gala at the Georgetown Banquet Hall in Boardman. For more information on the celebration, contact YSU's Office of Diversity and Multicultural Affairs at x3370.



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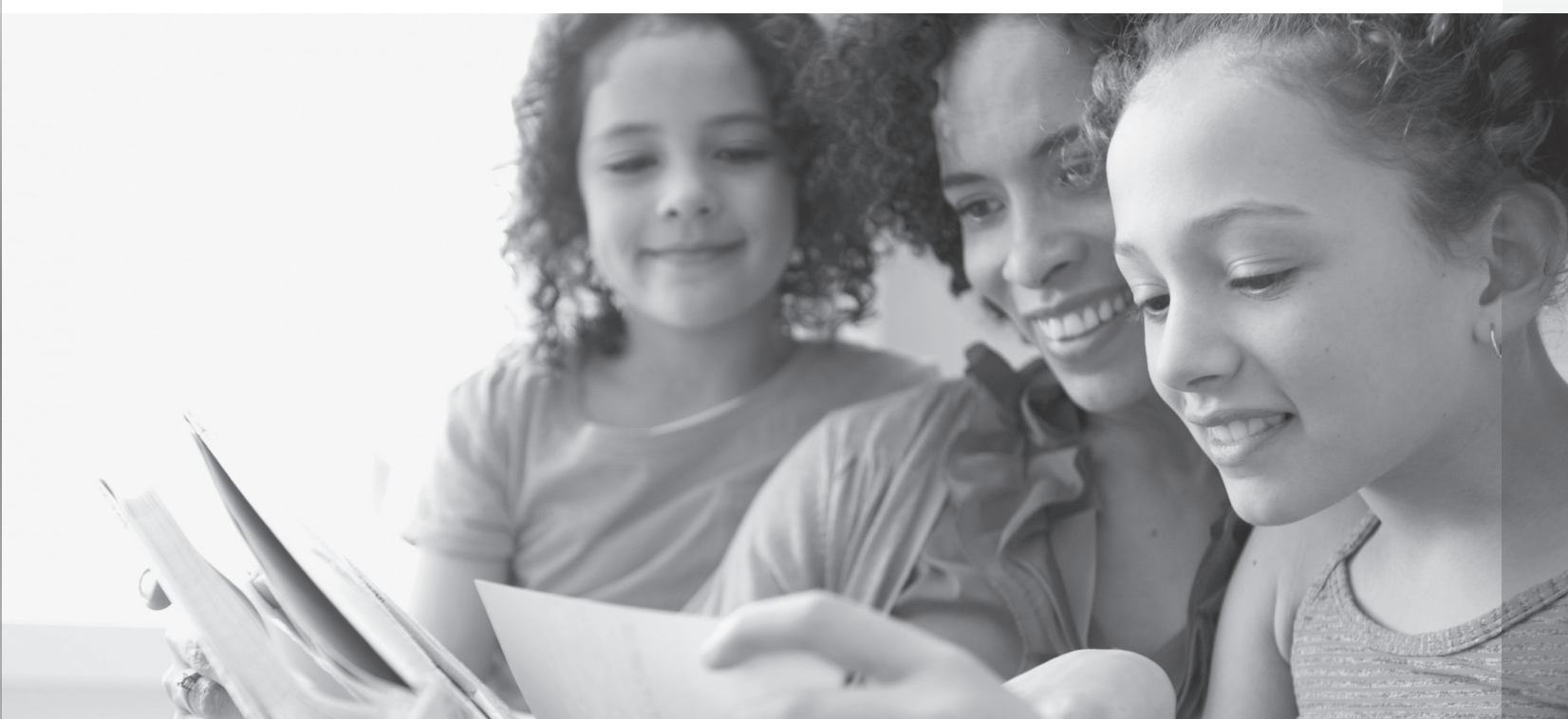
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MEET CHET COOPER



Dr. Chet Cooper, an associate professor of biology, runs his laboratory in Ward Beecher Hall. Cooper is also the NCAA Faculty Athletics Representative for the University. Photo by Josh Medore/ The Jambar.

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Chester Cooper, a professor in the Youngstown State University Biological Science Department, has had a long and colorful college experience, both as a professor and during his years as a student. Cooper obtained his undergraduate degree from the University of Pittsburgh at Johnstown in Richland Township, a suburban area of Johnstown, Pennsylvania.

"I started out like most biology majors — wanted to be pre-med," Cooper said. "Then I realized I did not like that part, I liked the science part." At one time, Johnstown campus was rated one of the top ten party schools in the United States. "So you can imagine what the weekends were like," Cooper said. Cooper was a resident assistant for his large campus dorm that housed about 200 students. He became the dorms director once he was a senior and gained the

power to approve parties that would take place in the dorm. "The student council came to me and said they wanted to throw a campus party. The council made a great deal with one of the local beer distributors and wanted to get my permission to throw this party," Cooper said. "The deal was they could buy 30 kegs of beer and the distributor will throw in 50 cases of Heineken for a specific price." Cooper approved the party if he could keep half of the cases of Heineken.

"I had this little apartment in the dorm. I stashed all 25 cases in my bedroom. So I had enough Heineken to last me my senior year," he said. "Eventually, I heard about it from my boss. He wasn't too happy. He wanted to know how I could approve something like this, and I told him that how could I pass it up when there is 25 cases of Heineken involved." After graduation, Cooper decided to further his career at the University of Texas at Austin where he obtained a master's degree in microbiology.

"I chose Texas because when I was doing undergraduate research with somebody at Pitt-Johnstown, I was studying a certain group of fungi and he knew of a professor in Texas that had a lab that worked with the same sorts of organisms," said Cooper. Cooper went on to get his Ph.D. in microbiology at the university and went out into the world to seek his fortune. "When I graduated with my PhD I had a couple of options, but I ended up in Albany, New York. I worked for the

New York State Department of health; there I ran a clinical laboratory of diagnosis of fungal infections," said Cooper. Cooper enjoyed his job but described Albany as an "old dilapidated city full of politics." "I used to say Albany was not hell, but you could see the gates from there," he said. Cooper stayed in Albany for four years and then was recruited by a scientist to go to Case Western Reserve University. Cooper was later involved with the University of Texas Medical Branch at Galveston in Texas. After seven years, Cooper left when the university fell into a deficit. "My boss came to me and explained how I would be laid off in a year due to some excessive spending budget from previous administration, so I started looking for a job, and I couldn't believe this was happening," Cooper said. Cooper then saw a posting for a job position at YSU. "I came to Youngstown for the interview and he gave me an attentive offer and I was just waiting for the actual offer," he said. Once Cooper got back from Youngstown, his chair from UTMB, Dave, extended his lay off from a year to a year and half. "Dave said the budget situation is getting better and I would like to be extended you lay off. And I looked at him and said, 'Gee, Dave, that's really swell of you, but if you don't extend my offer anymore, then the jobs I am looking at now isn't going to be available then,'" Cooper said. The next day, Cooper had a contract from the UTMB waiting under his door. But once he received the letter from YSU, Cooper said good-bye to Texas and hello to Youngstown. "[That's] how I became a professor at Youngstown State University," said Cooper.

A PENGUIN'S SONG HEARD AROUND THE GLOBE

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On July 30, Youngstown State University senior Candace "Candy" Campana, a country-pop singer, released a ten-track album, "Sweet," to iTunes and Amazon. Hailing from Birmingham, Alabama, the aspiring singer/songwriter was signed to Soul1st Records and Entertainment in 2009. She said that after many years of prepping, recording and hard work, she is ecstatic for the CD to be available to the public. Campana said she began to take an interest in singing when she was only 3 years old. She said by the third grade, she had decided that her life would forever be devoted to the creation

of music. At 11 years old, Campana was in the recording studios, determined to make her dream of being a singer a reality. "You will get 2,000 'no's' before you can get just one 'yes,'" she said. In 2009, Campana got the call that would forever change her life. "This one 'yes' was my big break," she said. Campana said she knew this was the work of all her determination and a dash of fate. "I thanked God for this opportunity. This all just fell into my lap. It was a hard struggle, but it was well worth it," she said. Campana said she had contacted many labels over the years in the hopes of being a signed recording artist. When she called Soul1st Records,

she was asked to sing for them over the phone. After she finished "Ben" by Michael Jackson, they asked her to agree to a record deal over the phone. Within the next week, the paper contract was in her mailbox. Diane Campana, Candy Campana's mother, said her daughter is motivated and driven to do what she loves. "If anyone could do this, it would be Candy. She never gives up, no matter how many 'no's' she receives," she said. Besides being a dedicated musician, Candy Campana is also an avid student, performer, horse trainer and dancer. She graduated as valedictorian from Struthers High School, and has kept straight A's and been on the Dean's List all of her semesters at YSU. Campana is also pursuing a bachelor's degree in general studies, with

a focus on marketing and entrepreneurship. Kyla Davis, a close friend, said Candy Campana is smart, devoted, and peppy. "Candy is unbelievable," Davis said, "She has been working so hard at this and it is wonderful to see her achievements be fully recognized." Kyla states, "Candy is able to juggle earning straight A's, attending rodeos and horse shows all while pursuing her music. It's unbelievable." Another one of Candace Campana's biggest fans includes her father, Anthony Campana. "She will sing for anyone — three people or three thousand, the National Anthem at high schools, at Scrappers games, at Quicken Loans arena — anywhere people want to hear her, she wants to be heard," he said.



Senior, Candy Campana, poses for the cover of her premiere album, "Sweet". Photo courtesy of Diane Campana.

YOUNG CITY

BY PARIS CHRISOPOULOS



EDITORIAL

We believe in Randy Dunn

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Youngstown State University's new president, Randy Dunn, delivered his first State of the University Address on Monday morning. Dunn focused on his three E's: enrollment — YSU is looking to attract students; engagement — the university is expanding its partnerships with local businesses; and excellence — YSU can boast of past achievements and look forward to future successes. His first major speech as president

started out glumly. "Over the next eighteen months to two years, we have to stabilize our revenue stream," Dunn said. "For this year alone, the one just completed — fiscal year 13 — we are looking at about 1.9 million dollars in deficit." He also explained that each one percent drop in enrollment equals about a \$1 million loss in revenue. YSU's low graduation rates, which are becoming increasingly tied to state funding, are also not helping the situation. But Dunn eventually turned the tone of his speech around and sold

his vision of YSU's future to the YSU community. "People want to be associated with a winner. And we can show that we are a winner. We have a thousand ways we can show it. And we are going to show it," Dunn said. Dunn also emphasized blossoming relationships with community institutions like the Youngstown Business Incubator, which was named the 11th best university affiliated incubator in the world in July. As Gotham's moral savior, Harvey Dent once proclaimed, "The night is darkest just before the dawn."

The future of YSU is certainly a bright one. With the College of Science, Technology, Engineering and Mathematics receiving a \$440 million donation from Siemens, the Beeghly College of Education being named one of the top 40 schools for teacher education and YSU's fiscal rating on the upswing, there is certainly a lot to be excited about in the coming years. But for now, there are problems to deal with. Dropping enrollment, declining funds and making YSU attractive to students — not just from the Mahoning Valley or Ohio, but from

across the nation — are all things that are holding this university back from its maximum potential. Randy Dunn seems excited to take on these challenges to make YSU a better university, and right now, it's all talk. But he's been in charge for just over a month. He needs time to make good on his promises and visions. Things will not get better overnight. We won't wake up one day and see our school on the same level as Ohio State. It just won't happen. But, for the time being and until he shows us reason to believe otherwise, we believe in Randy Dunn.



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I have a confession...

I have a confession. Take a look at my mugshot above. It's the same photo I have as my Facebook profile picture, and it's the same one that sits at the top of my twitter. I have an online journalism portfolio, and it's the sole photo of me on that, too. Lovely. Take a second look. It gets better, doesn't it? The jaw line. The honest, friendly gaze. The perfect amount of facial hair. Look at the laissez-faire hair. Look at it. Perfect. I offer this confession not to seek forgiveness, but rather to appeal to your understanding. My confession is this: First-

ly, the man in the photograph does not exist. The man in the photograph above is me, sure, but I certainly don't look like this guy. At a push, I look like this guy's older brother. Weathered. Tired. Softer around the edges. Secondly—and this one is a little hard to admit—I took 600 selfies to get this shot. Six hundred. I know. It's a lot. Objectively, it's an abnormally large amount of images to take of one's self. Somewhere on my laptop, buried deep and heavily guarded by a complex 12-digit password, sits the file that contains the shots I didn't use. It's just killing my laptop's performance. But I maintain, despite suggestions from family and friends to the contrary, that taking 600 selfies in minutely different poses was not an act of vanity. Rather it was an act of long-term professional planning. Growing up pre-interwebs, I never had to worry about photographs of me being the

first impression that a prospective employer would see. I've managed to coast by without my online presence demanding anything more than a blurry millennial cellphone picture to plug the holes on my social media pages. That all changed when something I wrote was picked up by a magazine. Part of the contract stipulated that they required an author photograph. That's when I panicked. I paid someone to take some photos. A mall professional. But when I told her what it was for, she had me do all these weird poses that resembled low-rent reproductions of Rodin's "The Thinker." I was contorted into ridiculous positions. When I looked at the photos afterwards, I realized that I looked as preposterous as I'd felt whilst she was taking them. I couldn't send any of those in, no way. I pictured the magazine's editors all crowded around a monitor, laughing at the faux-intellectual posturing, choking on their espressos over the grotesque parody of my au-

thor photo shoot. So I did it myself. I set up my camera to take rapid-fire shots, and I took some selfies — 600 of them. Among the mire of gurning, twisted expressions and half-closed eyes, I found this diamond in the rough. I held my breath for a beat as it came up on the screen. Who was this man before me? The man I could have been? Obviously, I chose that photo because I wanted to look good. I wanted to look good because I wanted to be taken seriously. I knew that the proper grownups—the ones with the jobs editing and publishing the magazines I want to work for one day—would make a snap decision based on this photograph. Or, at least, that's how I imagined it worked, and that's essentially the same thing. It's a little dishonest, really. In the same way you seniors are unashamedly padding your resumes to get your foot in employers' doors (you're not fooling anyone with "coordinated multi-person street teams to

promote on campus events," and "dynamic approach to experience dealing with customers in a busy environment," by the way), I too was being selective with my truth. I'd fluked a freelance gig and if I didn't package it just right the professionals would see right through that little charade. By taking so many selfies, I'd essentially saved myself from that fate by exploiting the law of averages. So anyway. That's me, up there. Lee James Murray, aged 32, journalism student, and your newly appointed *Jambar* columnist. The picture tells a fib. A white lie, and I hope you forgive me for that. But if you meet me in person, or you read this column from now on, I promise you this: I may not be what you expected, and I may not be what is expected, but this time I'll be honest about it. I'm still using that photo for the column, though. I mean, look at it.

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Houston, we have a problem: Spam

Kevin Horigan
St. Louis Post-Dispatch (MCT)

Somewhere in this favored land today, perhaps in college or high school or even grade school, are young people who one day will become the first American astronauts to travel to Mars. They'd better like Spam. In a stunning tribute to scientific research and \$1 million of NASA's money, six research scientists emerged after 118 days in a fake Mars mission space cocoon on the slopes of a Hawaiian volcano on Tuesday with the news that if you're going to boldly go where no man has gone before, you should absolutely bring along a lot of Spam. Yes, Spam, that canned meat product first produced by Hormel Foods in 1937, the one that got Allied forces and the homefront through World War II, that became immortalized by a Viking choir in a Monty Python sketch in 1970 ("Spam! Spam! Spam! Spam! Lovely Spam! Wonderful Spam!") which somehow led to its name being adopted for unwanted email. That Spam.

You won't be able to go to Mars without it. Well, you could, but one finding of the four-month first phase of the Hawaii Space Exploration Analog and Simulation (HI-SEAS) project is that Spam will be vital to your health. This vital scientific study was designed to test what kind of meals astronauts could eat without getting bored, sick or otherwise bummed out because the food was so lousy. A recipe contest was held, entries being limited to the sorts of food a spacecraft could carry without refrigeration. Among the winners: the Spam 'n Egg baowich breakfast, Bean Soup with Spam and Biscuits, Spam Fried Rice and Spam Sushi. Houston, we have a problem. Admittedly, I am way past the age where I need to worry about being selected as a Mars astronaut, to say nothing of my lack of physical conditioning, scientific knowledge, courage or the slightest interest in such a career. The Spam thing would be the least of my disqualifiers. But apparently lots of people have all of these qualities. More than 700 of them applied for the six slots on the HI-SEAS fake-trip-to-Mars experiment on Hawaii's Mauna Loa. Each one of them got a little cubicle to sleep in. Other than that, there was no privacy and very little to do inside the bubble they called home. There were three men and three women, but we don't want to go there. This was about science. And recipes. And personal hygiene. It's the little things that count. NASA currently has only speculative plans and very little money for an actual Mars mission. Nobody has any idea what it would cost. But in an era of defi-

cit fever where even food stamps are subject to congressional budget impasse, it's not even worth arguing about. Nevertheless ... science marches on. With current technology, a trip to Mars would take about eight months. Figure on staying there 14 months or so while the Earth and Mars come close enough for a return trip. Then there's another eight months home. This will require a lot of Spam, a lot of water (figure on a Navy shower every two days) and other foodstuffs, some changes of clothing (no Laundromats in space) and other logistical issues. But, just in case, NASA made two grants, totaling \$2.2 million, to Cornell University and the University of Hawaii for the HI-SEAS studies to study some of these things. Some people might regard this as a tad premature, developing menus when you don't have a spaceship, but science will not be deterred. You can't do much cooking in the zero-gravity trip to and from Mars, so the astronauts will mostly eat prepared foods. While they're on the surface of Mars, though, it'll be time to break out the recipes — and not just for yucks. The HI-SEAS Website explains: "(H)umans eating a restricted diet over a period of months ultimately experience 'menu fatigue,' also known as food monotony. They tire of eating even foods they normally enjoy, and their overall food intake declines, putting them at risk for nutritional deficiency, loss of bone and muscle mass, and reduced physical capabilities. Moreover, all foods decline in nutritional and eating quality over time, and only a few of the many available astronaut foods have the 3- to 5-year shelf life required of foods for a Mars mission." On "Star Trek," the answer to feeding the crew was "food synthesizers," and later "food replicators," which seemed to work just fine, although it's possible the writers could have just been making stuff up. It happens. But in May, NASA — which seems to be worrying quite a bit about the food problem — awarded a \$125,000 grant to a Texas man who says he can build a 3-D food printer. The device will use cartridges full of shelf-stable powders and oils to print pizzas. Spam pizza probably, washed down with Tang.

TIP OF THE MONTH

OFFICER WINBUSH

Hello everyone, Officer Winbush here with Safety Tips. I know this is a very hectic time for you, and if you're a new student it can be a little overwhelming. So take a deep breath, blow it out, and remember: soon you'll be a pro at knowing where things are on campus. I just want you to keep a few things in the back of your mind. Theft is a crime of opportunity — meaning if you make it easy for someone to take your stuff, then there is a good chance your belongings will be stolen. So keep your room door shut and locked when you're away from your living space. Don't set your phone, wallet, or purse down then walk away — not even for a moment. Take a little time to log serial numbers and photograph your valuables. Finally, Keep your eyes and ears open, and trust your instincts. We are all Penguins; let's look out for each other. Until next time, have a great month!

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Attitude Era

Volleyball team ready for new challenge



Freshman defensive specialist Dana Borsz bumps the ball during practice on August 9. The Penguins are looking to improve on last season's 15-14 record. Photo by Dustin Livesay/The Jambar.

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They never had a chance. Everybody was better than them. Every time they stepped on the court, they knew they would lose. This was how the Youngstown State University volleyball team felt two and three years ago.

"Coming into our freshman year and being new with a not-so-good record, we were coming into games thinking 'Well, we're probably going to lose again,'" senior Missy Hundelt said.

The Penguins compiled seven wins from 2010 - 2011 in 58 games, which is a .137 winning percentage. Then the tides abruptly turned when coach Mark Hardaway took the helm last year.

"We kind of had to re-learn how to win, and we just started winning," Hundelt said. "We finally realized that

we've been good all along and tried to put it into use."

The Penguins finished 15-14 overall, the program's best record in 13 years, and 5-9 in the conference. YSU also participated in the Horizon League Tournament for the first time since 2008.

YSU lost its first two games last year before winning eight straight, setting the mark for bigger things to come.

"I don't think people believe me, but I was very fortunate what I inherited here," Hardaway said. "I just know that when we came in and looked really hard at what we had, I know our first team meeting I told them 'We're going to have a winning record, and we're going to make the conference tournament.'

"And I don't think they believed me from top to bottom, but enough believed me, and the rest were willing to work

hard that we were able to do it."

One thing Hardaway changed was the attitude. He, along with the coaching staff, showed the Penguins what it's like to have fun and enjoy their surroundings.

"The first two years were rough, but ever since Mark came in it has completely changed," senior Nichele Johnson said. "You can just tell we're so much happier with the outcome of everything."

When Hardaway inherited the Penguins last year, he got a young group that graduated one senior. He has seven seniors this year, which puts more pressure on the second-year coach.

"I think it's a pivotal year just because we have seven seniors," Hardaway said. "When you have that many seniors, that's always the year when you can have higher expectations."

The Penguins begin the 2013 season at the Chanticleer Invitational, playing one game on Aug. 30 and two on Aug. 31. The Penguins host the YSU Invitational beginning on Sept. 6 and will compete in two more tournaments before league play begins.

"Our lineup hasn't changed. We had the same girls playing since I've been here," senior Erika West said. "Before we were playing not to lose instead of playing to win. Going into this pre-season, you can tell the difference in the attitude in the gym. We know we have a really good chance of winning a ring. All of us, the seven seniors, we all stayed and worked so hard. Preseason showed that we're ready. We want to go out and do something to change YSU history."

•• Five for Five

YSU soccer coach Will Lemke



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Fifth year head coach Will Lemke spoke after Youngstown State University's 2-1 exhibition victory over Duquesne University on Aug. 12 and previewed the upcoming season. The Penguins finished 8-9 last season (3-4 in the conference) and reached the Horizon League Tournament.



Last year you finished with the most wins in school history and the highest finish in school history (fourth in the Horizon League). Coming into this season, where would you say the expectation level is?



Well, last year we beat the one, three, five and seventh teams. Unfortunately, because of an ineligible player, we had to forfeit a victory, and we would have finished third. We showed that we could beat every team in our conference. Coming off of it and only graduating one starter, our expectation is to win a championship.



From the stats I saw, you finished in the top half of the Horizon League in points, goals and assists. Going into this season, do you expect it to be the same offensively and are you working on defensive principles?



We were pretty balanced last year on the defensive side and offensive side, but the big thing was consistency. We would have a letdown defensively and give up a goal. We would be pushing a team around all over the field and not get that goal we needed. We're working on consistency on both sides of the ball. The true question is the midfield. With Tyesha Kizer, who was really coming around last year at center mid, she hurt her ACL. We're kind of having a feel out to have someone take that position. That's going to be the big key.



Chelsey Haney, I saw last year that she finished in the top half of the Horizon League stats in goals and points. Being a junior, do you look for her to be more of a leader or maybe the leader?



Yeah, Chelsey spent the summer playing in Fredericksburg and really seen a lot of international and professional-type players. She's got a little bit of a tweak with her leg right now with her hammy coming into it. But last year she was a force. Again, it was consistency. There'd be times where she was dominating but wasn't getting that finish. Now she really seems to be poised to really make her mark on the league. It's just a matter of Chelsey getting healthy. I think she'll be even more of a consistent threat this year.



I saw Milwaukee is the defending champion. Is Milwaukee the team to beat this year?



Detroit and Milwaukee tied last year for the conference championship. Detroit returns more starters, so I think they'll be the tops of their heat. Milwaukee's kind of a wild card. They'll obviously be tough because of their pedigree, but I really think Detroit's poised to be on top of the heat.



How do you feel about Oakland joining the Horizon League?



Oakland's a super X factor. They play very similar to Loyola who departed. They flood the midfield. They're usually all over when they play the high pressure like Loyola did, and they had crazy results last year. They made a mini run in the NCAA tournament, so they're tough. They have a coaching change. They have players that left, so they are a big wild card. They can be really good, but they are a big unknown right now.

Stop; Berassa time.

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When senior receiver Jelani Berassa scores a touchdown for the Youngstown State University Penguins, he makes sure he ends it properly.

It's also how he got his nickname. "My nickname would be Mr. Hammer-time because every time I make a big play, I do a dance called 'The Hammer-time,' and the whole team does it with me," Berassa said.

Head coach Eric Wolford has a different nickname.

"He has some swag, so I call him Goat's Milk because of his beard," Wolford joked.

Berassa will look to throw the hammer down a few more times this season while recovering from a torn anterior cruciate ligament, causing him to miss the entire 2012 season. He also missed 2010 with the same injury.

"He isn't completely 100 percent yet, but it's good having his leadership and character back," Wolford said. "I expect him to be a big time player for us."

Berassa has had problems with his ACL beginning at Miami Killian High School in Florida. While at Miami Killian, Berassa was an Honorable-mention All-Dade County 6A-4A selection as

a wide receiver by the Miami Herald.

Coming out of high school, Berassa didn't have many options.

"I didn't have too many schools looking at me coming out because in 11th grade, I tore my ACL for the first time," Berassa said. "It was basically Youngstown and Central Michigan."

The main reason that Berassa picked YSU over Central Michigan is the competitive level.

"This is big-time football here. We play to win championships while they play in the MAC just trying to get a bowl game," Berassa said.

In his 21 games in two seasons at YSU, Berassa has compiled 41 receptions for 600 yards and eight touchdowns while averaging 14.6 yards per reception.

During those times, Berassa wore number six. Berassa changed to number eight as part of his superstition.

"I wanted to get away from the number six jersey, get a new beginning," he said. "Also, I wanted number eight when I came here and it was unavailable."

New YSU receivers coach Kurt Beathard believes that Berassa leads the best class of receivers he's ever had.

"This is the best crop of guys I've had," he said. "They are better as a whole than the guys I had at Illinois, and Jelani's talents and leadership are a big part of it."

Without Berassa last year, the Penguins finished 7-4 overall and 4-4 in the



BERASSA

Missouri Valley Football Conference. Berassa said he is ready to make an immediate impact when the Penguins open the season on Aug. 29 against the University of Dayton.

"I want to express how hard it is to get through these injuries," he said. "I'm not going to quit on [my team]. It's hard, but never quit. I do it for my team and my family. I love it all."

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