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There's a new staff at The Jambar. That means there's opportunity for new editors and reporters to improve this student voice. We're excited about the newness of our staff and this new YSU we have the opportunity to cover.

For that reason we say, "This year will have a new twist on things we've done in the past." There will be new Web coverage and different print styles. We'll be trying our hand at cutting-edge journalism and technology. We're hoping that you, the students — our audience — will benefit from it as much as we do.

We are all here to help each other learn and grow, to become better at everything we do and have some fun in the meantime.

Let's all learn what it means to be a Penguin, now and into the bright, undefined future.

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Insisting on our principles

Trudy Rubin

THE PHILADELPHIA INQUIRER

The debate over the "Ground Zero mosque" has evolved into something much bigger than whether a Muslim center should be built two blocks from hallowed ground.

This debate is really about whether Americans still have the self-confidence to stand up for our Constitution's principles or whether we've become so fearful that we're eager to junk them.

I say this although I believe the idea of building a mosque in this place at this time is unwise. And I sympathize with the families of 9/11 victims who are uncomfortable with the prospect (although some of the families support it).

But this issue has been so shamefully exploited by political opportunists and those who believe America is at war with all Muslims that it's becoming a national scandal. It's time we all took a deep breath and considered what's really at stake.

Contrary to the hysteria in the blogosphere, the site would not be a mega-mosque but a community center-cum-prayer space two blocks from Ground Zero. It would not have a minaret.

The imam spearheading the project, Feisal Abdul Rauf, already leads a mosque 12 blocks away. He frequently engages with Jewish and Christian leaders, and writes widely on the compatibility of Islamic thought with Western democracy. The State Department just sent him to tour the Arab emirates and talk about religious tolerance in the United States. And Rauf is a member of the Sufi Muslim sect, which is despised and attacked by radical Islamists for its willingness to draw from other cultures.

That said, some of his statements blaming U.S. foreign policy for inspiring the 9/11 attack are jarring given his desire to lead a mosque near Ground Zero. The same goes for his advocacy of sharia law for American Muslims in personal matters like inheritance and divorce.

And there are legitimate concerns about where he will raise the \$100 million needed to build his center, and whether it will come from Mideast sources.

However, there is zero evidence of any link between Rauf and Islamist terrorism.

So why has the hysteria over this community center risen to a fever pitch?

The answer lies in the willingness of politicians, mainly Republicans, to hype the mosque controversy before elections. Leading the pack, Newt Gingrich says approving the mosque "would be like putting a Nazi sign next to the Holocaust museum." All Muslims are Nazis get it?

New York Republican gubernatorial candidate Carl Paladino has called the proposed community center "a monument to those who attacked our country." All Muslims are terrorists get it?

For Sarah Palin, it's a "knife to the heart" of 9/11 families. Never mind that al-Qaeda wants to broaden America's fight against Islamist terrorist groups into all-out war between the West and Islam. Gingrich and Palin eagerly play into al-Qaeda's hands.

This demagoguery stokes anti-Muslim feelings around the country. Republican pols claim they don't oppose religious freedom. But have any of them stood in solidarity with Muslims in Mufreesboro, Tenn., or Temecula, Calif., or other locales where local Republicans and tea partiers have opposed the building of local mosques? No way. (Democratic Senate Majority Leader Harry Reid, pressed by his Republican opponent, also opposed the mosque, but at least he didn't pile on more anti-Muslim slurs.)

Have these politicians totally lost sight of what America stands for? Given Europe's problems integrating large Muslim communities, I'm always grateful our system has enabled so many Arab and South Asian immigrants to become full citizens. That's one reason we haven't had more terror attacks here.

Yes, there have been some imams who preached hate in U.S. mosques; that's a law enforcement problem. In many more cases, Muslim community leaders help alienated young Muslim immigrants find their way.

Yes, it would have been easier if Rauf had chosen a different locale. He could still defuse fears by being more transparent about funds, more modest in scale, or more willing to consider New York Gov. David Paterson's offer of another site.

But if Rauf chooses to go ahead, he is entitled to do so. President Obama said last week: "Muslims have the same right to practice their religion as anyone else in this country."

And as Mayor Michael Bloomberg eloquently stated: "We do not honor (the 9/11 dead) by denying the very constitutional rights they died protecting." Have we become so fearful that we can't recognize that?

Tear down your altars and lifeless idols



Welcome back my
friends to the show
that never ends

Chris Cotelesse
COLUMNIST

Most of this newspaper is dedicated to facts, the dissemination of information. A small portion is allocated for opinion and conjecture, and a smaller portion still is given entirely to me. Until this space is sold for ads, these inches are all mine.

What do I do with them? It's still a job, so my value is directly proportional to number of readers. I'll have to be interesting and watch my language.

I have suspicions to relate. I suspect that some girls don't wear belts so we have to watch them hike up their gloriously filled jeans. I'm convinced that little side-to-side move they do — or when they run a hand along their curves to smooth an invisible wrinkle — is designed to make me surrender focus.

That may be too sophomoric. I'm technically a junior. I could express outrage over social issues, using an anecdotal approach.

I was walking into Cushwa Hall from Lincoln Avenue. The sun was prominent in the sky but not oppressive. It was the kind of day that makes people dress immodestly. Between the door and myself was a young lady performing the most obscene and lascivious acts on a young gentleman with her eyes.

She didn't just glance as she walked by. Her gaze was fixed for four full steps. I may have imagined it, but I think she bit her lip. The only appropriate action in this enlightened age is to return the favor. With a look I told her my intentions were savagely debauched, but the hypocrite's eyes condemned my behavior through squinted lids. Was hers any less lecherous?

Maybe she was embarrassed that I caught her in the act of lust. Maybe she thought I was unattractive — unlikely, but whatever. What matters is that we have an ethical responsibility to be honest, to overcome rebuke for public appraisal of physical form.

It is not lewd. I will not hang my head. Well, it can sometimes get lewd, but I won't hang my head. From now on, I'm looking. I'm looking good, and I'm looking long.

That's pretty much all I got. I have 26 weeks planned of crude jokes and Star Trek references. I don't think that's going to fly. I won't get hired back next year if I suck. I'll come up with something.

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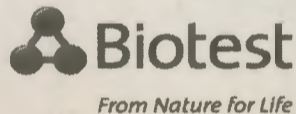
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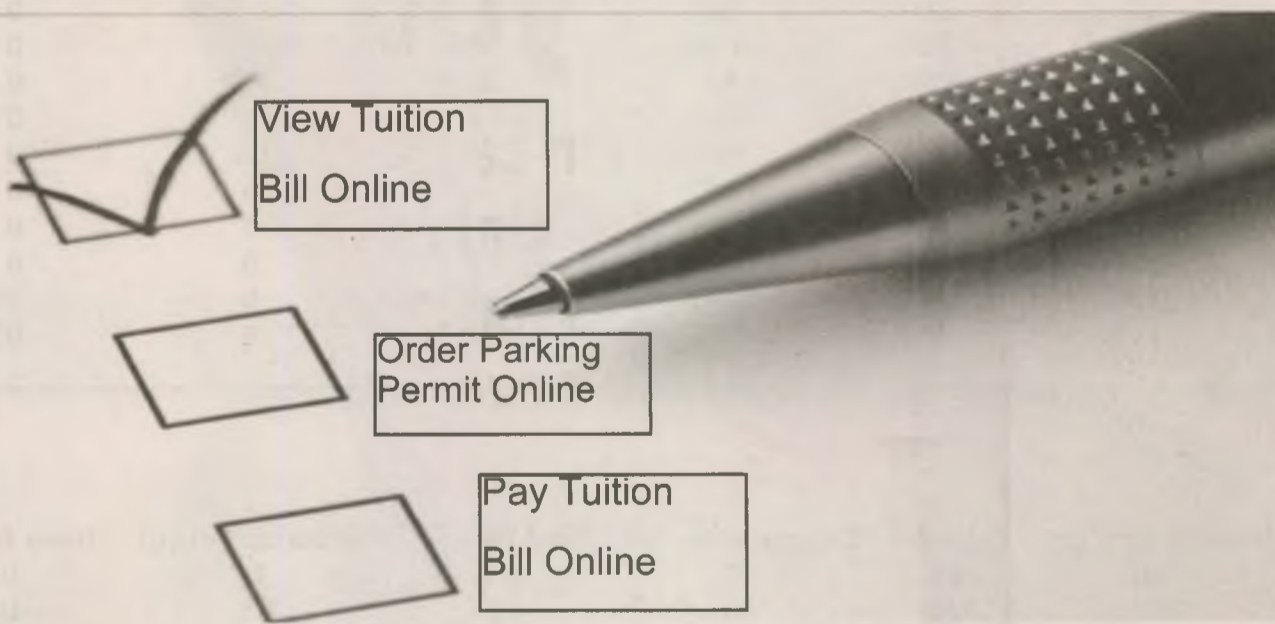


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Investigation into campus death ongoing

Dan Pompili
NEWS EDITOR

A Youngstown State University maintenance worker died Thursday in what is presumed an accident. YSU Police were dispatched to the University Courtyard Apartments where they found David P. Phibbs lying outside apartment buildings 100 and 200.

Phibbs, an employee of Ambling Companies, which maintains the apartments, was changing a light bulb on one of the building's exterior fixtures and was found near his ladder in a landscaped area.

Medics worked for several minutes at the scene, but Phibbs showed no signs of resuscitation and was taken to an emergency room.

While YSU Police have confirmed that Phibbs was electrocuted, the Mahoning County coroner's office has not verified that electrocution was the cause of death. Two YSU electricians investigated the fixture, according to the incident report, but found no defects or any indication that Phibbs' tools had touched a live wire.

Police took into evidence a pair of wire strippers, a 175-watt light bulb, an autotransformer with capacitor and a screwdriver.

According to the report, maintenance workers had covered the eye of the security camera to trigger the external light sensors, turning the lights on so they could determine which ones needed attention. Police believe Phibbs may have been electrocuted at that time. The matter remains under investigation, and the coroner's report will not be released for several weeks.

"Youngstown State University employees and students express our deepest sympathies to Phibbs' family," YSU officials said in a press release.

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Taco Bell

	Serving Size (g)	Calories	Calories from Fat	Total Fat (g)	Saturated Fat (g)	Trans Fat (g)
Cheese Roll-Up	64	200	90	10	5	0
Crispy Potato Soft Taco	106	260	120	13	3	0
Triple Layer Nachos	142	350	160	18	1.5	0
Cinnamon Twists	35	170	60	7	0	0
Crunchy Taco	78	170	90	10	3.5	0
Chicken Burrito	177	440	180	20	5	0
Chicken Soft Taco	99	200	70	8	3	0
Soft Taco - Beef	99	210	80	9	4	0
Bean Burrito	198	370	90	10	3.5	0
Caramel Apple Empanada	85	310	140	15	2.5	0
Beefy 5-Layer Burrito	248	550	190	22	8	0.5

Arby's

	Serving Size (g)	Calories	Calories from Fat	Total Fat (g)	Saturated Fat (g)	Trans Fat (g)
Jr. Deluxe	128	260	110	12	3.5	0
Jr. Roast Beef	87	200	60	7	2.5	0
Jr. Chicken	122	330	150	17	3	0
Jr. Ham and Cheddar Melt	115	200	45	5	1.5	0
Value Curly Fries	77	240	120	13	2	0
Value Homestyle Fries	85	230	90	10	1.5	0
Value Jamocha Shake	284	350	80	9	6	0
Value Vanilla Shake	255	290	80	9	6	0
Value Chocolate Shake	284	360	90	10	6	0
Apple Turnover	110	340	140	15	8	0
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Subway

	Serving Size (g)	Calories	Calories from Fat	Total Fat (g)	Saturated Fat (g)	Trans Fat (g)
6" Ham	218	290	40	4.5	1	0
6" Oven Roasted Chicken	232	320	40	4.5	1.5	0
6' Veggie Deluxe	162	230	20	2.5	0.5	0
6" Cold Cut Combo	245	245	150	16	6	0.5
6" Tuna	245	245	270	30	6	0.5
6" BLT	164	360	120	13	6	0
6" Meatball Marinara	372	580	200	23	9	1
6" Spicy Italian	233	520	250	28	11	0.5

McDonald's

	Serving Size (g)	Calories	Calories from Fat	Total Fat (g)	Saturated Fat (g)	Trans Fat (g)
McDouble	151	390	170	19	8	1
McChicken	143	360	150	16	3	0
Small French Fries	71	230	100	11	1.5	0
Side Salad	87	20	0	0	0	0
Fruit 'n Yogurt Parfait (7 oz)	149	160	20	2	1	0
Hot Fudge Sundae	179	330	90	10	7	0

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Find your superhero

Alicia Patillo
REPORTER

This year, Youngstown State University's Welcome Week will consist of a series of new activities

and old traditions.

With giveaways including an iPad contest; karaoke; a costume party; and an out-of-the-box theme — "Preparing you for an epic adventure; what's your superpower?" — Welcome Week 2010 will likely be "unique this year," said Joy Polkabra-Byers, assistant director of programs and events.

"This year will have a new twist on things we've done in the past," Polkabra-Byers said.

However, Welcome Week will continue to "create awareness of resources on campus, provide opportunities for social engagement, demonstrate to students that college is fun, get students engaged in campus and highlight our traditions on campus," Polkabra-Byers said.

Polkabra-Byers is excited to see some YSU organizations join the Welcome Week festivities for the first time.

"[The YSU College of Science, Technology, Engineering and Mathematics] and Tech Prep will be adding Geek Fest to this year's events, as well as the planetarium," Polkabra-Byers said.

Polkabra-Byers credits her student staff for their work in this process.

"I'm very proud of the students that have been creating this. They have been creative and innovative," Polkabra-Byers said.

Polkabra-Byers said that Campus Recreation marketing intern Ben Dooley, who also serves as Welcome Week committee chairman, has done an "exceptional job" with the project.

Dooley agrees that the committee played a huge part in the direction of the project.

"My committee has been amazing. So many great ideas. That's what made this process so smooth," Dooley said. "Students will enjoy themselves [during Welcome Week], and this year will be more exciting."

Although Welcome Week is filled with fun activities, Dooley hopes the events will also make new and returning students more aware of campus resources and offerings.

"It gives you full access of what's available on campus," Dooley said. "The college experience is always what you make of it, so after Welcome Week it's up to you to take the initiative from then on."

Welcome Week activities will continue until YSU's first home game on Sept. 11.



WHAT SUPERHERO WOULD YOU BE??



"Batman. He is silly."
-Jack Fahey, interim vice president for student affairs



"Superman. You can't beat flying around and having unbelievable strength ..."
-Eric Wolford, head football coach



"Spiderman. It would be awesome."
-Marissa Rea, freshman



"Batman, because he uses a lot of everyday materials to conquer evil."
-Ben Smith, freshman

Meanwhile...

YSU seniors pass wisdom to new freshman class

Jared Buker
FEATURES REPORTER

What a momentous occasion it is when one finally makes the leap from cushy high school life to the treacherous college grind. Parents and teenagers alike are instantly filled with the anxiety of change and the excitement of what could be.

This transition could be daunting for anyone. Youngstown State University students are plagued with expensive books, term papers and

a lack of convenient parking spots. For the incoming freshman class, all of these challenges are about to be dropped into their laps.

Fear not, for the advice of YSU veterans like Joe Rupert can help shine a light on what may seem like a dark and dreary four years.

"Don't procrastinate with anything," said Rupert, who is preparing for graduation in the spring. "It will only make your workload seem heavier."

On the positive side, Rupert mentioned that YSU presents a lot of opportunities to meet new people and gain valuable

communication skills.

What exactly worries YSU's incoming students the most?

In fear of being portrayed as the typical frightened freshman, many students were reluctant to divulge their fears. That said many members of the 2014 class seem to have a general unease about the new environment and the classes they will be taking.

"I just don't know how easy, or mean, or hard my teachers are yet," said Mike Lopez, a freshman anxious for his first year of college. "I'm worried that this new lifestyle isn't for me."

Dana Sidney, who is also entering her first year at YSU, fears she does not know her way around campus.

"I feel like I'm going to get lost every day and miss my classes," she said. "I'm just glad I have classes with my sister and my friends."

Senior Mike Bole echoes the notion of friendship as the best way to get your Penguin feet wet.

"Stick with your friends when college gets tough," he said. "You have to work your schedules out so you can take classes together and have breaks together."

Bole said the start to his college career was easy because of the constant advice and guidance from his older brothers.

"It helps to find someone who knows what they're talking about and ask them for help," he said. "They won't mind because someone probably did the same thing for them."

As a new semester begins and YSU is again buzzing with a new batch of students, remember this sense of community, and don't be afraid to ask your friendly neighborhood senior for a shove in the right direction.



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Take Note

New athletic bands director seeks to improve Marching Pride

Alicia Pattillo
REPORTER

Youngstown State University's Dana School of Music has welcomed Brandt Payne as the new director of athletic bands and as an assistant professor of music.

YSU Director of Bands Stephen Gage recalls Payne standing out as the lead candidate during the search for a new director of athletic bands.

"Payne came very highly recommended, very distinguished from colleagues that I have from all across the U.S.," Gage said. "There were a lot of qualified candidates. However, when the dust cleared, Payne rose to the top."

Payne grew up in central Iowa and attended the University of Iowa where he earned a bachelor's degree in music education. Following his bachelor's degree, Payne pursued a master's degree in music at Arizona State University.

Recently, Payne completed his doctorate in musical arts at ASU. Upon receiving his degree, Payne served as a teaching assistant with ASU's band. Despite being a "competitive environment," Payne recalls his experience as a "great opportunity to work with top-notch wind players."

For three years, Payne was associate director of bands at the University of Hawaii and, for one year, interim associate director of bands at the University of Wyoming.

Gage said he's convinced Payne will serve as a great leader on campus and become an "incredible advocate for the Dana School of Music," based on his relevant experience and background.

"I have watched him interact with students, and I noticed he has the ability to make decisions and he has a student-centered mindset," Gage said. "Dr. Payne is very talented, bright and hardworking and

has a pleasant personality."

Teaching assistant David Blon is pursuing a master's degree in conducting at YSU and will be working alongside Payne.

"He's only been here since July, and the band is already bigger and marching better than last year," Blon said. "I'm excited for the future of the Marching Pride, and I think it will be a great season for the marching band."

Junior Colleen Bundy will be participating in the marching band this year.

"I'm excited so far. I've heard of a lot of good things about him," Bundy said.

Freshman Sarah Gordon said she anticipates the start of marching band.

"I'm so excited. It's my second year, and I'm so excited," Gordon said.

Junior Dustin Roberts said the band this year is a lot bigger than last year's and has high hopes for Payne's leader-



PAYNE

"I feel like you're directly connected to the university. With the visibility, you are a representative of the university, which is nice," Payne said.

Payne said one of his main concerns is figuring out how to adapt to the increase in marching band members. Another goal for Payne and the band is to improve performance.

"One of my big mottos with ensembles is you never arrive, you're on a continual journey but still taking inventory of how far we've come," Payne said.

Payne said he's appreciative of all the support from the YSU family and the community.

"It's great to be here, it's great to be a Penguin ... and not only the people at the university or the Dana School of Music but also people in the community have just been overwhelmingly kind in helping me with the transition," Payne said.

YSU announces fall theater and music acts

Marissa McIntyre
REPORTER

This year, the curtains will open to reveal a new season of diverse performances by the Youngstown State University department of theater and dance.

"Audiences can expect a high-quality performance that we're noted for," said Frank Castronovo, chairman of and professor in the theater and dance department. "This year we've chosen acts that represent different forms and styles of theater."

One such presentation is "Blossoms in Bliss," a "totally original, interactive, cabaret-style musical," Castronovo said.

"It'll be as if the audience is seeing an olden-day-style night show," Castronovo said.

Even though "Blossoms in Bliss" doesn't run until April, faculty and students are preparing early.

"Like the audience, we're not really sure what to expect. How it works out, we'll see," Castronovo said.

One thing that hasn't changed this year is the number of productions.

"As always, we have two productions that the students choose and essentially run everything without faculty interference," Castronovo said.

One of the two productions the students chose this year is "Love Song," a comedy that will run Sept. 9-12. The second is a drama, "Love and Understanding," which will run in January.

"We've been doing this for about 20 years so that the students can succeed or fail on their own," Castronovo said.

As always, audiences can expect other acts such as musicals throughout the year. Even a dance ensemble can be expected at the end of the fall semester.

However, faculty members aren't the only ones excited about the upcoming year for music and theater.

Stephanie Ruozzo is a Dana School of Music senior; clarinet is her major instrument.

"Whoever comes to see a performance can expect a lot of good literature ... because

we have professors that pick pieces to challenge and reflect what we as performers can do, not just what students can do," Ruozzo said.

Ruozzo is also looking forward to a new guest lecturer the music department is welcoming this year.

"Tamara Levitz is coming to do part of her lecture series with us. I'm excited because she's supposed to give us a different perspective," Ruozzo said. "Usually lecturers give us input on the performance side, but she's going to focus on the academic benefits of the performing arts."

Tamara will be speaking on Oct. 15. The event is open to the public.

Additionally, Dana School of Music ensembles perform on Wednesdays at noon at the Butler Institute of American Art; these performances are known as the Music at Noon series.

"As always we end the semester with 'Carols and Cocoa,'" Ruozzo said. "This is the semester's big event which includes standard repertoire and new music as well."

SEPTEMBER EVENTS

Dana School of Music:

- *Sophia Brooks and Friends YSU Community Diversity Program Series*

Sept. 2

University Theater and Dana School of Music partner to bring an evening of 19th Century Negro Spirituals 7 p.m. Ford Theater, Bliss Hall

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Letters to the students

Many more years ago that I would like to admit, I was getting ready for my freshman year at YSU. Nervous? Yes. Uncertain? Yes. Apprehensive? You bet. So, for those of you entering YSU for the first time, believe me, I know how you feel.

Let me say, in all truthfulness, there is nothing to worry about. While YSU is a big and growing university, it is also still very small in many ways. When you enrolled at YSU, you joined the YSU "family" — a family of thousands of students, alumni, faculty and staff. We are here to help, whether it is finding your way around campus or ensuring that you get the academic support you need. Our goal is your success.

As president of YSU, my attention is squarely focused on ensuring the success of all of our students — in the classroom, in the laboratory and out in the community. Through the offering of quality academic programs, taught by some of the nation's best faculty, in state-of-the-art classrooms and laboratories, and with the support of dedicated advisors, mentors, counselors and other staff, our students are and will continue to be absolutely second to none across the country.

Today, maybe more than ever before, every student who comes to this university brings very unique needs. It is our responsibility to identify those needs and do the very best that we can to fulfill them. As a student, you are the lifeblood of the university. You are the reason all of us — faculty and staff — come here every day and do our work. You — the students — will be at the center of everything we do. Every decision we make — from academic programs to facility improvements — will have students at the core.

So what can and should you expect from me as your president? I am committed to listening. I want to hear your suggestions. I will be visible on campus and available to you. I will be truthful and faithful, and I will serve and represent this university well. And, always, I intend to keep my focus on "students" for as long as I hold this wonderful position.

Welcome. Good luck. And have a great year.

Cynthia E. Anderson, President

Cynthia E. Anderson



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Maag Library welcomes you

Whether you are a new or a returning student, the staff of Maag Library welcomes you. Over the summer we've been busy making Maag even more welcoming and more important to your success. We've got iPads and Kindles to experiment with, new flashy display devices to tell you what's happening, new group study rooms with technology inside and new sofas to make studying or even catching your breath even more comfortable. Check us out during Welcome Week, get a snack and maybe win a prize.

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And did I mention that we are people-people? The staff members of Maag Library are here to help you, so drop on by and talk with us.

We know how to listen.

Paul Koblunicky
Executive director, Maag Library



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Transition from high school to college brings new challenges

Jordan Uhl
SPORTS REPORTER

There are plenty of fresh faces to get acquainted with within Youngstown State University's football program, 22 of which are freshmen this season. Four new coaches also look to start their terms off with a bang on YSU's football team.

Jamarius Boatwright, cornerback and a native of Largo, Fla., and Thomas Sprague of Gainesville, Ga. were both drawn away from their sunny residences to Youngstown by the current and upcoming facilities as well as the recruiting of the coaching staff.

"With new coaches there's equal opportunity for playing time," Boatwright said about his decision.

Sprague, a linebacker, received a call from Rick Kravitz, defensive coordinator and linebacker coach, roughly a week before signing day urging him to choose YSU.

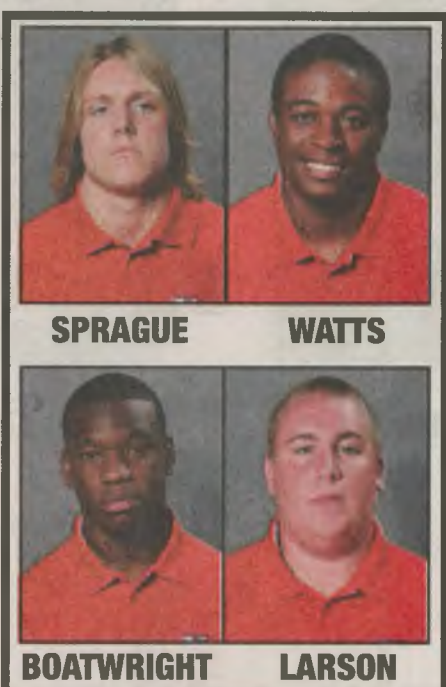
Sprague agreed with Boatwright's assessment regarding the new coaching staff but added for all freshmen that they lack experience that could possibly hinder their chances come game day.

Kevin Watts didn't need to travel as far, hailing from Middletown, Ohio, but still faces the same hurdles due to his class rank.

Watts, along with numerous other freshmen, came to campus early this summer to take classes and begin working out with the team.

On the field, Watts also had some adjustments to make.

"One disadvantage for me would be speed. I need to get faster. In high school, I was the fastest. Now I'm not," he said.



SPRAGUE WATTS

BOATWRIGHT LARSON

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He acknowledged that he's young and needs to keep learning but has been working with his position teammates to do so effectively. In addition to being young mentally, he's young physically, and feels he needs to become stronger.

This is also an insecurity shared by Youngstown native, Zach Larson. Even while listed at 6 feet 3 inches and a whopping 300 pounds, he feels that he is behind the curve since the offensive linemen ahead of him on the depth chart have been lifting for two to three years longer than he has. This doesn't discourage him though; he only focuses on the positive.

"I'm still young and fresh," Larson said. "I haven't been getting beat up on the college level for all these years."

He also has high aspirations for what the team can accomplish this year. First and foremost, he'd like to come home from Happy Valley on Sept. 4 with a victory. After what he hopes turns out to be a successful season, he'd like to be part of a conference title and ultimately a national title.

As the team is built of many individuals, Larson does have some personal goals as well. He said he'd like to become "bigger, stronger and faster" but before that he wants to fine-tune his technique.

Breaking the mold of the typical local high school student eager to attend a university other than YSU, Larson couldn't be happier.

"In the '90s I remember this place being packed and I think Wolford's staff can bring this program back to that," Larson said.

On the university's proximity to his home, Larson noted, "It's still like getting out. I'll be living down here in the fall and it's not even like being at home but it's close enough. My mom still calls to go to lunch."

Making the call of the Penguin

Youngstown native added to YSU football color commentary

Jordan Uhl
SPORTS REPORTER

Former Super Bowl champion and Youngstown native Ed Muransky will be fulfilling color analyst duties during the upcoming football season.

He will be joining Bob Hannon in the booth and sideline reporter Dave Sess. The trio collectively has more than 50 years of experience.

Muransky, a Cardinal Mooney High School graduate and state champion during his time as a Cardinal, played at the collegiate level for the University of Michigan. He lettered three times and was an Academic All-American throughout this time, which included a Rose Bowl victory.

Although he has little analyst experience, Muransky said he feels his successful campaigns at all three levels of play will provide him with unparalleled insight into the game.

"I understand what it takes, and I have a pretty good understanding of the game," he said. "I'll have a pretty good relationship with the coaches both home and away."

Hannon admits he was skeptical about the decision at first, but after realizing what a committed individual he was, the uncertainty diminished.

"And he's going to miss Ohio State, Michigan," Hannon said, further acknowledging Muransky's loyalty.

Although not having played for Youngstown State University, he still remains passionate about the university and realizes the vital role YSU plays in the community.

"It's a huge piece of our community, the heartbeat of Youngstown," Muransky said.

His desire for the program, along with YSU football coach Eric Wolford's plan, was a key factor in Muransky accepting this position.

"One thing I liked about the glory years with Tressel was how proud everyone was. You could be at the airport in Las Vegas, and see someone with a YSU shirt on, and it was a sense of pride about our area," Muransky said. "It signified the level YSU football was at. Wolford wants to bring the passion back. He struck a chord with me; it was a 'perfect storm.' I couldn't say no."

Hannon said he feels Muransky can also aid in Wolford's recruiting.

"He played at the highest level; he knows what it takes to get the program back on track, but most importantly, he speaks highly of YSU," Hannon said.

New faces in YSU athletics

Bob Boldon

Women's head basketball coach



- In his first year as the women's head basketball coach
- Sixth women's head basketball coach in YSU's history
- Spent five years coaching Division I basketball
- Coached Lambuth University to a school best 29 wins in 2008-2009
- Spent last season at Florida Gulf Coast University as the top assistant where he helped coach them to 24 wins, which earned them an invitation to the WNIT

Mark Klysner

Men's head tennis coach



- Spent the past two years coaching as a Division I assistant
- Coached both the men's and women's tennis teams at Fairleigh Dickinson in 2009-2010 where the women's team won the conference title
- Spent the 2008-2009 season as the assistant for the men's and women's teams at Austin Peay
- Named MVP of the men's tennis team at the University of South Carolina where he played No. 1 singles and doubles

Krista Burrows

Head volleyball coach



- Eighth coach in YSU's history
- Assisted Walsh University's average over 27 wins during her six-year tenure including finishing in the top 25 three times
- Finished at WU with an overall record of 164-59
- In 2006 and 2008, she was named the American Mideast Conference and Regional IX Coach of the Year

Eric Wolford

Head football coach



- Sixth coach in YSU's history
- Tagged as a top recruiter at the Division I Football Bowl Subdivision level
- Graduate of Ursuline High School
- Spent 16 years as a college football assistant, 12 of those for Division I schools
- Coached with Steve Spurrier, Ron Zook, Mike Stoops, Darrel Dickey, Dana Dimel, Jim Leavitt and Bill Snyder
- Signed as a free agent with the Arizona Cardinals after graduating college
- Earned All-Northeastern Ohio honors in 1988 for the Ursuline Irish

FCS TOP 25

1. VILLANOVA
2. MONTANA
3. APPALACHIAN STATE
4. WILLIAM & MARY
5. SOUTHERN ILLINOIS
6. RICHMOND
7. ELON
8. STEPHEN F. AUSTIN
9. SOUTH DAKOTA ST.
10. NEW HAMPSHIRE
11. SOUTH CAROLINA ST.
12. MCNEESE ST.
13. EAST. WASHINGTON
14. NORTHERN IOWA
15. JAMES MADISON
16. DELAWARE
17. JACKSONVILLE ST.
18. EAST. ILLINOIS
19. WEBER STATE
20. PRAIRIE ST. A&M
21. LIBERTY
22. COLGATE
23. PENN
24. MONTANA ST.
25. HOLY CROSS

MISSOURI VALLEY FOOTBALL

1. YOUNGSTOWN ST. (0-0)
2. INDIANA STATE (0-0)
3. MISSOURI STATE (0-0)
4. NORTH DAKOTA ST. (0-0)
5. NORTHERN IOWA (0-0)
6. SOUTH DAKOTA ST. (0-0)
7. SOUTHERN ILLINOIS (0-0)
8. WESTERN ILLINOIS (0-0)
9. ILLINOIS STATE

PENGUIN SPOTLIGHT



KURT HESS

POSITION: Quarterback
YEAR: R-Freshman
HOMETOWN: Dayton, Oh
HIGH SCHOOL: Chaminade-Julienne
High School Stats (Senior)
YARDS: 1,824
TDs: 12

SCHEDULES

FOOTBALL

- Sept. 4- @ Penn State
- Sept. 11- BUTLER
- Sept. 18- CENTRAL CONN. ST.
- Sept. 25- SOUTHER ILL.
- Oct. 2- @ Missouri State
- Oct. 9- NORTH DAKOTA ST.
- Oct. 16- @ Western Ill.
- Oct. 23- @ South Dakota St.
- Oct. 30- UNI (Homecoming)
- Nov. 6- @ Illinois St.
- Nov. 13- Indiana St.

SOCCER

- Aug. 26- @ IPFW
- Aug. 29- @ Toledo
- Sept. 3- HOWARD
- Sept. 5- UMKC
- Sept. 12- CANISIUS
- Sept. 17- @ Oakland
- Sept. 19- @ Michigan

VOLLEYBALL

- Aug. 28- vs. Buffalo
- WVU Classic
- Aug. 28- vs. Akron
- WVU Classic
- Aug. 29- @ West Virginia
- WVU Classic
- Aug. 31- @ Saint Francis (Pa.)
- Sept. 3- HOWARD
- YSU Invitational
- Sept. 4 NIAGARA
- YSU Invitational