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## Shuttle Service Launching to Bring Students to Groceries



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Students living in on-campus dorms who don't have cars may have a tough time getting to a full-service grocery store. The Student Government Association and Parking Ser-

vices are working together to provide them with a shuttle to make things easier.

According to Ashley Orr, president of SGA, two international students have reached out to her.

"They wanted to see if YSU's shuttle service would be willing to provide rides to grocery

stores," Orr said.

Orr reached out to Parking Services and the SGA Executive Board and received a positive response.

"I thought it was key that our SGA body took a stand on the issue and passed a resolution to start acting towards the goal," Orr said.

Orr reached out to Danny O'Connell, director of Parking Services at YSU, who supported the idea. O'Connell said it is an extension of past cooperation with SGA.

"This fits right in with what we do," O'Connell said.

Jef Davis, director of the Center for International Stud-

ies and Programs, said it is clearly a need.

"Just the lack of a full-service grocery store within walking distance has created problems for more and more students," Davis said.

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## New Kid on the Board: Samantha Anderson

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Samantha Anderson, a junior finance and economics major at Youngstown State University, is the school's newest student trustee.

Gov. John Kasich appointed Anderson this summer to fill the vacancy left by departing student trustee Eric Shehadi.

Anderson inquired about the position when she learned Shehadi was leaving the board. Her passion for the school and desire to represent her fellow students inspired her to apply. She qualified as one of 12 candidates and was selected as one of four to be interviewed for the position.

Nick Gatz, the deputy director of boards and commissions for Gov. Kasich, conducted the interview.

Anderson was studying abroad in South Korea when she received a call from Gatz telling her she had been appointed. She missed his initial call because of the time difference between Ohio and Korea but spoke to him the next day.

YSU President Jim Tressel called to congratulate her the following day.

Anderson was honored to receive the appointment.

"I am very excited to explore the different facets of the student community that I am not personally connected to. I really want to reach out to students, and to bring to the



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[YSU] Board of Trustees the different perspectives of these students," Anderson said.

Anderson participates in several student organizations,

including serving as vice president of financial affairs for the

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## SGA Earmarks \$4,000 for New Student Organizations

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Students interested in starting their own campus organizations without breaking the bank now have the option to subsidize their startup costs. The Youngstown State University Student Government Association has set aside \$4,000 for use as a start-up fund for new student organizations. Each new organization can receive up to \$200 to ease the burden of start-up costs. The funds can be used for recruiting events, food for meetings, labeled merchandise or other expenses aimed at building a new group.

SGA President Ashley Orr saw the start up fund as an immediate need with an immediate solution.

"It was something I identified there was a need for. Research showed other universities — like Kent State — showed when students wanted to start new organizations they could go [to their administration] and get startup funds. So that was a hole I found that we could easily fix," Orr said.

The \$4,000 will be a sep-

arate fund from general appropriations — the money SGA uses to fund student organization events — and came largely from SGA administrative funds freed up after a combined \$10,000 self-imposed salary cut from Orr and executive vice president Jacob Schriener-Briggs.

"Working with Carrie Anderson we asked her, 'Historically, how many student organizations start in a year?' and she said never more than 15 or 20, so we estimated on the high end of potential new student organizations — 20 — and applied the \$200 to that which gave us \$4,000," Orr said.

One of those new organizations on campus this year — a non-partisan political problem-solving group called No Labels — has experienced the difficulty of starting a new group from scratch.

Lindsay Heldreth, vice president of No Labels, says the group plans on utilizing the available funds to help recruiting.

"One of the biggest challenges we face is in recruiting new members ... We're working hard to get new

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# YSU Appoints New Associate Vice President for Research



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On May 28, Mike Hripko was appointed as the associate vice president for Research, a department within the Division of Academic Affairs. Formerly, he served as the

director of the Research and Technology-based Economic Development at Youngstown State University through the College of Science, Technology, Engineering and Mathematics.

His responsibilities include organizing and managing research, scholarships and grant

activity on campus.

Hripko had spent more than 30 years as a manager at Delphi Corporation, a global technology company for automotive markets, in product management and pricing. He also maintained a position as deputy director for workforce and educational outreach for America Makes, a 3-D printing institute in Youngstown.

Throughout his career, he experienced a broad range of grant proposals and has established firm connections with potential business, industry and community partners. He said he wants to continue to help students and faculty uphold success with future explorations at the university.

“Historically, YSU-sponsored research activity has been very strong and successful. We are challenging ourselves to expand and increase research opportunities for our faculty and students,” Hripko said. “Our main goal is to increase the number and breadth of successful funding proposals and provide meaningful research experiences for our faculty and students.”

Hripko added that he wants to give students a strong understanding of what research is and why it’s important to

achieve maximum funding for projects around campus.

“Research is discovery; it’s scholarly activity; it’s knowledge creation; its problem solving; it’s innovation in the humanities and the arts and the sciences,” Hripko said. “It’s not just the sciences. We tend to think of research as sciences, but they are doing great work in psychology and the arts, and in education, humanities and business. Every discipline has an opportunity to be involved in research.”

Hripko said that sponsors for big research projects give grants to universities, and explained the benefit of obtaining a grant.

“Sponsors will have research needs and they’ll say, ‘These are problems that we need help solving and we’re open to your good ideas,’ so they issue a request for proposals, and then we have limited amount of time between that announcement and the due date to deliver a response to that request,” Hripko said. “You don’t get a grant to patch a pothole. You get a grant to develop a new pothole patching process with sustainability. [Sponsors] very rarely say, ‘Here’s a problem, we’re buying a solution,’ they’re really

looking for a solution mechanism. They really want game-changing, life-changing type of things.”

He explained that he would help to streamline the grant process as associate vice president.

“[The grant process] seems to be not well documented. I think it’s important that we document the process and make it easy to follow,” Hripko said. “Also, we want to be very supportive of faculty and students who are pursuing research. It takes a lot of effort on their part and the last thing we want to do is be a hindrance to them.”

Hripko said that students could get involved in the research and grant process if they have good ideas and a faculty co-signer.

“We generally fund faculty members that employs and advantages students,” Hripko said. “But, [the proposal] is generally written and put together by a PhD, by a professor, by someone who has done a thesis in the past. Students can assist [in writing] and will certainly assist when implementing and executing the project.”

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He added that the Western Reserve Transit Authority’s limited routes are difficult for many students.

The only options currently available to students within walking distance of campus are CVS and Downtown Circle, neither of which offer many fresh foods. Their prices are also higher than those at grocery stores.

“Even if you can get most of what you need at a convenient

store, you pay a premium for that convenience,” Davis said.

Orr and O’Connell worked out a route that would include stops at Wal-Mart and Jerusalem Market on Belmont Avenue in Liberty.

“The route could definitely expand from the two initial stops. Jerusalem Market is included because it was specifically requested, but there are several ways we can develop the route,” Orr said.

Orr and O’Connell are holding a meeting with students on Friday to determine the best time and day to schedule the shuttle. O’Connell said they

are leaning towards Friday afternoon.

“It gives them a chance to get up and get some things they might need for the weekend,” O’Connell said.

The shuttle could be in place as early as next week.

“We can move fast on this because the funds are already there, and Danny is very passionate about making this work,” Orr said.

O’Connell said Parking Services would be able to run the shuttle within their current operating budget.

“It’s part of what we committed to do two years back

when we implemented the transportation fee,” O’Connell said. “It’s a great idea.”

O’Connell said they would maintain records of how frequently the shuttle was being used at the end of the semester, and determine whether or not they needed to make adjustments.

“Was it a success? Do we need to make changes? Do we need to discontinue it? We might learn we need it two days. We might learn we need it every other week,” O’Connell said.

He said they did the same thing when they began offering the shuttle that takes stu-

dents downtown on the weekends.

“We started out with one shuttle a night, and now it’s two shuttles running a night, and they’re used,” O’Connell said.

Orr said she is optimistic that the benefits will outweigh the costs.

“A project like this — something that isn’t controversial and isn’t costing us any money — if initially we find that there are only four or five students using the service, that’s still four or five more students than before who get to visit the grocery store,” Orr said.

# WELCOME WEEK REWIND:



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## NEWS BRIEFS

Soledad O'Brien  
Presents in  
Youngstown

On Sept. 16 at 7:30 p.m. in Stambaugh Auditorium, Soledad O'Brien, an award-winning journalist, will present as part of the Centofanti Symposium. The event is free and open to the public, but tickets must be reserved ahead of time. Tickets are limited four per person and are available 9 a.m. to 6 p.m. on weekdays at the Stambaugh Auditorium box office.

YSU Board of  
Trustees Meetings  
Set for September

The Youngstown State University Board of Trustees has released its quarterly meeting schedule. The Board of Trustees meetings will be held on the first floor of Tod Hall on Thursday Sept. 3 from 11:45 a.m. to 4:30 p.m., Tuesday Sept. 8 from 11:45 a.m. to 4 p.m. and Thursday Sept. 24 at 3 p.m. For more information, visit [www.yzu.edu/trustees](http://www.yzu.edu/trustees).

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Student Government Association. She has also accrued over 650 volunteer hours for various programs.

She describes herself as a go-getter. She said possessing the desire to acquire information and distribute it to people who would benefit from it is a key part of being a student trustee.

"I really have this desire to enhance the experience on campus and bring people together," Anderson said. "I'm not afraid to go to people, I'm not afraid to ask questions."

She said she is incredibly involved on campus and loves talking to other students.

"Whenever I am not working, not studying, I just sit down and talk to people," Anderson said. "I want to understand what they're thinking, why they're thinking it, why they came to YSU, what do they like about YSU and what they don't like about YSU."

Anderson said she recognizes that college is a different experience for each student and wants to represent everyone fairly. She said she wants to help different groups, even if they have issues she does not face.

This led her to form iPals, a program that helps international students integrate into the YSU community.

Anderson is part of the University Scholar Program within the Honors College, which requires her to dedicate 60 hours a semester to volunteer work.

An internship at Grow Youngstown — a non-profit that helps local farmers bring fresh produce into the

members involved. That being said, we plan to utilize the start-up money and plan to buy T-shirts or buttons or anything that we can to help get our name out and make it visible to students on campus," Heldreth said. "The start-up fund is very, very useful and I hope other student organizations are aware of it."

Another new service student leaders can utilize is a free student organization bank account through Home Savings & Loan.

"When I was VP for financial affairs I reached out to Home Savings & Loan and expressed to them the difficulty in starting a new student organization ... They were incredibly supportive and the [campus Home Savings & Loan em-

area — led her to create the student organization Farm to YSU, which makes it easier for students to purchase fresh food from local farmers.

She also volunteers for YSUscape, a non-profit that beautifies and revitalizes the blighted neighborhoods in Youngstown.

"It's meaningful because you can immediately see the value it adds to the community, and it has a huge impact on the neighborhood," Anderson said.

Anderson spent the summer studying at Dankook University in South Korea. She said the level of poverty and lack of government programs to help the poor impacted her and made her grateful for the life she has in America.

She encourages any student who has interest in studying abroad to do whatever it takes to make it possible.

"Going makes you a better person," Anderson said.

She urges people to cast aside whatever fears they have about leaving their comfort zone and experience as many things as they can.

"People ask themselves every day, 'Can I do this?' and think 'I don't feel comfortable because I've never done this before.' Do it anyway," Anderson said. "The benefits that you reap, and the changes you see in yourself and the people around you, are amazing. I just want to encourage that because it is what I learned studying abroad."

ployee] I spoke to helped to gain approval from Home Savings & Loan corporate to work with SGA," Orr said.

After applying for new organization funding, student leaders will receive a letter from the SGA, which they can take to Home Savings & Loan and redeem for a free bank account. The account will include a free \$25 deposit and Home Savings & Loan will provide the group's first checkbook at no additional cost. While the account is open to all new student organizations, they are not required to open the account to receive the \$200 start-up funds, which are available now.

# If You're Heading to College This Fall, Consider These Tips on How to Save

By Carolyn Bigda

Chicago Tribune

(TNS)

There is the cost of college, and then there is the cost of going to college — everything from the extra-long twin bed sheets you'll need for your dorm room to textbooks for class.

The expenses can add up fast.

During the 2014-15 school year, the average full-time undergraduate student at a four-year public university spent \$1,225 on books and supplies. At four-year private colleges, the average student shelled out \$1,244.

As for back-to-school shopping, an annual survey by the National Retail Federation found that, on average, college students and their families will spend just under \$900 this year on dorm items, clothes and electronics, among other things.

If you're heading to college this fall, consider the following tips for how to save.

Cut textbook expenses. The days of buying all of your textbooks from the campus bookstore are over. Today, you have multiple ways to get course materials, including renting books, downloading digital versions or buying used books online.

To get started, use a search engine that compares the cost of buying or

renting a specific textbook across multiple websites.

Bigwords.com, for example, aggregates prices for used and new books, as well as rentals and e-books. In addition to taking into account shipping costs, Bigwords will also scour for coupons and promotions.

Shopping around can pay off. A new copy of the sixth edition of "Macroeconomics: Principles and Applications," by Robert E. Hall and Marc Lieberman, goes for \$286 at one college bookstore. A search through Bigwords, however, found a rental option for as little as \$27 for the semester, and a used copy starting at \$70.

Check coupon sites. Just as with any purchase you make online, it's a good idea to check for coupon codes or promotions while shopping the Web for school supplies. Retailers are running plenty of back-to-school specials right now.

Coupons.com, for example, recently listed 115 offers, including 52 coupon codes and nine free shipping promotions for back-to-school products.

Get student savings. Don't forget to check for savings targeted specifically at students.

Through Sept. 18, Apple is offering education discounts on laptops, desktop computers and tablets. A 12-inch MacBook, which normally starts at \$1,299, is \$50 cheaper for college students or parents of college students (as well as faculty and staff at universities and

K-12 schools). Apple is also throwing in a free pair of Beats headphones with eligible purchases.

Go tax-free. Many states have so-called tax-free weekends before the start of the school year. During these weekends, state sales tax is waived on qualified purchases.

To find out if and when your state will have a tax-free weekend, go to [tax-admin.org](http://tax-admin.org) (click on "2015 state sales tax holidays").

Most tax-free periods for back-to-school shopping begin Aug. 7. In some states, including Massachusetts and Connecticut, the promotions start a week or two later.

Shop with a gift card. If you just graduated from high school and received gift cards as graduation presents, don't forget to use them. According to estimates by CardHub, more than \$45 billion in gift cards have gone unredeemed since 2005.

On the flipside, you can buy unwanted gift cards — for a discount — on websites such as [giftcardgranny.com](http://giftcardgranny.com), and use the cards to make purchases at the related store.

In a recent search, Apple gift cards were available with discounts of as much as 4.28 percent. So a gift card with a value of \$100 would cost \$95.72. Buy several of those to apply toward a new computer, and the savings — on top of the student discount — really begin to add up.



# Art Talks

## with Louis Zona

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Louis Zona, director of The Butler Institute of American Art, gave the first of five guided art talks this past Sunday at The Butler.

The five lectures will cover two centuries of artistic movements and a range of topics, including neo-classicism, post-modernism, cubism, surrealism and abstract expressionism.

The next art talk with Zona is on Sept. 13. Zona said the next lecture will examine impressionism and how the movement came into existence.

Zona has been the director of The Butler for 34 years and has been a native to New Castle, Pennsylvania for the entirety of his life.

"It's amazing how quickly it goes," Zona said. "I still think of myself as a young person. I know I'm not."

Zona began his career in the classroom as an art teacher at a public school. He immediately realized that speaking in front of students was a difficult task.

"You know, it's interesting," Zona said. "I'm a very shy person — extremely shy."

An adversity to public speaking dates back to Zona's time in grade school. He reflected on the time he had to speak in front of his peers and nearly collapsing due to nervousness.

"If I'm talking about art — if I'm talking about what I really love, I could stand up for two or three hours without a note and talk about it. That's what I do," Zona said. "That's where it all began. To think that I would choose a life where I've been in the classroom this many decades. I met my class on Thursday and I told them that I have been in a classroom every year, without miss in the fall — every year since 1950."

Zona earned his bachelor's degree in education from Youngstown State University, a master's degree in education from the University of Pittsburgh and his doctorate from Carnegie Mellon University.

The museology course he began teaching at YSU and his doctorate dissertation — a textbook on the operation of art museums — were essential for him to take on the job as The Butler's director.

"Somehow I managed to fight off my fears of standing in front of people,"



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Zona said. "Heck, I make a living now at it."

When he's not lecturing in a classroom, or talking to Butler patrons, Zona still prefers to be in the back of the room.

"This'll be my last year of university teaching, so I feel badly about it," Zona said. "Fortunately, I'm able to continue to educate people in the visual arts from my position as the director of Butler."

In his tenure at The Butler, Zona has earned nu-

merous honors, including the Gari Melchers Medal. The medal is issued by the Artists' Fellowship of New York City and is given to Americans who leave a lasting impact on American culture.

When asked if he was ready to leave the classroom, Zona said no.

"You know, when you love something it's not a job," Zona said. "I love teaching. I love sharing what I know, especially with young people. If you choose

something that you love, it's not a job. I'd do it for nothing. I always tell people that. If you would do something for nothing, that's what you want."

Zona is a major contributor to cataloguing works of art, and recently wrote essays for an exhibition for contemporary artist Joseph Raffael.

But Zona's interests stretch beyond the arts.

"I just love baseball," Zona said. "I was never real good at it, but it was the one

thing that I could do OK in terms of sports."

Zona recently published a story in the Youngstown Business Journal in reaction to Pittsburgh Steelers linebacker James Harrison returning his sons' participation trophies.

Zona never received a trophy for any of his athletic exploits.

"But I would trade all [my arts honors] for just one sports award," Zona said.

The remainder of the art

talks with director Zona are on Sept. 27 and Oct. 11 and 18. The programs start at 2 p.m. and are free and open to the public, but on a first-come, first-serve basis.

"Art always reflects its time," Zona said. "Whatever is going to be happening in your future is going to be reflected in the art. Whether it's technological advancements, whether it's theological statements, morality ... it's going to be interesting."

## EDITORIAL

# How to Make Friends and Influence People

It's the second week of school. The minute amount of excitement you had about purchasing new school supplies has worn off, the 500 dollar book for your required elective course already has tear stains on it from your stress and, to top it all off, you haven't made any new friends since high school.

It doesn't matter if you just started school or if you've been attending the university for a few years, it's evident as soon as you walk on campus that Youngstown State University is a commuter school. Students are consistently listening to music, texting on their cell phones or staring blankly at their computers. Most interactions inside the classroom don't exceed beyond, "What was the homework?" or, "When is the test again?" It's not easy making friends anymore.

That being said, it is extremely easy to join a student organization.

YSU has student organizations available that cater to a variety of interests. If you have a special place in your heart for Spanish, photography, advertising

— anything — there is most likely a student organization for it. There are other people with the same likes as you, they're friendly and they're on campus.

It's not just about making friends. Student organizations offer incredible networking potential. In addition to making connections with students and faculty who are currently in the club, you also can make connections with alumni. Alumni can make excellent references when it comes to resumes and job applications.

Being involved with an organization also helps students develop social skills. Scared of talking in front of a class? It'll be a lot easier when a few of your classmates are a part of the same club. According to educational researchers, students in clubs tend to practice better time management, and possess greater leadership and organizational skills compared to students who aren't involved in clubs.

If none of the student organizations listed on the Student Activities webpage tickle your fancy, you can even create your own organization with extra help

from the Student Government Association.

SGA earmarked \$4,000 — some of which came from SGA president and executive vice president Ashley Orr and Jacob Schriener-Briggs' commendable salary cuts totaling \$10,000 — for students to start new student organizations and clubs.

If you want to create a club, you must be in good academic standing and currently enrolled at YSU. A full-time faculty member needs to be chosen to advise the group, and you have to fill out the Student Organization Registration Form found on the Student Activities web page.

The Internet is proof that if you like something, no matter how strange it is, someone else out there is interested in the same thing. Instead of using the Internet to talk to absolutely nobody about how you love watching Toonami and eating fried foods on Saturday nights, create a club. There are plenty of students at YSU who probably would hang out with you for real, not just online.

## Guests of Substance and Celebrity Will Mix it up on Colbert's First 'Late Show' Week

Ever since he announced plans to abandon his satiric persona for his new late-night gig on CBS, the big question has been what "the real Stephen Colbert" will be like.

Far less attention has been paid to how the comedian's idiosyncratic, bookish taste in guests might translate to the mainstream landscape of broadcast television. But on that front, at least, some clues are beginning to emerge.

The guest list for the "Late Show's" first week was released Monday, and it goes beyond the usual assortment of A-list movie stars and musicians.

Naturally, there are big names: Colbert's debut episode on Sept. 8 will feature actor-director George Clooney and GOP presidential hopeful Jeb Bush. Other premiere-week guests include actress Scarlett Johansson, hip-hop artist Kendrick Lamar, comedian Amy Schumer and country star Toby Keith.

But true to his trailblazing reputation, Colbert has also made some more unconventional choices, booking author Stephen King, tech executives Elon Musk (SpaceX and Tesla Motors) and Travis Kalanick (Uber) and, in a major head-scratcher, a Paul Simon tribute band called Troubled Waters.

And that's just the guests. "We should always remember that Colbert himself is not always that predictable," said Penn State professor Sophia A. McClennen, author of "Colbert's America: Satire and Democracy."

One of the defining features of his Comedy Central program, which ended its nine-year run in December, was its focus on politicians, authors, academics, scientists and public intellectuals — personalities more likely to give a TED talk than appear in "Ted."

To be sure, Colbert welcomed the occasional megawatt celebrity, like Jennifer Lawrence, but more typical were guests such as French economist Thomas Piketty or Rob Rhinehart, inventor of the meal-replacement drink Soylent.

Colbert has said that one of his favorite guests was Naquasia LeGrand, a KFC employee and union organizer from Brooklyn. Though she is a dynamic young woman who made for a memorable interview, she's hardly the type of name to draw in millions of viewers in an intensely competitive late-night environment.

But the comedian has indicated that he will continue to

look beyond the roster of self-promotional celebrities when he moves to CBS.

"Anybody who is interesting and has something to say, that's what I'm interested in," he said this month at the Television Critics Association summer press tour. "I love artists, whether they're actors or musicians. I want to have politicians of all stripes on the show. ... But if somebody is not famous and they've got something to say and they can present themselves on camera, I think that would be a perfect guest to have."

As McClennen notes, Colbert has also booked substantive celebrities who "wear multiple hats" for his first week on the air.

"Is George Clooney going to just talk about his new movie, or is he going to talk politics?" McClennen asks.

Along with most of his senior staff from "The Colbert Report," Colbert has retained booker Emily Lazar as head of the talent department at "Late Show," but he's also hired a new entertainment producer, Emily Gertler, from the celebrity-focused "Good Morning America," suggesting he will opt for a mix of Hollywood star power and more substantive guests.

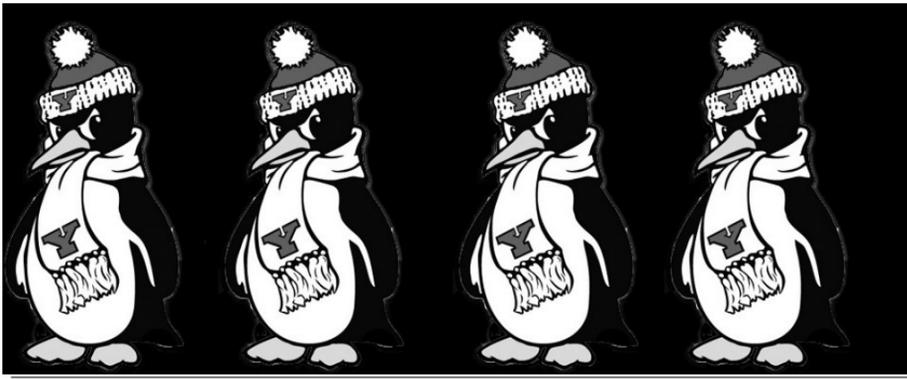
As CBS Entertainment President Nina Tassler also told reporters at the press tour, "I think you are going to see interviews that really run the spectrum."

Another open question is how much Colbert's "Late Show" will have to compete with "The Tonight Show" when it comes to booking top-tier Hollywood stars. As bitter as the rivalry between Jay Leno and David Letterman was for many years, their geographical separation — Leno was based in Burbank, Letterman at Manhattan's Ed Sullivan Theater — lessened the potential for talent wars.

But now that "Tonight" is based in New York, just a few blocks away from "Late Show," celebrities face a tough choice at 11:35 p.m.: Fallon or Colbert?

Then again, the very concept of a late-night booking war may eventually turn out, like linear television, to be a thing of the past. Late night's younger generation seems to have little appetite for the kind of rancor that marked the Leno-Letterman years.

After all, among the many celebrity well-wishers who appeared on Fallon's first "Tonight Show" was a guy called Stephen Colbert.



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# YSU Cross Country Team Looks to Continue Last Season's Success



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Youngstown State University's men's and women's cross country teams each have a common goal this season, to win the Horizon League Championship.

The women are looking to capture their third straight league title and have placed in the top three in each of the last four seasons.

Junior runner McKinsie Klim said she did not expect this kind of success when she first signed with YSU.

"I thought it was going to be very low key and just an OK

team. I wasn't really expecting anything," Klim said.

Klim believes the team's great chemistry is a major reason for its past success and is why they have a great chance at another title this season.

"We just have good chemistry. We enjoy running together. We generally do workouts in groups so you have someone to go with. It adds motivation," Klim said. "I hope this year we can put a bigger gap in between us because last year was kind of close."

Last season the women narrowly defeated the University of Wisconsin-Milwaukee by 13 points to win the league title.

Head coach Brian Gorby

credits the women's success to the ability to recruit the top talent in the Youngstown area, thanks in large part to the program's successful history.

"There is a tradition here of going after championships, and these kids understand what that's all about," Gorby said. "From an overall standpoint, to be one of two teams to win back-to-back triple crowns out of 400 teams in the country is just a credit to the entire process."

Junior Melissa Klim, McKinsie Klim's sister, thinks that the tradition is something that inspires the team.

"We want to keep it going, nobody wants to be the one to

drop the ball," she said.

The men's team on the other hand has not been as dominant as the women's program in the past few seasons, but much optimism follows the team after a third place finish in last year's Horizon League Cross Country Championship.

"[The men's team is] leaps and bounds above where we were four years ago," Gorby said. "You got to give these guys tons of respect. We got guys like Jon Hutnyan who puts in 80-100 miles a week, and doing everything he can to help the program to be successful — we got so many of those guys."

Austin McLean is the leader

of the team this season. Last season he set the school record in the 10K race and was the top finisher for YSU in all six races the team competed in last season. McLean however is not satisfied with last year's third place finish.

"We were a little bit upset with the third place. We put a lot of work in last year so it was kind of upsetting," McLean said. "I think this year we honestly have the most talented team we've ever had, and a lot of guys are willing to work really hard. I think we should actually be able to go for the championship this year."

YSU's first event this year is the Duquesne Duals on Dec. 5.

# From Youngstown to Beijing: Val Jeffery Returns From US Collegiate Team

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Training for an Olympic sport is a lifelong commitment, and many of the athletes who participate dream of playing internationally for a United States national team.

Val Jeffery, Youngstown State University junior setter, has returned home from China. Jeffery had the opportunity to play on the U.S. volleyball team with some of the most talented players from around the country.

Jeffery started her journey with the U.S. volleyball team back in February. After trying out for the U.S. volleyball team, Jeffery was asked to be an alternate on the U.S. Collegiate National Team and played with them in a tournament in China.

"It was awesome. The coaches were great, and my teammates were incredible. I was the youngest girl on the team," Jeffery said. "Everyone had either graduated or had been playing professional for a couple years."

Jeffery had the opportunity to play with talented volleyball players, like the five-time Olympian Danielle Scott-Arruda and the former American Volleyball Coaches Association National Player of the Year Alaina Bergsma Coble.

"It was just a great roster and my teammates were all super supportive. The whole experience was just so surreal," Jeffery said.

Jeffery also spoke about some of her experiences while visiting China.

"China itself was very

breathhtaking. We got to see the Great Wall of China and had the chance to see a lot of sight seeing there. The whole experience was just so surreal," Jeffery said.

With the start of the season about to begin, Jeffery is excited to get back on the court with a few new editions to the team.

"I am so excited, I can't believe our first tournament is this weekend. I am excited with how our team is looking in the gym. We have four newcomers and they've already made tremendous impact," Jeffery said. "I think we really stepped it up in the spring with furthering our defense — we're picking up so much on the court. I think it's going to be a challenging season, but we're going to step-up to the plate."

Jeffery had a number of experiences during her trip and is excited to put her new lessons to good use for this upcoming season.

"[They were] playing super aggressive, these girls were some of the hardest workers I've ever seen in my entire life and yet they still had fun on and off the court. Their work ethic is something I really want to bring to this team," Jeffery said. "I am more of a leader by example — hustling after every ball regardless if the ball is 50 feet away, and there is no chance I'm going to get it. It's all about how much your teammates are looking at you and how much you are putting in, and does that want them to do better. So I definitely want to set a good example for my teammates and I think that's one of the biggest things I took from being over there."



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