

IN THE EVENT OF AN ACTIVE SHOOTER

ALYSSA PFLUG

It has been one month since the deadliest mass shooting in the United States occurred. Mass shootings are historically common on college campuses, so questions are raised as to how Youngstown State University keeps students safe in the event of an active shooter situation.

Chief of Police for YSU, Shawn Varso, said a rough estimate of how long it would take officers to respond to an active shooter situation on campus is one to two minutes.

"We have sufficient coverage during all of our shifts, 24 [hours] a day that there is no part on campus that couldn't [have] at least one officer ... respond to within minutes," said Varso.

YSU police officers are taught several different tactics and have been to a wide range of trainings, along with using various buildings throughout campus to practice exercises for active shooter scenarios, Varso said.

"When an active shooter or a call of an active shooter comes in, our officers will immediately be responding to the

area," he said. "As they are immediately responding to the area, they are going to directly go to the threat and try to stop the threat as quickly as possible. While that's happening, we are going to be calling for assistance from other police departments."

Varso said PenguinAlert is the main way for students to stay notified about situations on campus. Students are automatically signed up for email alerts upon becoming a student, but it is up to students if they sign up for text alerts.

Upon last information available, Varso said only about 30 to 40 percent of students, faculty and staff signed up to receive text alerts.

He said along with the PenguinAlert system, there are other means of communication with campus for those who do not check email frequently or are not signed up for text alerts.

"In addition to that, we have what's called a simplex mass communication system," Varso said. "At any time we can interfere with all the fire alarm speakers in the buildings and there are also speakers outside of certain buildings placed strategically around campus."

The best way for students and faculty to

stay safe is to follow the ALICE program, which is offered on campus, he said.

"Generally there are three things that you should think of in a situation," Varso said. "If you've never had the ALICE program or you've had it or you can't remember all the aspects of it, it's a simplistic way of saying run, hide, fight."

ALICE stands for Alert, Lockdown, Inform, Counter, and Evacuate.

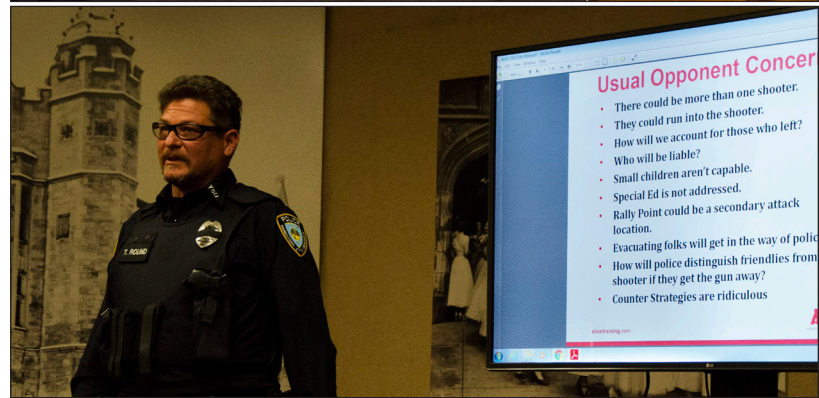
He said the training is effective because it gives people options.

According to Suhanya Aravamudhan, training and development coordinator, said ALICE training is offered roughly every other month. Students, faculty and staff are able to participate and the training is free.

Rosalyn Donaldson, manager of training development, said the purpose of ALICE training is to offer methods to stay safe if an active shooter scenario was to occur.

Mark Baranski, a faculty member at YSU, was amongst the faculty and students who attended the most recent ALICE training. He said the training is important to individuals on campus.

"I wanted to find out more information of what the instructor is supposed to do



Photos by ALYSSA PFLUG/THE JAMBAR during any kind of active shooter scenario," Baranski said.

Jenna Latcheran, a YSU student who participated, said the training will also benefit her future career.

"I am in [college] for school psychology and I feel like it's important that I do get some extra training in this since I will be in a school," Latcheran said. "I think it's good to have for this day and age."

YSU police officer Terry Round taught the most recent ALICE course. Round said it is essential for students and faculty to know what to do with a weapon if they are able to disarm the gunman.

"We don't want you to touch that weapon. What we would like you to do is get that weapon into a trashcan; we don't want anybody carrying around a weapon or putting a weapon in their pocket, taking it away and running away with it from the shooter," Round said.

According to Varso, there has never been an active shooter on YSU's campus and there has only been one threat.

Varso hopes more students will sign up for PenguinAlert text alerts.

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GIRARD OFFICER REMEMBERED

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A funeral took place on Sunday for Girard police officer Justin Leo, who was killed in the line of duty on Oct. 21.

The funeral was on Sunday in Beeghly Center to remember the fallen officer.

Officers from Chicago and New York attended the funeral.

A procession traveled from Girard to Youngstown State University in a motorcade with law enforcement officers from all over the area. Shawn Varso, YSU police chief, said over 3,000 law enforcement attended.

Varso said police officers have

a dangerous job and violence happens from time to time.

“When an officer is violently killed in the line of duty this is just [a way] for us, as law enforcement officers, to honor his memory and honor the duty, the job he did and to honor his family and their loss,” Varso said.

Varso said Leo should be remembered by the sacrifice he gave in protecting his city and upholding the law.

According to authorities, Leo was shot after responding to a domestic violence call in Girard. His partner returned fire, shooting and killing the suspect. Leo was taken to the hospital where he later died.



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Leo was a five-year veteran of the Girard Police Department. He was 31 years old.

“When a police officer is killed especially in the line of duty, it’s a blow to everyone. Everyone takes thought of their lives and career and family and all that,” Varso said. “It’s just a shock to the system and this is the way we cope with it by honoring the officer.”

Kate Jack, a Boardman resident, watched the motorcade procession with her family and held up a thin blue line American flag in support of the officers as the motorcade passed.

“We just wanted to show our support and my cousin is in law

enforcement, so it hit close to home for us. We just wanted to come and show our support for Officer Leo,” Jack said.

The motorcade procession began around 12:15 p.m. Law enforcement parked up and down Fifth Ave. to attend the funeral.

Pallbearers carried Leo’s casket covered with an American flag to the middle of Beeghly Court.

Monsignor John Zuraw of St. Rose Church in Girard led the funeral in prayer and remembrance of Leo.

Zuraw spoke about Leo during his sermon and on behalf of the family.

“Today our hearts are heavy

with grief. God was with Justin with every call. God was with Justin when he was shot. God was with him when he died,” Zuraw said.

Girard Police Chief John Norman spoke to the crowd and the local law enforcement officers in the room stood up.

Norman promised Leo’s family that all those law enforcement officers would now be considered their family, and they would always be there for them.

The funeral ended as bagpipes played. Leo’s casket was carried out along with a 21-gun salute.

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STUDYING ABROAD IN SOUTH KOREA

RACHEL GOBEP

Imagine spending a year of college in a place that is much different than Youngstown, such as Seoul, South Korea. Emily Henline, a Youngstown State University junior, is doing exactly that.

Henline, an integrated language arts education major, is studying abroad in South Korea, for the 2017-18 academic year.

She said studying abroad has always been something she wanted to do. Henline has previously visited European countries, but wanted to go to a country with a completely different culture.

“After doing some research on Asia, I began to enjoy Korean culture and wanted to learn more about it and the language,” she said.

Henline was a recipient of the U.S. Department of State’s Benjamin A. Gilman International Scholarship to study abroad.

Gilman scholars receive \$5,000 to study abroad with additional funding for the study of a critical language overseas, which American undergraduate students who have limited financial means to study abroad.

“Without this scholarship, I would have struggled a little harder financially to study abroad,” she said.

She said she also received a scholarship from YSU.

Henline said before coming to South Korea she learned Korean for over a year at the Korean church in Youngstown because they have language classes every Sunday.

“Now that I am here, I am taking a two-hour language class every day,” she said.

She said South Koreans do not care about what the North Koreans say because they have been dealing with tension since the country split in 1945.

“They are prepared for an attack and actually have a mandatory two-year military service for all males,” she said. “Other than being prepared, Koreans typically do not worry about it daily. They go about their lives and if the time comes, it comes.”

Henline lives in an international dorm with exchange students and a few Korean students at Yonsei University. She said it is hard to make native Korean friends.

She said she believes the key to studying abroad is making friends both native and international.

“Upon making my Korean friends in the new club I joined, I noticed that the drinking culture in Korea is no joke,” she said. “The last bus and subway come around midnight, so often times Koreans stay out drinking until

the first one starts again at 5 a.m.”

Henline said her most memorable trip since arriving in Seoul was when she visited Changdeokgung (창덕궁).

“There is a secret garden that takes up about 60 percent of the grounds, so it was really nice to go there and walk through a forest after being in the city and around buildings all the time,” she said.

She said she likes Korean hip-hop and went to a two-day festival.

“That was pretty memorable for me because it would have been impossible for me to see something like that in America with all my favorite Korean hip-hop artists,” she said.

Ann Gardner, assistant director of international programs, said studying abroad in a culture that is different will make Henline independent.

“It’s going to show her flexibility, her adaptability and she’s going to use every skill she has to navigate this culture,” Gardner said.

Gardner said Henline is the only YSU student studying abroad in South Korea.

Henline said Asia is a great place to further education while experiencing a different culture, but to do research on customs before coming to the country.

THE HIGHLIGHTS OF HOMECOMING

NAMI NAGAOKA

Youngstown State University students and community members endured the cold weather on Saturday to celebrate the last day of the 77th homecoming week. YSU faced Illinois State, which was accompanied by the annual parade and homecoming crowning.

The parade featured floats from student organizations and local businesses. This year's theme was, "Black, White & Red All Over," and a combined effort from Alpha Xi Delta, Tau Kappa Epsilon and Alpha Phi Delta won first place.

Kevin Kosko, chair of Tau Kappa Epsilon, said about 60 participants spent a month to complete the float.

"The hardest thing was definitely building a framing," he said. "It's amazing to see everyone excited ... It's awesome," Kosko said.

The float replicated an article of The Jambar, featuring a headline story on Black Monday and a steel mill in the center. Darian Mansell, chair of Alpha Xi Delta, said they focused on the design because of its impact on Youngstown history.

"The whole outside ... is like a newspaper and we built an actual steel mill in the center. We actually have smoke [and] fire up the front," Mansell said. "We are super proud of each other."

In celebration of YSU's 50th anniversary, YSU also unofficially broke a Guinness World Record for the largest group of people dressed as penguins. They set a new record of 972, which surpassed the previous record of 624.

Catherine Cala, assistant director of Alumni Engagement, said 50 volunteers participated as well.

"The Guinness event is an excellent example of communication and collaboration by multiple university de-



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partments, including alumni engagement, athletics, first year student services, marketing and communications, student activities and the WATTS center," she said. "Everyone did a great job and it could not have happened without cross-campus support."

Willie Parker and Tierney McCaster were crowned YSU's 2017 Homecoming King and Queen during halftime at the football game.

McCaster said being crowned was a memorable way to end her last semester at YSU. She said it was difficult to keep up with her schedule during the election, trying to also balance an internship and ROTC training.

"I wanted to put our army ROTC program in the spotlight," she said. "I would like to continue to shine light on all of the organizations that I am part of, and continue to represent Youngstown State University in the best way I can."

FOR YOUR CONVENIENCE?

MORGAN PETRONELLI

Something seemed off in the women's restrooms around Youngstown State University since the beginning of the fall 2017 semester. A locked and dented feminine hygiene product machine and a new sign caught the wandering eye.

According to the sign, "For your convenience. Menstrual hygiene products (both tampons and pads) are now available in Kilcawley Center's vending machines for 50 cents each."

The transition of these feminine hygiene products from behind the women's bathroom door to the open environment of Kilcawley Center has sparked concerns from female students.

Presley Bowser, a YSU sophomore, said

there are good and bad aspects of the new feminine product placement.

"I think it's pretty good that [YSU] has made [menstrual hygiene products] a more available option for girls to use, but at the same time I feel like it's kind of private," Bowser said. "I don't think I would want people walking by or seeing me while I was at the vending machine. It would be kind of embarrassing and awkward."

The invasion of privacy and embarrassment were common concurrent feelings between female students who spoke on the subject.

Brooke Tyson, a student attending YSU, said she doesn't like the idea of tampons and pads in the vending machine.

"I was just looking for a snack and was shocked to see that stuff in a vending ma-

chine I thought was for food. I just thought it didn't make sense. Being immature, I just laughed honestly," Tyson said.

She said she is an open person so wouldn't care what others thought, but understood why others would be against buying tampons from the machines.

"Everyone knows that if a cute guy was behind you waiting for a snack and you were in front of him getting tampons it might be kind of awkward, whereas in a bathroom it'd be more secure and comfortable," Tyson said.

Amanda Hovanec, another YSU student, voiced her thoughts on the movement of the feminine hygiene products and being charged for them.

"I think that [the menstrual hygiene product move] is stupid. I think that you shouldn't have to be charged for tam-

pons," Hovanec said. "The whole situation is just plain stupid."

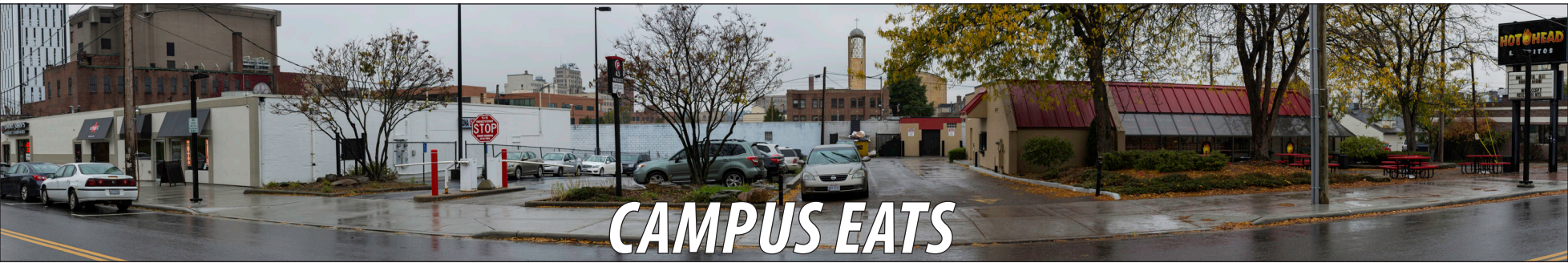
Hovanec agreed with the aforementioned statements, going on to say that it's embarrassing to buy pads and tampons from vending machines. She also revealed that she once witnessed a man buying tampons, thinking it was a pack of Mentos gum.

"YSU shouldn't even have moved [the feminine hygiene products] in the first place and we shouldn't be charged for tampons and pads at all," Hovanec said.

Attempts were made to find out whose decision it was to move the products, but Kilcawley Center, the YSU maintenance department and the vending machine service denied involvement in the transition from the bathroom to the vending machines.



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CAMPUS EATS

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DAVID FORD

With food options increasing around campus, Youngstown State University students and faculty wrestle with the one question: where to eat.

YSU offers breakfast, lunch and dinner options across campus, from locations in Kilcawley Center to the strip on Lincoln Ave.

Charlie Staples recently began accepting Pete's Points, a leading food currency for students. Danielle Blair, the manager at Charlie Staples, said this change was made to meet student demands.

"The majority of students are always looking for different places to eat," Blair said. "We allow the points to draw more students in."

Charlie Staples is near the outskirts of campus, next to the University Edge apartments on Rayen Ave. Famous for its southern-style original barbecue, Staples

has been in business for over 40 years, utilizing a barbecue recipe that hasn't changed for a century, Blair said.

"It's a landmark of the city and one of the best restaurants around," Blair said. "That's why more people should come."

Charlie Staples, despite its historic standing, is just one of many restaurants in the area. The Mahoning Valley Restaurant has offered people of Youngstown, especially YSU students, a place to eat for several years.

MVR hosted a Barstool Sports pregame show for the YSU/North Dakota State football game back in October.

While Youngstown has no shortage of places to eat for its college students, some still have trouble making the decision.

One YSU student, Mathew Perry, is always trying to find new places to grab some food. For Perry, the cost plays a major role.

"I think there's a decent amount of food options but the prices suck," Perry said. "I

often find myself picking one place to eat over another because of their prices."

Perry said he typically eats at a variety of different places, but found one restaurant in particular he enjoys for both its food quality and price.

"I love Subway. The food is pretty good and is a reasonable amount [of food] for the price," Perry said.

Perry also said he believes there's a good variety of places to eat that taste good, and ones that are strictly health-based.

Zara Rowlands, an associate professor and chair of the Human Ecology Department, said nutrition students did a study a few years ago where they looked at different restaurant menus on campus, seeing what would be healthy for students and what wouldn't be.

Based on the results, Rowlands said there's no reason someone can't find healthy food options.

"You can find them anywhere, you just need to know [what] you're looking for,"

Rowlands said. "For example, there's a spinach and tomato salad at Inner Circle, famous for its gooey pizza."

According to Rowlands, most people are on the run and don't have much time to sit down and eat.

"The things most people buy are pizza, and it can be 700 calories or more for one or two slices," Rowlands said. "Most of the food they eat is fast food, meaning what they eat is portable. You can walk around eating a burger and some of these burgers get ridiculous [with their contents]."

Rowlands said a lot of options around campus are fast food. For most students, this option is convenient.

"Fast food places develop their menu to taste really good. It's fatty, it's salty; they aren't too concerned with your health ... After they've been sued so many times, they made more efforts to add healthier options," Rowlands said.

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YSUSCAPE REVITALIZES AND CLEANS UP NEIGHBORHOOD

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MELISSA TUROSİK

YSUscape teamed up with the Youngstown Neighborhood Development Corporation for their fourth annual Make a Difference Workday.

On Saturday, over 20 volunteers cleaned vacant houses, boarded windows and trimmed hedges in a Youngstown neighborhood. Volunteers cleaned houses on Norwood and Crandall on the city's North Side.

Daniel Bancroft, president of YSUscape, said they were originally going to have four areas for the workday, but cancelled two areas due to the rain.

Bancroft said they cut down trees, picked up tires that might be outside on the property and scraped sidewalks.

Volunteers helped to pick up trash and clean up brush.

Bancroft said YSUscape has workdays multiple times a year.

"Another large focus we have is on public art and implementing that throughout the city of Youngstown," Bancroft said. "Another project we're currently working on is installing vinyl artwork onto utility boxes in the downtown area and up along Wick Avenue."

Bancroft said the artwork should be up in the next month or so.

Anika Jacobs-Green, the neighborhood organizer for YNDC, said one of the main reasons for cleaning up neighborhoods in Youngstown is to improve the quality of life.

"It brings back a sense of pride and safety and gives residents more control of their

neighborhoods and, of course, there's less crime," Green said.

Green said crime has gone down in some areas after fixing the neighborhoods.

"We're actually working in a high crime area on the South Side, which our biggest hope is to fix it up," he said. "We actually hired people to work specifically in that area and we hope when we cleanup we deter crime."

Green said volunteers reclaimed sidewalks and boarded-up houses to make sure no people are hiding out in them.

He said volunteering is important for everyone and it is a great networking and learning experience.

"The skills are transferrable that volunteers will learn and it's giving back to the community. Taking care of where you're at and it feels good," Green said.

Stephen Premec, a YSU student, has been volunteering help to clean up homes in Youngstown since he was 12 years old.

Premec said he liked joining YNDC because he is able to help revitalize Youngstown and make the community look better.

"Every time I would come down with my brother, I would see house after house. It just looked terrible," he said.

Premec said many times neighbors have come out and pitched in with the cleaning up. He said even though he feels sore afterwards he still goes out the next day regardless and volunteers.

"It feels rewarding mentally, but physically you're just so tired after. But the mental reward is bigger than anything else," he said.

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FROM THE ICE TO THE STAGE

JOHN STRAN

Youngstown State University student Joe Anastasia may be known as a member of YSU's hockey team. His passion off the ice as a stand-up comic is less physical than hockey, but can be just as adrenaline-filled.

Q: When did you start doing stand-up?

A: My first show was about seven months ago at a club in Pittsburgh called Hambones. I didn't know of any shows in Youngstown at the time so I just went for it.

Q: How would you describe your stand-up style?

A: I haven't really found my style yet. Sometimes, I try to be more animated and goofy and other times I approach my routine straight on. I try to base it off of what's worked previously as well as reactions from the crowd.

Q: Are you more of a clean comic or do you tend to use profanity?

A: Occasionally I swear but for the most part I try to

keep it clean, which, I've found is sometimes really hard to do. I want to keep it clean just in case stand-up doesn't work out and I need to get a job; there isn't video out there of me being obscene. I don't want a hirer to recognize me as the guy who drops a ton of f-bombs.

Q: What's the hardest part about doing stand-up?

A: The hardest part for me is interacting with the crowd and trying to figure out what they like and dislike. I don't think that just having good jokes is enough if I want to be a great comedian. Having great jokes and getting the crowd involved together can be real game changers and separate you from other comedians.

Q: Do you find it difficult to write material?

A: I think the difficult part of writing material is writing jokes that I think are funny and hoping that a crowd thinks they're as funny as I do. Some jokes take a little time to write and others come to me fairly easy.

Q: Tell me about the worst show you've had.

A: My worst show was at Nick's Lounge in Niles. I re-

member being excited before the show, picking out what jokes I would use based on the environment and how the crowd was reacting to the other comedians. I went up there and the stage lights were hitting me right in my face. I started to feel out of my element but still thought I could get through it. Through my whole routine, I only got a few laughs and just felt like I wanted to quit.

Q: Tell me about the best show you've had.

A: My best show was actually a week after the show I had in Niles. I was asked to headline a show at Suzie's Dogs & Drafts for Rookery Radio. Initially, I didn't want to do it because of the last show but then I thought that I've already done the worst I could possibly do so I didn't have much to lose. Everything worked out, there was a good sized crowd and the jokes I picked out were geared toward college students which most of the audience seemed to relate to. That show taught me that you have to have a bad show to really appreciate and enjoy the good ones.



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THE DAYS OF DITTO MACHINES AND CHALKBOARDS

MARAH J. MORRISON

With advances in technology over the years, the way that professors teach their classes have changed as well. Even though technology can be an advantage, depending on the professor, those who have been teaching for a long time think differently.

Dan O'Neill, a professor in the communications department at Youngstown State University, started teaching in the summer of 1968. O'Neill said computer technology has been a real advantage, has allowed us to access information more quickly and has allowed us to move away from archival materials gathered from libraries for researching purposes.

However, O'Neill said this becomes an issue due to the abundance of information people are able to get nowadays. O'Neill said maybe this generation has lost the ability to reflect and to think about what they're studying due to the advances in technology.

"The receiving back of information or papers took a little bit longer," O'Neill said. "But again, that was kind of balanced by the student's ability to inquire and to reflect."

O'Neill said one of the things he has trouble with, regarding the technology available to students today, is they are very inundated with it and don't have a chance to sit back and just think about what's going on.

He said back in the day, students were a little bit deeper and had more of an opportunity to think more into topic areas, due to the lack of technology.

"Many students just don't have the capability of reflecting and thinking as they once did," O'Neill said. "I think that's something that's dearly missed."

O'Neill said a professor from Ohio University at a convention he attended said you cannot beat a student sitting and listening to the information given by the instructor with either a pen or pencil and writing it down. O'Neill said all the research suggests this is the best way to retain information.

When it comes to teaching in general, technology is great in a lot of ways, but it's also problematic in a lot of ways, O'Neill said.

"Let common sense be our guide," O'Neill said. "Let's not be silly about technology."

Fred Owens, also a professor in communications at YSU, started teaching in 1971. Owens said he confronts the disadvantages of technology daily, with the advantages somewhat hidden.

"We used a lot of bluebooks and mechanical typewriters" Owens said. "Papers were turned in having been typed mechanically and that represented, for most people, a first set of skills coming to the university."

Back then, Owens said students also needed to be able to deal with a typewriter but the nice thing about it was it involved more time and thought. Owens said he finds today to be easier to copy, paste and hit send.

"It's kind of superficial," Owens said. "The challenge is to create a deeper reflection when the technology says, 'Hurry up, do it now.'"

Owens said it will be up to professors to make sure classes use technology for good purposes as it continues to advance.

Eric Wingler, a professor in mathematics and statistics at YSU, has been teaching for about 36 years. Wingler said his version of teaching still consists of chalkboard and chalk. Wingler said the assignments given to his students are still turned in on paper, just like they always have.

One bit of technology Wingler does like to use is a ditto machine. Wingler said back in the day, ditto machines were used to create exams for students. Wingler said nowadays, exams are typed up and shot to the printer.

When it comes to online math assignments, Wingler said students can have the right answer and sometimes if it's not exactly like the computer wants it to be, it'll be marked wrong.

"We do have WebAssign, which has problems you can do online," Wingler said. "I've tried them myself and it's a pain."

Wingler said professors may have to consider the goal they want, regarding the education the students are getting, and then decide what type of technology will accomplish it. Wingler said sometimes, maybe just a pencil will work pretty well.

YSU STUDENTS EMBRACE VIDEO STREAMING

NOAH JOHNSON

The arrival of video streaming platforms is a notable event in recent history of the entertainment industry. Originally a DVD-rental-by-mail service, Netflix revolutionized the way the world consumes television after it added its video streaming service in 2007.

For less than \$10 a month, users could browse movies and television shows just like they would on YouTube. The service's success can be measured by its competitors scrambling to offer similar packages. Television networks like HBO and Showtime now offer on-demand alternatives to their broadcast programming.

Video game companies added video streaming services to their online subscriptions, even making their premium memberships an additional requirement to use Netflix on their consoles. According to the Business Insider, cable subscribers have been on a downward trend since

2013 and the cable-cutting shows no sign of slowing down.

Allan Metz, a resident of Youngstown State University's Courtyards, said he would be willing to sacrifice the cable service his residence hall provides to lower his rent.

"If I use cable, it's only for sports," Metz said. "That's honestly very rare."

Live sports broadcasting remains the life raft for broadcast television. One can only watch ESPN online if they already have a redundant cable television provider. For those who don't look for sports, like former YSU student Nicholas Schroeder, this makes streaming more convenient.

Schroeder, who uses Netflix, said he chose this television platform due to the variety of shows, Netflix Series including "House of Cards," "Fuller House" and "Mindhunters." He said his package costs under \$10 per month.

"I also chose Netflix over traditional cable television because of the convenience of always having it with me on my laptop

or phone," Schroeder said.

This seems to be a commonality among Netflix subscribers. Netflix's original programming dominates those offered by its competitors. Amazon's most popular original, "The Man in the High Castle," only accrued a twelfth of Netflix's "Stranger Things" demand expressions in the third quarter of 2016, according to Parrot Analytics.

Though Amazon Prime may be a popular service, the Prime Video component can end up neglected by its subscribers YSU student Matthew Parrish said.

"For Prime Video, I only have it because it is tacked on to Prime," Parrish said.

Netflix remains synonymous with video streaming. It is the most popular service both abroad and on campus. However, syndicated television shows like AMC's "The Walking Dead" and HBO's "Game of Thrones" still beat digital originals in global popularity.

The most popular show on Hulu isn't its original series, "11.22.63," but the animated comedy, "South Park." Original

content may be the deciding factor when it comes to selecting among the digital streaming platforms, but they have yet to supplant established broadcast content.

This makes YouTube Red, which includes professionally produced, subscription-based and ad-free content, a different competitor in the online streaming arena. For subscribers like Parrish, however, it is the talented creators on YouTube's ad-supported service that earns his patronage.

Parrish does not watch any of the YouTube Red originals, but subscribes to it to support YouTubers.

"I subscribe to it more because it takes your subscription and pays the top five YouTubers you watch the most directly," Parrish said. "This supports them better than their ad revenue."

Traditional narrative or reality series sites like Twitch and YouTube offer different, personal entertainment from their content creators. Twitch's monthly user rivals Netflix's own subscriber base, according to DMR and CNN.

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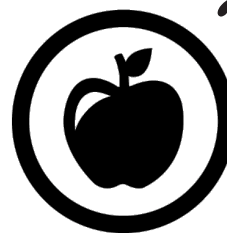
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Youngstown State University students, alumni, faculty and Youngstown community members unofficially broke the world record for the largest gathering of people dressed as penguins Saturday Oct. 28.

The previous Guinness World record was 624 people dressed as penguins was held by a group in England. The unofficial count for YSU was 972 people.

The event was put together by university officials to celebrate the 50th anniversary of YSU becoming a state university.

Assistant Director of Alumni Engagement, Catherine Cala, described the event as an excellent example of collaboration among different university entities.

"The end result was this tremendous, overwhelming, enthusiasm and excitement about trying to break the Guinness World [Record] for the largest gathering of people dressed as penguins," Cala said.



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On Oct. 27, Wick Avenue through Youngstown State University campus reopened after a 9 a.m. ribbon cutting ceremony.

YSU President, Jim Tressel, said how beautiful the project turned out.

"This will be wonderful, because it'll be so beautiful. People will take such pride I think they'll go out of their way to bring their friends by and drive down this beautiful street, and it's another sign of progress, which if each and every day and each and every year we can show progress it'll be amazing what we can do down the road," said Tressel.

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“Let both sides explore what problems unite us instead of belaboring those problems which divide us.”

These were just some of the words spoken by President John F. Kennedy when he gave his inauguration speech on January 1, 1961 – a beginning many Americans would remember throughout time, an ending no one could ever forget.

On Nov. 22, 1963, as the president rode through the streets of Dallas with his wife Jacqueline at his side, his Lincoln Continental convertible left him exposed to a crime that would shock the nation.

At approximately 12:30 p.m., the president of the United States was shot and killed.

The suspect was a man who worked at the Texas School Book Depository, the building from which the shots were fired. Lee Harvey Oswald was the man police were looking for.

Oswald's initial arrest that day was not for the shooting of the president, but for the fatal shooting of a police officer, J.D. Tippit. The .38 caliber revolver used was found on him and later tied to the slaying of the officer.

Once he was apprehended, it shortly came together

that this was the man who shot and killed the president. Police felt it had enough evidence to formally charge Oswald with the assassination of President John F. Kennedy.

Two days after the historic moment, Oswald was set to be transferred from the Dallas Police Headquarters to the Dallas County jail. During this transfer Jack Ruby, a local night club owner, shot Oswald in the stomach with a small-caliber pistol. He was taken to the hospital and later pronounced dead.

Oswald never had his day in court. To this day, many believe he did not kill the president and theories circulate of what really happened. Some say there was more than one person involved, others say he was innocent altogether.

A 2013 Washington Post-ABC News poll reported that 62 percent of people believe there was a cover-up of the truth. According to the Washington Post, a similar poll was taken in 1966, only three years after the assassination, and 46 percent of people suspected it was a multiple person job.

However, some claim there is no conspiracy and

that the events reported are nothing but truth. Hugh Aynesworth was a reporter at the time for the Dallas Morning News, and he was recently a keynote speaker at the College Media Conference in Dallas Texas and talked about the events in November of '63.

Not only was Aynesworth there when the president was shot, but he was also present at the movie theater for the arrest of Oswald, as well as at the city jail for the shooting of Oswald. He said he doesn't believe the alternate theories and said people love a conspiracy.

“People love a mystery, it's more fun,” he said.

On Thursday Oct. 26, the U.S. government released 2,800 records related to the assassination of JFK. This was in an effort to comply with a law from 1992 which mandated the release of the documents. However, 300 records were kept sealed and not released to the public.

The released files have been made available online to the public. There are also hundreds of books with different theories on what really happened. Whichever story you choose to believe lies behind tons of research, understanding and pure instinct.

HUNTING SEASON

NATHAN HRITZ

The leaves are falling, temperatures are dropping and November is upon us. This all means one thing to me: hunting season.

It's time to bust out the doe estrus, your trusty, old, blaze orange cap and hit the woods. I know being a Pennsylvania resident and writing for a school in Ohio, the seasons will not line up identically, but I'll write in regard to the Pennsylvania hunting seasons.

Currently in Pennsylvania we have fall turkey, archery and small game in season. I get giddy thinking about it, but that means guys like me are either out in the woods or they're daydreaming about being out in the woods.

Hunting is one of those things that is not for everybody, but those who choose the lifestyle embrace it fully. For me it means suiting up, throwing a pouch of Redman chewing tobacco in my back pocket and grabbing Ray (hunting rifle) for a day spent freezing my butt off in hopes of a legal buck or doe crossing my path.

Granted, rifle season opens up on Nov. 27. I've still got some time to kill before I can fulfill this sacred tradition, but until then, I'll continue trying to fill up my freezer with squirrels and rabbits. I can only speak from the perspective of a Pennsylvanian hunter, as I said, but opening day of rifle is borderline religious in the Keystone State.

Statewide, schools and many businesses will be closed opening day purely because of the rich hunting heritage Pennsylvania

carries. I had mentioned in a previous column how the old timers referred to Pennsylvania as the “million hunter state” and how there was a hunter behind every tree.

Things definitely are not how they used to be, however. With the ushering in of the digital age, the public interest in hunting has diminished considerably. Especially amongst younger generations. Even growing up, I can remember almost all my friends would head off to their respective hunting camps on Black Friday.

These days, I know maybe a handful of guys/girls my age who are still interested in hunting. My biggest concern is people will forget America's hunting roots and if I'm being brutally honest, wild game is just about as organic as it gets.

I know in my area, some of the rules and regulations make it a little more interest-

ing to hunt. What I mean is, in Wildlife Management Unit (WMU) 1A, we are only permitted to shoot bucks with four points on one side, or three if the deer does not have a brow tine (the innermost point on a buck's rack). I have personally had a handful of encounters where I have been afraid to harvest a deer simply because I could not distinguish whether a buck was legal to shoot or not.

It gets even more difficult when you are looking through a scope at a deer that is rooting around through underbrush. As a hunter who is more concerned with meat, I tend to harvest does if I can help it.

With all that being said, have fun out in the woods. Follow the rules, hunt smart and most importantly, be sure to brag to all your friends about a monster 10-point you may bag.



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JAKE'S PICKS: HAVE YOU SEEN ANY GOOD FILM ADAPTATIONS LATELY?

JAKE MYERS

Film adaptations are simply works of art previously presented in another written form: novel, graphic novel, play or short story. In my opinion, 90 percent of the time, the book is better, but I love seeing the characters come to life on the big screen.

Oftentimes, adaptations are billed as such to increase ticket sales; for example, the “Harry Potter” film series by J.K. Rowling and “The Hunger Games” film series by Suzanne Collins. Recently, some good adaptations have hit the theaters that maybe you weren’t aware were adaptations.

“The Girl with All the Gifts” by M.R. Carey was released on film (2017) with the same name and was directed by Colm McCarthy. I would recommend both the book and the film. M.R. Carey also wrote the screenplay and the film is currently available on Amazon Prime.

I would also recommend “The Shack” (2017), directed by Stuart Hazeldine and written by William P. Young, and “Silence” (2016), directed by Martin Scorsese and written by Shūsaku Endō. I have read “The Shack,” which was very good, but I have not read “Silence.”

I recently saw the latest adaptation to hit the theaters. As I mentioned in my fall preview article, “Have You Seen Any Good Movies Lately,” I was all about seeing Jo

Nesbø’s novel, “The Snowman,” come to life on the big screen. In fact, I waited to do this article until after I got to see the film “The Snowman” (2017) directed by Tomas Alfredson.

I was extremely disappointed. There are many missing pieces essential to the storyline and I feel the film did not present the pieces it did include, in a cohesive manner. It failed to capture everything I loved about the novel and it wasn’t gripping, suspenseful or elegant.

I heard the initial reviews of the film were bad, but I went anyway thinking having read the novel, I would be able to fill in the gaps and still enjoy the film. Unfortunately, there is very little backstory on Harry Hole, the main character who is a detective in Oslo, Norway. In fact, there is very little anything. The film is a series of cuts that don’t tell the story.

Harry Hole deserves to be presented in all of his flawed glory on the big screen. I feel like Michael Fassbender was not given the opportunity to fully represent Harry Hole. In contrast to the aforementioned, every once in a while, I view a film adaptation and feel the film elevated the story to a new level. One example is the novel “Gone Girl,” written by Gillian Flynn.

In my opinion, the film “Gone Girl” (2014), directed by David Fincher, more fully brought the characters and storyline to life. I listened to the audiobook and it was one of the worst audio performances to date for me. There were two narrators, Kirby Heyborne and Julia Whelan

who portrayed the two main characters, Nick and Amy. Heyborne spoke too slowly and overacted, and I venture to say, the “awfulness and horribleness,” to quote “The Ghost and Mr. Chicken” (1966), of Whelan’s performance truly “will never be forgotten.”

It was all I could do to get through the novel. Fortunately, I saw the film anyway, and it really delivered. I wouldn’t suggest to not read the book, just take my word for it, and don’t buy the audiobook.

As you may have noticed, adaptations are not always made into films. Many have been made into series. Some must-sees in my opinion are: “The Walking Dead,” based on the comics by Robert Kirkman, Tony Moore and Charlie Adlard, “Bosch,” based on the Harry Bosch detective novels by Michael Connelly, “The Night Manager,” based on the novel of the same name by John le Carré and “The Son,” based on the novel by Philipp Meyer who also produced the series.

Lastly, and a series I just finished and would wholeheartedly recommend, is “Mindhunter,” based on the novel by John Douglas and Mark Olshaker. Douglas became the first criminal profiler for the FBI. Incidentally, “Mindhunter” is explicit.

Drop me a line:

I would love to hear from you so email jcmeyers02@student.ysu.edu, if you wish to opine or use the comments section online.



FOR THE YO: YSU FOOTBALL LOOK TO FINISH STRONG TO END SEASON

Vitas Hrynkiwicz (70) looks to make a block during YSU's homecoming loss against Illinois State University.

Photo by MARC WEEMS/THE JAMBAR

CHRIS MCBRIDE

Homecoming was spoiled for the Youngstown State University football team (3-5, 1-4, Missouri Valley Football Conference) falling in front of a crowd of about 12,000 in a 35-0 loss to Illinois State University (6-2, 4-1 in MVFC) their first shutout since 2008.

With its playoff hopes nearly dead, YSU will go on the road this week to face Indiana State University (0-8, 0-5 in MVFC).

"It was a real big eye-opener and a gut check for us," YSU center Vitas Hrynkiwicz said about the past game.

The Redbirds were in control from the start scoring two touchdowns in just 45 seconds in first quarter alone. ISU, despite only managing 47 yards in passing, managed a successful attack on the ground with the duo of tailbacks Markel Smith and James Robinson combining for 241 yards.

In a game with not much upside for the

Penguins, a few bright spots were evident. The pass defense held the Redbirds to just 42 yards on six completions. Special teams would show some promise with freshman back Christian Turner getting 52 yards on two returns.

After the game, YSU Head Coach, Bo Pelini, voiced his disgust while calling the game an embarrassment and apologizing to the city along with anyone affiliated with YSU.

His strong words were reiterated when speaking to the press this week though he was kick to blame himself for the team's struggles.

"The way I sum it up is that I'm responsible for the product that goes out on that field," Pelini said. "I need to coach it better, I need to get the team prepared better and that's what I'm setting out to do."

Hrynkiwicz said the game added extra motivation for the Penguins heading into their next contest.

"I don't think the people really un-

derstand how excited we are to play this week," Hrynkiwicz said. "After that embarrassing loss all we've been thinking, all we've been wanting to do all weekend is go out to Indiana and make a statement win."

Pelini said it'll have to capitalize when opportunities arise moving forward.

"When you have adversity you have to make a play to get it turned around the other way and we've had those opportunities, we haven't been taking advantage of them for whatever reason," Pelini said.

The Sycamores are a team that has struggled. ISU is coming off a 59-20 loss to Missouri State University, which keeps it winless on the season. A focal point for the team will be receiver Bob Pugh who is ranked fourth in the country.

YSU holds a lopsided advantage in the season series leading 21-5.

In their last meeting, some late game heroics helped YSU squeeze out a 13-10 victory after notching a late game come-

back. The teams have played close games in their past three matchups against one another.

He also added that the team was going to have to pick itself up moving forward to get tough wins.

"This is the ultimate team game," Pelini said. "You need 11 guys being in sync play after play to play at a high level."

With just three games left in the season and playoffs nearly out of sight, the Penguins still feel they have something to prove.

"We're gonna work hard," Hrynkiwicz said. "We have to go out and show everyone that we can rebound, we can come back."

Pelini announced senior and former starting quarterback, Ricky Davis, may get the start this week for the injured Nathan Mays and recovering Hunter Wells.

In its next game, the Penguins hit the road to Terre Haute, IN to play ISU on Nov. 4 at 1 p.m.

PRESS BOX PERSPECTIVE: A WORLD SERIES SNOOZER

SETH RIVELLO

This World Series has been very entertaining as the Los Angeles Dodgers and Houston Astros go back and forth between wins and home runs. Both teams have combined for 22 home runs, a World Series record. The scoring has been crazy, but can you stay awake for it? The first pitch is thrown out shortly after 8 p.m. which is considered prime time, but with all the player pre-bat rituals and baseball analytics these games are drawn out heavily.

To summarize, analytics, also called sabermetrics, are really specific in-depth stats that measure in-game activity and answer specific questions. Billy Beane was the founder in the late 1990s as he assembled an Oakland Athletics team, not with money, but with statistics. He bought into cheap undervalued players and sold the overvalued ones. "Moneyball" and sabermetrics have changed the game. Now MLB managers look at how players bat against certain pitchers, how they take certain pitches, how they play the field against certain batters, the list goes on forever and it's slowing the game.

Game one was the quickest World Series game in 25 years, as Clayton Kershaw gunned down the Astros lineup in two hours and 28 minutes. He pitched seven of the nine innings, which is a huge reason why the game moved quickly. Once you take the starter out and plug in relievers, once the manager starts looking at the analytics, the game won't be over until 2 a.m.

Dodgers took Game 1 but Houston looked to bounce back in Game 2. Game 2 went into extra innings as each team was pounding the ball out of the park. There was a plethora of pitchers coming in and out of the game, another managerial analytic move which caused the game to run past midnight. Rich Hill started

the game for the Dodgers as he struck out seven batters in four innings but was pulled for pitcher Kenta Maeda. Hill did give up one run in the third but you can't hold that against him, analytics forced him out and Houston took Game 2 by a score of 7-6.

Games 3 and 4 weren't too grueling, Game 3 took three hours and 46 minutes while Game 4 was quick lasting three hours and six minutes. Both games were split as Houston took Game 3 and Los Angeles took Game 4. Yuli Gurriel was the talk of Game 3 as he made a racist gesture after returning to the dugout after hitting a home run.

He stretched the side of his eyes and mouthed the Spanish word "chinito," which means "little Chinese boy" in Spanish. The gesture was pointed toward Dodgers pitcher Yu Darvish who is from Japan.

The most recent game, Game 5 was the best by far. If you didn't fall asleep you witnessed one of the best world series games ever and the second longest. The game lasted five hours and 17 minutes, not finishing until after 1 a.m. Pitching was very sloppy as each team gave up over ten runs. The game went into extra innings again but was ended by Houston's Alex Bregman who singled to bring in the game winning score. Astros won the game 13-12 and took the series lead 3-2.

In Game 6, the Dodgers came out and yet again, analytics came out in full force. Rich Hill threw just 58 pitches and was pulled in favor of reliever match-ups. The Dodgers tied the series at three with a 3-1 victory.

Something needs to be done with analytics. It's a big time sport and jobs are on the line but these guys need to play, take all the science out of it. Another thing is pre-bat rituals. Yasiel Puig, no one wants to see you lick your bat before you strike out. The game is being slowed and driving away fans.



YSU LOOKING FOR REDEMPTION

Photo courtesy of YSU SPORTS INFORMATION

Sarah Cash (23) tries to get a shot up over Keleah-Aiko Koloi (3) of the University of Hawaii. Cash will be a key part of this team.

MARC WEEMS

After a season riddled with terrible injuries and strange happenings, the Youngstown State University women's basketball team is ready to go.

"We're excited. We are still ironing small things out," YSU head coach John Barnes said. "We had a really good scrimmage against Duquesne. They do a really good job on both ends so it was a good challenge for us."

Last year, two of YSU's main contributors, shooting guard Nikki Arbanas and small/power forward Sarah Cash, played nearly zero minutes.

Arbanas tore her ACL before the year started and Cash played just 102 minutes due to a lingering knee injury.

"I'm really happy with the progress I've made and the progress the team has made so far. I'm looking forward to it all," Arbanas said. "The extra time that the younger girls got on the court last year is invaluable. Being able to just be confident and knowing that whenever some of us have to have less minutes. Those girls will be able to keep the games close and defend well."

Arbanas also said that she's excited to be able to get back on the court with all her teammates and friends.

In just two seasons of play, Arbanas is 10th all-time in three-pointers made at 144. Her backcourt mate, Indiya Benjamin, is seventh all-time in three-point field goal percentage at 36.2 percent.

"I'm very excited. I haven't been able to play with Nikki and Sarah a full year since my sophomore year," Benjamin said. "When we were able to play together, we did big things. We had good chemistry and played an all-around good game. I'm just happy everyone is healthy and ready to play."

Benjamin is slotted as the starting point guard for the fourth consecutive year. She was the only Penguin to start all 30 games last year.

Last year without Sarah Cash, freshmen center Mary Dunn stepped up in her role. She was voted the Horizon League Freshman of the Year. She led all-conference freshmen with 11.3 points per game and a .514 field-goal percentage. With Cash back, anything can happen.

"I realized that I'll probably miss this a lot more once I graduate than I thought I would," Cash said. "Watching games from the sideline makes you see when people don't do what they are supposed to. It helps when you go back to film and see what you missed before."

In the preseason, YSU was picked to finish eighth out of 10 Horizon League teams.

"There are a number of players we can put in the game and we feel that we won't have a drop off or a letdown," Barnes said. "Nikki was a vocal leader and captain. To lose her, we struggled with who to look toward in a major role. Indiya Benjamin has done a great job. Sarah Cash isn't necessarily a vocal leader but leads by example. The leadership they show is great on the court and off."

With the season just around the corner, YSU will look to improve on who it was last year with just nine wins which included five conference wins.

"We are doing the same defensive stuff as in the past," Cash said. "Now, we are trying to be in more gaps so we can help on drives. We are trying to protect the paint more than we have in the past."

Last year, YSU gave up 74.3 points per game and were also out-rebounded by near eight each game. YSU will need to clean those up to get more early season wins.

YSU plays its first game on Nov. 10 at the University of Pittsburgh at 7 p.m.



Ryan Strollo takes a baseline jump shot in YSU's lone exhibition game on Oct. 24 against Thiel College.

Photo by MARC WEEMS/THE JAMBAR

YSU HEAD COACH JERROD CALHOUN PREACHES UN-SELFISH, UP-TEMPO BASKETBALL

CHRIS MCBRIDE

The Youngstown State University men's basketball team is coming off a trip to the Horizon League semifinal game against Northern Kentucky University. It lost a suspenseful 84-74 to cap off their 2016-2017 season.

The Penguins feature a 20-man roster which includes four seniors from last season's team. It also features 14 newcomers. "You really want to win for those seniors," YSU Head Coach Jerrod Calhoun said. "This is their final go-around. I think that all four kids have different stories to tell, different paths, but they're all Penguins and we want those kids to go out winners so we're excited."

As for the newcomers, point guard Francisco Santiago foresees that all will be well. He described the chemistry the group has been building. He also talked about the on-court adjustments ahead for them.

"On the court it's been a little bit tougher because we've only had six or seven guys that have played in a Division I basketball game. That's why these scrimmages are

so meaningful because we need our new guys to get their feet wet," Santiago said.

The newbies to the team have made their presence felt. Coach Calhoun praised freshman, Naz Bohannon, in particular, who currently leads the team in scoring and rebounding currently.

YSU will start anew this season with a new coaching staff with Calhoun at the helm. He hopes to integrate a pace and space style of basketball into YSU this season to up the tempo get the ball moving in transition.

Calhoun also hopes to expand the depth chart to incorporate a first and second unit comprised of at least 10 players.

"We'd like to have 11. If Sisco [Francisco Santiago] is healthy we at least definitely are at 10 and if we can get one or two other guys ready we can get to 11," said Calhoun. "This type of system wears you down and it's hard to play against. It's hard to prep for because you're not use to the constant trapping."

He said the new style will spark fan interest because each player will be integrated into the games. The philosophy seems to be rubbing off on the team with each player seeming willing to adapt their

games to change.

After not getting much playing time in his tenure with YSU, guard Ron Strollo will see more playing time under Calhoun's new system. With a new role in the offense Strollo envisions what that'll entail for him this season.

"He [Jerrod Calhoun] likes to score the ball and my skill set is that I'm a shooter," Strollo said. "He wants as many threes as possible and that's what I can bring to him."

Shooting guard Cameron Morse, was recently named Preseason First-team All-Horizon League.

"Getting up and down the court, getting stops and easy baskets in transition is how the game is played and that's what's gonna help us come March," Morse said.

Coming off a dominant season, he averaged 22.9 points a game. The new style doesn't intimidate Morse who believes he can still replicate that same output.

"Us getting up and down the court in transition and getting easy shots, baskets and how we turn people over I feel I can stay up in that range," Morse said. "It's tough, you're gonna get tired and he's gonna sit you down but I still feel by the

way we play and my scoring efficiency, I can score around those numbers."

And as for being snubbed for preseason Player of the Year? Morse just sees it as more ammunition to play all out this season.

"It's really more drive, I just have to play with that chip on my shoulder," Morse said. "I feel like I was the best player last year in the tournament."

Morse said that with this style he feels as though the Penguins can be top-three this season.

With Santiago beside him in the backcourt, it's a feat that feels achievable if he's able to remain on the court. Santiago is currently nursing a knee injury that will see his minutes restricted.

"Getting as far as we got in the tourney we just wanna win now," Santiago said. "It doesn't matter who gets the glory or who gets the fame as long as we're the ones winning at the end of the day," Santiago said.

YSU will gear up to play at the University of Akron against Kent State University in its season opener Nov. 11 at 9 p.m.