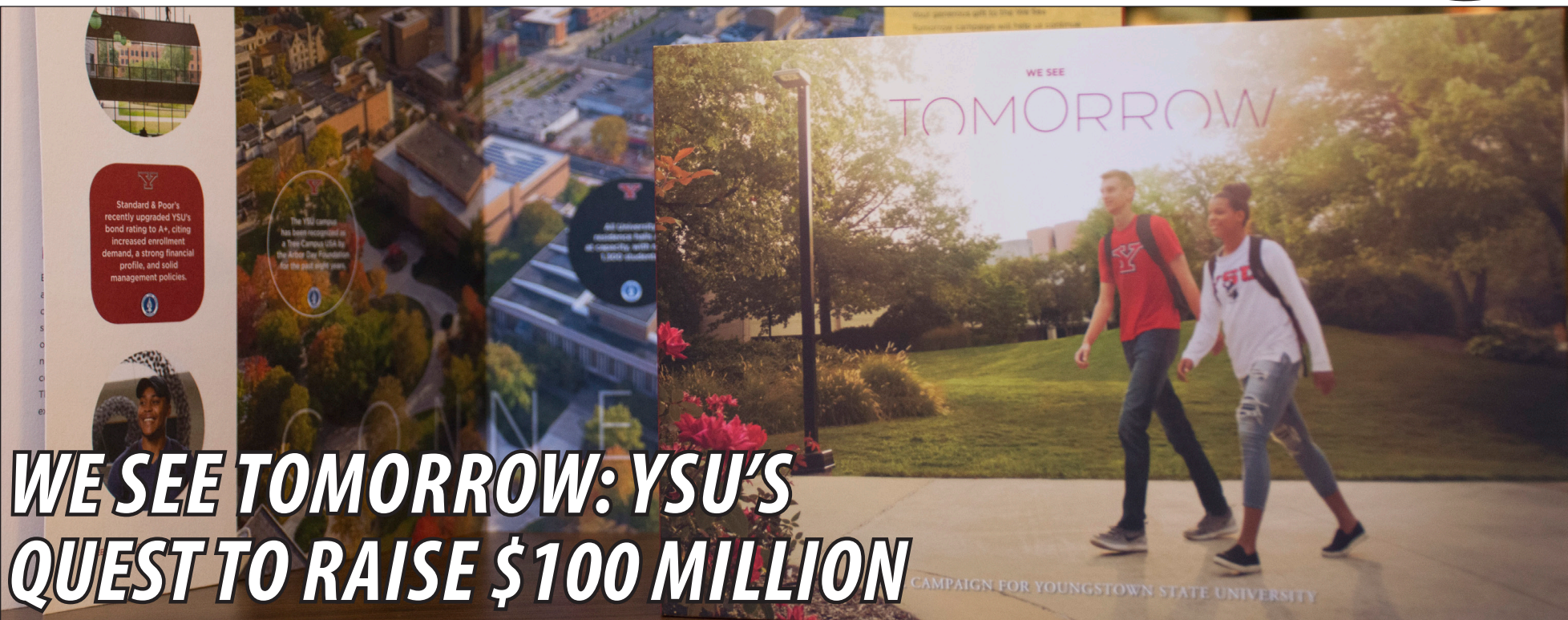


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WE SEE TOMORROW: YSU'S QUEST TO RAISE \$100 MILLION

JENNIFER RODRIGUEZ

Youngstown State University and the YSU Foundation announced its public phase of the “We See Tomorrow” fund-raising campaign on Oct. 25. The university is halfway to its goal of raising \$100 million.

According to Paul McFadden, president of the YSU Foundation, the campaign has raised \$51 million.

McFadden said planning for the campaign began five years ago, but it actually started on July 1, 2014. The campaign was kept private for three years and went public after reaching the halfway mark.

The project is supposed to bring new opportunities and renovations to YSU. The campaign objectives are to address the strategic priorities of opportunity, excellence and impact.

Funding goals include a student success center, Mahoning Valley Innovation and Commercialization Center, scholarships and student work opportunities, endowed chairs and professorships, campus beautification, classrooms of the future, the Rich Center for Autism and the annual fund.

Each section of the campaign has an independent funding goal. According to

McFadden, a student success center was President Jim Tressel’s idea, and the goal is to raise \$12 million.

“We have over 40 different endeavors to support our students: career services, academic advising, mental health counseling, the Center for Student Progress. But, some are in the library, some are in Kilcawley, they’re here and there. We want to bring them all together,” McFadden said.

McFadden said the goal is to have all services available to students located in one building. He said the location is “to be announced.”

The Rich Center for Autism has a \$4 million goal, which will go toward expanding the center. As of now, the center is on the first floor of Fedor Hall.

According to Melanie Carfolo, executive director at the center, the funding would go toward expanding to the upper and lower level of the building and putting in a professional development center.

“We would be able to invite educators from around the region to come in and learn about autism. We would be putting in a life skills center including a demonstration kitchen and rooms where students could practice independent living,” Carfolo said. “We are so appreciative of the community; they have always been supportive of the Rich Center.”

The center has 75 students, ages 2.5 to 18. Carfolo said they would like to double that amount.

Another major project of the campaign is the Mahoning Valley Innovation and Commercialization Center, with a funding goal of \$14 million. Recently the Department of Economic Development awarded the university a \$2 million grant for the project. The center will be located in the former misdemeanor jail downtown.

“Its main focus in additive manufacturing is 3-D printing. It will go beyond that, but we really think YSU is building a national niche, recognized excellence for 3-D printing,” McFadden said. “We want to try to build a synergy in an area we think we have expertise now.”

Ron Cole, public information officer at YSU, said the campaign is structured in a way to help YSU continue to strive for excellence.

“[YSU strives for excellence] in everything we do — ensuring student success, attracting internationally-renowned faculty, providing high-tech classroom spaces, offering scholarships and student work opportunities to help pay for the cost of school, keeping the campus looking beautiful, serving autistic children of the community and creating a new innovation center for the university and beyond,”

Photo by TANNER MONDOK/THE JAMBAR Cole said.

The goal is to raise \$20 million toward scholarships and student work opportunities, \$10 million for campus beautification, \$15 million for endowed chairs and professorship and \$5 million for classrooms of the future.

“A wonderful family came forward and they want to help us prepare for classrooms of the future,” McFadden said. “The initial gift is going to provide three of these classes in each of our six colleges.”

Classrooms of the future is a way of taking traditional lecture-based classes and equipping them with Cisco Spark stations. This will allow students to watch the lectures at later times through a video storing system.

McFadden said the campaign cabinet played a huge part in the progress of the campaign, and they have been the key to opening many doors. He said he believes they will achieve the goal of \$100 million in the next three years.

“We hope this is a transformative campaign for YSU,” McFadden said. “Everything we do is about students. Preparing for students today, preparing for students tomorrow.”

More information on the campaign and what it will bring to the campus can be found through the YSU Foundation.



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FORMER JAIL TO FIND NEW LIFE AS YSU INNOVATION CENTER

ELIZABETH LEHMAN

Youngstown State University has been steadily progressing in making the dream of a new innovation and career technical center a reality for the campus and the community.

The Mahoning Valley Innovation and Commercialization Center will be located in the former misdemeanor jail downtown. In early October, the U.S. Department of Economic Development awarded the university a \$2 million grant for the project.

On Oct. 26, YSU announced the public phase of its \$100 million capital campaign. The center is featured as one of the campaign's targeted philanthropic opportunities.

Brett Conner, associate professor in mechanical and industrial engineering, said the campaign's goal is to raise \$14 million more for the center.

Mike Hripko, YSU associate vice president for research, said YSU has already turned \$3 million into \$6 million for the center. He said the project has received funding from the 2016 State Capital Bill as well as the Appalachian Regional Commission and the Economic Development Administration.

"We're grateful for the support from the state, we're grateful for the support from Appalachian Regional Commission and Economic Development Administration and we're committed to achieving the goal that they set forth for us with their investment in us," Hripko said.

Darrell Wallace, associate professor in mechanical and industrial engineering, said the origins of the idea of the center date back about 10 years. He said the former jail will provide a nice location for the center between downtown and campus and will

be a secure facility.

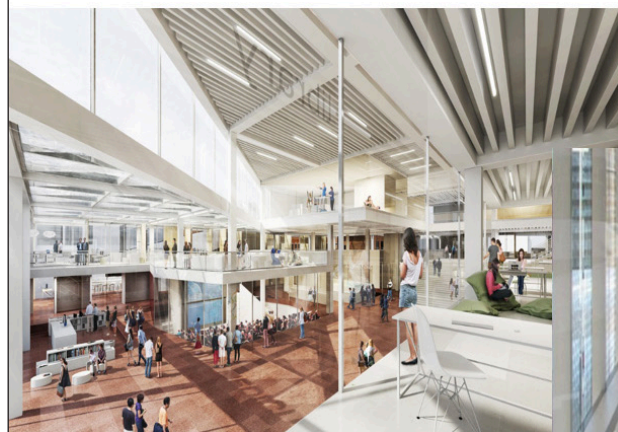
"We've got a lot of the work that we do that is sensitive and certainly if industry wants to come in and work with ideas that are proprietary, that becomes important," Wallace said. "It provides a nice bridge between the campus proper and our innovation partners, America Makes and Youngstown Business Incubator."

Locally, Hripko said YSU has partnerships with not only the YBI, but also Eastern Gateway Community College and the area career and technical centers.

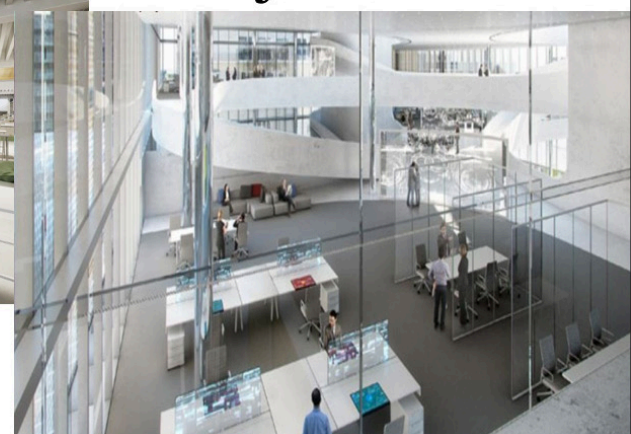
The university is also working with the Mahoning Valley Manufacturer's Coalition, which Conner said will help prepare students for their future careers.

"We have the opportunity to know what the needs are for a workforce and to be able to meet the needs and allow, at least from our standpoint, engineers

MAHONING VALLEY CENTER FOR ENTREPRENEURSHIP AND INNOVATION



Innovation Atrium



Project Team Area



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and engineering technologists, to be able to have the knowledge and skill sets and hands on experience to walk right into those companies and work there," Conner said.

Hripko said the center will feature advanced manufacturing technologies, centering around 3-D printing and additive manufacturing, as well as some other technologies.

"It includes also machining or embedded electronics, robotics. Traditional advanced manufacturing technologies such as welding and machining will also be conducted there because all of those skills are necessary in advanced product development," Hripko said.

Wallace, Hripko and Conner all said the center will not benefit just STEM students, but will be a multidisciplinary center where students with various majors can learn.

"In today's modern manufacturing and innovation world, there's a combination of all academic disciplines, and certainly the business and the arts and the liberal arts and the health sciences are all areas where innovation and new technology can benefit," Hripko said. "So we envision this center as being a space where many academic disciplines can engage and participate."

Hripko said it's still very early in the process of getting the center in place and he estimates it could take 18 months to two years to wrap up the project.

Conner said he thinks using the former jail as a learning center is a neat idea for Youngstown.

"It shows the rebirth of Youngstown. I think being able to have a space that was once a jail and now turning into a place that brings life into the community is pretty exciting," Conner said.

AUTHOR DISCUSSES RACIAL DIVIDE IN THE UNITED STATES

RACHEL GOBEP

Carol Anderson, author of “White Rage: The Unspoken Truth of Our Racial Divide,” discussed her book at St. John’s Episcopal Church, with nearly 300 people in attendance on Nov. 2.

She also spoke to Youngstown State University students before the event in an open forum.

In her novel, Carol Anderson discusses the racial divide in the United States from the Civil War to the present day, to continue the conversation about race and those opposed to black Americans progressing in society.

Ten sponsors, including Mayor John McNally, YSU Africana Studies Program and WYSU, worked together to make the event free and open to the community.

Carol Anderson said she got the idea for her book in February 1999 when Amadou Diallo, a 22-year-old West African immigrant, was shot and killed by four New York City police officers.

“Amadou Diallo was unarmed. Amadou Diallo had committed no crime. Amadou Diallo was a black man and that was his crime,” Carol Anderson said.

In addition, Anderson discussed when Michael Brown, an unarmed black teenager, was shot and killed in August 2014 by Darren Wilson, a police officer in Ferguson, and the events that followed.

Carol Anderson said hundreds of people gathered outside of the Ferguson Police Department and rioted after a grand jury did not indict Officer Wilson on charges including first-degree murder and involuntary manslaughter.

“Underneath that narrative of black folks burning up where they live is a narrative that is embedded into the United States, a narrative of black pathology,” Carol Anderson said.

Carol Anderson said black pathology is an idea that society needs to fix black people.

Additionally, she said institutional racism is the systematic pattern of negative treatment toward a group of people based on their race or ethnicity.

Carol Anderson said the United States is the land of opportunity and the quality of the society is being affected as a whole when policies are used to

negatively treat a group of people.

“What white rage does is punish black aspirations,” Carol Anderson said.

Carol Anderson said an example of whites punishing black aspirations was the backlash when former President Barack Obama was elected.

“Black achievement, black aspirations and black success are construed as direct threats,” Carol Anderson said.

The minister of St. John’s Episcopal Church, Gayle Catinella, said Carol Anderson’s message is critical in the political climate and the strategic division between races in the United States.

“When I read her book, I probably knew everything she talked about, but I didn’t understand it. I didn’t put it together the way she puts it together,” Catinella said.

Catinella said she can only speak for herself as a white person. She said she believes most white people are good people, but do not understand institutional racism.

“It’s a matter of roweling us up and making us dissatisfied with the bad things that are happening to the extent that we cannot live with it anymore. That’s what’s [going to] change things,” Catinella said.

Tiffany Anderson, director of Africana Studies at YSU, said it was a pleasure for the department to be a community sponsor for the event.

“It was a personal pleasure for me considering Tiffany Anderson is an academic superstar and important contemporary voice on race relations in America,” Tiffany Anderson said. “Regardless of my high expectations and excitement for the program, I was pleasantly surprised by how relatable she made her intense and difficult material to a large audience.”

Tiffany Anderson said Carol Anderson was able to tell the story of the tragic historical events that demonstrate the concept of white rage with ease.

“All of my students who attended the event shared how eye-opening the event was,” Tiffany Anderson said.

Carol Anderson is a Charles Howard Candler professor of African American Studies at Emory University.



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MELISSA TUROSİK

Two Youngstown State University seniors and one alumni passed the Certified Global Business Professional Exam (CGBP) from the National Association of Small Business International Trade Educators (NASBITE).

The exam certifies students and showcases their ability to negotiate business at the professional level and to compete in an aggressive, cross-border environment, according to Portland Community College.

Mariah Carna and Joseph Scott, both seniors, along with Ellen Chittester, a 2017 graduate of YSU, have the awareness essential to be a prosperous global commerce professional.

Scott and Carna will graduate in May 2018.

Carna said she would love to continue with international business and see where it takes her. She said she would love to travel.

Scott said he sees himself doing consult work.

The students attended a special training class to prepare for the exam and those who passed were refunded for the costs of the exam by the Dean of Williamson College of Business Administration Betty Jo Licata.

The class is a CGBP training class and the Williamson College of Business is a NASBITE-certified training center, Chittester said.

Chittester said NASBITE oversees the exam and a certified instructor holds training sessions

regularly for students who want to take the exam.

The students also did the Ohio Export Internship Program to prepare for the exam, Scott said.

“I think our internships helped out a lot and we had internships in the summer before we took the exam,” Scott said.

Chittester said passing the exam shows future employers that students have the competency in global business and they are able to go into business or go into a business setting with a better understanding.

Scott said YSU has excellent professors who develop admirable students. The students had three hours to take a 165-multiple choice question exam.

Scott said the exam had a 50 percent passing rate. The rate for YSU students surpassed the 50 percent passing rate mark.

“From our Export Internship Program, there were 10 students. We were the only three who decided to take the exam and we all passed. That was really good, it shows YSU has a 100 percent pass rate,” Chittester said.

Chittester works at YSU as international trade consultant. She said international business is a huge part of the economy.

“There are a lot of upcoming jobs and there is a lot of demand for trained employees. That’s a part of the goal for the Export Internship Program, to train students to be able to work in international business, because there is a large need for them,” Chittester said.

YSU CARES WITH THE CARE TEAM

ELIZABETH LEHMAN

It was a cold, windy Monday morning in April 2007 when Virginia Polytechnic Institute and State University became the site of an unprecedented mass homicide.

In the wake of the tragedy, universities across the country changed the way they handled campus safety and prevention of school shootings.

"Implementing Behavioral Threat Assessment on Campus: A Virginia Tech Demonstration Project," a book released by Virginia Tech in 2009, detailed the university's efforts to implement threat assessment. The book was released in hopes of helping other institutions develop and implement their own policies and programs.

"Just as the Columbine High School attack in 1999 served to galvanize efforts toward understanding and preventing K-12 school shootings, so, too, has the 2007 attack at Virginia Tech served to galvanize campus safety efforts and to focus the nation's attention on the issue of preventing campus shootings," the book's introduction said.

After the Virginia Tech shooting, Youngstown State University implemented the Behavioral Intervention Team (BIT).

Nicole Kent-Strollo is the director of student outreach and support and chairs the new incarnation of the former BIT, now called the CARE (Concern - Assessment - Referral - Education) Team. She said the original BIT was a result of the Virginia Tech shooting.

"You can't prevent everything," Kent-Strollo said. "That did give us the incentive to kind of bring these teams together."

Kent-Strollo's position in student outreach and support was created to designate a person who could proactively reach out to students and network with the other team members to get more information and look for solutions.

"It was something I had really a huge passion for, keeping our campus safe and our students safe and healthy as much as we possibly can, and keeping very proactive with that, versus waiting for something bad to happen. That was something that was really huge for everybody involved," Kent-Strollo said.

Her position with student outreach began in January. When fall semester 2017 began, the BIT evolved into the CARE Team.

After attending a National Behavioral Intervention Team Association conference with Ann Jaronksi, director of student counseling and member of the CARE Team, Kent-Strollo decided a new name would better align with the goals of the team.

A speaker at the conference mentioned the name "CARE Team." Kent-Strollo said they thought the term "behavioral intervention" might sound too serious and deter people from reaching out.

"We wanted it to be something that was a little

bit more welcoming and to let everyone on campus know that we truly care about people here," Kent-Strollo said.

The 2017-18 CARE Team Policies and Procedures Manual outlines the mission of the team:

"The Youngstown State University CARE Team engages in proactive and collaborative approaches to identify, assess and mitigate risks associated with concerning behaviors or thoughts. By partnering with members across campus, the CARE Team strives to promote individual student, faculty and staff wellbeing and success while prioritizing community safety."

Departments represented within the CARE Team include the police department, counseling, housing, the administration and multicultural affairs.

The CARE Team goes beyond being a behavioral assessment team, frequently reaching out to students with a wide range of issues.

"Any student can be referred for any issue. It can be as simple as homesickness to suicidal thoughts, the whole gamut. It might even be someone who doesn't have money for food, who doesn't have a home ... with any student that [is] really in need, but it really [isn't] solely academic," Kent-Strollo said.

The team can connect students with the campus food pantry or help students find professional attire to wear to job interviews, Kent-Strollo said.

The CARE Team can refer students to resources off campus.

To refer someone to the team, a person can go to the CARE Team website or they can call Kent-Strollo directly. Her personal cell phone number is printed on the posters for the team hanging up around campus.

"I think some people look at me like I'm kind of crazy because I have my number everywhere, but this job doesn't work if I'm not accessible," Kent-Strollo said. "I don't mind doing that at all, that was part of the job when I took it."

Kent-Strollo said if someone is considering contacting the CARE Team, but are hesitant, they should remember it is the responsibility of every member of the campus community to report any concern, so issues can be dealt with as early as possible.

"While serious matters obviously need brought to the attention of senior leadership responsible for overall campus safety, most of the time, referrals simply alert us to students in need of 'a helping hand' or other type of assistance," Kent-Strollo said.

Kent-Strollo said the CARE Team is a way to help further the culture of community on campus at YSU.

"I hope students get used to someone reaching out to them and not thinking it's odd. On this campus, we care about you," she said. "I think it's a really amazing thing."

FINDING A NEW USE FOR WRISTBANDS

MORGAN PETRONELLI

People come into contact with a multitude of chemicals and toxins that they may or may not be aware of on a daily basis. But, what if there was a way to see exactly what a person comes into contact with?

Kim Anderson, an environmental and molecular toxicology professor from Oregon State University, spoke to Youngstown State University students and community members via Skype on Nov. 1 as a part of an annual science lecture series organized by YSU geology professor Ray Beiersdorfer.

In the lecture, Anderson discussed her invention of the MyExposome wristband. The creation is a silicon bracelet that acts as a sponge and is able to measure chemical exposures that the wearer comes into contact with. Along with her students, she conducted studies in Ohio, Oregon, New York, Peru and Africa.

A conjoint study was done by The Ohio State University utilizing the wristbands, which took a look at the chemicals Texas residents were exposed to during Hurricane Harvey.

Anderson said before the wristbands, stationary monitors were used, but that they were a poor estimate of the chemicals individuals were exposed to. She said since people do not stay in one place, they can be exposed to different chemicals in different environments and scenarios. She said this situation sparks the need for a more mobile and discrete device that could be utilized for sampling.

"We developed what we call Passive Sampling Devices (PSD). The first ones were developed actually at the U.S. Geological Survey (USGS). But we, as well as others, built upon that technology," Anderson said.

She said the first PSD she used was a necklace, but she first came up with the idea of using the wristbands after seeing football players wearing them. Since then, the MyExposome wristbands have been sent out across the globe to collect samples.

Once the wristbands are sent

back to Oregon State for testing, a solvent is used to extract over 1500 possible chemicals from the wristbands, which are then looked over and recorded.

During Hurricane Harvey, Anderson and her researchers wanted to test the theory that Houston was a toxic soup after torrential flooding took over the city.

"Certainly, this is what we call a unique chemical exposure after one of these disasters. So, we wanted to get into the community, if there was interest, and participate in trying to find if we can use our technology and test our approach," Anderson said.

One of the roughly 35 attendees of the lecture was Jason Lee, a YSU graduate student and science teacher at Howland High School. Lee is currently working on his second master's degree in environmental science, with his first master's degree in biology.

Lee said he took a 30-day trip to China with Beiersdorfer, who encouraged him to attend the lecture.

"It was a long time, but it was amazing. I'm taking a class with Dr. Armstrong this semester and a lot of the research we are doing deals with lead contamination, so it was just an interesting topic to me," Lee said.

Beiersdorfer said he first became aware of Anderson's research when fracking reports came out about Carroll County.

"The lecture series is about energy and the environment, and [Anderson] was monitoring exposures of these pollutants in Carroll County. I was familiar with work that had been done in Colorado that showed that people who lived within half a mile of a fracking well were getting exposed to hazardous levels of carcinogens and neurotoxins in the air."

Beiersdorfer said this lecture was a part of the lecture series' theme, but it is not the only thing it focuses on. He said they have had speakers talk about sustainable energy and renewables.

"We are essentially looking at the harm and then looking at the solutions," Beiersdorfer said.

According to Beiersdorfer, the next lecture should occur after Martin Luther King Day.

STUDENT PAYS TUITION WITH YOUTUBE



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NAMI NAGOAKA

While students spend their time on coursework and prepare for their future careers, many have part-time jobs on or off campus to pay for tuition and instructional fees.

Tyler McVicker, a junior majoring in journalism at Youngstown State University, is paying his tuition and living expenses by creating videos and articles about video games on social media such as YouTube.

Known as Valve News Network on the internet, his You-

Tube channel has over 246,000 subscribers. The channel investigates video game companies and their projects.

"Every day I keep track of everything that Valve, a game company, does ... because this one company who has been around 20 years never talks to the public," McVicker said.

He found out by the age of 10 that Valve owned many of the video games he loved. This interested him in the video game industry, which led him to the field in 2011.

"My job is to not only pay attention to what's going on pub-

licly ... but also I have a lot of contacts on the inside of their work for the company and they give me some information," McVicker said.

He said he works approximately 100 hours a week writing and researching for his material.

"If I miss something then that's a lot of money that I can lose," McVicker said. "If I'm not the person to report on the story, someone else would be, and then the first one who breaks the story is the one makes money."

He said he gets nervous if he spends too much time on things other than his job since he is re-

sponsible for paying bills.

He earns approximately \$2,000 to \$3,000; he sometimes earns \$4,000 when there is a big story. He said it took about three years to start making money and another year to make a good amount. He uses the money for his tuition, living expenses and saves the rest he does not use.

Electra Barnett, McVicker's girlfriend, is a senior majoring in psychology at YSU. She said she has been involved with McVicker's channel since he began.

"I very much appreciate his YouTube channel because I see his passion for it," she said.

She said what he does has taken time away from their relationship since McVicker is always at work. However, she said she likes to be a strong support system for him.

"I've learned to be more independent, because even though he's at home with me, he's working and I have to let him work."

Barnett said they just got engaged and are planning to be married in 2022.

"I will make sure he gets by, being his support system and not allowing him to give up," she said.

Youngstown State University's Honors College held the first "Y are You Running" 5k in October. During the race, they were able to raise a total of \$2,800. Hannah Sprowl was the top female runner with a time of 23:36. She chose to donate \$1,400 to Akron Children's Hospital in Boardman. Ryan Roush was the top male runner with a time of 15:02. He chose to donate his \$1,400 to the Midlothian Free Health Clinic in Youngstown.



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In photo: From left to right are Jordan Roush (race organizer), Victoria Ferry (race organizer), Female top Winner Hannah Sprowl, Haley Davis.



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ART FOR THE PEOPLE, BY THE PEOPLE

JOHN STRAN

Blank, a community art instillation, was held Friday at the SOAP Art Gallery to gather the community and allow them to express themselves through painting. Fifty empty canvases were available for anyone who wanted their painting up on the gallery wall.

By the end of the night, nearly every canvas had been used. The owner of the SOAP, Stephen Poullas, said this is the first event he ever held like this. He wanted the event to lead people to adopt art-making more frequently in their lives. “This is a much more hands-on experi-

ence with art as opposed to going to a museum and just looking,” Stephen Poullas said. “This event fosters a more interactive approach to art.”

Stephen Poullas said the Blank instillation helped participants better understand and appreciate art in any gallery. He said the hands-on approach is a great way to put someone in the shoes of an artist.

Courtney Poullas, Stephen Poullas’ wife, came up with the idea for the event. She said she wanted to give the community a chance to be more involved with an art form and thought it would help remove any nervousness of creating art. Some people are intimidated by the art process, she said.

Daniel Rauschenbach, an owner of the gallery, said what he found enjoyable about the event was how all the participants coexisted with each other and came from different backgrounds.

“There are eight professional artists painting tonight and it would be hard to tell who they are just by looking at the crowd,” Rauschenbach said.

Rauschenbach said he also enjoyed the interaction within the crowd. He said as the paintings developed, people began walking around, giving positive feedback on others art work.

Stephen Poullas said an event like this can show that different styles of a community and a single task, in this case painting, can be approached in a variety

of ways. He said it benefits participants in short term by giving them a healthy, fun night of painting.

Since the gallery opened, one of its main goals has been to keep art relevant and accessible. Courtney Poullas said fulfilling that goal is important because of the impact it can have on people’s lives.

“Engaging in art can be a very powerful experience,” Courtney Poullas said. “Art has the ability to change a person’s life.”

The artwork will remain on display through November and will then be given back to the painter who participated. The gallery’s next event is on Nov. 18, titled “Handmade.”

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A COLLABORATION IN CREATING CARRIE

MARAH J. MORRISON

Over 200 people came to the opening night of “Carrie the Musical,” which was a collaboration between The Millennial Theatre Company and The Oakland Center for the Arts. The musical was held at Deyor Performing Arts on Oct. 30 and 31.

The musical was The Oakland’s comeback after a year and a half of not producing adult programming. Brendan Byers, the executive vice president and artistic director of The Oakland, said when it lost the space in downtown Youngstown, it looked like The Oakland was going to close forever.

Byers said he was approached by The Millennial Theatre Company for the collaboration between them and The Oakland and thought it was a perfect fit. He said the group has received a lot of positive feedback and will now be performing

their shows at DeYor.

“‘Carrie the Musical’ was the fastest closing show on Broadway,” Byers said. “In 2012, somebody looked at it again and said, ‘I bet this can be re-worked.’”

Byers said the focus of the musical was changed, and if you look at this musical, the songs the mother sings are the only ones from the original show. He said the rest of the musical is new, but it’s still close to Stephen King’s novel.

“It’s what you can do with a live version of it,” Byers said. “You’ll see the blood at the end and almost the whole cast except for one person is under 35.”

Joe Asente, the director of “Carrie the Musical” and the artistic director of The Millennial Theatre Company, said he was excited about the opportunity to bring Carrie to life. Asente said “Carrie” is one of those musicals a lot of theater companies are afraid to tackle. The subject matter and the reputation of the show is something this area hasn’t seen before.

The first show Asente directed was “The Little Mermaid” at his college, Ohio University, and he has directed for the Athenian Berean Community Players. Asente came back to Youngstown to find other directing opportunities. The Millennial Theatre Company started because there were none available.

“Theaters are resistant to letting younger people direct their shows,” Asente said. “Me and my friends decided to form our own theater company, so that’s where The Millennial Theatre Company came from.”

Asente said The Millennial Theatre Company is focused on giving opportunities to actors, singers, directors, musicians and choreographers between the ages of 18 to 35, which was incorporated in “Carrie the Musical.” He said it’s been awesome to get the full, staged experience with people his own age.

“I think that the story of ‘Carrie’ is really just a metaphor for everything else that goes on in society with how differently we

treat people,” Asente said. “It’s not a show without a message.”

Mariah Cresanto, who plays Carrie White, said the cast worked on the musical for about two months. She said although it’s been stressful, being the lead role in this musical was a great experience for her.

Cresanto said being in musicals has helped her express herself and her favorite part in “Carrie” was having blood dumped on her.

“I didn’t actually start doing musicals until about my senior year of high school,” Cresanto said. “I met Joe when I did ‘The Little Mermaid’ this past summer, so that’s how I knew about ‘Carrie.’”

Cresanto said she felt very prepared to take the lead in the musical, but it was also nerve wracking for her to fill the position of such an iconic role. She is a vocal music education major at Youngstown State University and said this was one of the most enjoyable things she’s done.

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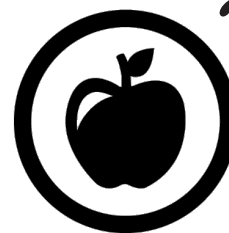
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HUNGRY STUDENTS RUNNING OUT OF ALTERNATIVES

NOAH JOHNSON

The Alternative food truck, a staple of Youngstown State University cuisine, has been notably absent from its usual post on Lincoln Ave.

Greg Saunders, the owner of The Alternative, previously served YSU students on campus for four to five years. However, his situation on campus grew more complicated after construction on the road completed.

Saunders said the issue was conveyed to him as such.

"[I] will park where there's a designated parking meter," Saunders said, "Or [I] will not park on Lincoln Avenue."

Before Lincoln underwent its renovation, the truck could regularly be found parked in front of the Lincoln Building. Saunders said the construction reduced the width of the street and removed many parking areas without meters, making it difficult for the food truck to do business outside of larger events.

"I've done three events already this year for the different student activities," Saunders said. "A couple of them were on campus, not on Lincoln Avenue, but up behind the stadium when they had the [Youth Football Day]. I was invited for that."

Ron Cole, YSU's public information officer, said the problem with The Alternative was Saunders' insistence on parking in no parking areas. He said Saunders claims the city gave him permission to park anywhere he wanted since he had a vendor license.

"That was not the case," Cole said. "Zoning, street department and YPD ex-

PLICITLY told him that he did not have permission to park in a no parking area."

Regardless of the circumstances behind Saunders' absence, Alternative customers lament the lack of his service on campus. Kenny Reyes, faculty advisor for Rookery Radio, said he frequently patronizes the food truck and seeks out Saunders wherever he can find him.

"The first time I saw the truck out there, I saw that he had the Defibrillator Burger," Reyes said. "I ordered one. It was like a mountain of sin on a plate ... It was fantastic."

Reyes spread the word to his colleagues and on social media. For fans of The Alternative, he said Saunders offered fresh, tasty food for reasonable prices at a convenient location.

Reyes said customers would get filled up on what they would get from him, and for the price, compared to on campus, customers don't get anywhere near as much food as they would at The Alternative.

"You would get almost a pound of French fries ... and the burgers were humongous," Reyes said.

After retiring from being a commercial truck driver, Saunders built his food truck from a decommissioned UPS truck and started his own business. He obtained one of the first food truck licenses in Youngstown. Although Saunders still does business in town, he misses operating close to campus.

"I had been around food trucks in California, Texas, Florida, especially up in Jersey and New York," Saunders said. "I love to cook and all of this. So, it was an ideal way for me to retire. And it's been fun. The kids are always good."



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MARIO'S MOVIES: THOR RAGNAROK

MARKS A PRACTICABLE END TO MARVEL'S SUPERHERO MOVIES

MARIO RICCIARDI

It was a summer day back in 2014. Not a particularly hot day, nor particularly cold. Mild was the word. A foxy dame never came to my office. I didn't even have an office for anyone to go to. Still don't. I was wearing shorts and a bright yellow Macho Man Randy Savage T-shirt. I made my way to the local theater to see a little film by the name of "The Guardians of the Galaxy."

Upon my exit, the notion donned on me like a man named Don approaching me on the street to say hello. The majority of Marvel's superhero movies are going to stop being superhero movies. When I saw "Guardians of the Galaxy," I didn't see a superhero movie so much as I saw Marvel's take on space epics like "Star Wars" or "Flash Gordon" starring superheroes. Don't buy it? "Ant-Man" is Marvel's heist

film, "Spiderman Homecoming" is Marvel's John Hughes coming-of-age tale and the "Black Panther" looks like it could be Marvel's take on a political thriller.

I'm not saying Marvel will stop making their regular blockbuster superhero hits. I'm predicting from here on out most Marvel films will be playing a film genre type to keep things fresh. Without that angle, Marvel's lasting power will exponentially drop. This brings me to Marvel's take on the buddy comedy: "Thor: Ragnarok."

On the wake of Asgard's destruction at the hands of its original heir Hela, Thor finds himself imprisoned on the other side of the universe forced to fight the Hulk in an intergalactic gladiator arena. Having lost his home, his hammer and his hair, Thor must fight for his own survival so he can form a team powerful enough to return to Asgard and defeat Hela. Not to mention claim Led Zeppelin's "Immigrant Song" from David Fincher's "Girl With

the Dragon Tattoo" as their own along the way.

In "Ragnarok," Thor buddies up with everyone from his brother Loki, to ravager she-warrior Valkyrie, to the Incredible Hulk and with so many buddies there is equally as much comedy. And trust me when I say there are plenty of laughs to go around. With the dialogue developed in an improvisational fashion like many other great comedies before it, we see just how funny Chris Hemsworth and his supporting cast can be.

Supporting cast? I thought you'd never ask. The movie features a monumental number of epic talents who all show that serious actors can also be funny. This group includes Anthony Hopkins, Cate Blanchett, Jeff Goldblum, Karl Urban, Benedict Cumberbatch and Matt Damon. "Ragnarok" cranks comedy, action and talent up to 11 and does not disappoint.

That being said, some of the comedy

plays to only those with a background versed in Marvel's filmography and despite Cate Blanchett's screen presence, it is hard to find her all that threatening because of how funny the rest of the movie is (and the fact that she does little more than walk around and do some Disney villain sorcery here and there). Most Marvel movies focus on the drama and try to add some comic relief. The focus of "Thor: Ragnarok" is on the comedy and moments of drama only show up to remind us of the stakes Thor and friends are facing. "Ragnarok" is a super enjoyable film focusing on humor and fun, but shows us enough of a plot cohesive to itself and the greater Marvel movieverse fans and non-fans alike will find things to enjoy.

Marvel's intent for this installment of diversifying the franchise is reminding you just how fun movies can be and that it does.

★★★★☆ (4/5 Penguins)

NO-SHAVE NOVEMBER

NATHAN HRITZ

November ushers in a multitude of significant events. As I spoke about in my previous column, hunting season is now in full swing. November is also the start of the holiday season and most importantly, it is officially No-Shave November.

Men all over the nation are pitching their razors and shaving cream for a month in hopes of sprouting a healthy amount of facial hair, including me. I feel I have some leverage in sharing my thoughts on the subject.

I'm all about the concept of No-Shave November. More widely known as Movember, it was a time dedicated to men growing out their mustaches to raise awareness for men's health issues such as prostate cancer, testicular cancer and men's suicide. A valiant cause, if I do say so myself.

However, I believe Movember has evolved into some-

thing very different. Movember has almost become a subconscious battle for bragging rights. Two buddies challenged to see who can sport the most whiskers after a short month. I'm all about a friendly competition.

Unfortunately, facial hair is something purely genetic. Some men are unable to sport a substantial amount of facial hair throughout the entirety of their lives, or in worse cases, they have whiskers in patches.

I have personally been blessed in the facial hair department and have no issue growing facial hair whatsoever. This is mostly due in part to my genetics and heritage. I'm mostly comprised of Eastern European lineage, and with that, I am inherently hairy. A small price to pay for a magnificent beard.

To those embarking on the journey to burly looks, I can offer some advice. Facial hair is going to itch for a good while. As most of you know, facial hair is much coarser than the hair on top of your head. The best advice I can offer to you is to keep your beard-to-be shampooed and conditioned. That seems to do the trick for me, along

with making for a softer beard.

Having a full beard can often take much more than a month to fully develop. Personally, I have been able to sport a full beard since I was 16. However, I did not have connectors (the segments of hair that connect the mustache to the beard) until I was 18 or so. There isn't much you can do about that, but if you don't mind potentially having an Old Dutch beard, then you're sitting pretty.

There are supplements you can take to enhance the facial hair growing process, but I believe them to be a Ponzi scheme. Facial hair is either something you've got or you don't. There is no suitable in-between. Once you're sporting a full beard or a beard to a length of your choosing, it is important to take good care of it. Just like you would wash your hair, it is imperative to wash and condition your beard.

There are oils and balms which can be applied and they do work, but are not necessary. I personally go all natural, unless my barber slips me a little something under the table. With this being said, let those whiskers shine.

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EDITORIAL:

IS HIGH SCHOOL SEX ED PREPARING OUR STUDENTS?

Recently, YSUnity has posted flyers for its event, Sex Ed for College Dummies. The event will feature Planned Parenthood, who will hold a Q&A session and offer free condoms and confidential Sexually Transmitted Infections testing. In a time where sex education is still mostly taboo, it is safe to say that an event like this discussing one of the fundamentals of life is much needed.

Under the Trump administration, however, the topic of sex education is becoming even more frowned upon and forbidden.

According to the Washington Post, the Trump administration plans to cut funding to the evidence-based Teen Pregnancy Prevention Program. The program, created under the Obama administration in 2010, gives funding to organizations working to prevent teen pregnancy and STIs across the United States by giving comprehensive

sex education to teens. Instead, the current administration added new funding for abstinence based programs, totaling \$90 million.

According to Forbes, an estimated one in four American women become pregnant as teenagers and cost U.S. taxpayers at least \$9 billion a year. Currently, teenage pregnancy in the U.S. is at an all-time low, declining 41 percent since 2010 alone. Why then, is the Trump administration promoting abstinence-only programs?

In an observation by the CDC (Centers for Disease Control and Prevention), findings show that there is no conclusive evidence proving that abstinence-based programs helped young people prolong waiting for sexual activity or change their behaviors. Comprehensive programs, in contrast, showed favorable effects in sexual initiation, number of sex partners, use of protection, STIs,

pregnancy and rate of sexual activity and unprotected sex.

There are also studies showing that states with abstinence-based programs or not requiring sex education have a higher rate of teen pregnancy. States like Texas, New Mexico and Mississippi all share such standards and harbor the highest rates of teen pregnancy in the U.S.

With that being said, comprehensive sex education should be a standard part of our education. YSUnity's initiative to bring sex ed to campus is statistically beneficial, and we're not alone. Other colleges such as Columbia University and the University of Florida have brought sex education to their campuses with positive results. The Trump administration should stop focusing on ineffective methods and instead invest in ways that are proven to help our youth.

CARING BEFORE SHARING

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Unofficial social media accounts should be avoided when it comes to receiving emergency information.

These accounts can spread panic if a false claim is made regarding a crisis situation.

Shortly after the mass shooting at the Route 91 Festival in Las Vegas on Oct. 2, a false report of an active shooter on the campus of the University of Southern California quickly spread on social media.

Youngstown State University has a precise system to make sure information given in such a situation is accurate.

YSU Chief of Police Shawn Varso said the YSU Police will monitor social media

if this type of event occurs.

"We have various resources to turn to," Varso said. "One of them is the FBI and we can see if they have a database of information on the person who made the false claim."

Varso said the YSU Police worked with the FBI several years ago on a case for YSU, which included an individual who made a bomb threat toward the university.

YSU Police are able to go statewide with the Intelligence Fusion Center in Columbus, Varso said.

This center uses many resources to create a database of information.

Social Media and Digital Marketing Coordinator Kati Hartwig said a listening tool is used to follow a list of hashtags, locations and keywords on social media.

"We see what's coming up in conjunc-

tion with the university," Hartwig said.

"We save anything that would be of use with what we're looking into."

"Always remember to not believe any unofficial accounts," Hartwig said.

The user's social media account is able to be looked into thoroughly if need be.

"We can also get subpoenas and go directly to the user's social media accounts," Varso said.

If the individual making threats is caught, they will be punished.

"We deal with the criminal element of it," Varso said. "When information and evidence is developed, it gets taken to the prosecutor's office."

The directors of student discipline will run an investigation of their own, parallel with the YSU Police, Varso said.

"The outcome could either be a warning all the way up to expulsion," Varso said.

Kameron Hobbs, a sophomore majoring in criminal justice at YSU, said information should not be posted to social media unless it's needed.

"If someone personally hears a gunshot, I feel as though it's okay to spread the word to prevent danger to others," Hobbs said.

Madalyn Bitner, a sophomore majoring in early childhood education at YSU, said nothing should be posted to social media under any circumstances until confirmed.

"False accusations will be made," Bitner said. "This will cause panic amongst others and initiate chaos."

Hartwig said she wants to make sure students are looking at the correct resources.

"Sign up for campus alerts and follow the YSU Police on social media," Hartwig said.

ONE MORE FOR THE ROAD: PENGUINS TRAVEL TO CARBONDALE



Photo courtesy of YSU SPORTS INFORMATION
Fazson Chapman (98) makes the tackle on Harrison Dreher (6) against Robert Morris University back on Sept. 9.

CHRIS MCBRIDE

The Youngstown State University football team (4-5, 2-4, Missouri Valley Football Conference) is set to compete in its final away game of the season. The Penguins will go on the road to face Southern Illinois University (4-5, 2-4 in MVFC) to try to get to .500.

YSU is coming off a 66-24 rout of Indiana State University which ended a four-game skid.

A high-powered Penguin offense led by quarterback Ricky Davis toppled the Sycamores' defense on the ground and in the pass.

Davis immediately got YSU on the board less than two minutes into the game scoring off a quarterback keep play that stunned the SIU defense to start. That was one of two plays Davis scored on the run to go alongside four passing touchdowns. His performance landed him MVFC Of-

fensive Player of the Week.

"It was a career day for me; it was memorable for sure," Davis said.

Defensive end Fazson Chapman described the game as one that helped give YSU its "swagger" back heading into their final games.

After a few questionable performances from the offensive line, things seemed to work better in last week's game.

"The offensive line responded so well," Davis said. "Coach [Carmen] Bricillo had those guys prepared, it was exciting to see. Each one of those guys did their jobs; the receivers did their job; defense, it was just doing your job."

With two games left in the year and its playoff hopes dried up, the seniors are looking to end strong.

"It's very important just to show everyone that the loss column doesn't mean anything," Chapman said. "We're still a team that will fight to the end and progress as the season goes, grow as a team

and grow as individuals on the team to make it stronger."

From here, Chapman said he plans to treat every game like a playoff game to finish the season.

YSU Head Coach Bo Pelini constantly preaches improvement from week to week. With its season coming to an end, he continues those sentiments even after a monster win.

"Our challenge is to prepare hard this week, prepare well and be a better football team than we were Saturday," Pelini said.

They'll face another tough test this week against SIU. The Salukis have a strong running back group that amassed 239 yards despite losing to Missouri State University 36-28.

In the Penguins' last meeting with the Salukis in November of 2016, YSU won 21-14 on a last minute drive to close the game at home. SIU defended its home turf in 2015 in a game it won 38-31 in Saluki Stadium.

The Salukis offense will also feature a two quarterback approach in light of losing its starting quarterback, Sam Straub, in a loss to the University of South Dakota.

"It presents challenges. They have a wildcat offense, so to speak, with one guy and they run their normal offense with the other guy," Pelini said. "It's like preparing for two different types of offenses. Both quarterbacks can do both things so that's one of the challenges."

As it seems to be the case every week, questions loom over the QB situation for YSU, with Pelini commenting on the status of Hunter Wells and Nathan Mays.

He said Wells has "progressively gotten better" and will be available for the next game. Pelini also said Mays is "day to day" as far as his injury status is concerned.

YSU will compete in Saluki Stadium against SIU this Saturday Nov. 11 at 2 p.m.

PRESS BOX PERSPECTIVE: SUSPENSIONS, ON SUSPENSIONS, ON SUSPENSIONS

SETH RIVELLO

Very rarely will you see a college football player, after only playing two seasons, be compared to the likes of future Hall of Famer Randy Moss or Detroit Lions great Calvin Johnson, but in 2012 a kid from Baylor University caught those comparisons. Josh Gordon was a 6-foot-4, 230-pound athletic specimen that the Cleveland Browns acquired in the second round of the 2012 supplemental draft.

While at Baylor, Gordon was only on the field for two seasons, but practically one. October of 2010 was Gordon's first college suspension. He and a teammate were found asleep in the Taco Bell drive-thru lane, and marijuana was found in the car.

Then, in July of 2011, which would have been Gordon's junior year, he was suspended indefinitely for failing a drug test, testing positive for marijuana. In August, he transferred to the University of Utah where he sat out the rest of the year because he declared for the supplemental draft too late.

At Baylor, Gordon totaled 43 receptions, 721 yards and seven touchdowns in two seasons, most of these stats coming in his sophomore 2010 season. Art Briles, who was the coach at the time, helped Gordon cheat the system and pass drug tests. Briles would give him bottles of detox to clean his system.

"That was my first experience with, like, getting over on the system and the authority not really being serious because it was kind of being guided by someone who was employed by the university," Gordon said about the experience.

Gordon showed a tremendous amount of ability in his first NFL season, racking up 50 catches, 805 yards, and a handful of touchdowns. He didn't seem like he came out of the supplemental draft or had substance abuse problems as he refrained from making negative headlines that season.

Then, in June of that off-season, Gordon failed a drug test

which resulted in a two-game suspension in the 2013 season. Despite only playing in 14 games that season, Gordon led the league in receiving with 1,646 receiving yards and setting a record with two back-to-back 200-yard receiving games. That year he was voted to the Pro-Bowl and as first team All-Pro alongside his former comparison, Calvin Johnson.

After that monumental season it seemed nothing could go right for Gordon. In 2014, he was arrested in the off-season. A one-year suspension was reduced to 10 games, and he was suspended by the Browns in the final game of the season for violating team rules.

In 2015, he faced another year-long suspension after testing positive for alcohol use. Gordon entered a substance abuse program and his suspension was finalized. Then, in early 2016, he was denied reinstatement because of rumors that he failed yet another drug test.

Later in July, he was granted reinstatement but would miss the first four games of the season.

One week away from reinstatement and from Cleveland having their best player back, Gordon dropped a bomb.

"After careful thought and deep consideration I've decided that I need to step away from pursuing my return to the Browns and my football career to enter an inpatient rehabilitation facility," Gordon said. "This is the right decision for me and one that I hope will enable me to gain full control of my life and continue on a path to reach my full potential as a person. I appreciate the support of the NFL, NFLPA, the Browns, my teammates, my agent and the community through this extremely challenging process."

Gordon also admitted to being on something before every NFL game he's played in, ranging from alcohol, Xanax, marijuana or codeine.

Currently, Gordon is eligible to return in Week 13 against the Los Angeles Chargers, and Cleveland hopes he's back to his 2013 form.

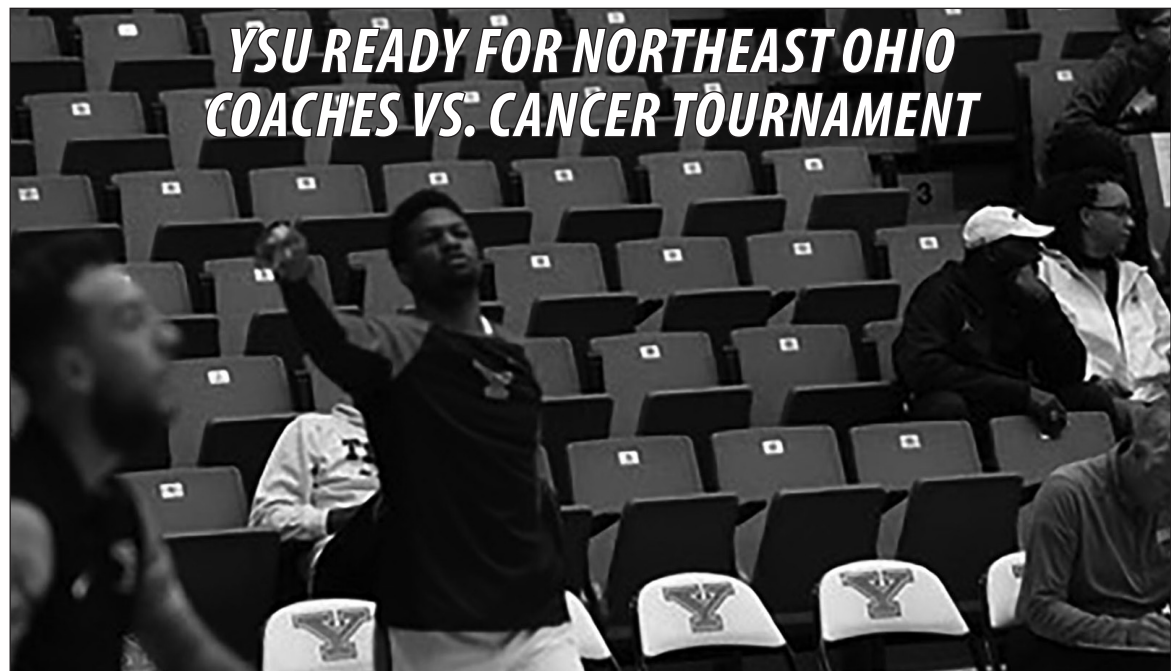


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Cameron Morse warms up pre-game against Thiel College. He will be a major part of YSU's potential success this year.

CHRIS MCBRIDE

Days away from the season opener against Kent State University, the Youngstown State University men's basketball team is ready for action.

The Penguins will open their season at the University Of Akron against KSU. This is the third Annual Northeast Ohio Coaches vs. Cancer double-header.

"When you think of Kent State the first thing to come to mind is toughness. This program is a good rebounding team; they have some star power in Jaylin Walker," Calhoun said.

Calhoun stressed rebounding as one of the defining factors in the upcoming game, saying it will take all five guys to keep them off the glass.

Last season, the Penguins averaged 36.6 rebounds a game while their opponents averaged 40.6 a game. Meanwhile, the Golden Flashes averaged 40.3 boards a game which was six more rebounds per game over its opponents.

"It's interesting to see how we matchup against them because we're kind of undersized as far as our starting five and have [big men] that can rebound," forward Braun Hartfield said.

Hartfield has never competed against KSU so his only measuring stick has been what he's observed via watching their games.

"I actually watched their game versus UCLA and they competed well, they got it down to seven with 10 minutes to go. They shared and they attacked the glass so it's gonna be a tough task," said Hartfield. KSU fought hard in that game managing to put up a solid fight against last year's title contender UCLA.

Last time YSU played KSU was its 2015-16 season opener. In those days, starting shooting guard Cameron Morse was coming off the bench. Former

center Bobby Hain led YSU with 20 points as it lost 79-70 in a close contest.

With the closeness of both teams in location, the potential to make this game a rivalry is one that is enticing to the entire team.

"This definitely should be an rivalry, either it's Kent State or Cleveland State because they're close," Hartfield said. "It's kind of like playing against kids back at home just in a college setting so it definitely should be a rivalry."

YSU has seven players from the Northeast Ohio area. Hartfield and Francisco Santiago are both from Cleveland while John Kirincic is from University Heights near Cleveland. Naz Bohannon from Lorain, Justin Bofenkamp from Vienna, Ryan Strollo from Youngstown and Dan Ritter from North Lima all represent what Calhoun wants.

Calhoun expressed his excitement about the Coaches vs. Cancer Classic calling himself a "huge advocate" of the annual tourney.

"It means a lot to me. I think it means a lot to Northeast Ohio from not only guys like Braun, and guys like Naz and Francisco Santiago with their parents being able to come to so many games," said Calhoun.

Calhoun believes that it can help in the recruiting process, saying that it gives bragging rights to the team that wins.

"This is an opportunity for us to play the MAC's [Mid-American Conference] best team," Calhoun said. "They won that conference tournament last year and went on a good run so it's gonna be a pretty good barometer for us in the early part of the schedule."

The University of Akron will host the Nov. 11 event. Akron will Cleveland State University at 7 p.m. YSU suiting up to play in the finale at 9 p.m. against KSU.

YSU WOMEN READY TO GET GOING



Photo courtesy of YSU SPORTS INFORMATION

Alison Smolinski poses on picture day. Her shooting will be super needed to push YSU to a better record than last year.

MARC WEEMS

After an off-season with many changes and players finally getting healthy, the Youngstown State University women's basketball team is ready to play some meaningful games.

YSU's first task is against the University of Pittsburgh on Nov. 10.

Last year, YSU lost to Pitt 63-50 as Alison Smolinski led the Penguins with 14 points and three rebounds.

"I think practice is much more competitive now. Coach can throw anyone in there. I think he has confidence in any of us. That starts with the freshmen coming in because they've really grown to know what we are doing," Smolinski said.

Last year, Smolinski led the team with 85 three-pointers made and 12.5 points per game.

With just one senior on its roster, Pitt will need to use its youth movement to overcome YSU's top heavy team.

"Pitt is very athletic, long and talented. They are an ACC team for a reason. Last year, we went into that game and got there and were a little overwhelmed with the situation. I feel that having been through that last year,

we played them pretty tough," YSU Head Coach John Barnes said about Pitt. "Obviously, it's going to be a challenge. The team is ready to compete for real."

In YSU's last exhibition of the offseason, the Penguins defeated Davis & Elkins 73-55 in its last tune-up of the season before the regular season.

"I think that we overcame some adversity on Saturday. If you don't come out and be ready to play, you're gonna get beat. We did a solid job early. Davis & Elkins made some good shots and got in a rhythm. We flipped that and were up eight," Barnes said. "All of that's good learning experience for us. We gotta have that killer instinct."

YSU will be rolling out a much different lineup than last season with Smolinski, Nikki Arbanas, Indiya Benjamin, Kelley Wright and freshman Anne Secrest as starters.

"I think this game is going to be tough but it's a good challenge for us," Smolinski said. "We are going to focus on ourselves and play our hardest and see what happens. Coach Barnes said that we are not going there to be competitive, we are going there to win."

For YSU, defense will be the key for the Pitt game and the entire season. YSU gave up 74.3 points per game and lost by nearly seven points per game last year. The Pen-

guins were also outrebounded by nearly eight in each game and will need to correct that to win games this year.

"We talked about being really tough and stingy on the defensive side. I don't think they scored for the first five or six minutes of the second half," Barnes said. "We ran away from them from then on."

Barnes said that he feels very fortunate on the women's side because fans have always supported him since day one.

"I think even through the tough years before I was here, the fans continue to support. I think we are second highest in attendance in the Horizon League," Barnes said. "With that being said, coach Calhoun has brought a ton of energy. He's changed the style for them. It's very exciting and there is definitely an extra buzz this year."

YSU has three seniors, three juniors and two redshirt juniors on the roster. Barnes believes this is the deepest roster he has had in his five years here.

"The nice thing is that there are so many girls so the practices are super competitive and the games will be too. If someone isn't playing well, someone is right behind them to take their minutes," Barnes said.

YSU faces Pitt on Nov. 10 at 7 p.m.