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MCNUTT SUSPENDED AFTER INVESTIGATION INTO ALLEGED DOMESTIC VIOLENCE

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The Youngstown State University Co-Defensive Coordinator Richard McNutt Jr. was ordered to a five-day unpaid suspension on Sept. 10 following an internal investigation into alleged domestic violence. He will miss the third game of the season on Sept. 15 as part of the suspension.

According to a Jambar report, McNutt Jr. was placed on paid administrative leave on Aug. 24.

YSU's Office of Human Resources supported by the Office of Equal Opportunity and Policy Development began an investigation on Aug. 7 into allegations that McNutt may have engaged in domestic violence.

They investigated "the off-campus behavior of McNutt and possible policy, reporting, and/or contract violations which might have occurred relative to this issue."

The Office of Human Resources recommendations state that following McNutt Jr.'s five-day suspension, he may return to work and maintain his position as assistant coach under the conditions that no acts of domestic violence or any other violent behavior occur on or off campus.

The university obtained copies of an incident/offense report from the Canfield Police Department from March 22, April 4 and April 7. They also obtained a copy of a Civil Order of Protection issued by the Mahoning County Court on April 19.

According to a police report, police were dispatched to McNutt Jr.'s estranged wife's home after an alleged altercation occurred while he was picking up his children for visitation.

The reports states during an argument, McNutt Jr. slapped a phone from his wife's hand and later squeezed it when he saw her

recording him being physical with one of his children.

The wife's hand "appeared to have small scratches" and was "slightly swollen," according to the police report.

No arrest was made and no charges were brought as a result of the police reports. Also in the report, McNutt's wife requested that the incident only be documented and that no police report be filed.

The university became aware of the documents during the course of its internal investigation, according to the report by YSU's Office of Human Resources.

The report also said that there is "a common belief that when law enforcement does not arrest and/or bring charges of domestic violence against an individual, no further obligation exists on the part of the university. However, the triggering event for reporting or taking some type of action relative to domestic violence should not be whether law enforcement makes an arrest or brings charges against an individual."

The university's investigation found that McNutt Jr. had "generally informed" Strollo and Pelini about his "marital issues, his ongoing divorce and conflicts between him and his wife regarding child visitation."

The report said that when discussing his career with YSU President Jim Tressel, McNutt talked about the "possible breakdown of his marriage."

Strollo, Pelini and Tressel "encouraged Mr. McNutt to avoid any conflicts with his wife and to focus on his work."

The investigation found although the Athletic Department staff were aware of McNutt Jr.'s marital issues, there was no indication of any domestic violence issues.

McNutt Jr. "self-reported" in early 2018 to head coach Bo Pelini who in turn reported to Athletic Director Ron Strollo. The report states "Pelini counseled McNutt Jr. against engaging in further domestic confrontation."

Through its investigation, the university "reviewed the facts and application of the relevant rules, laws and contract language, and found there were no clear violations of university policy, contract language or law regarding University personnel."

The report said: "However, while there were no clear violations,

the University's Workplace Violence policy provides guidance on how the university should respond to potential indicators of violence."

The athletic department staff will also undergo additional training on sexual assault, domestic and workplace violence, along with additional management and coaching training.

The report also addresses the fact that there do not seem to be clear policies regarding who must report potential or alleged domestic violence incidents.

The Office of Human Resources said it will collaborate with the Office of Equal Opportunity and Policy Compliance to define the reporting responsibility "of all employees and managers" at the university. It will also provide updated training on sexual assault, domestic violence and workplace violence.

According to the report, witnesses were immediately identified and interviewed.

Those interviewed include Athletic Director Ron Strollo, Head Football Coach Bo Pelini, Assistant Football Coach Richard K. McNutt Jr., Director of Football Operations John Murphy, Associate Athletic Director Elaine Jacobs, Associate Athletic Director Emily Wollet, Assistant Director of Football Operations Rollen Smith, and LaToya McNutt, wife of Richard McNutt.

The university issued a statement on the internal investigation on Tuesday.

The statement said McNutt Jr. will "complete a course of training and professional development as part of the university's employee assistance program."

"YSU remains committed to creating a culture across the campus community in which violence of any kind is not tolerated," the statement said. "When such incidents do occur on or off campus, the university must hold itself, its employees and its students accountable. The university pledges continued diligence and fairness as we work for a safe, inclusive and respectful campus community environment."

The Jambar reached out to McNutt Jr. and he has yet to respond. He is expected to return to work on Sept. 16.

Photo of McNutt courtesy of *YSU Sports Information*

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STUDENTS SIFT THEIR WAY THROUGH ANTHROPOLOGY DEGREE

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FRANCES CLAUSE

Anthropology majors at Youngstown State University study culture, social relations, human biology and evolution to determine what it means to be human.

Matt O'Mansky, chairman of the sociology, anthropology and gerontology department at YSU, said learning goes beyond the classroom and students advance their careers with hands-on experience in field schools.

"Archaeology is not something a student learns in a classroom setting," O'Mansky said. "I take anthropology students to different countries to perform archaeological excavating and field work, which is the most beneficial way to gain experience."

O'Mansky teaches a range of anthropology courses, including "Ancient Mayan Civilization," where students have the opportunity to travel to

Guatemala.

"Students spend 10 days on this trip, traveling to big and small sites," he said. "Different time periods in the Mayans history are explored, and students feel it is a rewarding time."

Olivia Johnson, a YSU graduate and cultural resource management archaeologist, said Guatemala was her favorite trip and was thrilled from beginning to end.

"One of the most amazing highlights was climbing all of the structures and temples," she said. "For the first time as a Spanish minor, I also got to practice some of my Spanish skills with someone who didn't speak any English."

Johnson also traveled to the Bahamas for the first time in 2015. The sites she worked on date back 600 years.

O'Mansky and Professor Delvaux lead a group of students every December to San Salvador [and] the Bahamas, where Christopher Columbus made landfall in the New World," she

said. "[The students] focus on pre-Columbian archaeology, finding artifacts from the Lucayan culture that was native to the island."

As an alumnus and professional archaeologist, Johnson attended the Bahamas field school again in 2017.

"It meant so much to be able to give back and volunteer my time to the place that started my love for anthropology," she said. "Watching the students' joy the first time they find an artifact or being there to answer their questions is very rewarding, and I plan to go back this year."

Along with attending field schools, students volunteer locally to educate the public through the YSU Anthropology Colloquium. The department hosts simulated digs for children at the Canfield Fair and the volleyball courts at Boardman Park.

One hundred children from first through sixth grade learn about the four subfields of anthropology (archaeology, biological

anthropology, cultural anthropology and linguistic anthropology) at these events.

Caroline Constantinovich, an anthropology major at YSU, said volunteering is a fantastic opportunity to expose people to the innovation of other cultures.

"I have volunteered for the Adventure Day Camp at Boardman Park, teaching children about Native Americans and archaeological methods," she said. "The participants learn that cultural differences aren't negative, which is important to learn from a young age."

Constantinovich said she is looking forward to archaeology month in October.

"This year, the department is featuring one to two speakers, potentially talking about Mayan archaeology and Clovis points," she said. "The Anthropology Colloquium will also be participating in Archaeology Day at the Michael Kusalaba Library."

NEWS BRIEF

YSU POLICE INVESTIGATING REPORTED RAPE ON CAMPUS

Youngstown State University Police received a report that a rape occurred at Lyden House, according to a YSU Penguin Alert on Friday.

Two YSU police officers took an incident report at St. Elizabeth Hospital and the report lists the crime as rape by force.

The reporting person is familiar with the assailant and the YSU Police are investigating the incident. Currently, no arrests have been made.

The alert said it is not a person's fault if they are a victim of a crime. YSU also gave advice for students to avoid sexual assault. It said to make sure they are not under the influence of alcohol or drugs and to trust their instincts.

Anyone with information concerning this alleged crime should contact the Youngstown State University Police Department at (330) 941-3527.

This is a breaking news story and will be updated as details emerge.

PI SIGMA ALPHA AWARDED BEST CHAPTER THIRD YEAR IN A ROW

VICTORIA REMLEY

The national political science honor society, Pi Sigma Alpha, awarded Youngstown State University's chapter, Alpha Alpha Rho, the Best Chapter Award for the third year in a row.

Moataz Abdelrasoul, president of Pi Sigma Alpha and junior political science and pre-law major, said the award motivates the members and allows them to showcase their abilities.

"What we are reminded of when we receive this award is that we are a model chapter for other universities, and the national committee has actually stated that themselves about us," Abdelrasoul said.

Adam Fuller, assistant professor of political science, is the faculty advisor for YSU's Pi Sigma Alpha chapter and said it is wonderful that Alpha Alpha Rho is being honored.

"I was really pleased that in the first year back the students were eager and enthusiastic enough to create a really great vibrant organization that's got national focus and recognition," Fuller said.

Jacob Tomory, Pi Sigma Alpha member and a junior political science and philosophy double major, said receiving the award

provides validation for all the chapter has accomplished in the last year.

"It shows that not only are we doing lots of interesting stuff on campus and with the national organization, but people are also taking note of the fact that [it is] occurring," Tomory said.

Last year, the chapter hosted a fundraiser for the hurricane survivors in Texas called Pete for Texas. They also held a Pete for Paris fundraiser.

"That was a major event that showed the national organization that we are active and looking to not only better the community here at YSU, but, to do our part to help the global community and areas that have been affected by disasters and so forth," Abdelrasoul said.

The chapter also works with an organization called Hand in Hand to promote Israeli and Palestinian education.

"Through the educational process it helps break down the barriers that have formed between the two different groups due to the occupation," Abdelrasoul said.

Additionally, three chapter members delivered papers at the Pi Sigma Alpha National Conference in February in Washington, D.C.

Every year the conference invites undergraduate Pi Sigma Alpha members to present their work, such as an honors thesis or

senior capstones, in front of other members and political science-oriented professionals.

This year, the chapter plans to attend a regional conference.

Abdelrasoul said he is glad to have a great executive committee that supports him, pushes him and contributes in however they can.

"It's definitely not easy for only one person to juggle, which is why our executive committee every year does a great job across the board," Abdelrasoul said.

He said chapters striving to receive the Best Chapter Award should be organized in advance and construct creative events.

"Making sure you have your affairs in order as soon as possible is a huge recommendation I have to other chapters. Also, I think the delegation of responsibilities to other members is important," Abdelrasoul said.

Tomory's advice for other chapters is to get involved with the campus community.

"Make sure you are providing a service, not just for your members but for the campus itself and get out there and do things with your organization," he said.

For more information on Pi Sigma Alpha, visit: <https://ysu.edu/content/pi-sigma-alpha-alpha-alpha-rho>

YSU EDUCATION STUDENTS MAKING A DIFFERENCE

COURTNEY HIBLER

Early childhood education majors at Youngstown State University are offering their time and growing expertise to students in the Youngstown City School District.

Project PASS, Penguin Assistants for Student Success, an idea developed by YSU President Jim Tressel, was implemented at YCS in 2015. The program is designed to help YCS students reach the third grade guaranteed literacy level, with the help of YSU education students.

Kristen Italiano, part-time literacy faculty and Project PASS coordinator, said the program is linked to field work that is part of required reading courses for the licensure of YSU students.

Italiano said YSU students are able to have authentic field work in real time and practice strategies they're learning in class while helping the students.

"This is a team of forward thinking people and allows our YSU students to get a headstart into who they are as a teacher," she said.

At the beginning of the semester, YSU education students are required to do an assessment to measure where YCS students are

with their literacy skills. Throughout the semester, the students attempt to build their skills.

Mary Lou DiPillo, associate dean of the Beeghly College of Education, said students are reassessed to see how far their growth has come at the end of the semester.

A fluency assessment is implemented for YCS students to help the growth teachers and YSU students wish to see in the children.

"Fluency is a gateway to comprehension, and fluent readers usually understand more of what they're reading," DiPillo said.

She said YSU is thankful for having a school partner continuously cooperating with the tutors that come in and help.

Project PASS also has a partnership with the 2nd & 7 Foundation. This nonprofit literacy-based foundation is located in Columbus, Ohio, and is connected through President Tressel.

DiPillo said the foundation was developed by three student athletes from The Ohio State University, who wanted to promote reading in young students by providing books and positive role models.

"They write character-based children's books with the theme of tackling illiteracy," Italiano said.

An ongoing donation from this foundation has been made to YSU, including thousands of books to help YCS students during

their tutoring sessions.

Timothy Filipovich, YCS chief of accountability and assessment, said the interaction between YSU and YCS students is positive and rewarding.

"They've become exposed to something they may not have been exposed to before," Filipovich said.

Students have a 16-week period to improve their literacy skills and reach the third grade guarantee. If this guarantee isn't reached, other options become available.

At the start of summer 2018, 69 students did not make the third grade guarantee. Through summer school, alternative assessments and interventions, the number dropped to 25.

Filipovich said intensive intervention is provided the first few weeks of school for students not reaching the third grade guarantee level.

"We started this program to help with this guaranteed level," Filipovich said. "Programs like this don't just happen unless there are people who have a passion for this."

More information about Project PASS can be found at: <http://projectpass.weebly.com>.

ACTION PRESSES LEGISLATION AGAINST PREDATORY LAND CONTRACTS

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Legislation is being written to protect renters and buyers from predatory land and rent/lease-to-own contracts.

These contracts are marketed to buyers or renters who are unable to get a loan or have bad credit. Through these contracts, they can make every payment on time but still lose their home.

Members of the Alliance for Congregational Transformation Influencing Our Neighborhoods, including the Youngstown Neighborhood Development Corporation have been protesting predatory land contracts in Youngstown.

Elder Rose Carter, executive director of ACTION, has been working on passing this legislation along with other members of the organization.

“We want an enforceable ordinance passed and code regulations enforced by the city,” Carter said.

Carter said cities like Toledo, and more recently Cincinnati, have enacted legislation protecting renters or buyers from being stuck in unfair land contracts or unexpectedly losing their home.

According to Lucas County, where Toledo is located, a website certificate is required when filing a land contract and failure to comply with this requirement the owner will be fined.

Ian Beniston, executive director of YNDC, said land contracts are not all bad.

“We’re not saying land contracts are bad,” Beniston said. “They need to be more fair.”

In an average scenario, an investor will buy a home for \$5,000 and rent it to someone with low credit who wouldn’t be able to get a loan. Theoretically, the renter could make all their payments on time, but if they default on one payment the owner can both keep the money and repossess the home.

Any issue with the property would usually be up to the owner to fix but in lease-to-own situations, the renter is forced to pay

thousands of dollars to repair the property. These renters have no legal protection if anything were to happen to the house or if the owner were to foreclose.

Cryshanna Jackson Leftwich, acting chair and associate professor in the department of politics and international relations, said she felt the land contracts targeted certain groups of people.

“These predatory land contracts target poor people and people of color,” Jackson Leftwich said. “Do they really need targeted even more?”

Mayor Jamael Tito Brown and others met on July 2 to go over the predatory land contract initiative and work over the details of the legislation.

“We won’t have a written draft for another week,” Carter said.

For help on how to get out of a potentially predatory land contract, please contact Community Legal Aid at (330) 362-8350.

IN THE EVENT OF AN EMERGENCY ON CAMPUS

RACHEL GOBEP

Youngstown State University has revised its Campus Emergency Management Plan to form an institutional strategy to prepare the university to respond during and after a major emergency.

It also provides suggestions for the campus community to assist them in preparing for and surviving emergencies.

According to the YSU website, an emergency is defined as: “Any event or condition that presents an imminent risk of death, serious injury or illness to the university community, suspension or significant disruption of university operations, significant physical or environmental damage or significant threat to the university’s financial wellbeing.”

The website also states the purpose of CEMP is to “maximize human safety and survival, minimize danger, preserve and protect property and critical infrastructure, provide for responsible communications with the university community and the public during and after an emergency and restore normal activities.”

Shawn Varso, chief of police for YSU, said the old plan did not go into detail regarding who had the authority to declare an emergency, the differences between a lockdown and shelter and the role of the YSU police and plans for campus evacuation.

“The revisions to the plan go into greater detail about those subjects plus additional information on the way the university would communicate in a crisis,” he said.

Varso said he believes this will increase campus safety.

“[It clarifies] the role of the university, its divisions and its leadership during a crisis situation,” he said.

Varso said his best advice to the campus community to be ready for a campus emergency such as an active shooter is preparation, and he said it is worth it to attend ALICE active shooter response training that is offered at the university.

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

“Preparation also means making yourself aware of the exits and stairwells in your buildings,” Varso said. “Make a plan for yourself, which way you would go in case of an active shooter or another emergency like a fire.”

Additionally, he said if an active shooter situation occurs that people should focus on themselves.

“If you can get out of the area, get out. If you are outside the area, stay away,” he said. “If you cannot evacuate, find a room that can be locked or barricaded. Turn out the lights, and silence your phone.”

Varso said police will respond immediately to any active shooter situation and to remain in the shelter until police arrive.

Ron Cole, director of communications at YSU, said the university always closely monitors the best practices in emergency communications and response.

“[We are] constantly revising and upgrading our plans to ensure our readiness in the event of a crisis on campus,” Cole said.

If an emergency situation occurs, the campus community will receive notifications via text message or through their YSU email with the Penguin Alert system.

Becky Rose, assistant director of communications at YSU, said the notifications will include instructions on what to do.

“In case of an ongoing situation, the Penguin Alert system as well as the University’s website and social media accounts will be used to share updates and instructions as needed,” she said.

Varso said WYSU and other local media would also broadcast information during a campus emergency.

To sign up to be notified by Penguin Alert system by text message, login to MyYSU and click on the YSU Alert graphic.

For more information on the emergency management plan go to <https://ysu.edu/ysu-police/campus-emergency-management-plan>.

THE TRUTH HAS CHANGED

A FILMED LIVE SOLO PERFORMANCE



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SPEAKER SERIES WELCOMES JOSH FOX

JOHN STRAN

The Fall Lecture Series on Energy and the Environment is in its fifth year of trying to educate and raise public awareness on global environmental threats.

The most notable name on the list of speakers is Josh Fox. Fox will perform a live version of his upcoming HBO special, “The Truth Has Changed,” at 7 p.m. on Sept. 13, in Cushman Hall, room B112.

Fox is a political and environmental activist who has won a primetime Emmy and the Sundance special jury prize for his 2010 film “Gasland.”

Ray Beiersdorfer, geology professor at Youngstown State University and founder of the lecture series, said it is important to have the event at YSU because it allows students to

interact with different scientists from different fields.

Beiersdorfer said he’s most excited for the Fox lecture and is pleased the event is free to the public.

“In New York, tickets for Fox’s show are \$45 to \$90,” he said.

Beiersdorfer said he met Fox at an event in Washington D.C., and Fox has been promising to speak at the series for several years.

The first night of the event, Beiersdorfer spoke to a light audience of mostly middle-aged environmental enthusiasts about future presenters and a recent small earthquake near Ashtabula.

The second night showcased Rosanna Esparza, a gerontologist-turned-environmentalist from California.

Esparza spoke on the impact of oil and gas development on a fence-line community.

She said within her activism she enjoys the ability to work with local residents and the willingness of neighborhoods to become work groups.

The lecture series will also showcase a few film screenings including “Invisible Hand,” which explains the rights of nature and is executive produced by Mark Ruffalo.

Beiersdorfer said he is attempting to arrange for Ruffalo to video chat with the audience after the film.

Besides Beiersdorfer, other local speakers have been scheduled for the series as well, including Jimma McWilson of the Youngstown NAACP.

Doug Fowler, a former physics teacher at YSU, attended the event and has presented in previous years. He will speak this year on an unscheduled date about Apollo 8, described by NASA as the first space crew to see the far side of the moon.

Fowler said it’s important to hold these lectures because it’s crucial to have conversations about a high technologically driven future.

“We put a lot of faith in technology hoping it will save us,” Fowler said. “Students are often steered into STEM programs sometimes not knowing what it is.”

Fowler will discuss STEM during his lecture, as well as the solution to an overbearing technological future, which he thinks lies within the ethics of those who create it.

The lectures, which began Sept. 5, will be free to the public and held Wednesdays and Thursdays in September and solely on Wednesdays in October until Nov. 14.

For a list of all speakers, event times and locations, visit: <https://www.eventbrite.com/o/ysu-2018-fall-semester-speaker-series-on-energy-and-the-environment-16580665856>

NEWS BRIEF

UNIVERSITY OFFICE AND DEPARTMENT NAME CHANGES

Youngstown State University Interim Provost Joseph Mosca announced university office and department name changes at the Board of Trustees meeting Sept. 5.

The Office of the Provost and Vice President for Academic Affairs changed to the Office of Academic Affairs.

The Department of Theater and Dance is now the Department of Theatre and Dance.

The Department of Foreign Languages and Literatures changed to the Department of World Languages and Cultures.

The Department of Geography is now the Department of Geography and Urban Regional Studies.

YOUNGSTOWN COLLEGE AT WAR

BRIAN BRENNAN

With the Japanese surprise attack on Pearl Harbor on December 7, 1941, America entered World War II. Youngstown College, like the rest of the country, threw itself into the war effort and would emerge completely transformed.

The war served as the crucible in which YoCo was recast from a provincial school into a well-established institution with a nationally competitive curriculum.

During the late 1930s, most YoCo students and faculty came to look upon the world scene with increasing trepidation as Nazi Germany, Fascist Italy and Imperial Japan embarked upon the path of military aggression.

World War II itself began with Germany's invasion of Poland on September 1, 1939. Many felt that it was only a matter of time before the U.S. was drawn into the conflict. Efforts were made to enhance national defense. In 1939, the Civil Aeronautics Authority began offering civilian pilot instruction at YoCo.

Soon after, wartime cadet programs trained YoCo men for service as pilots in both the U.S. Army Air Forces and naval aviation.

After Pearl Harbor, YoCo went on a dedicated war footing. Summer vacations were canceled for the duration. Likewise, the football program was suspended and Coach Dwight V. "Dike" Beede turned to selling insurance in the interim.

Male enrollment declined due to the needs of the armed services, yet female matriculation continued relatively unabated. Nevertheless, the overall decline in student numbers affected both the finances of the college and those of its parent organization, the Youngstown YMCA, to which YoCo remained attached as the educational division.

A Wartime Accelerated Degree program was instituted, where a four-year diploma could be earned in three years. Courses that provided training needed by the military or for government service were highlighted.

The chemistry and engineering departments received special consideration at this time, along with additional federal funding, while vocational courses involving typing, stenography and other office skills were also highly promoted by the college administration.

Interestingly, a nine-week course on the manufacture of munitions was offered throughout the war years. While directly pertaining to the war effort, the course provided a great deal of managerial training, proving valuable to YoCo graduates entering into postwar employment in the steel industry and other similar enterprises.

As the war drew to a close, YoCo was transformed. In 1944, the college's final ties to the YMCA were severed and all of the courses offered (except for many business classes, which remained vocational), were taught at the college-level.

A massive surge in enrollment on the part of veterans (thanks to the G.I. Bill) facilitated YoCo's growth. Needs for additional classroom space, a library, and other facilities resulted in the great postwar expansion of the campus physical plant that continues to this day. The curriculum was revamped with an emphasis on science and engineering.

Youngstown College was well on its way to becoming the Youngstown State University that we know today.

For further information, visit YSU Archives & Special Collections (5th Floor, Maag Library) or call (330) 941-3487.



Photos courtesy of **Daniel Bancroft**

YSUSCAPE TO HOST COMMUNITY PAINTING DAY EVENT

YSUscape will host a Community Painting Day event on Sept. 15 from noon to 5 p.m.

Participants will paint a mural on the side of the Youngstown Business Incubator on 241 W. Federal St. in Youngstown.

The mural, a skyline of downtown Youngstown featuring the Spring Common Bridge, was created by Salsi Salama. It will be outlined and numbered in small sections, and participants will help to complete it through a paint-by-numbers style.

Youngstown Mayor Jamael Tito Brown, YSUscape President Daniel Bancroft and

four Downtown residents reviewed the submissions and selected their top three designs that would be appropriate for our purpose.

The top three designs were then evaluated in an online community poll based on their quality and appropriateness and how well they reflect on Youngstown's identity.

The rain date will be Sept. 22. For more information contact Bancroft at (330) 979-5247 or at ysuscape@gmail.com.

NEWS BRIEF

OFFICIAL COUNTS SHOW ENROLLMENT IS UP

Youngstown State University enrollment is up, according to Gary Swegan, associate vice president for enrollment management, which was shown through the official preliminary counts released this week.

Enrollment has increased 0.4 percent from 12,644 in the fall 2017 semester to 12,696 this fall semester.

The freshman class has 2,383 students, which is up 31 percent from 1,821 four years ago. They also boast the highest high school grade point average in YSU history at 3.35.

Twenty-two percent of the freshman class are minority students, up from 18.5 percent from 22 percent of the freshmen class are minority students, up from 18.5 percent last fall semester. Overall enrollment of minorities is up 1.7 percent.

There are also more than 300 freshmen enrolled in the YSU Honors College for the second year in a row.

Additionally, all campus residence halls and apartments are at capacity with 1,264 students. The University Edge and the Enclave apartments are also at capacity.

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THE VARIOUS ROLES OF FASHION AROUND THE WORLD

NAMI NAGAOKA

As the fall season approaches, some changes will be made on campus including students' fashion. While many wear Youngstown State University T-shirts or sweaters to adjust to the temperatures, others have different thoughts on their appearance for autumn.

Jennifer Frank, an associate professor in the department of fashion, said she is excited to see the shift in fashion as the season changes. She said fashion has a big role in not only adjusting to the temperature, but also as an expression of who someone is.

"[Students] have to always keep in mind that [their] appearance is really important," she said. "What you wear helps present yourself to the world and the people around you."

Frank said appearance is a part of what students are showing to people about themselves. She said she would recommend students wear layers and loafers.

Bill Buckler, an associate professor in the department of geography, said Ohio gets affected by the air from Canada and the air from Mexico. He said this makes Ohio's weather very changeable and climate change abrupt.

Alyssa Hutch, a senior fashion merchandising major, said fashion gives her individuality, something she is passionate about. She said she loves the thrill of the ever-changing trends and hustle the fashion industry possesses.

Hutch said fashion is also a form of self-confidence and mentioned she loves layering pieces. She said that on trend for this fall are head-to-toe prints including leopard, checkered and plaid.

She recently traveled to London, England and said she was shocked that the image she had before going there and the reality were very different.

"I have always pictured the culture to be extremely lavish," Hutch said. "I found that their dress was very casual."

Emily Henline, a senior integrated language arts education major with a TESOL endorsement, is minoring in Korean

studies. She studied abroad in South Korea, for the 2017-18 academic year.

"My perspective on fashion did change by studying abroad because of how much [people in Korea] care about it," she said.

Henline said she hardly ever saw people in Korea wearing a hoodie and leggings on campus other than finals week. She said Koreans' everyday wear is what Americans would call "trying" or "dressing up" every day.

Henline said she always wore makeup and dressed nicely in Korea, but that wasn't the case when she was in the United States.

"Koreans have a distinct view of pretty and not pretty," she said. "That's why plastic surgery is such a huge thing, as well as cosmetics and fashion."

Henline said she wants to enjoy the fashion on campus more often, but she can only sometimes enjoy it. She said she feels awkward if she wears that type of clothing on campus all of the time because no one else does.

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THE VOICES ARE BACK AGAIN

MARAH J. MORRISON

Open auditions for “The Ghost Behind The Black Door” and “Invasion From Planet Vampire” took place Sept. 6 and 7 from 4 p.m. to 6 p.m. in Bliss Hall.

Fred Owens, a professor in the department of communication at Youngstown State University, said Halloween has always been the occasion for an over-the-top creative production.

Owens said the two scripts were written by Roger Gregg, an audio theatre cabaret specialist who lives in Dublin, Ireland.

“He is generally regarded as the premier person in the field of audio drama,” he said.

Owens said Gregg is originally from Youngstown and is planning on traveling from Ireland for the shows.

“The Ghost Behind The Black Door” takes place in a large mansion with a caretaker who lets people stay there from time to

time. Owens said a couple from New York make arrangements to stay the night at the mansion. He said the wife is a writer and her husband used to be a television talk show host.

“He can no longer speak without a stammer,” he said. “She picks on him so badly that he’s just beside himself.”

Owens said in the audio drama, the caretaker tells the husband and wife they can use any of the rooms available, but to not open a certain door. The door eventually is opened and things go wrong.

He said “Invasion from Planet Vampire” is a space comedy that takes place on a space vessel.

Owens said there are a lot of goofy characters in the comedy, including a computer, the captain of the spaceship, a Deanna Troi from “Star Trek” and three sisters from Planet Vampire.

“It represents another creative dimension that’s available for The Valley,” Owens said.

Todd Dicken, the director of one of the radio shows, said with audio participants can focus more on their voices and the sound

effects. He said those participating can experiment with both.

“They get a chance to kind of stretch their talents a little bit,” he said.

Chris Bailey, a YSU telecommunication studies major, said he was a part of a previous radio show, and as soon as he heard about another one going on he wanted to audition.

“My goal in life is to be an actor or at least be a part of making films,” he said. “If that doesn’t work, I wouldn’t mind being a voice actor.”

Bailey said he got into this field of study from watching old movies and paying attention to the special effects they did. He said YouTubers have also inspired him to start his own YouTube channel.

“I like to entertain people,” he said. “I love to be a part of it.”

The Good Humor Radio Hour will be performing these two shows Oct. 30 and 31 at the Tyler Mahoning Valley History Center and will air on WKBN and WYSU-FM.



BRINGING NEW BUSINESSES TO THE AREA

Photo by *J. Harvard Feldhouse/The Jambor*

AMANDA JOERNDT

The Youngstown Flea provides small businesses the chance to expand their services within the region and meet new people in the Youngstown area. The Flea is held once a month from April to October in downtown Youngstown next to the Covelli Center.

Over 50 vendors were in attendance at the Youngstown Flea on Sept. 8 providing products ranging from handmade antiques, furniture and vintage clothing to home goods and art products.

The Flea gives new businesses the ability to connect with local customers and other vendors. Local farmers, food trucks and drink vendors also provide fresh products to customers.

Sheri and Glenniece Bodo, sisters and co-owners of The Back Rack, said they started their fashion business at the Flea this month. The Back Rack buys and resells vintage clothing, makes custom jeans and sells handbags and shoes.

Sheri Bodo said the Flea has helped their business get started

on the right foot.

“We got into the business because we both love fashion so much, and we both do realize that fashion is the number two pollution [cause] in the world,” Sheri Bodo said. “We really wanted to give customers that great price and affordable look.”

Glenniece Bodo said they love seeing new faces and selling their vintage clothing to the community.

“We’re super proud to say that we’re Youngstown natives, so we love coming to events that are community driven, and we’re just really excited to be here,” Glenniece Bodo said.

Lisa and Madison Clear, owners of Tomorrow’s Tomorrow, said they started participating in the Youngstown Flea this season.

Lisa Clear said she and her daughter collaborated their creative abilities to start their local business.

“I used to be a photographer and I hurt my neck, so I couldn’t do photography anymore. I started drawing and went from there,” Lisa Clear said. “Drawing eventually led to my daughter creating jewelry, and we both work together now.”

Lisa Clear said being a vendor at the Youngstown Flea gave her

daughter local opportunities to show off her handmade jewelry.

“It has gotten Madison into a shop, and she’s going to start selling her jewelry at a local boutique, and that has helped us a lot get recognized by people in the area,” Lisa Clear said.

The Youngstown Flea gives the community an opportunity for people to share their creative ability by providing handmade antiques and artwork.

Yearly customer, Lisa Cardona, said she came to the Flea this month to see the new vendors and how they share their talent with the community.

“I think all the vendors are pretty awesome because everybody is so creative, and I love to see what people come up with and what they make,” Cardona said. “I like it because you don’t get this kind of handmade stuff in the stores.”

This is the third year the Flea has brought community members and vendors together in the Youngstown area. The last Youngstown Flea of the 2018 season will be on Oct. 13 from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m.

MARIO’S MOVIES: FLASHBACK FILMS - ZODIAC (2007)

MARIO RICCIARDI

On the morning of Aug. 1, 1969, editors and select reporters from The San Francisco Chronicle finished reading the first letter signed by the Zodiac Killer. The then-unknown serial killer discussed his involvement in unsolved murders around the city and demanded the newspaper print the letter. The next day and for the following few years, San Francisco slipped into a quiet panic.

The film “Zodiac” isn’t about the city. It’s hardly about the police investigation. Zodiac is about a man with an obsession, not a faceless man slyly plotting serial killings and taunting the public — it’s about the infamous killer even less than the police investigation. The obsession is brought forth by bright-eyed political cartoonist Robert Graysmith and his relentless personal investigation of the killer.

Amid the unrest in San Francisco, a frustrated police investigation and the killings themselves, Graysmith’s growing absenteeism as a father holds just as much weight. What’s incredible about the retelling of this true story is just how

fascinating the dead space is (no pun intended) between actual events. In fact, the last scenes of traditional action and suspense occurs right after the film is a third of the way over.

The film is dark, suspenseful and moody, but it gets away with it because of the intense attention paid to human interaction. The large majority of the film is made up of conversation and characters exchanging hunches and ideas and constantly getting these suspicions denied or fractured. Not only does it pay close attention to the nuances of human impulse, but it reveals one of the most difficult themes of human nature cinematically.

No, not serial killers. Scarier. The lack of closure real life often holds. One of the most important factors as to why the Zodiac Killer has lived on is because, despite media coverage and eccentricity, the killer was never caught. Not only has he lived on in the popular culture, but he has also actually lived on, something very few famous serial killers get to do without the walls of a cell or an electric chair, something the film leaves the audience with.

Zodiac stars Jake Gyllenhaal, Mark Ruffalo and Robert Downey Jr. in the 1970s. The entire cast turns in tour de force performances that are as equally entertaining for character development as they are for historical accuracy. Additionally,

director David Fincher’s visual style is equally as palpable on screen as the actors themselves.

Zodiac is another entry into Fincher’s uncompromising filmography. For me, Zodiac is a turning point for Fincher. Shooting his first film completely on digital cameras, the director was able to achieve up to 100 takes for certain scenes, pushing performances to their absolute best. Robert Downey Jr. famously left jars of urine around the set in protest because of how few opportunities he could take to relieve himself.

Zodiac solidified Fincher’s position as the father of digital cinema. Sure, George Lucas is probably the grandfather and for totally different reasons, but David Fincher is definitely the cool dad. The film itself is a modern epic, clocking in at 2 hours and 42 minutes.

Zodiac tells the tale of an anonymous killer through the lens of a young artist discovering that obsession of any kind is dangerous, not just because of what it will do to you, but because of what it does to the people in your life.

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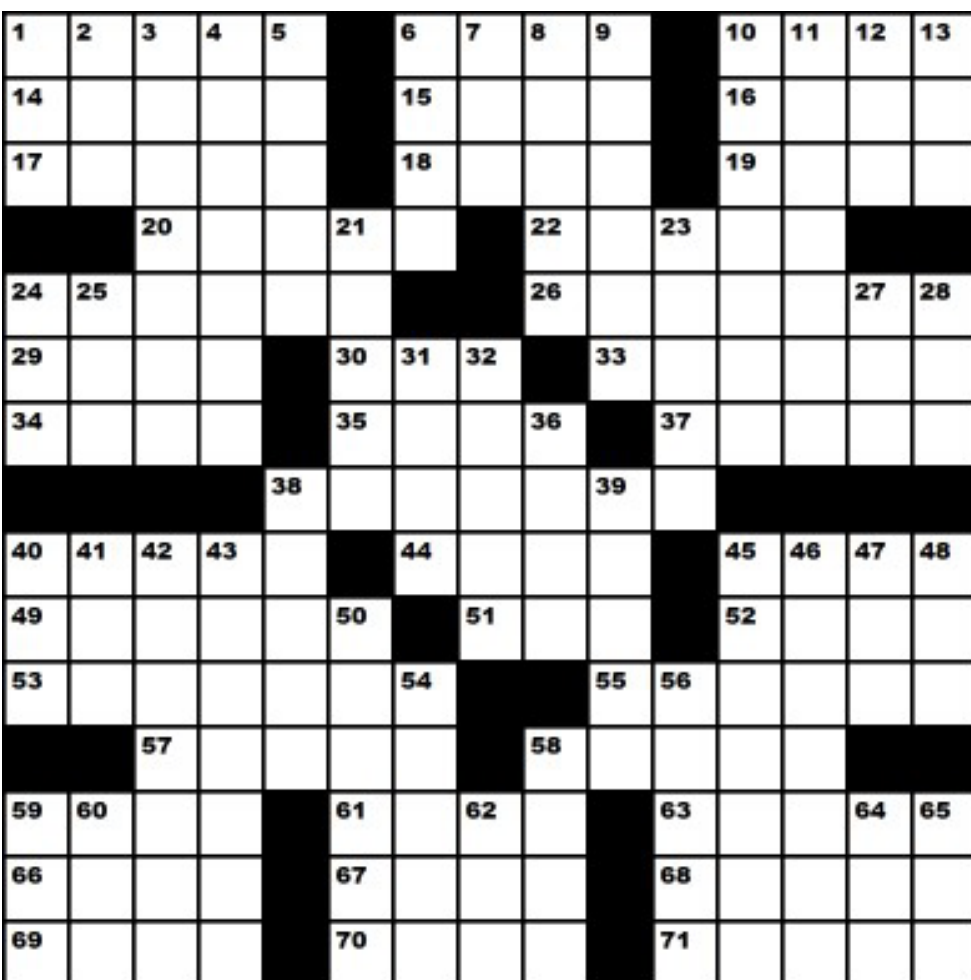
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YSU COMMUNITY SPOTLIGHT

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- Paquin, Magnani, Gunn or Kendrick
- Double-decker checker
- With 38 and 63 Across, YSU student group that sponsors 11 and 42 Down
- Tiny flying insect
- Broadcast
- "Mo' Better ___"
- Take up again
- Severe emotional shock
- SE Asian
- Academic records lockdown
- QBs' goals
- World Heritage Site org.
- Qualified
- Spring bloom
- Not slouching

- See 17 Across
- Musk-secreting spotted cat
- Yak
- Lille girl
- Breakfast choice
- "...blah, blah, blah"
- MTV's "___ Flux"
- Tour guides, often
- Arabian Nights story, "The ___ O Love"
- Wield, as influence
- Steer clear of
- Hatcher, Garr or Polo
- It's on the wall at Dunkin'
- See 17 Across
- Listen to
- Get-up-and-go
- Common thing?
- Strong desires
- Unpaid loan, e.g.
- Cereal killer

Down

- "Gods and Generals" extra, for short

- Nothing alternative
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- Make room for
- Caulking for the Pequod
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- Hostel
- Twist
- Pastry cart item
- BBQ annoyance
- Anti-racist writer who will appear in the Chestnut Room on Sept. 14 at 6 p.m. (2 wds.)
- Folk singer DiFranco
- Cpl.'s superior
- "Weird Al" Yankovic's send-up of a Michael Jackson tune (2 wds.)
- Many a swing-funk band
- First word in many a Lil Wayne album title
- McElhenney, Lowe, Reiner or Zombie
- Ignition switch position (Abbr.)
- IDFTS
- Wallop
- Walk like a crab
- Wait-listers need
- Buscemi, Carell or Zahn
- "America's Got Talent" aier
- Debate team side
- Britney Spears's "___ Slave 4 U" (2 wds.)
- Celebrant at a Thank You Breakfast in November
- Potions class output
- "Ancient" Coleridge character
- Most likely to win with seconds left
- Chat room abbr.
- Not an NCO
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- Commemorative stone marker
- Monopoly buy
- Polly, to Tom
- Commandment pronoun
- Letters on some shoes
- Catch red-handed
- Ford Riley's "Special Agent ___"
- Brooklyn baller

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EDITORIAL

PENGUIN ALERT: YSU WAS VICTIM BLAMING

Youngstown State University issued a Penguin Alert to the campus community on Friday notifying them that a report of a rape occurred at Lyden House, according to a YSU Police report. The alert went on to provide tips to prevent sexual assault.

The alert said:

“Tips/Prevention:

Becoming the victim of a crime is no one’s fault. It is estimated that nationwide one in every six college women and one in ten college men will be the victim of a sexual assault or attempted sexual assault. The most common type of sexual assault is not a stranger but someone the victim knows, typically a date or acquaintance. To minimize your risk of being sexually assaulted

by someone you know, keep the following points in mind:

- Alcohol and drugs are sometimes used to create vulnerability to sexual assault and may impair both your and the other person’s judgment. Studies of sexual assault incidents show a high correlation between sexual assaults and drug or alcohol use.
- Always trust your instincts. If you feel uncomfortable or sense something is wrong, do what you can to leave the situation.
- If you see a potential sexual assault situation about to occur, do what you can do interrupt it. You can say something directly, try to create a distraction to stop the situation, or call on others for assistance in stopping the situation.
- Before you engage in any sexual activity make sure that the other person is able to consent and has given you affirmative consent. The absence of a ‘no’ is not a ‘yes.’”

Although YSU addresses that becoming a victim of a crime is not the victim’s fault, the YSU alert contradicted itself when

giving tips on how to prevent assault.

A person can take all of the precautions mentioned in the email and still be a victim of sexual assault. Insinuating to the victim that they could’ve done more can discourage other victims from speaking out and getting the help they need.

Whether drugs or alcohol were involved or not, the rapist’s behavior should be called out — not the victim’s.

Victims are encouraged to report abuse to law enforcement to punish the abuser. But often, the victims are punished with ridicule and blame from their peers.

Confronting an abuser and discussing a rape is already a devastating task for victims, so YSU should give its entire support to victims and not suggest that victims could’ve done more.

SOLUTION TO LAST WEEK’S PUZZLE

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CHECK NEXT WEEK’S PAPER FOR THE
SOLUTION TO THIS WEEK’S PUZZLE



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Derick Young, an adjunct professor at Youngstown State University, talks at the beginning of a memorial service on Tuesday in Cushwa Hall for the first responders who died on Sept. 11, 2001.

Students in the police academy read the names of fallen first responders and placed a paper with their name, photo and story into a basket that was displayed at a 9/11 memorial on the second floor of Cushwa Hall.

Ed Villone, YSU police academy commander, said it was important to have a memorial because it memorializes those who lost their lives during 9/11.

“If you don’t have a memorial and you don’t have a tribute and remember our history, it can repeat itself,” Villone said. “So these names and legacies need to continue on.”



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FALL CONNECTIONS CREATE GREAT PLAY IN SPRING FOR WOMEN'S SOFTBALL TEAM

MARC WEEMS

The fall season makes people think of football, volleyball and soccer for the most part, but never softball. For the Youngstown State University softball team, it's their time as well. The softball team has important games in the month of September.

"It is just an opportunity to have the young ladies play together," YSU Head Coach Brian Campbell said. "Girls graduate and you want to take advantage of the eight games you have and see how we work together. It is important to play them [younger players] and put everything together."

With just three seniors on the team, the Penguins use these eight fall games to get the younger players acclimated to college softball for the first time.

"I remember coming in my freshmen year and I was really nervous," YSU Pitcher Paige

Geanangel said. "As a senior, you kind of get to lay back and watch the freshman class. Just make sure they are getting their feet wet with everything."

YSU boasts five sophomores and seven freshmen on a roster that has 20 players. Six of the seven freshmen are from Ohio while the other is from Pennsylvania.

"I don't know if it has as much as to do with what we will see in these games," Campbell said. "It's more of being able to play quality schools from the area. Players will be first to say it, when you have other schools from a lower division, you get a chance to play teams that are playing harder than normal."

Campbell said that because they play mostly Division II schools, the Penguins get the best out of those schools.

"We love playing in the fall against DI and DII Schools. They always have a little pep in their step," he said.

The Penguins will play six of the eight games

at home. YSU will only play one team, Robert Morris University, during the spring season.

"We play three of four dates at home. When you have these games, you have fall games for a reason," Campbell said. "In the past, we have played the teams we play in the regular season. We changed that up. We play Akron and Robert Morris. We wanted some different teams and had a lot of interest."

For the Penguins, it's more important to play well together than it is to win games.

"When you come in as a freshman, you are really thrown into things," Geanangel said about how quickly things change. "You're in a new place with new people. All the sudden, you're a senior and some of those people are your best friends. A lot of your favorite memories are with those people."

Geanangel also said that it's important to fill in for the seniors.

"Especially Lexi Roach. She took care of all of us so it's hard to fill her shoes for sure. We

are trying and I think we are doing a good job," she said.

For Campbell, the smallest things matter the most in the fall.

"At the end of it, it is important to go out and learn stuff and see outside competition," he said. "We want to get into situations and see them in those. You can practice all day but you get to see what actually works and see areas you need to focus on."

Campbell said they have a lot of different philosophies.

"It is about bonding and getting used to each other. We want to see the range each player has in the field. They need to do their jobs and keep doing the small things right," he said.

YSU's fall slate begins with a home doubleheader against the University of Akron at 4 p.m. and Slippery Rock University at 8 p.m.

THE BROWNS FINALLY DIDN'T LOSE

DAVID FORD

The Cleveland Browns snapped their losing streak without actually winning a game on Sept. 9.

Since returning to Cleveland in 1999, the Browns were 1-18 in opening day games. Make that 1-18-1. The Browns somehow tied the Pittsburgh Steelers on Sunday.

I'm proud to admit the following statement: "David Ford is a Browns season ticket holder."

Of all the games I've seen, this past one is the most obscure, although for most of it, it seemed like a typical Cleveland versus Pittsburgh matchup. Only this time, Pittsburgh didn't capitalize on the Browns' mistakes. The Browns didn't capitalize on Pittsburgh's mistakes either.

In overtime, both Steelers kicker Chris Boswell and Browns kicker Zane Gonzalez missed field goals. It's a miracle, the way the Browns offense played, that they forced the game into overtime to begin with.

When the Steelers led 21-7 in the third quarter, the Browns looked lost. Their defense played phenomenal, despite allowing 472

yards of total offense. The defense forced six turnovers.

Myles Garrett took home two sacks and two forced fumbles, while rookie Denzel Ward intercepted two of Ben Roethlisberger's passes. Both players played vital roles in forcing the six turnovers.

According to ESPN's Bill Barnwell, the Browns had a +5 turnover margin (quarterback Tyrod Taylor threw a costly interception in the closing seconds of regulation). Since the Browns returned to the NFL, teams with that turnover margin or better are 132-4-1. The Browns are responsible for two of those losses, and now the tie ... because of course they are.

While both teams get the chance to reboot their season next week, a storyline to follow will be the Browns' decision on Baker Mayfield, the 2018 #1 pick. Obviously, Tyrod Taylor didn't look great against Pittsburgh on Sunday. He went 15-for-40 passes for 197 yards, one touchdown and one interception.

Part of the blame, however, goes to the disastrous performance of the Browns' offensive line.

When Browns left tackle, Joe Thomas, announced his retirement in the offseason,

Cleveland had its hands full in trying to replace him. Thomas, one of the Cleveland's most beloved athletes and NFL's all-time great linemen, never missed a single snap from the time he was drafted in 2007 until his injury on Oct. 22, 2017. According to NFL.com, that added up to 10,363 consecutive snaps — a record that certainly might never be broken.

Replacing Thomas is near impossible, but the Browns had to try. Desmond Harrison, an undrafted rookie free agent, started at left tackle on Sunday. Pittsburgh attacked this weakness. The Steelers came away with seven sacks. It wasn't entirely Harrison's fault — the entire o-line performed to underwhelming results.

On HBO's "Hard Knocks," an anthology that documents the training camps of different NFL teams each season, Browns' offensive line coach, Bob Wylie, mentioned something along the lines of "wars aren't won by stretching," in reference to players' extensive warmups. Wars certainly aren't won if you can't block the opposing team, Bob.

Despite the o-line's disastrous play, Taylor managed to scramble for 77 rushing yards and a touchdown. It was Taylor's hesitation to make a big play with his arm that might have some

concerned ... which brings us back to the Baker Mayfield topic.

If at any point Taylor's passing struggles continue, the Browns might succumb to temptation and start Mayfield. Hopefully, it doesn't come to that.

First off, I loved when the Browns took Mayfield, but throwing a rookie into game action before he might be ready hasn't produced desirable results in the past for any team, especially Cleveland.

At the University of Oklahoma, Mayfield put up insane numbers en route to the 2017 Heisman Trophy and College Football Playoff. He's a great leader, and mark my words, he'll be an elite quarterback, but he shouldn't play this season, especially if the Pittsburgh game is any indication of how the Browns offensive line will perform the rest of the season. If things go south, they should turn to veteran Drew Stanton. Not Mayfield, not yet.

I think Taylor and the line should improve going forward. Now, it's time to win a game, something they haven't done since Christmas Eve of 2016.

NOT A REBUILD FOR YSU WOMEN'S SOCCER TEAM

MARC WEEMS

Since the program started in 1996, the Youngstown State University women's soccer team hasn't had a winning season. No, that isn't a lie. The program has won 78 games in 23 seasons including this year. But new head coach Brian Shrum is ready to forget about all of this.

"It's funny that people keep talking about rebuilding," Shrum said. "It hasn't ever been built and there hasn't been a winning season yet. For me, it's not a rebuild but a build. No winning seasons in 20-some seasons is what I see."

Shrum mentioned that the current team wants to be part of the process that sees that change.

The closest the Penguins ever got to .500 was in 2012 under then-head coach Will Lemke when the team went 8-9-0 including a 3-4-0 record in the Horizon League.

"The kids are trying their best. I can say that for certain," Shrum said. "We've had some unlikely breaks here and there. We are hanging our hats on a young team. With experience, we are looking to build from that. Overall, they

want to make a fingerprint of a new era."

Shrum also said that the team is much more organized than they were when the season began.

So far this year, the Penguins are 1-5-2 with many close losses. Shrum's first win at YSU came against Canisius College in a 1-0 win. The Penguins' two ties happened against Chicago State University on Aug. 17 and against St. Bonaventure University on Aug. 31.

"They are playing fairly well but we just are not capitalizing on the opportunities we've gotten," Shrum said. "We are always in games and always trying to get it back any time we give one or two goals up. We always fight no matter the score."

Shrum said that all the players understand the process of turning the program around.

"They need to understand what is going on and what will go on," he said. "A lot of how they see themselves getting there is by changing the culture within themselves. I'm more of a guider than a teacher. They haven't lacked effort. They give all they can at all moments of the day. They do that as student-athletes and players."

Shrum said that the players want to walk away having given their all.

YSU's current problem is youth. With nearly seven freshmen playing each match, the Penguins have struggled to find more than just contributors so far.

"That is really the hallmark of a team," Shrum said. "It is that they start from previous years so that younger girls get experience. That is what we hope. If we had a crystal ball, I could answer that for you. Hopefully, we get something to drop soon. We are starting seven freshmen on any given day. We have more contributors than anything."

With Horizon League play beginning on Sept. 14 for the Penguins. Last year the Penguins went 0-9-0 in conference play with five matches decided by two goals or less with two overtime losses.

"I don't know a whole lot of the teams. I'll be getting to know the conference just like they will be," Shrum said. "The girls thought that they were competitive in the Horizon League last year. They are going to go out and give their all this season."

YSU starts Horizon League play against the University of Wisconsin-Milwaukee on Sept. 14 at 7 p.m. at Farmers National Bank Field.



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“LITTLE THINGS” MUST BE CORRECTED FOR A WEEK THREE WIN

JOSHUA FITCH

After two consecutive losses to begin the 2018 season, attention to detail is key to avoid an 0-3 start as the Youngstown State University football team welcomes the Valparaiso University Crusaders on Saturday.

With such a big loss to West Virginia University in week two (52-17), the “little things” certainly added up. However, going forward it shouldn’t hold the team back knowing so much can be corrected.

“I don’t really think we stepped back with the loss against West Virginia,” Penguins senior left guard Gavin Wiggins said. “It’s the details that we’re missing. It’s the little things, not climbing to the right backer, not getting to the linebacker at all.”

Wiggins has played in 33 straight games and

was a second team All-Missouri Valley Football Conference selection last season while earning the third letter of his career.

“I thought the kids played really hard,” head coach Bo Pelini said. “We’re just not always playing very smart. Too many details that are getting missed and not being able to carry over what we’re coaching to the field. Our level of execution is inconsistent and it hurts us.”

Valparaiso is also seeking its first win of the season, following a 23-21 loss to Duquesne University. In the loss, the Crusaders had over 325 yards of offense, scoring once through the air and twice on the ground.

“Offensively they’re a little bit of two tight end stuff. They’ll run multiple quarterbacks in there,” Pelini said.

The Crusaders gave up over 400 yards of total offense in the loss to Duquesne, including 178 rushing yards, while allowing the Dukes offense to convert nine times on third down.

Still, Pelini takes caution when assessing the Valpo defense.

“They’re kind of all over the place defensively,” Pelini said. “... lot of multiple fronts and mainly a single high team. They do a nice job on defense and they try to confuse you and give you multiple looks. You have to be prepared for that.”

For the Penguins, the ability to run the ball will be important after the Crusaders had run defense last week. YSU ran for 215 yards against WVU and 235 yards against Butler University.

This is just the third meeting between these two teams. The Penguins have won both matchups so far, beating the Crusaders 77-13 in 2011 and 59-0 in the most recent meeting during the 2012 season.

Senior running back Tevin McCaster will be the biggest key for that. He ran for 126 yards on 14 attempts and a touchdown last week against West Virginia.

McCaster enters week three needing just 27 yards to surpass the 2,000-yard milestone during his YSU career. He has 238 yards on 43 carries this season, averaging 6.8 yards per carry.

“It’s a process,” Pelini said, referring to how the Penguins can get a win on Saturday. “Every single day we have to keep growing as a football team and start getting more efficient, more accountable and more disciplined. Our execution is an ongoing process each and every day.”

As the Penguins finish another week of practice, there’s still optimism for the 2018 season, despite an 0-2 start.

“I see the potential still with this football team,” Pelini said. “There’s really good potential, but we have got to keep getting better. It’s an everyday thing.”

Kickoff between the Penguins and Crusaders is set for 2 p.m. at Stambaugh Stadium.