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AnTHONY Spano, a YSU alumnus, created the 9/11 memorial in the middle of campus with fellow alumna Sara O'Brien.

9/11 Memorial: then and now

By Sydney Stalnecker
The Jambar

The 20th anniversary of the Sept. 11, 2001 attacks occurred this past weekend, and with it many Youngstown State University faculty, alumni and students have been reflecting on the day and observing the memorials on campus.

YSU honored those died on Sept. 11, 2001 last Friday in Cushwa Hall. Members of the YSU Police Academy took turns reading the names of those who died in the attacks.

At the end of the ceremony, the audience was encouraged to view the memorials on campus. One is located on the second floor of Cushwa Hall, and the other is located outdoors in the middle of campus.

AnTHONY Spano, a YSU alumnus, helped create the

initial plan for the memorial in the middle of campus with YSU alumna Sara O'Brien.

"As the days kind of passed on, a couple of us felt that we needed to do something on campus to honor those individuals who passed away [on] 9/11," Spano said.

The memorial picked up momentum when Spano and O'Brien heard the news that YSU alumnus Terry Lynch had died in the attack on the Pentagon.

"A week later, we found out through the YSU history department that a YSU alum named Terry Lynch passed away at the Pentagon during the attacks," Spano said. "That actually built a whole new meaning for what we were really going to do."

According to the Finding Aid for Terry Lynch 9/11 Commemorative Collection, Lynch

Faculty union speaks out on COVID-19 precautions, university responds

By Abigail Cloutier
The Jambar

Youngstown State University's faculty union, YSU-OEA, released a statement Sept. 13 calling the school a "super-spreader event waiting to happen."

In the union's statement, it outlines promises made by YSU administration that the union said have not been fulfilled.

"Promises to update filtration systems and other engineering controls across Youngstown State University to limit the spread of COVID-19 have not been fulfilled. An ineffective contact tracing system that does not inform students when a classmate has tested positive and bars faculty from sharing that information in their classes where zero social distancing is the norm. Limited learning options for students in isolation or quarantine with unclear and contradictory communications to faculty about how to provide accommodations to affected students," the union said in the statement.

YSU did not mandate masks, despite other Ohio colleges and universities doing so, until after an OEA union protest Aug. 13, less than two weeks before the start of the fall semester. Vaccines are still not mandated at the

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Lynch was born and raised in the Youngstown area, graduated from Ursuline High School and continued his education at YSU. He received a Bachelor's and a Master's of Arts in history.

Lynch's wife Jacqueline "Jackie" Lynch shared many stories about her husband with Spano and O'Brien while they were putting the memorial together. When Sept. 11, 2002 came around, she chose to appear at the YSU memorial though she was invited to many

others.

"Jackie Lynch actually came to our memorial," Spano said. "She was invited to several others including the Pentagon one. So, she made the trek to come up here from the Washington D.C. area."

Spano and O'Brien worked with the Student Art Association to plan the design of the memorial. At the event on September 11, 2002, O'Brien announced the meaning behind each section of the memorial.

"The memorial is designed to represent the four locations that were

struck during the attacks on Sept. 11. The large circle where the flagpole stands represents the Pentagon. The chelises and the two side circles represent the World Trade Centers," O'Brien said. "The connecting space between the display kiosks and the circles symbolizes the field in Pennsylvania where the airplane crashed."

YSU Athletics helped them raise money for the memorial by selling shirts at a tailgate.

"We created kind of a fundraiser where we worked with YSU Athletics. We found a vendor

that would basically print 1,000 shirts in 24 hours," Spano said. "We actually sold those in the tailgate lot."

They sold nearly 70% of their shirts during the tailgate.

"Everyone wanted to support what we were doing, and it really showed how the community came together in that brief 3-4 weeks period," Spano said.

The filmed memorial from Sept. 11, 2002 can be found at ysu.edu/911-memorial

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university.

"We honored our commitment to our students and to YSU by returning to pre-pandemic face-to-face course numbers this fall, believing that you would follow the guidance of the CDC and local and county health departments to keep us all safe — you have failed to institute even basic protections and we will no longer be silent about your lack of action — you are putting all our lives in danger," Susan Clutter, YSU-OEA president, said.

The Ohio Department of Health, along with the Ohio Department of Education, has minimum requirements for the return to school for the fall 2021 semester.

These requirements include: masks, compliance with all relevant state and CDC guidelines, daily health assessments for campus employees, consideration of

course scheduling alternatives and a minimum of 6-foot physical distancing to the greatest extent feasible.

Currently, social distancing of only 3 feet is required on campus. It is not clear if daily health assessments are required for staff.

The union called on YSU administration to implement changes, including a vaccine mandate by Dec. 1, remote learning modality options and distribution of already-purchased N95 masks.

Currently, the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention recommends enhanced ventilation to mitigate the spread of the virus.

In a statement, the associate vice president of Facilities and Support Services John Hyden noted that increased air filtration upgrades have been purchased, but due to supply chain issues, have not been received.

He said they are still in the process of designing much of the new disinfection and filtration sys-

tems.

"Since Aug. 12, 47 air samples from buildings across campus have been tested for COVID-19, all of which have come back negative," Hyden said in the email.

In an interview with local media outlet WFMJ on Aug. 8, Provost Brien Smith said changes had been made ahead of the fall semester.

YSU's director of Environmental and Occupational Health and Safety Julie Gentile said in the interview, "YSU has focused tremendously on making our campus absolutely as safe as possible for return to fall. What we've done is upgraded our air handling systems significantly."

Smith said in the interview they would not make vaccines mandatory.

YSU welcomes new police officers

By Jessica Stamp
The Jambar

At Youngstown State University, the police department hired four new officers into their unit. YSU chief of police Shawn Varso hopes the increased number of officers will bring a new viewpoint to the department while giving some of the existing officers a break.

“With the addition of these officers ... it gives some of the other officers a little bit of a break [from] having to work all the time,” Varso said.

The department has previously been short-staffed, but after hiring the four new officers, it brings the number back up to what it was originally supposed to be: 21 full-time officers.

The new officers go through a training program that is 13 weeks long, consisting of existing officers rotating to mentor and offer different perspectives.

Varso said the new officers can hopefully give a new experience perspective and refreshing outlook to the department.

Criminal justice graduate Haley Marshburn decided to become an officer at the university because she wanted to make a difference in her community and help people.

“[By] being younger, I’m around the age



Photo by Jessica Stamp / The Jambar

A new home for the YSU police officers joining the department

of the students right now, so ... if they have any questions. They might feel more comfortable coming up to me,” Marshburn said.

Marshburn also feels that female students might be more at ease when approaching a female officer.

Coming to work as an officer at YSU will be a different experience for Chelsea Wolfe and Jeff Marsolo, who both have past work experience at other departments.

Wolfe, another criminal justice graduate of YSU, joined the police department after looking at the benefits. She said she hopes to stay as an officer for a long time and looks forward to building relationships. Due to Wolfe’s previous work experience, she feels she knows how to connect with people and handle certain situations that may arise.

“One of my jobs had a lot to do with talking to people and dealing with people, not only in frantic ways, but different people with different backgrounds and people with dif-

ferent job histories,” Wolfe said.

When it comes to helping the students, Wolfe agrees with Marshburn that female students might feel more comfortable talking to them about any issues because of their gender.

For the past four years, Marsolo worked at the Mahoning County Jail. Compared to his previous job, he said he had more of a positive experience at YSU.

“Definitely more positive here ... more just friendly with students and staff on campus but also benefited from learning just to talk to different people,” Marsolo said.

Marsolo feels working at YSU will help him to further expand his ability to talk to distinctive individuals and to make campus feel safer.

The new officers are excited to be working at YSU and hope to connect more with students across campus and to create a positive experience for all.

Three weeks into semester, COVID-19 cases spike

By Abigail Cloutier
The Jambar

Just three weeks into the semester, Youngstown State University's number of positive COVID-19 cases have spiked.

For the week of Aug. 29 through Sept. 4, YSU reported 27 positive cas-

es. This included six employees, 19 students living off campus and 2 students living on campus.

Nineteen students, faculty and staff were tested through the voluntary testing program. None of these tests came back positive.

It was the highest number of record-

ed cases in a single week since Jan. 23.

On Monday, YSU reported 24 cases for the week of Sept. 5-11, including two employees, one student living on campus and 21 students living off campus.

YSU tested 27 students and staff through the voluntary testing pro-

gram. Of those, two came back positive.

YSU's COVID-19 dashboard is updated every Monday based on confirmed data from the week before. Students who have tested positive should report their case through the online form.

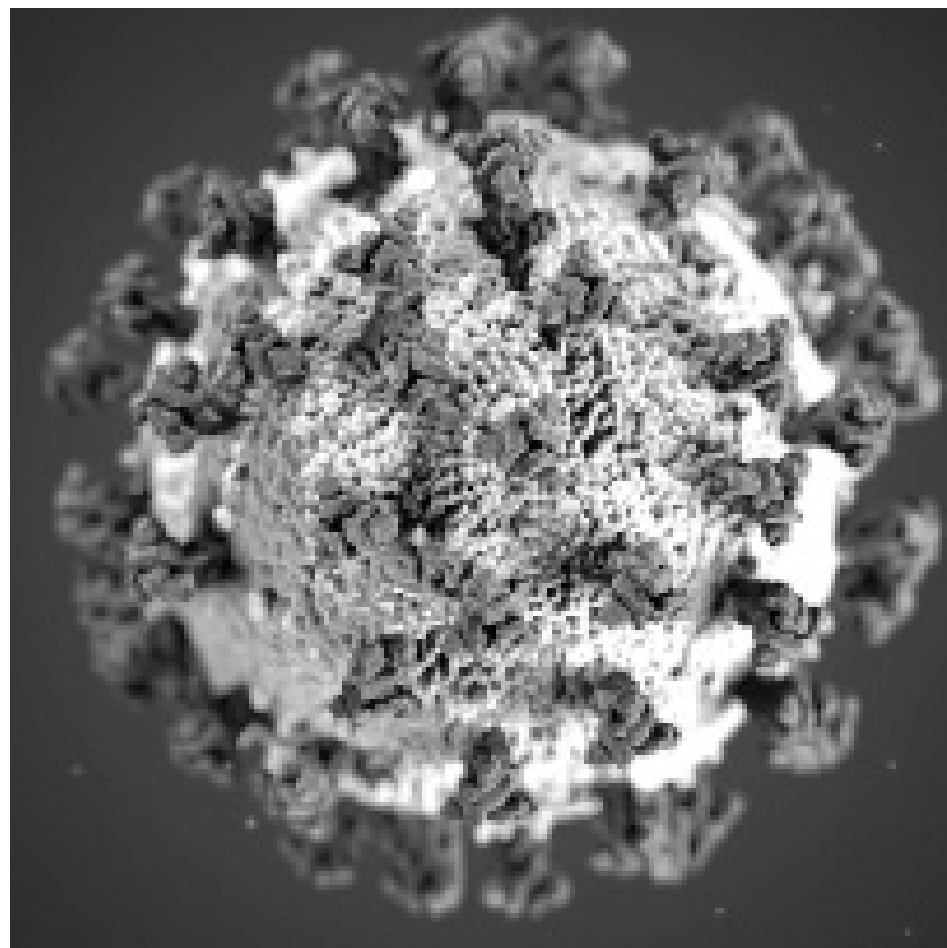


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YSU's on-campus housing for students

By Samantha Smith
The Jambar

For most college students, getting the experience of college includes living on campus. At Youngstown State University, there are multiple on-campus living options for students.

The current housing options include the Cafaro, Lyden, Kilcawley and Wick houses. While the Housing and Residence Life department also manages the Weller house, it is not available for students and serves as isolation housing during the pandemic.

Stephanie Reed, associate director of Housing and Residence Life, explained the costs of living on campus.

"They vary per student based on the Penguin Tuition Promise Cohort," she said. "Most students are in a Penguin Tuition

Promise Cohort that is set by the university — it's not set by our department — so students are locked into that rate for all four years. If a student started last year living on campus with us, the rate that they paid last year will continue [for] those four years."

There is a payment plan option for students who are not able to pay their housing in full at the beginning of the semester. Reed said the plan goes through the bursar's office and costs \$50 to enroll. It will divide the bill into four equal payments throughout the semester.

Olivia Cupp, director of Housing and Residence Life, explained what would happen if a student could no longer live on campus and needs to be let out of the contract.

"We do have provisions that we understand that there's always exceptions and that there's always situations that pop up

that are unplanned and that are beyond students' control," she said. "For the first four weeks of each semester, we have a refund schedule. So for any student that applies to be released from their contractual obligation with housing, if they're approved, there is a refund schedule."

The schedule is a four-week process where the percentage of the refund decreases by 20% until week four. The first four weeks of each semester is the time frame for eligible refunds.

Exceptions for being released from the housing contract include medical reasons or a significant change in a student's situation.

For more information on housing options and services go to ysu.edu/housing-and-residence-life



Lyden House is one of the five on-campus housing options.

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Gov. DeWine signs bill to combat hazing

By Mia Albaugh
The Jambar

On July 6, 2021, Ohio Gov. Mike DeWine signed Collin's Law into action in an effort to protect the safety of students and to create harsher penalties for those participating in hazing.

Hazing is any activity that humiliates, degrades, abuses or endangers an individual joining an organization, regardless of their willingness to participate, according to StopHazing.org.

According to the Ohio governor's website, this bill:

- Expands the definition of hazing and specifies that hazing may include "coercing another to consume alcohol or a drug of abuse."
- Increases the penalty for hazing to a 2nd degree misdemeanor.
- Expands the list of officials required to report hazing.
- Widens the scope of those who can be punished for participating in or permitting hazing. (A violation that results in serious harm is a 3rd degree felony.)
- Requires that those aware of hazing report it to authorities, with penalties up to a 1st degree misdemeanor for failing to do so.
- Requires the Ohio Department of Higher Education to implement a statewide anti-hazing plan.
- Requires staff and volunteers at colleges and universities to undergo training on hazing awareness and prevention.

Not only will failing to report a hazing incident result in a first-degree misdemeanor, but it could also result in a 180-day jail sentence and up to \$1,000 in fines.

Before this bill was passed, the penalties for participating in haz-



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The APD house off campus for members.

ing rituals were similar to the repercussions of failing to pay a speeding ticket. It was only considered a fourth-degree misdemeanor.

Lawmakers signed this bill in time for the fall semester of 2021 to help prevent hazing during the annual recruitment of new members in fraternities and sororities.

Because of Collin's Law, any student joining a student organization in any college or university across Ohio is required to complete an anti-hazing training course that teaches students how to recognize and prevent hazing.

Many students recognize the negative impact of hazing practices.

"[Hazing] gets to a point where people are making other people do bad, terrible things. Their qualifications should be enough to get into somewhere," YSU student Lugina Bassil said.

"We have a zero-tolerance policy for hazing and ensure all members have the proper information for reporting any act of hazing should it occur," YSU Panhellenic Council president Abigail Cochran said. "Greek Life puts on anti-hazing activities during Hazing Prevention Week annually to raise awareness about the dangers of hazing and we ask members to sign an anti-hazing pledge."

Hazing Prevention Week at YSU will begin Sept. 20 in Kilcawley Center.

The bill is named after Collin Wiant, who died in 2018 due to a hazing incident at Ohio University. The 18-year-old freshman collapsed after inhaling a canister of nitrous oxide in a fraternity house.

Three years later, Stone Foltz, a 20-year-old sophomore at Bowling Green State University, died of alcohol poisoning after he was made to drink a bottle of alcohol to join a fraternity.

Parents of both students were in full support of the bill and present as it was signed.

Rodef Sholom and YSU history program partner for archive

By C. Aileen Blaine
The Jambar

In scattered closets and rooms within the Congregation Rodef Sholom lie artifacts of modern archaeology. Now, Youngstown State University and other resources join the temple in an archival project seeking to make sense of the findings.

The project started in early 2020, Rodef Sholom's executive director Sarah Wilschek discovered artifacts dating back 154 years hidden in the basement. She then reached out to an AmeriCorps Ohio History Service Corps member with the original idea of creating a museum. But the objective morphed into creating an active archive of materials dealing with the current building's past.

"We were founded in 1867, so to have that quantity of history just laying around our building, wanting to be touched and used — it's pretty awesome," Wilschek said.

Due to the sheer quantity and extent of the uncovered materials, it was too much for Wilschek to complete alone, so she reached out to neighboring institutions like YSU and the Youngstown Historical Center of Industry and Labor.

YSU history professor Thomas Leary also became involved with the project, overseeing the spring 2021 practicum class that participated in the archival work as a hands-on approach to working with history.

"[The students] appreciated the opportunity to help a community institution take some steps toward making its contents available, not only to the members of the synagogue, but also to researchers and others who might be interested," Leary said.

Graduate student Hannah Klacik was a student in the applied history practicum and now works for the congregation by sorting and organizing files and papers, among other tasks.



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Congregation Rodef Sholom's archive project mostly takes place in a back room, with plans to enlist resources outside the Mahoning Valley

"When I started the program, I was interested in curation museum studies," Klacik said. "Now, I'm definitely more interested than I was before in archival work."

"We have a lot of famous congregants who have come in and invented various things," Wilschek said, such as engineer Julius Kahn's novel concrete building methods that were developed and tested on the building's 1913 construction.

From the intricate mosaic drinking fountain memorializing a child who died in 1929, to the architects' original painting of the building, the hallway of the second floor serves as a walk through history. The sanctuary, done in colors of sky blue, gold and white, is a prime example of architecture in a time before microphones or sound systems were common, as the high, domed ceiling helps sound carry efficiently.

Materials discovered include birth records, death records and previous rabbis' personal

notes. There are even construction blueprints by the architect M. Scheible, who was involved in designing other religious buildings in the Youngstown area during the early 20th century.

"I didn't realize how much stuff we had and how much we didn't know about our history," Wilschek said.

"You never know what you're going to find," Klacik said. "You might think that you're done with a certain theme or box, and then you find something else, and then you're like, 'Okay, where's this going to go?'"

The congregation has also partnered with the Center for Holocaust and Judaic Studies through a grant program to introduce scholars to the materials and complete research on the findings.

Wilschek encourages anyone who may have any connection or information about the congregation's building to contact her at swilschek@congregationrodefsholom.com



The McDonough Museum of Art is celebrating its 30th anniversary with a plethora of events.

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The Jambar

Youngstown State University has been home to the McDonough Museum of Art for 30 years, and it offers a space for teaching and entertainment.

A fundraiser and celebration will take place Saturday, Oct. 16. Assistant museum director Angela DeLucia explained what to expect from the celebration.

“We are having a special virtual 30th anniversary benefit event that includes an online auction, a special musical performance and those purchasing tickets for the event will get a surprise filled swag bag. We have put a call out on social media for McDonough memories that we will highlight,” DeLucia said.

The museum will open new exhibits throughout the fall in preparation for the anniversary celebration. Different artists will exhibit their work at McDonough.

“We have three different artists from the Pittsburgh area ... We have each of them doing their artist talks,” museum director Claudia Berlinski said.

Along with these artists, many previous YSU graduates and students show their works at the museum.

“Each year, I am amazed by the work by students from the department of art that is displayed in the fall and spring graduating BFA, as well as the Annual Juried Student Exhibition,” DeLucia said. “I feel lucky and privileged to get a chance to work with so many great colleagues, artists and students.”

The online fundraiser will take place between Oct. 16-18. Anyone is able to enter regardless if they are a ticket holder or not.

Berlinski chose which events will take place for the celebration. As museum director, she is responsible for planning these events and ensuring what should

and should not be included.

“One of the primary functions that I have is to curate exhibitions. So, that involves finding artists, picking out artwork, coordinating the exhibitions so they work together,” Berlinski said.

Each year, McDonough exhibits different artwork, with each exhibition, show or display offering something new for visitors to see.

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Upcoming anniversary events include an online fundraiser and guest speakers

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The Jambar Editorial

Abortion laws and vaccines: “My body, my choice”

The Texas Heartbeat Act came into effect Sept. 1, 2021. The law specifically states in section 171.203, “A physician may not knowingly perform or induce an abortion on a pregnant woman unless the physician has determined, in accordance with this section, whether the woman’s unborn child has a detectable fetal heartbeat.”

The fetal heartbeat is defined in Subchapter H., Section 171.201 as “cardiac activity, or the steady and repetitive rhythmic contraction of the fetal heart within the gestational sac.”

The bill sparked protests across the nation. Some people began comparing vaccine mandates to a pro-choice stance, theorizing that if women should be allowed bodily autonomy, why should vaccines be required?

Yet vaccines are matter of public health — is abortion a public

health issue in the same way?

According to the American Pregnancy Association, a heartbeat can be detected and deemed viable at 6.5-7 weeks into pregnancy. Most women find out they are pregnant between weeks 4-7. By the time a woman realizes she is pregnant, she has a very small window, or no window at all, to go through with an abortion if that is her choice of action.

The Texas Heartbeat Act may seem irrelevant to Ohioans, but Ohio’s laws on abortion read nearly the same.

As of July 11, 2019, the Ohio Laws and Administrative Rules determined “no person shall knowingly and purposefully perform or induce an abortion on a pregnant woman with the specific intent of causing or abetting the termination of the life of the unborn human individual the pregnant woman is carrying and whose fetal

heartbeat has been detected...”

The Ohio and Texas laws have determined that women are not entitled to bodily autonomy. At the same time, anti-vaccination and anti-mask protesters believe they have the right to choose what they do with their own bodies. So where is the line drawn? What is the difference between a woman having an abortion, which affects herself and the child of the father, and a person receiving a vaccine, which could potentially affect all those around them?

Ultimately, it should come down to personal choices and others are affected.

Public bodies should determine what’s best for the public and enforce measures that help improve the general public. But if your choice does not have a public impact, it should be just that: your choice.

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The Jambar Column

The challenge of connecting

As if making friends wasn't hard enough when you're dealing with classes and other life events, for many of us, the past year really destroyed our social lives. Rather than being able to see our friends on a normal, in-person schedule, we have had to rely on technology to communicate with other people.

Understandably, quite a few people, including myself, feel as though we lost touch with those close to us. Perhaps you weren't the greatest at texting or availability didn't line up. Or maybe you didn't lose any friends, but



Mac Pomeroy

instead just want to make new ones.

When it comes to socializing in college, a common suggestion is to explore the different clubs and activities offered here at Youngstown State University.

The first thing that comes to mind when considering clubs that are available at the university may be our sports teams. From football, to rugby, to track,

there is a wide variety of teams to consider.

Though, if you're like me and do not know anything about sports, there are a lot of non-athletic options. Do you want to expand your foreign language skills outside of class? Then join a foreign language club. Do you enjoy spending your time playing games? There are even clubs for that.

If you want something more involved, consider checking out Greek Life and the fraternities and sororities during recruitment season. Or, if you happen

to be a particularly good student, consider applying for the Honors College.

College is hard enough, but whether it be that you are a freshman or you've been here for a while and just want to gain more friends, socializing and connecting can be quite challenging. If you find yourself feeling alone on campus, just know that you are not alone. Many other students feel the same way, and sometimes all it takes to spark a new friendship is a simple "hello."



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The women's soccer team faces off against the Akron Zips, concluding the team's non conference schedule.

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Winless women's soccer heads into conference play

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The Youngstown State University women's soccer team fell to the University of Akron Zips 3-2.

This game concluded the team's seven game non conference schedule, where it amassed a record of zero wins, six losses and one tie.

Head coach Brian Shrum said the team learned about patience and team develop-

ment from the non conference schedule and will continue to practice the same way going into conference play.

"We showed some patience in the middle of the game, first part of the game and then again toward the end of the game," Shrum said. "But I think toward the end of the game, our patience was skewed based off of Akron sitting in and not wanting to give up their lead."

Junior forward Marcella

Sizer said the team has confidence going into conference play.

"I think we did a very good job in the first 10, 15 minutes to the game, the first half we did very well," she said. "We let a goal slip in, but we did not let that bring us down, and I think we came out even harder."

Sizer scored her first goal of the season against Akron. She said the disappointing non conference record motivates

the team to not lose in conference.

A different player has scored each of the teams five goals this season. They have averaged a 0.083% shot on goal percentage throughout the season and have been outscored 17-5.

The team starts conference play at home against the Oakland University Golden Grizzlies today; kickoff is at 5:30 p.m.

College athletes can now profit from their work, appearance

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On July 1, the NCAA put into effect a new policy allowing student athletes from all three divisions to monetize their name, image and likeness.

The NCAA's announcement specifies that athletes must still follow their state NIL laws and colleges and universities are responsible for determining whether those activities are consistent with state law. Now, athletes can accept endorsements from brands, monetize their social media presences and work with professional firms that coordinate these kinds of deals for athletes.

However, because there is no federal law, the new NCAA guidance allows students to engage in NIL activities as long as they stay within the law of the state where the school is located. It also allows students in states without NIL laws to participate without breaking NCAA rules.

Many college athletes were excited with the announcement and implementation of the new policy, and they be-

lieve they can finally benefit from their play.

"I was really excited because I think college athletes have worked so hard, and we've never been able to benefit off our name before," junior basketball player Mady Aulbach said. "These high-end college athletes ... their games are broadcasted nationally with millions of viewers, I think it's about time that college athletes in general can benefit off how well they do in sports."

Senior football player Jake Cummings became a sponsored athlete of Coates Car Care. The Canfield, Ohio native is also ecstatic that athletes can benefit from their performance.

"For years we heard that coming about for college athletes," Cummings said. "It's a great opportunity for athletes [of] any sport. A lot of [athletes] now have the opportunity to make money."

Junior football player Griffin Hoak is excited that he can represent his family on the field.

"I was pretty excited. Growing up [EA Sports stopped producing] NCAA Football.

Obviously athletes wanted to be paid for their name, image and likeness," said junior football player Griffin Hoak. "I always wanted to represent myself and represent my family when I play college football."

The policy has been in effect for a little over two months, and YSU athletes have already benefited from outside ventures.

"There were a few companies that were like, 'Hey, can we send you a T-shirt? You just post it. That's all you have to do,'" Aulbach said. "I'm like, 'Sure. That's so easy.' Another major pro is the fact that we just get to network and get our name out there. The big-

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Mady Albauch, junior basketball player

gest pro is the fact that you get to still play college sports, and a lot of us don't have time to get a job, so you get to make some money and get your name out there with these different companies."

Cummings said the biggest benefit is the opportunity to help out a friend.

"They hook [me] up with a free car wash [at Coates Car Care]," Cummings said. "Really it's about helping out our boy's [former YSU returner specialist Jake Coates] family business."

Hoak is ecstatic that local businesses want to sponsor local athletes.

"To be able to put your face on a business exemplifies that local businesses do care about Youngstown State football," Hoak said. "It's exciting because all around the country small and large businesses want local athletes to be a face of their business."



The football team falls against MSU on the road.

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YSU throttled by MSU in East Lansing

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The Youngstown State University Penguins football team headed to East Lansing, Michigan, on Saturday to face off against the Michigan State University Spartans. They fell to them 42-14 in a game that MSU paid YSU \$725,000 that will be used on athletic scholarships.

MSU scored on the first play from scrimmage with a 75-yard pass from redshirt sophomore quarterback Payton Thorne to redshirt junior wide receiver Jayden Reed. Those two also connected on an 85-yard touchdown pass in the second quarter.

YSU got on the board with 4:10 left in the first half with a 6-yard run by redshirt freshman quarter-

back Demeatric Crenshaw. Crenshaw threw 23 passes against MSU, which heavily contrasted with his 12 passes against the University of the Incarnate Word. Crenshaw completed 10 of his passes and threw one interception, where MSU senior safety Xavier Henderson leaped to make the interception.

"We got to continue work on our passing game," head coach Doug Phillips said. "The passing game, I'm talking 10, 20 plus [yards], we still got to work on those explosives [plays], you can see what an explosive [play] can do. It can really open up a football game."

Crenshaw led YSU in rushing with 18 carries, 69 yards and a touchdown. Senior tailback Christian Turner had five carries, 48 yards and a touchdown. Last week's

Missouri Valley co-offensive player of the week, junior tailback Jaleel McLaughlin, had 13 carries and 34 yards.

YSU went 4-4 on fourth downs. Phillips said it was a boost to confidence, especially against a team as physical as MSU.

"We usually know on third down if we get within 2 yards, there's a good chance we're going to go for it on fourth down," he said. "That's something we work on in practice, we're going to continue to work, I think that is one thing we were successful on in the spring, we [were] successful last week, and that's a positive coming from the game on fourth down, I'll take four for four."

Senior linebacker Grant Dixon and Crenshaw said it is important to stay focused, especially after big

plays such as MSU's 75-yard touchdown to open the game.

"Just can't let it happen again, he made a great play, and just go out there and flush it, move on to the next possession," Crenshaw said.

"Obviously it was frustrating to start like that, we came back to the sideline, regrouped, reset, a play, a trick play like that, just got to rebound and set it behind us," Dixon said.

Phillips emphasized the team has learned from the game and will take the positives from the game to foster improvement during the bye week.

YSU has a bye week next week before starting off conference play Sept. 25 against the University of Western Illinois Leathernecks at Stambaugh Stadium.

McLaughlin pounds the rock against Incarnate Word

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Youngstown State University Penguins football team won in spectacular fashion as they fought in overtime to beat the University of the Incarnate Word Cardinals 44-41 in the first game of the season Sept. 2.

Junior YSU running back Jaleel McLaughlin had over half of the offense's 463 yards running for 242 yards and two touchdowns and received 46 more yards from quarterback Demeatric Crenshaw.

McLaughlin, who transferred to YSU from Notre Dame College in 2020, averaged 8.3 yards a carry and led the team to victory. Highlights of his play include a 72-yard touchdown in the second quarter and a 45-yard reception in the fourth quarter to set up the game tying field goal.

"Coach [Terry] Grosetti did a very good job on me," McLaughlin said. "Our strength and conditioning coach here did a great job pushing us over the summer, and pushing me, you know, single handedly and trying to get the best out of me every single day he could."

A scrambling Crenshaw threw a checkdown pass to McLaughlin that he then took for 45 yards to

the Cardinals 23-yard line to set up the game tying field goal. Colt McFadden then kicked the 41-yard game tying field goal with two seconds left on the clock.

"You approach it like any kick, it was just the preparation that our coaches have put me through, the challenging scenarios, they truly prepared me for moments like those," McFadden said.

He said he did his parents proud by continuing the McFadden legacy at YSU. His brother Connor and his father Paul both kicked at YSU. Paul McFadden also kicked for several years in the NFL and is now the president of the YSU Foundation.

Crenshaw played well in his first career start and went 9-12 passing with 112 yards and a touchdown. On the ground he had 20 carries for 81 yards and two touchdowns.

"He [Crenshaw] decided 'I'm going to score a touchdown here.' Just to see that type of leadership from a young man," head coach Doug Phillips said. "We know, it's a process, you have a redshirt freshman, it was his first start, got zero reps in the spring, so you know there may be ... some mistakes."

Crenshaw is a redshirt freshman



The football team scores a nail-biting OT win against Incarnate Word.

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from Pickerington Central High School in Pickerington, Ohio. He won two Division-I state championships and had a 39-5 career record in high school.

Phillips said they want everyone to get the ball, but sometimes there are more important things than just getting the ball.

"You're getting them to believe and be selfless. Jaleel said it best in the locker room, how many wide receivers were blocking downfield today when he had those runs, quarterback was blocking downfield," Phillips said. "But the selflessness that when you don't have the ball what you need to do without it. And that was a big emphasis this week that we needed to block, we needed to have a body on a body."

On the defensive side of the ball, YSU allowed 490 yards of offense with 352 yards in the air. D'Marco Augustin and Jordan White led the team in tackles with seven each.

Defensive back Keyon Martin had three pass breakups. All-Conference linebacker Grant Dixon was always near the action and had six tackles.

Despite some penalties and rough stops, the Penguins persevered. Returner London Pearson muffed a kickoff return in the third quarter which led to a shift in momentum. The Penguins went three-and-out after starting the drive on their five yard line. The Cardinals took the lead for the first time on their next drive after YSU punted the ball out of bounds at their 34 yard line.

The Penguins were able to overcome this hurdle and ultimately tied it up with two seconds left in the regulation after McFadden's kick.

Phillips thanked the support of the fans in the stands and stressed the impact the community support has on the team.