

YOUNGSTOWN STATE UNIVERSITY
DEPARTMENT OF INTERCOLLEGIATE ATHLETICS

Mission Statement

The mission of the Department of Intercollegiate Athletics at Youngstown State University is to offer broad-based programs, which accommodate the requirements and interests of the students. The Intercollegiate Athletics Department is committed to the welfare of student-athletes, academic integrity, gender equity, diversity, sportsmanship and ethical integrity by student-athletes, staff, and boosters, fiscal integrity and community outreach.

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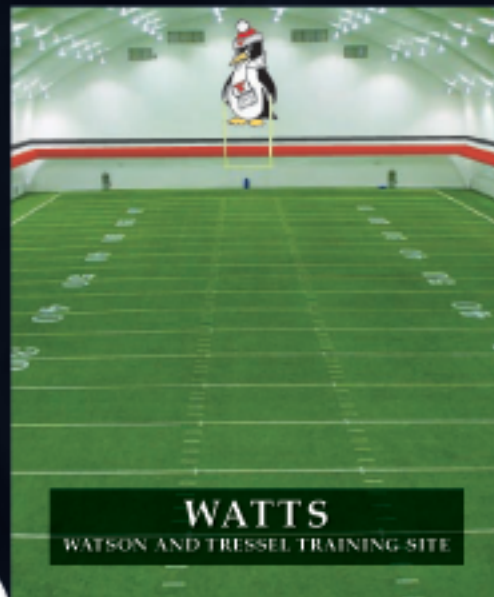
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Today's Student-Athletes ...



Tomorrow's Leaders



PENGUIN PRIDE

Academic & Athletic Success

- Penguins student-athletes and coaches have experienced tremendous success in the classroom and in NCAA competition:
- 179 student-athletes with a cumulative GPA of 3.0 or better (51%)
- 14 of 18 intercollegiate teams with a team GPA of 3.0 or better
- 92% student-athlete graduation rate for players who exhausted eligibility
- 2005 and 2006 Gateway Football Conference Titles
- 2006 Horizon League Softball Championship
- 2006 Horizon League Women's Outdoor Track & Field Championship
- 14 Men's & Women's Conference Track Championships in the last 13 years
- Five Football All-Americans in the past two seasons
- 12 First-Team All-Conference Honorees in '07

To sustain Championship performances on the field and in the classroom takes dedication. Our student-athletes and coaches proudly wear the Red and White everyday to represent YOU against the highest level of NCAA competition. Resources to support facilities, scholarships and future initiatives are crucial.



NOW is the time to turn your intention into action for the **WATTS**.



RON STROLLO

Director of Athletics

Dear Penguin Supporter,

The excitement of our Centennial Celebration on campus certainly brings to the forefront the importance of Youngstown State University as a vibrant and growing resource in our region. Our "Proud Past and Promising Future" centers around our students and the thousands of alumni, fans, boosters and donors that continue to allow YSU to move forward.

The Watson and Tressel Training Site (WATTS) was announced in the summer of 2007. The completion of this indoor facility is vital to the future success of Penguins football and our entire athletic department. In addition, the WATTS will serve as a community resource—providing a large climate-protected venue for local youth organizations and high schools.

We recently celebrated the 25th Anniversary of Stambaugh Stadium / Beede Field. Our on-campus home opened in 1982 and has been the cornerstone of success for the department and an invaluable community resource. We have the same hopes and visions for the WATTS.

The level of competition in both the Gateway Football Conference and the Horizon League continues to challenge our programs each and every season. As our coaches and student-athletes battle for championships, we must provide "Championship Level" facilities and resources.

Working together we can continue to make YSU the center of our community and provide an environment that will aid in recruiting, retention and graduation of tomorrow's leaders. Please take a few moments to consider how you can support the WATTS and the future of Youngstown State University.

GO PENGUINS !!!



Ronald A. Stollo
Executive Director, Athletics
YSU Class of 1993



WATTS



Youngstown State University has a proud tradition of Intercollegiate Athletics dating back to the institution of the Men's Basketball Program in 1927. Since that time, Penguins Athletics has a storied history moving from the NCAA II level in the late '70's to a full-fledged NCAA Division I member today.



The national recognition of recent success has propelled YSU to a new level of competition. Six NCAA National Championship Football Game appearances, four National titles and two Gateway Conference crowns adorn the Penguin trophy case.

Penguin football has become deeply seeded in the culture and pride not only of YSU but the Mahoning Valley Community as well. Enhanced scheduling (Pitt, Penn State and Ohio State) is raising the stature and perception of YSU and the region. This indoor practice facility will provide the most critical ingredient to meet the challenges presented by the opportunity of playing nationally-recognized competition.

The Watson and Tressel Training Site is part of Youngstown State University's \$43 million Centennial Capital Campaign, which will also include the new Williamson College of Business Administration, increased endowments for student scholarship and other initiatives as part of the school's 100th Anniversary Celebration.



ATHLETIC

Facilities

"This complex is critical for the growth of our football program as we continue to raise our level of competitiveness and ability to recruit successful student-athletes. YSU is indebted to the time, effort and sacrifices of both the Watsons and Tressels. This is a critical commitment for us at a critical time." ~Ron Strollo, Executive Director of Athletics.

When constructed, the seasonal facility will accommodate athletic team practices, intramural sports, campus-wide activities and special events benefiting students, faculty, staff and the community – especially during fall, spring and harsh winter months. It will take scheduling pressure off of Beechly Center and Stambaugh Stadium for the entire campus and community. It will offer new and expanded opportunities to numerous groups.

Soccer, Men and Women's Track and Field, Baseball, Football and Softball would have the ability to practice in a safer, more comfortable environment. The facility would also provide a significantly prolonged practice season to meet the challenge of the elevated level of competition YSU seeks to embrace. Utilization would benefit other campus constituencies as well. ROTC, intramurals and other student activities could now be engaged year round. Similarly, YSU can host numerous scholastic and community events that would equally benefit from the facility.

This project is seen as a public/private partnership in that the construction costs would be sought through private philanthropy. Once built, the operating costs would be absorbed by the University. YSU has a reputation for public/private partnerships, most recently with the construction of the Andrews Recreation and Wellness Center, built entirely with private funds, and operated with University funds.

"We greatly appreciate this tremendous leadership gift from the Watsons and Tressels. So many people are making a difference, and this facility builds on the commitment to our student-athletes and coaches," stated Ron Strollo.

