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# #METOO COMES TO YOUNGSTOWN

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## MORGAN PETRONELLI

A journalist, a group of brave women, an activist and a movement that shook the entertainment industry: these are what catapulted the awareness of the #MeToo movement, and the magnitude of sexual harassment and assault happening every day.

On March 23, Tarana Burke and Ronan Farrow visited Stambaugh Auditorium as a part of the Youngstown State University Centofanti Symposium. Before speaking at 7 p.m., Burke and Farrow hosted a private question and answer session between themselves and students from YSU.

Ronan Farrow, a journalist for The New Yorker and NBC who initially broke the Harvey Weinstein sexual assault scandal, mentioned that it was the first time that he and Burke have sat down and worked together.

A reporter for the Business Journal asked why Farrow was the one to break the Weinstein story and what took the victims so long to come forward.

Farrow said the story was bound to boil over soon into the public eye, especially because of the events happening at the time such as the Women's March, Bill Cosby going to trial for sexual assault and President Donald Trump coming into office.

"The story revealed the good, the bad and the very ugly

of how the media can either help or hinder justice on this issue. And for a long time we saw media outlets conspiring with predators to silence people who spoke the truth," Farrow said.

Burke, the civil rights activist associated with creating the #MeToo movement, said there is so much more to the story than just Weinstein and wants the media to tell different stories other than just writing about the Hollywood producer.

She said one major problem with the media is that it narrows the sexual harassment and assault spectrum by calling the Weinstein case sexual harassment in the workplace.

Burke also shared her annoyance with the media's reluctance to label Weinstein as a rapist and utilizes terms such as "misconduct" instead of assault, harassment or rape.

"I still have trouble calling the Weinstein sexual harassment in the workplace. And when you have stories that are at the magnitude of what this person did ... This is somebody who is certainly a serial predator," Burke said.

In order for sexual assault and harassment to decrease she suggested instead of focusing on the assailant, the narrative has to shift to the survivors.

Mara McCloud, a political science and history double major, asked the speakers what the long term impact and ultimate goal of the #MeToo movement would be.

Burke said they hope to see society support survivors instead of shaming them and expand the conversation about sexual violence.

"No one can ignore this problem right now. The numbers are rising and the conversations have been sustained for too long. I want people to move away from the idea that this movement has to be validated by the media and not by the people," Burke said.

When discussing victims coming forward, Burke said no matter what, she never pushes victims to reveal their #MeToo stories to the public unless they wish to.

Farrow told the students that during the development of the Weinstein case, Farrow encouraged a source to go public with their information to show the public that the story was much larger than ever imagined.

He also said to the source that coming out about their sexual assault could prevent it from happening to others.

"This was a case dealing with a sexual predator and the case I made to [the victim] was that other victims have come out and said 'I wish another woman would have warned me,'" Farrow said.

Farrow and Burke ended the event by telling the students that the younger generation will need to talk about sexual violence in order to shift the narrative.

"Do not underestimate how coming forward can change your life, in both a good and bad way, but it can become a healing and empowering experience," Farrow said.



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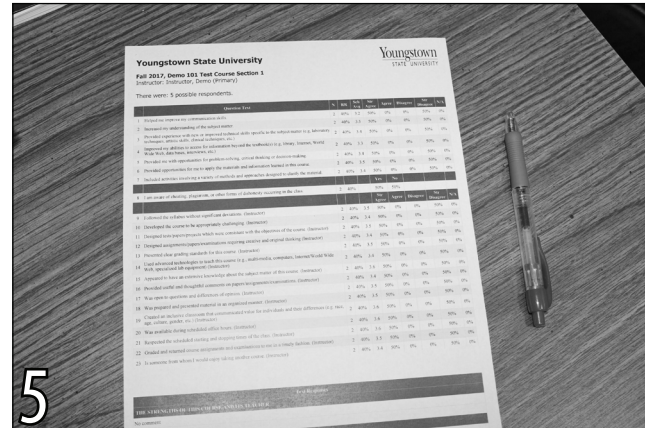
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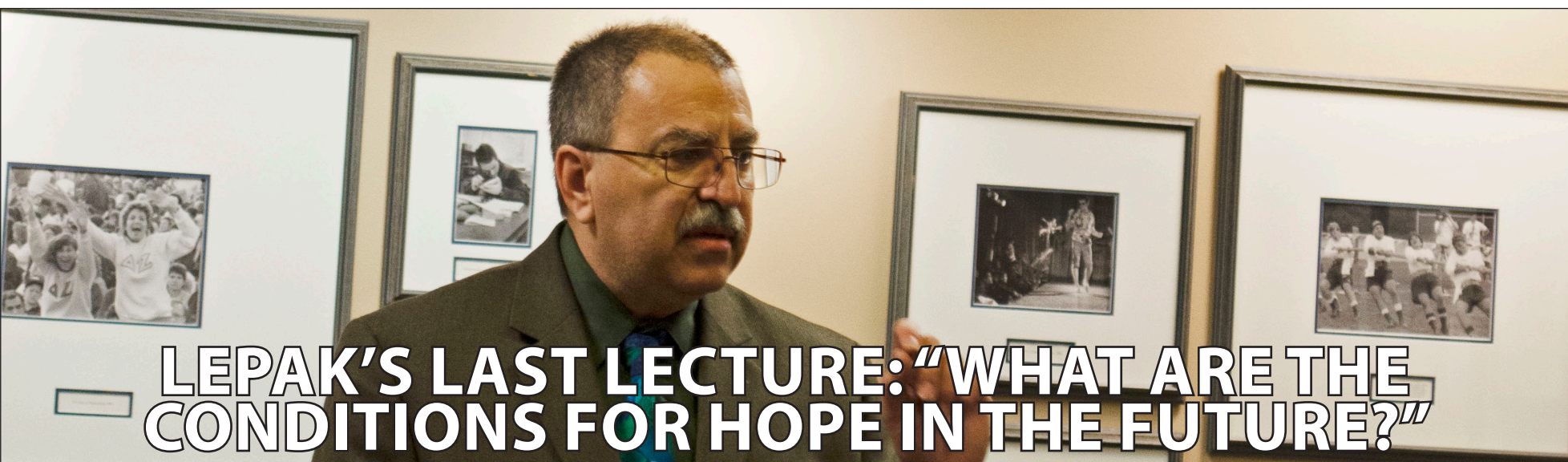
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## LEPAK'S LAST LECTURE: "WHAT ARE THE CONDITIONS FOR HOPE IN THE FUTURE?"

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RACHEL GOBEP

Keith Lepak, associate professor in the department of political science and international relations at Youngstown State University, was nominated to give his hypothetical last lecture at the Student Government Association's Last Lecture Series on March 29.

Through the series, one professor is nominated each semester to answer the question, "If you could give one final lecture, what would you tell your students?"

Lepak took this opportunity to lecture on the conditions for hope in the future and said he dedicated it to his

wife and married couples.

"No one can tell you exactly what the future is going to bring, but it does beg the question generally over all of time," he said.

Lepak discussed the human race as a whole and the overarching concept of beauty. Overall, he attempted to get the audience to think about the current situations in the world today.

Moataz Abdelrasoul, a sophomore pre-law major and parliamentarian in SGA, said the association was grateful to honor Lepak at the event.

"Dr. Lepak is one of the most student-oriented professors at Youngstown State and has positively impacted

the educational experience of countless individuals. He continuously goes above and beyond the call of duty to serve students," he said.

Abdelrasoul also said Lepak's lecture was truly inspirational.

"The empowering words he offered are undoubtedly an extension of who he is as a person," he said.

Rayann Atway, president of SGA, said she enjoyed Lepak's last lecture.

"I've never had him in class so it was really great to learn about him and hear his words as if this were his last lecture at YSU," she said.

## MANSPAINING: WOMEN IN MALE-DOMINATED FIELDS

ALYSSA WESTON

Youngstown State University held a panel of women in male-dominated fields who answered questions, gave advice on how to succeed in similar work environments and shared stories on their professional experiences on March 29 in Kilcawley Center.

The panel was organized by Sherri Lovelace-Cameron, instructor in chemistry and Alicia Prieto-Langarica, instructor in mathematics and statistics as part in recognition of Women's History Month.

The four women on the panel were Omadee Curry, Phyllis Paul, Trinette Simon and Carmella Marie Williams.

Curry is a technical sales agent and independent sales contractor. Simon is a senior manager at Cohen and Company.

Paul is the dean of the YSU College of Creative Arts and Communications and professor in the Dana School of Music. Williams is the owner of Carmella Marie, a natural hair care product line, and director of diversity and inclusion at the Youngstown Business Incubator.

Students in the audience encouraged the panelists to describe "mansplaining"

and share their experiences.

According to the Merriam-Webster Dictionary, mansplaining is defined as what occurs when a man talks condescendingly to someone (especially a woman) about something he has incomplete knowledge of, with the mistaken assumption that he knows more about it than the person he's talking to does.

Simon said there have been occasions when she is out with clients and they assume the man with her was the boss. That was the case until she was the one who paid for lunch with the company credit card.

"In some of these professions, there's these assumptions that the man is going to be in charge," she said.

Curry said she was often the only female in the room when she began working.

"A lot of times you have to handle situations with a smile just so that it doesn't come off as you being too sensitive," she said.

The panel gave women in the audience advice on how to find their voice in a male-dominated field.

Williams said silence is power, just as much as trying to explain yourself.

Paul said it is important for women to find their own voice.

"What works for me may not work for someone else, but you have to find out who you are and you have to rest on who you are as a person and a scholar," she said.

Simon said she doesn't compete with the other people she works with.

"As long as you are confident in yourself, your ability to present yourself and what you know, you don't have to be the show. People will recognize that," she said.

Prieto Langarica said there is importance in female students working together in their studies.

The panel concluded with the women explaining the benefits of being a woman in their fields.

Curry said being a woman is beneficial because being unique makes a person memorable and stand out in some situations.

Paul said by asking more personal questions, it's better for her to build relationships in a different way and she believes it is something some men could learn from women.

"I can't walk into a guy's office and do a

fist bump and talk about Tampa Bay, even though I like football," Paul said. "It's just not who I am."

Hallie Duarle, senior biology and chemistry double major, said she attended the panel because she feels that there will be sexism in her field of work after she graduates.

"This was a good opportunity to explore and see what advantages and disadvantages I would have as a woman. I am also a Muslim woman, so I am worried about being stereotyped not only for my gender, but also for my beliefs in the field," she said.

Curry has a bachelor of science in math from Westminster, a master of economics and a master of science degree from YSU.

Paul has a doctorate in music from Florida State University.

Simon has a bachelor of science degree from YSU.

Williams has a master public administration degree from Cleveland State University and bachelor of applied science degree in business administration, marketing/marketing management and general studies at YSU.





Photo Courtesy of NICOLE ZAYAS

## SOCIAL WORK STUDENT RECEIVES “STUDENT OF THE YEAR” AWARD

NAMI NAGAOKA

Nicole Zayas was recognized as Student of the Year by the National Association of Social Workers – Ohio Chapter. She has received bachelor’s degrees in psychology and Spanish at Youngstown State University in 2008 and is currently seeking a Master’s of Social Work degree at YSU.

Zayas said as a first-generation college student, being named the Student of the Year was a huge accomplishment for not only her, but everyone around her.

She said she puts her time and effort toward various kinds of social work. She has an internship at Ohio State Penitentiary to provide mental health services and therapy.

Zayas is employed as a performance facilitator specialist for the Mahoning and Columbiana Training Association, where she is the agency’s official Spanish translator.

She said since childhood, her parents have taught her about caring for social justice, rights for Latinos and the LGBTQ+ community, equality and wages.

Zayas said she volunteers with the Youngstown Pride Festival, helps people find employment and is engaged in bringing cultural awareness to the Youngstown community as vice president of YSU’s Latino Organization. She said it is important to empower people.

“I care very much about other people and the problems that they have, and I wanted to help them,” she said.

Although she has to manage a tight schedule, Zayas said she still has enough sleep every day. She goes to bed at 10:30 p.m. and gets up at 6 a.m. every day.

“I have to make sure that I can give a 100 percent everywhere I am,” she said.

She also dedicates time to self-care, hanging out with her friends and family, playing music and attending community events

“Doing social work is caring for others, but in order to [do so], you have to also care for yourself,” she said.

After graduating this May, Zayas said she wants to be a therapist.

“Going to graduate school seemed like something that was very far out of reach that I could never accomplish ... I had to come to this conclusion on my own,” she said.

She is a member of Alpha Kappa Mu National Honor Society and the YSU Social Work Honor Society. She is also the president of the Youngstown Area Community Theatre Alliance, which is promoting theaters and gathering scholarships.

Robert Dennick Joki, who has been friends with Zayas for 15 years, said he was not surprised by her accomplishment. He said Zayas has always been someone who is eager to help others.

“That’s just the kind of the thing that we expect from her,” he said. “We are very proud.”

Since Zayas started attending to YSU, he said she has been able to use her education to better support others, something she has always wanted to do.

“She has found the way to implement that,” he said. “Whenever we know someone who is going to have a hardship, immediately you can see her mind spinning, trying to find a way to help the person.”

Joki said he is excited to see where Zayas goes from here.

Zayas was named NASW Ohio’s Region 4 Student of the Year previously.



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Fall 2017, Demo 101 Test Course Section 1  
Instructor: Instructor, Demo (Primary)

There were: 5 possible respondents.

Question Text	N	RR	Sch Avg	Str Agree	Agree	Disagree	Str Disagree	N/A
1 Helped me improve my communication skills.	2	40%	3.2	50%	0%	0%	50%	0%
2 Increased my understanding of the subject matter.	2	40%	3.5	50%	0%	0%	50%	0%
3 Provided experience with new or improved technical skills specific to the subject matter (e.g. laboratory techniques, artistic skills, clinical techniques, etc.)	2	40%	3.4	50%	0%	0%	50%	0%
4 Improved my abilities to access for information beyond the textbook(s) (e.g. library, Internet, World Wide Web, data bases, interviews, etc.)	2	40%	3.3	50%	0%	0%	50%	0%
5 Provided me with opportunities for problem-solving, critical thinking or decision-making.	2	40%	3.4	50%	0%	0%	50%	0%
6 Provided opportunities for me to apply the materials and information learned in this course.	2	40%	3.5	50%	0%	0%	50%	0%
7 Included activities involving a variety of methods and approaches designed to clarify the material.	2	40%	3.4	50%	0%	0%	50%	0%
				Yes	No			
8 I am aware of cheating, plagiarism, or other forms of dishonesty occurring in the class.	2	40%		50%	50%			
				Str Agree	Agree	Disagree	Str Disagree	N/A
9 Followed the syllabus without significant deviations. (Instructor)	2	40%	3.5	50%	0%	0%	50%	0%
10 Developed the course to be appropriately challenging. (Instructor)	2	40%	3.4	50%	0%	0%	50%	0%
11 Designed tests/papers/projects which were consistent with the objectives of the course. (Instructor)	2	40%	3.5	50%	0%	0%	50%	0%
12 Designed assignments/papers/examinations requiring creative and original thinking (Instructor)	2	40%	3.4	50%	0%	0%	50%	0%
13 Presented clear grading standards for this course. (Instructor)	2	40%	3.5	50%	0%	0%	50%	0%

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# TWO PROFESSORS RECEIVE EXCELLENT RETURN RATES FOR STUDENT EVALUATIONS

RACHEL GOBEP

During the fall 2017 semester, Youngstown State University began using SmartEvals, a third-party company, for students to evaluate their professors at the end of the course.

This process is completely anonymous and there is no way for faculty members or the administration to know who said what.

According to Jennifer Pintar, associate provost at YSU, two professors received excellent return rates of 97 percent last semester.

Guy Harrison, instructor in telecommunication studies, and Jim Benedict, assistant professor in physical therapy, received the high return rates.

The two professors provided some insight to help other faculty at YSU to get high response rates from their students.

Harrison said he gives students time to complete their evaluations in class.

"I reserve about 15 to 20 minutes and leave the room, so students can complete the evaluations and not feel like I'm judging what they might be typing," he said.

Harrison said he checks the system online on his phone to see how many students have completed it, but noted the

system only shows instructors the number of students not who has done it.

"There are always a couple of students who don't do it, or take their time logging in, so sometimes I have to peek my head in and encourage them to continue," he said. "But after that, almost all the students complete the evaluations."

Harrison said there is a lot riding on the evaluations for him.

"First, they teach me what I can work on as an instructor and offer suggestions for changes I can make to my classes to make them more meaningful and/or enjoyable for my students. I learn which assignments students enjoy, which ones they find less meaningful and how to improve overall student learning in my classes," he said.

Harrison said through his evaluations he has learned that he sometimes goes through PowerPoint slides too quickly.

"Secondly, as many people know, teaching evaluations are part of a faculty member's tenure profile at YSU. Thus, evaluations give students a voice and a say as to which instructors get to stay at the university. I would think that alone would be enough motivation to complete the evaluations," he said.

Benedict said the Department of Physical Therapy at YSU stresses professional-

ism and he believes that is a reason why his students completed the evaluations.

"Constructive criticism is something we frequently have to do sometimes with our patients. I try to relate it back to what they're going to encounter when they're done being students and out in the professional world treating patients," he said.

Benedict also said he tries to build a relationship with his students and has the same group of 30 students in multiple classes.

"[Our relationship] is built on honesty and that I want the criticism. It is to their benefit and mine. For me to improve my teaching, for them to have a better experience as a student," he said.

Benedict said he tries to look at student evaluations and ask himself what he did to elicit a certain comment. He also said it helps faculty to be better teachers.

"If I had a lot of students giving me the same feedback, it affirms that something was a good technique," he said.

Benedict said he would give students weekly reminders, encouraging them to fill out the course evaluation.

Harrison said the best way to ensure that students participate in the evaluations is to dedicate time in class for them to do it.

"It is sometimes difficult to get students

to read or do homework assignments. Likewise, I think it's unrealistic to expect students to do something where there is no instant gratification," he said. "So, I would say, give students time in class and be up front and honest about what the evaluations mean to you as an instructor."

Pintar said the evaluations help faculty know what they are doing well and what they need to work on.

She said it also helps chairpersons realize where their faculty members have strengths.

"We have very good faculty members here at YSU, aligning them with their strengths makes them even better," Pintar said.

According to Article 14.3 pg. 37 of the YSU Ohio Education Association agreement, "In cases where student response rate falls below 33 percent for a given class, such evaluations shall not be used for purposes of evaluating the faculty member for promotion and/or tenure."

Pintar said the administration is hoping that students participate in the evaluations because that allows them to work with, promote and tenure good faculty.

She also said that it is important for students to evaluate faculty that they believe are good and not just those that they think of negatively.



# CHEM-E-CAR TEAM PREPARES FOR REGIONALS



Photo by DAVID FORD/THE JAMBAR

DAVID FORD

The Youngstown State University Chem-E-Car team will continue its final preparations for the upcoming regional event at Purdue University this weekend.

The process to create, develop and modify the car poses difficult challenges, according to team members.

The team was first created in 2014. Member Bridger Kowalczyk said he has been with them ever since they “started with absolutely nothing.”

“After working on a very small budget, just making ends meet, we were able to do well at the Illinois conference a few years back, and we got second place there,” he said. “From there, it kind of started the whole program, which got more students interested.”

Brandon Haldiman, team member, joined soon after Kowalczyk. Haldiman spoke about the team’s annual tradition before each regional competition.

“It’s Chem-E-Car tradition, in that we’re always here the entire night beforehand, trying to figure out any problems with the car,” Haldiman said. “Then, we put it all together, and make sure everything works.”

Kowalczyk said almost everything must be perfect for the car to run, and for it to run successfully.

Additionally, Kowalczyk said the entire several-month-long process encompasses a lot of trial and error.

“Generally, we’ll finish the year off, and we’ll say next year, we’re going to look into this concept, something very off the wall and unique ... something possibly really good, but we don’t know unless we try it,” Kowalczyk said. “This whole time, we were working on something called a Vanadium Redox Flow Battery, and it was a major pain in the butt and it didn’t work, so we abandoned it and went back to a new, improved design of our old batteries.”

Kowalczyk said the body and circuitry of the car changed drastically during the process.

Despite the extensive developmental process, YSU’s team aims to create something unique, something never seen before, each year.

Haldiman said the team must change an aspect of the car each year, drastically.

“You’re required to change one thing every year, so you can’t just continually recycle your car,” Haldiman said. “There are three major components to the car: you have your battery, or the power source, you have your stopping mechanism and you have your drive train. Each year, you’re required to take one of these three points, and change something major about it.”

In years past, the team used a 3-D printed car; furthermore, the stopping mechanism used on this year’s car is unique because it uses titration to stop it.

For the upcoming regional competition at Purdue University, the team members said they hope to make it to nationals for the second time.

In 2015, the team qualified for the national tournament in Salt Lake City, Utah. Had it not been for a small error last year, the team would be looking to make its second straight appearance at nationals this weekend.

Haldiman believed if the car’s laser hadn’t moved the inch it did, the team would have achieved victory.

Thomas Kibler, YSU student and team member, said while classes help you learn concepts and principles, Chem-E-Car allows you to apply those principles into real world applications.

“You can almost consider Chem-E-Car as the core concept behind the four years of engineering school,” Kibler said. “You can incorporate anything you learned in class into this, if you want.”

Both Kowalczyk and Haldiman reaffirmed Kibler’s stance.

“Chem-E-Car teaches you the basics ... A lot of what

happens is you walk through your major, you go through the motions in entry level classes and you don’t really know what’s going on,” Kowalczyk said. “For me, the team gave me a taste of understanding everything that’s coming up. It’s small scale, but everything branches out from there.”

For Kowalczyk, the team helps each member get recognized by the faculty, which allows them to develop better relationships.

Haldiman said the team helps with the understanding of simple and complex engineering concepts.

As for the competitions themselves, each team is required to move its car at least 15 to 30 meters, and the car must stop near the designated line. The car must also carry 100 to 500 milliliters of water. The distance and amount of water is unknown until right before the competition starts.

Kibler said the entirety of Saturday is spent with competition.

“We’re participating in Jeopardy for the first time,” Kibler said. “The way they have these conferences set up is they last for 10 days. The regional conference portion is one week, and that starts on Monday. The student conference goes from Friday to Sunday. It’s mostly networking events, informational talks, learning sessions, Chem-E-Car, career fairs ... It’s a lot.”

During their history, the team traveled all over the country, where they ran into Minnesota Timberwolves forward Andrew Wiggins at a Minneapolis restaurant, and former Ohio State quarterback Cardale Jones at an airport in Chicago.

In addition to Kowalczyk, Kibler and Haldiman, the team will send all its members to regionals. These include Lauren DeBow, Aaron Phifer, Mark Holland, Katie Jepson, Sam Clark, Audrey Shemunovich, Michael Thorpe, Rana Abubashim, Patrick McWhorter and Robert Zuckett.



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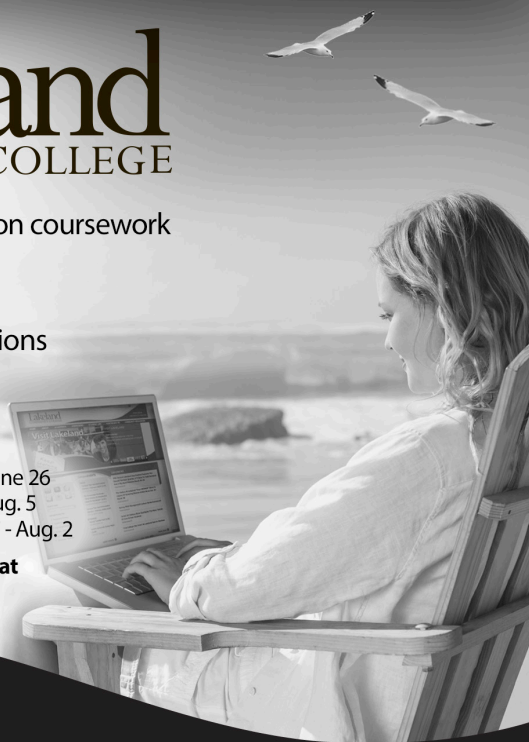
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### CANCER RESEARCHER TO LECTURE AT WOMEN IN STEM WORKSHOP

Cancer researcher Jill Bargonetti-Chavarria will be the keynote speaker at the annual Edward W. Powers Women in Science, Technology, Engineering and Mathematics Career Workshop and Lecture Series at Youngstown State University.

The lecture will be at noon on April 13 in room 3022 in Ward Beecher Hall. The Career Workshop is April 14 at 9 a.m. in the Chestnut Room of Kilcawley Center. Registration for the workshop must be submitted by April 11 at [www.yzu.edu/WIS](http://www.yzu.edu/WIS). For additional information, contact Diana Fagan, director of the workshop and professor in biological science, at 330-941-1554 or [dlfagan@ysu.edu](mailto:dlfagan@ysu.edu).

### YSU STUDENTS IN DIETETICS TO HOST BANANA BAR CRAWL

The YSU Students in Dietetics will host "Banana Bar Crawl: Drinkin' for the Kids" in downtown Youngstown on April 14. All proceeds of the event will go to the Mahoning County Children Services. T-shirt pick-up will be a 7 p.m. at The Avalon. Other bars participating in the crawl include: Draught House, The Federal, O'Donold's Irish Pub & Grill, Roberto's Italian Ristorante, Suzie's Dogs & Drafts and Whistle & Keg. To purchase tickets and T-shirts for \$16 go to <http://paypal.me/studentsindietetics/16> and provide a T-shirt size in the note section.

### TWO RETIRED FACULTY MEMBERS TO RECEIVE YSU HERITAGE AWARD

Gary Salvner and Rick Shale, retired faculty members in the Youngstown State University English Department, will receive the YSU Heritage Award at the annual Faculty Recognition Awards Dinner on April 11 in the Chestnut Room of Kilcawley Center at 6:15 p.m. Additionally, 36 faculty members will receive Distinguished Professorship Awards and Excellence Awards at the dinner.

### NEW STUDENT COMPLAINT PORTAL

Youngstown State University launched a new system for students to submit complaints about the university. The system allows students to voice their concerns about academic services and non-academic services such as housing, dining, the bookstore and parking. When a complaint is submitted, it will be routed to the appropriate dean, chair or director for resolution. An initial follow-up to a complaint should be within five business days. The Student Complaint form can be found at [ysu.edu/student-experience](http://ysu.edu/student-experience) or through [ysu.edu/penguin-portal](http://ysu.edu/penguin-portal) on the main page under "Quick Links for Students."



Photo by JOHN STRAN/THE JAMBAR

Full Spectrum Community Outreach Center screened the HBO film "The Trans List" Saturday in the basement of St. John's Episcopal Church.

The film depicts the lives of prominent figures — an actress, actor, lawyer, poet, photographer and soldier — in the transgender community as they face struggles and triumphs.

The event was followed by a brief Q&A for anyone who had questions about the film. This led to a discussion about name changes, coming out to family and personal thoughts on Caitlyn Jenner.

The message of the film was something Full Spectrum's education director and support group supervisor, Daniel Tirabassi, said was important no matter where ideals lie.

"In or outside of the community, the film has a powerful message that everyone should see," Daniel Tirabassi said.

The film was released in 2016, but Full Spectrum was screening it in accordance with Transgender Day of Visibility. Full Spectrum was celebrating it for the first time.

Daniel Tirabassi said the day brings awareness of those murdered within the transgender community.

"It's a day to remember, but also show people that the transgender community is still here and we're not going anywhere," Daniel Tirabassi said.

Full Spectrum is a LGBTQIA (Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual, Transgender, Questioning, Intersex and Asexual) support group. Tim Bortner, a board of trustee member, said support groups are held all throughout the year in the church basement for people of all ages in the Mahoning, Trumbull and Columbiana counties.

The program found this space in 2016. Bortner said the church and the Episcopalian religion is very supportive of LGBTQIA beliefs.

The group has been given a lot of access within the church, but they have outgrown their office with the resources they offer such as a miniature library, with the topic of each book dealing with LGBTQIA life. Searching for more access and support from the community may not be easy, however.

Events and outreach director Charlane Tirabassi said support for transgender people in the community can be a little back and forth.

Tirabassi said they often feel backlash from some of those within the LGB community, excluding the other four letters.

Even with that and the ever-existing person behind the keyboard, Charlane Tirabassi said she feels the area of support for the transgender community has grown in the last 10 years.

It is with this growth of support that brings promise of reality to a dream project of Daniel Tirabassi.

When the movie ended, one person looked for advice from Daniel Tirabassi on coming out to parents and when the right time to do it would be.

"You have to decide when the time is right to tell them," Daniel Tirabassi said. "Before you do, make sure you have a plan B for where you can stay if things escalate."

Plan B is what Daniel Tirabassi is working on: a shelter for LGBTQIA adults and youth who have nowhere else to go. He said he's halfway to his monetary goal, which will go towards securing a facility for this use.

"There are no services here for adult LGBTs and they sometimes are thrown out of other shelters," Daniel Tirabassi said.

Daniel Tirabassi said he hopes to find a spot in Youngstown for this as well and will also be open to people in the surrounding counties.

Full Spectrum's following event was April 4, where they gave legal guidance to those considering or going through a name or gender change.







# WORST. CHRISTMAS. EVER.

Photo Courtesy of **JOHNNY CHECHITELLI**

## **MARAH J. MORRISON**

“The Worst Christmas Ever” is a film centering around a teenager who finds out she is pregnant, and whose life goes downhill over the course of one unfortunate Christmas Eve.

The dark comedy, dysfunctional family drama and coming-of-age film was produced by the Mahoning Valley Film Initiative. Johnny Chechitelli, the writer and director of the film, said he spent over a decade in Los Angeles, California working in the film and entertainment industry.

Chechitelli said when he moved back to the Mahoning Valley, he wanted to write a script. He said he has other screenplays, but he wanted to write something new.

“I just wrote this organic kind of story,” Chechitelli said. “It just came to life.”

Chechitelli said the idea of the film had to do with being reunited with his family again. He said he has two older sisters and a 17-year-old niece.

“I started to think to myself, ‘Well, what if I wrote a character that my niece could relate to?’” Chechitelli said. “I wrote it all over the course of three months.”

Chechitelli said in late 2016, the Mahoning Valley Film Initiative was formed. The group consisted of film makers and crew members in the local area, and they shot the film for \$10,000.

“We shot with state-of-the-art equipment, we had

a crew of over 20 people,” Chechitelli said. “It was an amazing experience.”

Chechitelli said it was great having the local community involved in the film, and a lot of local cast, crew and businesses chipped in. He said it was a dream come true and said everyone who knew him back then knew he was going to make movies.

“We can’t wait for this movie to come out because then people are going to see that you can do real stuff here,” Chechitelli said.

Chechitelli said the film was a labor of love and he credits the crew for being an amazing team of hardworking people. He said the movie won’t be out until next year.

“We’re in post-production now,” Chechitelli said. “By the end of this year, we’re going to submit to all the big film festivals.”

Cindy DiRusso, the producer and casting director of the film, said the movie provided an opportunity to work in Youngstown specifically and getting to know the lay of the land. She said the community has come together from a talent and small business perspective to form a comradery for the film industry in Youngstown.

“From a producer’s standpoint, that’s fantastic,” DiRusso said. “It’s been great to actually relocate to Youngstown to continue doing what I love.”

DiRusso said she has also been living in Los Angeles, California for 10 years working in the reality TV industry. She said it’s been great to find others like her in the Mahoning Valley.

Wuyuni Wantatah, one of the cast members of the film,

said he was around really good people with solid integrity that were working for something positive and creative. He said it felt natural to him doing the role of the character he portrayed in the film.

“It shows that the world is so connected now,” Wantatah said. “The characters are very relatable.”

Wantatah said there were a lot of credible people on the project. He said different things were changed and moved around as far as people and locations in the film and there were a lot of obstacles, but it still came together.

Laura Lynn Cassidy, who plays the lead role’s mother in the film, said the film provided an opportunity for her to be a part of her first movie. She said she has been on television nationally before, but never behind the scenes of a movie.

“This is a beautiful opportunity,” Cassidy said. “To have that opportunity to kind of get dipped into the movie business and the movie making process.”

Cassidy said even though the film was a small production, it felt huge. She said it was a blessing to be given this opportunity to do the movie because it involved a wonderful cast and crew, and it was a great way to get started in the movie industry.

“No matter where you go, if you have roots in the Youngstown area, you always come home,” Cassidy said. “It’s a very caring community and we look after one another, and I think that was really brought through with this film.”



# HELP NEEDED

## THE MYSTERIOUSLY UNSOLVABLE DISAPPEARANCE OF ARTHUR WESTON

Week 6/8

Quinn Weston

In the wake of certain pressing matters we must move things along. For the sake of time there can only be two weeks of the mystery remaining. I will explain later. For now, welcome back! Quinn Weston here. Thank you all for joining in. The last message was enlightening. I love reading, especially people like Sagan. He is, in fact, the bomb. Knowledge is power, but thanks to recent events I am once again confronted with the lack thereof. Although, what I do know is that successful solvers of the mystery will have their names entered into a drawing for a prize of \$150!

Catching you up on the last two weeks would require a lot of needless exposition. I did plenty of reading, watered my bonsai tree, and purchased a magnifying glass. To catch you up on what matters requires me to only fill you in on the last two days. On Tuesday at the library I found myself face to face with a stuttering redhead. "T-today, t-today" is what she said. "T-today" she kept repeating. When asked for clarification she simply repeated "t-today."

Then out of nowhere I found myself in the midst of the quietest raid ever recorded in history (I would know this kind of info, I was at a library after all). FBI agents swarmed the shelves. Ever so silently they pulled me to the ground and bagged the stuttering redhead. Suddenly the redhead began to glow and a golden light was cast from eyes which had now grown four times in size. Her pupils turned a brilliant silver. The agents moved quickly to remove her.

Shortly after the shelves were quietly pushed around

and Agent Palmer appeared from the stacks requesting that we take a walk.

Naturally we waited until we got outside before any talking took place. He made a point to make sure I was doing okay. He has clearly been working on his social niceties. Then he dropped the ace of all reveals. Palmer made sure I understood that who I just saw in the library was in fact a what. A wanderer of the universe, a cosmic nomad, an extraterrestrial. My Uncle Arthur was in fact onto something. These beings were popping up everywhere and Arthur and Palmer had to find them to secure their safety.

On the subject of Arthur, Palmer's men had found his body, but his mind was someplace else. Arthur had lost it. They took me to see him in a government hospital because they hoped a member of the Weston family could decipher his ramblings. And ramble he did when I got there.

There was one phrase that stuck out. One that he repeatedly spelled. One that he scratched into an entire pad of paper, one that he wrote on the TV with iodine:

**cmbjtf ef wjhfofs**

I recognized the letters from earlier notes. Could it be a cipher? A clue? An anagram? See what you can do with it detectives. Obviously I have my hands full at the moment, so until two weeks from now, Sayonara.



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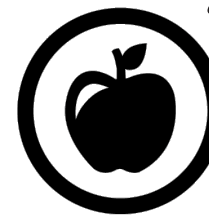
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A student walks through campus in the rain near Fifth Avenue Tuesday, April 3.

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# A JAMBAR

## EDITORIAL:

### COLLEGE: A PLACE TO OPENLY DISCUSS YOUR VIEWS?

Although your stomach may churn and your face may show disgust when the “snowflake” liberal or extremely conservative person in class expresses their views, try to listen to what is being said.

Yes, you may not agree with what the person believes, but you can learn from their differing opinions and viewpoints.

College is supposed to be a place for students to openly discuss their outlook of the world, but discussions in

class sometimes seem polarized. If we do not express our First Amendment right to speech in a learning environment, how will that translate in the real world?

It is important to have healthy conversations about controversial topics, but if it is not happening in the classroom, where can it happen?

Today, most people follow social media accounts and news organizations that align with their agenda. This leads to a brainwashed view of the world, no matter what

part of the political spectrum you are on.

If you do not agree with someone’s opinion, let them know, but do it kindly. Do not attack a person because he or she may never want to speak in class again.

Some students are truly afraid to discuss their opinions due to the use of social media, so remember to not alienate your classmates. They deserve to express themselves.

# FIGHTING THE END OF SEMESTER FUNK

SAMANTHA ALLAN

We are officially in the last few weeks of the semester. Final projects, essays and assignments are piling in as a review of material. By now, you might be feeling a bit stressed out and overwhelmed with the thought of where and when to start. If you’re anything like me, there is a stack of to-do’s hanging beside my computer, waiting for attention.

You may be avoiding the work altogether, turning in half-finished documents or typing late into the night before a project is due. Now’s the time to stop the stress before it gets any further. Whatever excuse you may try to tell yourself, a procrastination paper is oftentimes not a

great one.

While the feelings can be a lot to handle, try to avoid looking toward the end of classes. Once you start thinking about the end, it can be hard to focus on all of the assignments of the present. A summer night spent watching Netflix or hanging outside will be here soon enough.

Although the semester might be almost over, a lot of final points can add up together. This is why it is so important to reel it back. An end of semester funk can easily turn into a course flunk.

There are a number of different things you can do to combat the procrastination. So where should you start? In “5 Scientifically Proven Ways to Beat Procrastination,” Jessica Stillman suggests using

the Zeigarnik effect to your advantage and starting out the work with something easy. (The Zeigarnik effect is a psychological response in which “unfinished tasks are more likely to get stuck in your memory. This is also why to-do list items continually pop up in your head until you write them down — a to-do list calms the Zeigarnik effect.”) Starting out with an easier assignment or paper can help ease your mind into the work ahead and remind your brain there is a lot of work to finish.

Another important tip is to be sure you are getting sleep. While it is often difficult to juggle everything with enough sleep, it is also hard to juggle it without. Lack of sleep interrupts focus, concentration and

information processing. The all-nighter may seem like a great idea in theory, but realistically it is not a productive use of time.

A final way to fight out the semester funk is to remind yourself why you are in school in the first place. Instead of focusing on the amount of work ahead, try reminding yourself what career you are aiming for. It can be a lot easier to finish a job when the purpose behind it is clear.

I know the next couple weeks will be rough, but you can definitely get through it. Remind yourself why you are in school and of all the great summer activities to look forward to. Support yourself and your friends, and the semester will be over a lot faster than you think.



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ROBIN STEARS

**Across**

- 1. YSU honors student who writes to a Harding Elementary student
- 7. Warren school that feeds athletics to YSU
- 10. Up in the air
- 14. Come out of hiding
- 15. Coach Parseghian
- 16. Simba's lioness friend
- 17. Anime friend of Satsuki and Mei who appeared in "Toy Story 3"
- 18. "Tangled" heroine who made an appearance in "Frozen" with Flynn Rider
- 20. Chemistry class subject
- 22. End-of-semester pencil remains
- 23. Female with a wool coat
- 24. Neck of the woods
- 27. Like the parking lot on the first day of classes
- 30. Director Alfred who made cameos in 39 of his movies
- 33. Phi \_\_\_ Phi honor society
- 37. "That feels good!"
- 38. Villainous "Star Trek" assimilators
- 39. Sheriff Woody or Raggedy Ann
- 40. 422 in Warren or 224 in Canfield

- 72. Questionnaire info

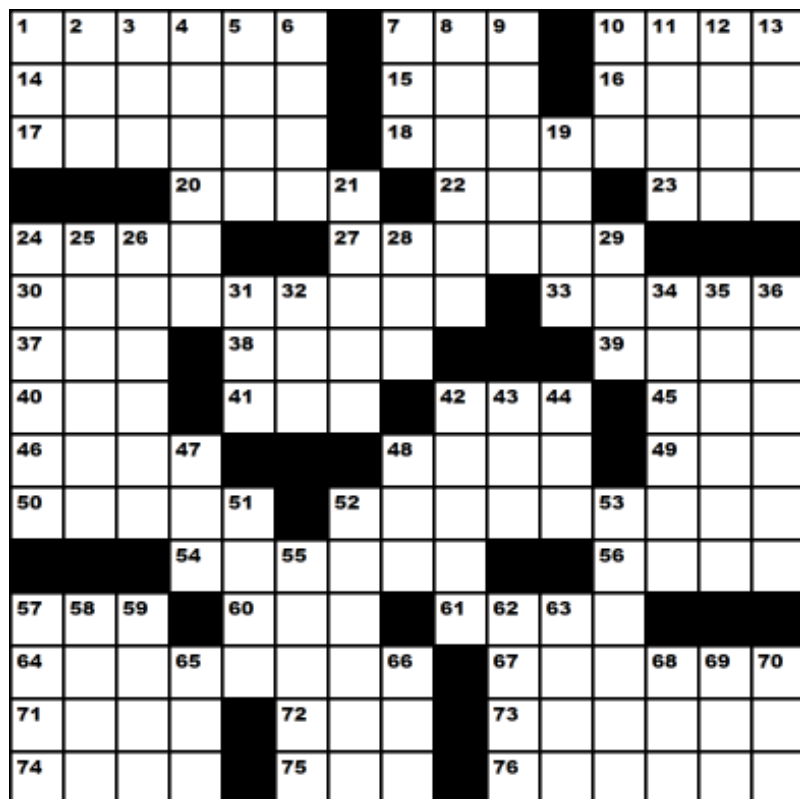
- 73. Nipple ring?
- 74. Misrepresent, as survey results
- 75. Series finale
- 76. Tone down

**Down**

- 1. Treat like a dog?
- 2. Whiny music genre
- 3. Butterfly bagger
- 4. Elizabeth Wurtzel's "\_\_\_ Nation"
- 5. Prefix with culture
- 6. Redbone, Trotsky or Spinks
- 7. Nutella container
- 8. "Psyché" composer César
- 9. On the blink
- 10. Setting for TV's "Newhart"
- 11. Throw for a loop
- 12. Zoomed
- 13. Jodie Foster's alma mater
- 19. 1969 Philip K. Dick novel about the nature of reality
- 21. Intern's assignment
- 24. Big & Rich "Save \_\_\_ (Ride a Cowboy)" (2 wds.)
- 25. Tear gas target
- 26. Fruit-ripening gas
- 28. Ticker tape in Bitonte?
- 29. Drafting and Design Technology skill
- 31. John Oliver's channel

- 32. One side of a debate
- 34. Miranda rights reciters
- 35. Political platform parts
- 36. Nearly
- 42. Sparkly homecoming queen topper
- 43. Interfraternity Council Presents Walk a Mile in \_\_\_ Shoes (Apr. 28)
- 44. \_\_\_ port
- 47. Old film channel
- 48. School support org. (Abbr.)
- 51. Kind of list (hyph.)
- 52. Apt to mutter about those darn kids today
- 53. Org. with "Trick-or-Treat" donation boxes
- 55. Enjoy Spring Break, say
- 57. Coffee dispensers
- 58. Plumbing problem
- 59. Use a keyboard
- 62. Social and Personal Awareness courses (Abbr.)
- 63. Hawaiian tuber used to make poi
- 65. Just out
- 66. Dennis Rodman 1999 box office bomb "Simon \_\_\_"
- 68. Bon \_\_\_ (clever remark)
- 69. Suzie's Dogs & Draft quaff
- 70. "Top 20 Country Countdown" host Kelley or publisher Talese

### Jambar Crossword Puzzle Solutions: Mr. President







## YSU TRACK AND FIELD SWEEP WEEKLY AWARDS; PERFORM WELL IN FLORIDA

Chad Zallow (center) won the 100m hurdles a while back. He along with three others, swept the Horizon League Track & Field honors this week.

*Photo Courtesy of YSU SPORTS INFORMATION*

### MARC WEEMS

Four members of the Youngstown State University men's and women's track and field teams were named Horizon League Athletes of the Week, the conference Tuesday.

On the men's side, Chad Zallow was named the Runner of the Week while Arnaldo Morales was selected as the Field Athlete of the Week.

Zallow opened the outdoor season with a time of 14.03 seconds at the Florida Relays. Zallow's time earned him a 10th-place finish and he placed sixth among Division I runners at the meet. Friday's race was held in wet conditions at the Percy Beard Track. Currently his time ranks 25th in the nation.

Morales, who did not compete in the 2017 outdoor season, was in action for the first time since February 2017 at the Florida Relays. He had a strong effort clearing 2.11 meters in the high jump in his return to competition. He finished third in the event and was one of just three individuals to clear that height. His last outdoor competition was in May 2016.

On the women's side Jaynee Corbett was named the

Field Athlete of the Week and Jaliyah Elliott was the Runner of the Week. All four Penguins were in action against strong competition at the Pepsi Florida Relays last week.

In the 1000-meter dash, Elliott ran a time of 11.96 seconds. That mark was good for 26th place. In the 200-meter dash, she ran a time of 24.07 seconds to finish 25th. She ran the anchor leg on YSU's 4x100-meter and 4x400-meter relay teams. The 4x400-meter relay team posted a time of 3:50.74. The 4x100-meter relay team clocked a time of 46.29 seconds.

Corbett finished fourth in the Shot Put College Invite at the Florida Relays on Saturday. Corbett had a best throw of 15.64 meters to earn her fourth place finish. She also competed in the discus at the event.

The women 4x100-meter relay team of Taylor Thompkins, Keishawanna Burts, Teneisha Myers and Jaliyah Elliott won their heat with a time of 46.35 seconds. The men's 4x100-meter relay team of Carl Zallow, Collin Harden, Brendon Lucas and Chad Zallow ran a time of 41.25 seconds to finish 25th.

In the women's high jump, Abby Jones was eighth clearing the bar at 1.70 meters.

YSU concluded action at the two-day Adidas Raleigh

Relays at NC State's Paul Derry Track. The Penguins had athletes compete in two running events, three relays, two throwing events as well as the pole vault and the triple jump.

In the running events, Josh Beaumont ran a time of 22.21 seconds in the 200-meter dash. In the 400-meter hurdles, Myron Anderson ran a time of 56.91 seconds.

In the 4x1500-meter relay, the women ran a time of 19:32.83. In the 4x800-meter relay, the women had a time of 9:34.81 while the men had a time of 7:48.96.

In the women's hammer throw, Reshanna Simon had a toss of 36.41 meters. Matt Monroe placed eighth in the hammer throw with a toss of 55.16 meters.

In the javelin, Ethan Wilson had a throw of 45.22 meters while Ben Wilson had a toss of 44.23 meters.

In the pole vault, Caitlyn Trebella and Shelby Marken each cleared heights of 3.35 meters.

Chandler Killins had a leap of 10.31 meters in the women's triple jump. In the men's triple jump, Chibuike Obinnakwelu had a leap of 12.73 meters, Daiquain Watson had a mark of 12.71 meters and DuJuan Taylor jumped 12.25 meters.

YSU is next in action this Saturday at the Northeast Quad hosted by the University of Akron.



# YSU SOFTBALL UP AND DOWN SO FAR IN LAST WEEK

MARC WEEMS

The Youngstown State softball team dropped a Horizon League doubleheader to the University of Detroit Mercy on Friday. The Penguins fell in the opener 4-0 and lost the nightcap 6-4.

The Penguins fell to 10-17 overall and 1-4 in the Horizon League while the Titans improved to 8-18 overall and 3-2 in the league. The game one win also snapped a 14-game losing streak to the Penguins.

In the opener, pitcher Paige Geanangel scattered just six hits, struck out two and allowed just one earned run in a tough loss.

Detroit Mercy's Ashley Mauser fired a two-hit shutout and struck out a career-high 15. Freshmen Yazmine Romero and Nikki Saibene tallied the Penguins' only hits.

The Titans jumped out to an early 4-0 lead scoring four runs in the top half of the second inning.

Youngstown State rallied with two runs in the second, one in the third and one more in the fourth to tie the game at 4-4.

In the bottom half of the second, Stevie Taylor, who had two hits, singled to lead off the inning and senior Cali Mikovich drove a 2-1 pitch over the left-center field wall

to cut the lead in half. It was Mikovich's first home run of the season and the 24th of her career.

Maddi Lusk began a two-out rally in the third with a double to right-center field and Taylor walked putting runners at first and second. Mikovich lined a double down the right-field line to plate Lusk and got the Penguins within one, 4-3.

Sophomore Tatum Christy tied the game up at 4-4 with a solo home run in the bottom half of the fourth inning.

Freshman pitcher Elle Buffenbarger came in relief and threw a solid 5.2 innings tying a career high with six strikeouts. The Titans finally got to Buffenbarger in the top of the seventh scoring two runs on a double and suicide squeeze.

The Penguins and Titans close out the series with a single game on Saturday. First pitch is at noon.

The Youngstown State University softball team got back in the win column on Saturday, March 31 with an 8-0 win over the Titans.

Junior Paige Geanangel tossed a five-hit, complete-game shutout and junior Lexi Zappitelli went 3-for-3 with four RBIs to lead YSU.

The Penguins improved to 11-17 overall and 2-4 in the Horizon League while the Titans fell to 8-19 overall and

3-3 in the league.

Zappitelli had a two-run double in the second and a two-run triple in the fourth and also scored a run.

The Penguins jumped on the Titans early with a four-run first inning. Senior Hannah Lucas was hit by a pitch to lead off the inning and advanced to second on Yazmine Romero's infield single. Zappitelli's bunt single and an errant throw allowed Lucas to score the game's first run and placed runners at second and third.

Maddi Lusk's double to centerfield plated Romero and Zappitelli and Lusk scored on another Titan throwing error.

Zappitelli laced a two-run double down the left field line to score senior Alexis Roach and Lucas, who both walked.

Tatum Christy's one-out double down the left-field line set the table for Zappitelli's heroics in the fourth inning. After a walk to Lucas, Yazmine Romero reached on a fielder's choice before Zappitelli tripled to center field plating Lucas and Romero.

Besides tossing a shutout and striking out two, Geanangel fielded her position brilliantly with two putout and three assists, including an inning-ending line-drive double play in the top of the second inning.

## PRESS BOX PERSPECTIVE: A TRADITION UNLIKE ANY OTHER

SETH RIVELLO

April has rolled around and sporting events are beginning to pick up. Major League Baseball is back, the NBA playoffs, NHL playoffs, NFL draft, and the Masters are all within sight. The Masters is arguably the biggest golf tournament ever with its first tournament held in 1934. Taking place at Augusta National Golf Club in Augusta, Ga., many legendary golf moments have taken place and engraved there.

Tiger Woods' impossible chip in on the 16th in 2005, Adam Scott sinking his final putt on 18 to win in 2013 and you can't beat hearing Jim Nantz saying "a tradition unlike any other" before the rounds begin. If you've never watched golf or aren't a golf fan, this is the match to watch. It's a great group of guys this year and there is always a chance for an upset.

There are many past champions in this

tournament, old men and guys looking to make a name for themselves. Fred Couples is back in the field again with his last and only Masters win coming in 1992, and his last PGA Tour win coming in 2003. Couples is 58 years old and does have 13 wins since 2013 on the Senior PGA Tour but that means nothing to the young guys. It would be awesome to see Couples get another green jacket and a split of the \$11 million purse but it is highly unlikely.

Woods and Phil Mickelson, who are both past champions, have been surrounded by talk recently.

Mickelson's last Masters win came in 2010 and his last PGA Tour win was last month at the WGC-Mexico Championship. That was his first win in five years. Now Tiger, on the other hand, won his last Masters in 2005 and PGA Tour event in 2013.

Both Tiger and Phil have been consis-

tent in that last handful of matches they've played. Augusta is not a short course totaling 7,435 yards. If they make the cut, which I imagine they would, it could be 72 holes of torture. Tiger struggles with injury more than Phil but constantly playing out of pine straw, high rough, trees, and sand is not good on the body. If either do make a push and win one of the four major championships again, I think it will be this one.

Then you have the young and proven players. Jordan Spieth, Justin Thomas, Dustin Johnson, last year's champion Sergio Garcia and Hideki Matsuyama. Spieth does have a green jacket from 2015 when he tied the record for best score at 18-under-par, but he hasn't won a tournament in almost a year. In 2016, he choked away back-to-back chances as he had a quadruple bogey on 12. He's never played the same in The Masters since then.

Dustin, Justin, and Hideki have everything in their arsenal to take down this course. They have a great long game, finesse wedges perfectly, and accurate putting. Dustin missed last year's Masters with a back problem and looks to add another major to his already impressive resume. If nerves can be controlled I wouldn't be surprised to see their names at the top of the leaderboard to end Sunday.

Rory McIlroy, Jason Day, and Rickie Fowler all have huge names in the sport but have one thing in common, they can't win The Masters. They've all come close but can never finish. All McIlroy needs is a Masters win to complete his career grand slam (winning all four majors). He would join an elite group of six and that number could increase if Spieth wins the PGA Championship and if Mickelson can win the U.S. Open.



# YSU BASEBALL FINDING A BETTER RHYTHM



Andrew Kendrick (#21) swings through a pitch for a hit against Northern Kentucky University. The Penguins were able to take two out of three from the Norse.

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After starting the year 1-13, the Youngstown State University baseball team has been finding a much better rhythm as of late. Despite a loss to the University of Pittsburgh, 9-5, on Tuesday, the Penguins have won four of their last five games and six of the last eight.

After that series, the Penguins won a game on the road against Eastern Michigan University, 9-7, in a suspenseful victory.

They then followed that up with a sweep of the University of Illinois-Chicago with 3-1, 7-2, 6-5 wins, respectively.

Collin Floyd struck out 10 batters in game one of the March 31 doubleheader and Colin Clark came in to induce a game-ending double play with the bases loaded in the nightcap as they completed the sweep of UIC at Eastwood Field.

The Penguins have now won six of their last eight games and are tied for first place in the Horizon League standings with a 6-3 conference mark. YSU also earned its first three-game sweep of a Horizon League series since 2012.

Jeff Wehler was 4 of 8 with four RBIs in the doubleheader, and Drew Dickerson had three hits, drove in

three runs and scored twice.

Floyd earned his third straight conference victory in Saturday's opener, allowing two unearned runs on four hits and just one walk. He earned Horizon League pitcher of the week after that performance.

The Penguins had scored two runs in three straight innings to give him a 7-2 lead when he handed the ball to the bullpen.

The Penguins answered in the bottom of the third as Blaze Glenn walked with one out and scored on a double to deep center field by Dickerson. Dickerson stole third and scored on sacrifice fly from Andrew Kendrick to put YSU in front 3-2.

YSU would add to its lead in the bottom of the fourth when Cody Dennis singled, Trey Bridis walked and Zach Lopatka was hit by a pitch to load the bases with one out for Wehler. Wehler ripped a double to left center that plated Dennis and Bridis to increase the lead to 5-2.

Kendrick began the bottom of the fifth with a walk and advanced to third on a ground-rule double down the right field line by Dennis. Lou Cardona followed with a pinch-hit, RBI single to left that scored Kendrick. Lopatka followed with an RBI single of his own to increase the YSU advantage to 7-2.

Youngstown State jumped out to a 6-0 lead after two innings in game two, but it had to fight late to finish the

sweep of the Flames in a tough game.

In the bottom of the first, Nick Massey and Wehler hit back-to-back one-out doubles for the first run, and the final three runs of the inning all came with two outs. Dickerson singled to right to plate Wehler, and Kendrick followed with a home run.

The Penguins used two-out magic in the bottom of the second as they extended their lead to 6-0. After Lucas Nasonti doubled and Bridis walked, Wehler's two-out single to plated Nasonti. Glenn's infield single loaded the bases, and Dickerson walked to bring in Massey.

UIC started its climb back in the third as Scott Ota hit a two-run homer. The Flames added a run in the fifth to make the score 6-3, and Alex Dee's leadoff double in the eighth cut the margin to 6-4.

In the ninth, Ogata and Dominic Smith started the inning by walking on full counts to put the tying run on base. They moved into scoring position on a sacrifice bunt, and Dee was hit by a pitch to load the bases. Riley Hebert then walked to bring in a run, and Clark was called on to get out of the jam. He did so with a double play.

Lopatka allowed four runs on three hits and two walks over the first four innings. Joel Hake was awarded the win after recording three outs over the fifth and sixth innings, and Clark recorded his first career save.