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The Holiday Parade will begin at 6 p.m. at the Covelli Centre.

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## Lighting up the holiday night

By Jessica Stamp  
The Jambar

Twinkling lights of red, green and white will adorn the downtown Youngstown area for the Youngstown Holiday Light-Up Night & Flea on Phelps on Dec. 2.

The Youngstown community can enjoy the event from 4 to 8 p.m. with a parade starting at 6 p.m. followed by the Christmas tree lighting.

Rochelle Landy, associate director of Youngstown CityScape, helped plan the event and said this year's Holiday Light-Up Night is going to be eventful.

"This is the first year that we have [had] the complete package in a while," Landy said. "The Light-Up night, the tree lighting, it's great [and] it's really going to be action packed."

The event will feature many activities for kids such as getting pictures with Santa Claus after the parade and free admission to the OHWOW! The Roger and Gloria Jones Children's Center for Science and Technology. The event will also have over 60 vendors and other pop-up shops for the Flea on Phelps.

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## Tressel's fundraising success

By Shianna Gibbons  
Jambar Contributor

Jim Tressel, who will retire as president of Youngstown State University Feb. 1, will leave a legacy of breaking multiple fundraising records at the university.

Tressel was hired as the head football coach in 1985, leading the Penguins to four NCAA Division I-AA National Championships. Tressel resigned from the position in 2000 and later returned in 2014 to become the president of YSU.

In Tressel's first year as president, he and the Youngstown State University Foundation's team began workshopping a comprehensive campaign called We See Tomorrow.

The YSU Foundation is a separate private institution that provides scholarships, faculty and staff endowments, and handles fundraising for YSU.

The Foundation was created in 1966 before YSU became a public institution by then Youngstown University President, Howard Jones, with a \$12 million endowment — now worth \$109 million today.

Paul McFadden, president of the YSU Foundation, said the We See Tomorrow campaign was the most "ambitious" campaign in the foundation's history. Still, Tressel exceeded the original \$100 million campaign goal.

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According to the Youngstown City-Scape website, the Sweeney Chevrolet Buick GMC will be on the grand stand sponsoring music and entertainment with DJ Chip Banks from Loud Radio live streaming.

Landy collaborated with Melanie Clarke-Penella, special events coordinator for the city of Youngstown, to close roads for the parade and get permits for vendors that are a part of the Flea on Phelps.

“My part is working alongside of organizations like CityScape that are the main event organizers and my team on the city side is executing all the road closures for the parade and permits for any vendors helping out with the Youngstown Flea organization,” Clarke-Penella said. “It’s

more logistics.”

Clarke-Penella said this is the first year since the pandemic the event is having different kinds of activities happening at once.

“I love that all of these downtown events are now simultaneously happening on the same night,” Clarke-Penella said. “I think it’s going to be very charming and we’re expecting a big crowd.”

Clarke-Penella said the businesses on West Federal Street will also be celebrating the holidays by participating in a window decoration contest.

The parade will feature floats and 12 high school marching bands. Premier bank, the event’s title sponsor donated \$1,000 to each of the schools participating.

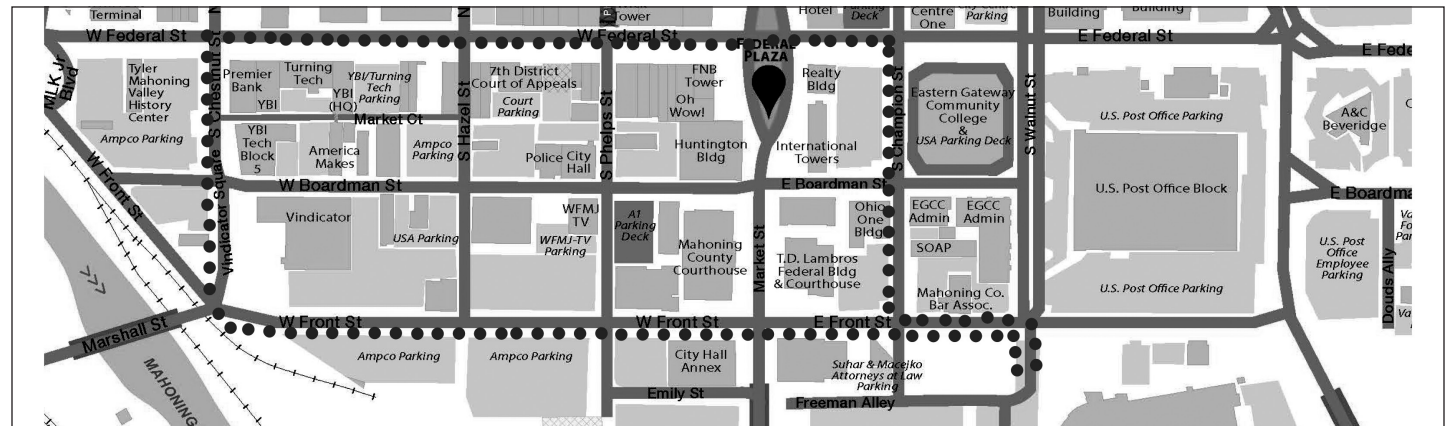
The parade starts at the Covelli Centre and loops around the city to West Federal St. and returns to the Covelli Centre.

The Covelli Centre was chosen as a starting and ending point for the high school bands to meet and to have the floats line up easily.

“The most important thing was a safe place for not only the floats to line up, the Covelli Centre’s parking lot was perfect for that but also each marching band school ... has four to five school buses. So, that was a big factor on where to start,” Clarke-Penella said.

Youngstown Flea and Youngstown CityScape are looking for students to help with the event. Students can message Derrick McDowell at (330) 565-5483 or Clarke-Penella at (646) 675-1266 about helping to set up and take down the Flea on Phelps.

To read more about the list of events, visit Youngstown CityScape’s website or Facebook page.



2022 holiday parade route.

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# Chill-Can owes YSU athletics \$185,000

By Christopher Gillett  
The Jambar

West Coast Chill, the company behind the Chill-Can, owes the Youngstown State University Athletic Department approximately \$185,000 after it fell behind on a sponsorship.

West Coast Chill is a subsidiary of Joseph Company International, which is based in Irvine, California. The company was founded by Mitchell Joseph, a former YSU student who graduated in 1969. The company began working with the city of Youngstown around 2015. The company was supposed to sell a product called the Chill-Can, a self-cooling beverage can.

Alongside setting up a financial and business relationship with Youngstown, West Coast Chill began a working relationship with YSU, specifically the Athletic Department.

The department began a sponsorship agreement with West Coast Chill, July 1, 2015, where they agreed to pay athletics yearly installments. The company consistently kept up with payments over the first few years and has

given YSU athletics \$115,000.

During the pandemic, West Coast Chill had a harder time paying its installments. Ron Strollo, the executive director of intercollegiate athletics at YSU, explained how the lack of payments affected the athletics program.

“All of our coaches have felt the pressures of doing more with less. The biggest challenge, especially in these last 12 months, is inflation,” Strollo said. “The cost of bus transportation [and] equipment, all that stuff has gone up dramatically. So our abilities get trimmed there. We don’t have more resources, but we’ve got to figure out how to do more with less.”

Before the partnership officially began, Joseph brought Johnny Bench, a former baseball player for the Cincinnati Reds to YSU. Joseph invited Bench to a fundraiser breakfast and auction for the Youngstown State-baseball team which was held in January 2015.

Joseph recently fundraised for a YSU athletics banquet Nov. 8 and has supplied auction items for past fundraisers for YSU athletics. Joseph also donated one of his drink products, “Student Athlete,” to the Athletic Department for YSU athletes.

Despite the owed payments, Strollo said he trusts the money will come and is not interested in pursuing legal action.

“We haven’t got to that point. Obviously, [I] hope we don’t have to get to that point,” Strollo said. “We’ve been in conversations with him. Obviously, I think COVID has affected his business and some other things. We have not set any dates or deadlines or have done any sort. So, we’re trying to work with him and he’s trying to do the best he can.”

YSU is currently uninvolved in any court case with Joseph Company International or West Coast Chill. The YSU Office of the General Counsel declined to comment on the situation.

The city of Youngstown has been to court with Joseph Company International. The city has been trying to recover \$1.5 million it had granted to West Coast Chill to set up a Chill-Can plant in the city and hire employees.

In September, the city magistrate ordered Chill-Can to refund the \$1.5 million grant. According to WKBN, the Mahoning County Common Pleas court agreed, overruling Chill-Can’s appeal Nov. 21.



The Chill-Can plant can be seen from the top of YSU's Wick Parking Deck.

Photo by Christopher Gillett / The Jambar



Preparing your vehicle for winter is important.

Photo by Samantha Smith / The Jambar

# Prepping for the winter weather: Car edition

**By Samantha Smith**  
The Jambar

From snow on the ground to low temperatures, it is important to prepare for the cold weather. One factor to keep in mind is your vehicle.

Danny O'Connell, director of Support Services at Youngstown State University, said there are two crucial areas of the car that students should keep an eye on.

"Number one is our tires. You need to check the treads, you need to check your air," O'Connell said. "Two is your general maintenance. You want to make sure you do your oil changes on time. This is the time of the year you want to check on your antifreeze and make sure you've got enough."

O'Connell also said students should keep a winter safety kit in their cars for any situation that may occur.

"Make sure you have a good working flashlight in your

car. You might want to have a blanket in the trunk or the hatch if you have a hatchback," O'Connell said. "We're so much safer today with cellphones because we all have a cell phone, but always make sure your cell phone is charged."

If students are not at home or on campus when experiencing car problems, O'Connell said to check if a towing service is provided for the car and to make sure there are jumper cables in the car in case its battery dies.

A couple of towing and road services in the Youngstown area for students to contact outside of campus include Carl's Towing and Road Service, (330) 799-4552, and Youngstown Towing, (330) 574-7264. Both companies can provide services from towing to jump starting a vehicle.

YSU has resources on campus for students with certain car troubles. At the entrance of the Wick Avenue Deck, there is a free air station students can use to refill

their tires.

"A lot of students who don't park in the Wick Avenue Parking Garage don't realize we have a free air station in there. I recommend, throughout the winter, to check your tires," O'Connell said. "If you're on campus, make the stop over to fill your tires and make sure you have the right tire pressure. Over-inflating a tire can be as much of a problem as under-inflating the tire."

O'Connell said students can find the exact tire pressure for their car in the front driver's side door of the car, either on the side of the door or the door's frame.

"The biggest thing is keep your car in good, working condition," O'Connell said. "We just need to be careful."

YSU's Parking Services number is (330) 941-3546 and its Motor Assistance is (330) 941-3051. The Parking Services' office is open Monday to Friday from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m.



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“The first seven years, we raised \$126 million. It’s the most we’ve ever raised before. Ironically, last year, the first year out of the campaign, we raised \$24 million, another record for a single year,” McFadden said. “[The donors] believe in Tressel’s vision. They believe in his goals for the university, and they embrace him with support.”

Tressel said the YSU Foundation hired a consultant to see what fundraising goals could be set.

“[The consultant] did a study and said around \$65 to \$70 million is what he thought we were capable of raising, and [Paul McFadden] and I didn’t think that sounded cool enough,” Tressel said. “We thought, well, let’s do at least \$100 million, and we’ll see. Maybe he’s right, maybe we’re right.”

The We See Tomorrow campaign impacted different parts of YSU, but its most significant impact was the amount raised for student scholarships. Tressel said the foundation raised nearly \$70 million for scholarships.

Tressel said the increased fundraising efforts had offset the limited state funding while keeping YSU affordable and attractive to students nationwide and internationally.

“When I came here in 1986, nearly 75% of our budget at that time came from the state of Ohio and now about 25% of our budget comes from the state of Ohio,” Tressel said. “Now [the YSU Foundation] gives us \$11 million. We’ve been able to use that money for the merit scholarships and all the various scholarships that our students earn to offset the budget.”

The YSU Foundation is the sixth-largest public university endowment in Ohio, with a total of \$320 million in assets. Tressel said this is impressive because out of the 14 public universities in Ohio, YSU is ranked 12th in enrollment.

“That just shows you the philanthropic belief that people have,” Tressel said. “I know how important this university is to the region. It’s critical. I think the alumni and region understand its importance [and that’s why they give].”

John Jakubek, chair of the board of trustees, said he believes fundraising success comes from a combination of different qualities the board is already looking for in a new long-term president after Tressel retires and interim president Helen K. Lafferty leaves.

“[Communication] is something we think is important [for] anybody who comes in as president. You’ve got to be vibrant, you’ve got to be engaged with the community and I think that’s so important,” Jakubek said. “When

it comes to fundraising, you’ve got to be out there. You got to meet people. You got to show that you’re a great ambassador for YSU.”

Jakubek said the potential to develop and expand community relations through communication skills is essential when the board of trustees selects a president. He also said Tressel was an excellent communicator and had other qualities that allowed him to break fundraising records for YSU.

“It was no surprise that he would be a good fundraiser [because] he worked on campus for 16 years. He had established relationships with people over the years. Having won four national championships here in the 1990s for football makes you somewhat of a celebrity around here,” Jakubek said.

Tressel also has mentioned he believes the fundraising is in a solid position with enough momentum to handle a transition in leadership. Tressel also said a change could be beneficial with the incoming interim president.

“[Lafferty’s] personality is fabulous. So, she’ll be able to continue our momentum for the time she’s here while we go on a nationwide search. We have pretty good momentum going right now in fundraising,” Tressel said.

The YSU Foundation and McFadden said they are eager to work with Lafferty and a future president to set new goals and bettering YSU.



Jim Tressel's fundraising broke many school records..

Photo courtesy of President Jim Tressel.





The Watson Team Center has been constructed in place of an old flower wholesaler.

Photo by Gunnhildur Baldursdottir / The Jambar

# Construction investments soon to be reality

By **Gunnhildur Baldursdottir**  
Jambar Contributor

Students might have noticed the near-completion of construction projects from all directions on campus.

John Hyden, associate vice president of University Facilities, said one construction project on Western Avenue is a replacement of a previous flower wholesaler with a facility for engineering competition teams called Frank and Norma Watson Team Center.

Hyden said the estimated project cost is \$2 to \$3 million. Frank Watson and his wife, Norma Watson, donated a significant amount to the project, which is where the facility obtained its name.

“There’s the Baja car, the high mileage vehicle and the robotics team. All of those engineering teams that compete throughout the country were kind of spread out in Moser Hall over the years, and now they have their own home and workshops,” Hyden said.

Hyden said the project started this past spring and should have been completed in August. The construction slowed down primarily because of labor shortages and delays in materials, such as a high-voltage switchgear.

Danny O’Connell, director of Support Services, said another prominent project is the construction of a 163-space parking lot on Lincoln Avenue with an estimated cost of \$800,000.

A plot of land remains in the wake of the former M-60 Parking Deck. Hyden explained why the project has been pushed back.

“There was a legal action taken by one of the bidders, which delayed the award of that contract,” Hyden said. “And we didn’t have enough time to get a lot done before the asphalt plants closed down for the winter.”

O’Connell said the department is pleased with the successful teardown and stated all materials were recycled. Because of safety reasons, the two upper levels of the parking garage were closed and only 300 out of 1260 parking spaces were used in the M-60. The maintenance of the parking garage would have been too expensive in the long run.

The project will begin again next spring semester, 2023.

“We haven’t filled up our parking at all this semester. We know we have enough parking. However, we needed a lot to handle accessible parking, so that’s the primary purpose of the new parking lot there [M-60],” O’Connell said.

A few buildings away, a reconstruction of a tunnel built in the 1970s is dug out on Elm Street. Hyden said the tunnel’s structural integrity had to be restored because of its deterioration. To close the work, a new sidewalk is being placed over the top of the tunnel.

“We have a series of tunnels that run through campus ... And it’s a big concrete box that you can walk through. It’s not terribly spacious, but it’s full of pipes and wires and cabling that feed utilities throughout the campus,” Hyden said.

A \$2 million building extension was expected to be completed in October in the Butler Institute of American Art. Louise Zona, the Butler’s executive director, said the slow delivery of materials has challenged builders.

“We have a contractor who’s very patient with the whole process, but the reality is materials that are arriving very slowly. I think there are a lot of factors that are involved in the slowdown,” Zona said.

Zona said part of the two-floor building will be used for art storage with humidity and temperature controls with new light fixtures. Plans are already in the making for the first art shows in the new building.

# Mayor Brown asks students to ‘sit on front porch’

By Henry Shorr  
The Jambar

Mayor Jamael Tito Brown came to Youngstown State University to speak to members of the campus group, Achieve Impact Motivate on Nov. 17. He touched on his history in city politics, and his hope that more students get involved in their communities.

Brown reminded students that their lives are not solely their jobs. He said people often tie work to their identity but need to remember work comes and goes, but life is constant.

“You got to come across some jobs and some of them are going to be a lot more glamorous than others. And some of them you’re going to have struggled with. And I’ve had my source of jobs that I struggle with. But I knew that at one point, I would get to a certain point in my life that I would enjoy the job,” Brown said.

Brown spoke about being a “born and bred” Youngstown. He touched on his time at YSU while completing his undergraduate and graduate studies be-

fore touching on his professional life and his political trajectory. He said each step made in his career was because of a need in his life and community.

“I started on the Youngstown City School Board — and that was because I was a concerned father. There was opportunity on the board,” Brown said. “Then my mentor ... he came and said ‘I’m about to be done with being the city councilman. It’s time for you to take a lead and take care of your neighborhood. You’re a Northside kid, you grew up there, it’s time for you to really take care of your neighborhood.’”

He also spoke on his first mayoral race in 2013, in which he lost by 142 votes. He reminded students, “every vote counts,” and it’s important to exercise one’s civic duty. He continued speaking about his time as mayor, saying that he is “everyone’s mayor, no matter if they voted for [him] or not.”

Brown closed his speech with an anecdote about a woman from his neighborhood, Mrs. Doretha, who would sit on her front porch all day. He said because she sat on her front porch, she could see everything, and be

an active member of her community.

“She was unequivocal, she wasn’t scared, she didn’t care. But at the end of the day, she was on that front porch for a reason. She was looking over my community,” Brown said.

He said the neighborhood was a better place because Mrs. Doretha sat on her front porch as part of her community, and he asked students in the room to sit on the front porch in their neighborhood.

“I think in this world today, we like our patios ... We don’t want to go in the front because, in the front, we might have to do something about what’s going on,” Brown said. “When you guys leave this educational institution, I want you to go and sit on your front porch of your community. By volunteering or getting involved.”

For students who want to involve themselves with their communities more deeply, Brown said the best place to start is city social organizations. He said there isn’t a food bank or a shelter that won’t take help right now.



Mayor Brown speaks to students of the Achieve Impact Motivate organization at YSU.

Photo by Henry Shorr / The Jambar





Students were able to visit other museums and monuments, like the Washington Monument.

Photo by Christopher Gillett / The Jambar

# A trip to remember

By Elizabeth Coss  
The Jambar

For the first time in three years, students of Youngstown State University traveled to Washington D.C. to recognize the Holocaust and its impact on history, Nov. 20.

Students were allowed to roam the capital city, with their only requirement being to visit the United States Holocaust Museum. Attendees were encouraged to visit other memorials, museums and monuments, as well.

The trip, which cost \$20, was filled up within two hours of opening up to students. The group traveled on two buses and the costs were covered by the Clayman Fund, each with 50 students and several chaperones.

This year, Beeghly College of Liberal Arts, Social Sciences and Education collaborated with the International Programs Office for the trip, which was partially organized by Jesse McClain, an adjunct English professor at YSU.

McClain, who also works at the Jewish Community Center as a Holocaust Education Specialist, said the trip was created almost two decades ago to expand students' knowledge of the Holocaust, especially those who may not have the ability to take classes on the subject or have not been exposed to deeper parts of its history.

"[The trip] started with a professor named Dr. Helene Sinnerich. She and I organized the trip to the museum as a way to expose students of this to the subject of the Holocaust," McClain said. "You go in [the museum] and you can actually hear if someone dropped a coin ... They can't believe it occurred, and I think that's the whole purpose, so we don't forget and we remember what happened, and hopefully prevent it from happening again."

According to McClain, the museum allows visitors to travel through the years the Holocaust occurred, starting in 1933 when the museum states the Holocaust begins.

"When you first go in you get in an elevator ... and when you come off you're

in 1933, and they consider that the year the holocaust basically got started," McClain said. "As you progress like a screw through the museum, you go around and around and it goes '33, '34 and then '36 was the Olympics with Jesse Owens, and then it continues on to where one of the first of six death camps was established in Poland."

The exhibits continue until visitors reach the ground floor, which is the children's area, called "Daniel's Story," which focuses more on the roles people played in the Holocaust as well as the classrooms whose exhibits change annually.

"One year, it was medicine and the role people in the medical field played in the Holocaust. Another year it was jurisprudence: the role that lawyers and judges had played," McClain said. "I personally am waiting for them to do religion because I'm an ordained minister and I find it interesting they haven't done it yet."

McClain said that over the years, the trip has drawn interest from international students and it acts as a way for them to see the capital.

Nicholas DuBos, coordinator for the IPO, helped organize this year's trip and said the majority of students on the trip were international students.

"I would say out of the hundred people who went, maybe 65% were maybe international and maybe 45% were domestic," DuBos said. "A lot of people loved it. I've talked to a few people I know who went and they just had such a nice time, not only in terms of D.C. but also the museum."

DuBos also said that there's a heavy purpose in the trip, some through learning possibilities.

"The whole purpose is not just to go there, but to let individuals know what this museum is about ... and to talk about it, and to tie in the whole Holocaust and its era with students who are taking classes on it," DuBos said.

According to McClain and DuBos, a trip has not yet been planned for next semester, but commonly happens in November every year.



# Rockin' and rollin' at ISO Prom night

By Molly Burke  
The Jambar

The International Student Organization held its annual International Prom Night on Nov. 19 in the Chestnut Room of Kilcawley Center.

At the Vegas Night themed event, students gathered in the decorated Chestnut Room to dance, enjoy a buffet of food and participate in a best-dressed contest. Entertainment was provided by featured student performers and a DJ. In between dancing, students took photos at set up backdrops while celebrating with friends.

Tafadzwa Mapiki, junior biology major on the BACCMED track, is the president of the ISO. She said her goal was to bridge the gap between domestic and international students with the prom night.

"The prom night is a signature event. The goal was to bridge the gap between international and domestic students. So, we came up with the prom, not just for international students but for everyone," Mapiki said.

The ISO saw a record-breaking 160 attendees this year. Mapiki said the dance required a lot of preparation for its guests.

"The first thing we did was reach out to the Student Government Association to seek funding. The process takes about four weeks. After we had funding, then we started thinking about stuff we needed — food, decorations and the things that we're going to do during the event," Mapiki said.

Nicholas DuBos, advisor for the ISO, said it's important to have international students build relationships and friendships amongst domestic students.

"We're a small world, and one of my goals is to get domestic students and international students to interact together. So, a lot of the events we're doing are for that purpose. It builds friendships, and then a person's preconceived beliefs can totally change because of meeting some-

one from a different country," DuBos said.

According to DuBos, Youngstown State University has around 580 international students. 200 new international students are expected this upcoming 2023's spring semester.

Freshman English education major, Roy Kim, is from South Korea. He said he came to the prom to experience a part of American culture.

"We never had prom in my home country, so we wanted to experience the culture." Kim said. "There are a lot of programs for international students like coffee hour and prom night, so I think [YSU] is really perfect for international students."

In attendance at the prom was freshman psychology major, Cailor Slack. She said she learned about other cultures after meeting students in the ISO, and was excited to celebrate with her friends from abroad.

"I have friends from Spain, Uruguay, Vietnam and lots of places all over. My high school never was really diverse, so coming to Youngstown and being able to talk about different cultures was a big part in choosing wherever I go to college," Slack said.

While some international students experienced prom for the first time, Slack said it was a great redo for domestic students who went to prom during the height of the pandemic.

"Some of the girls I live with are international students who have never been to prom. It was cool for me to be a part of that experience for someone else because proms are a big deal here," Slack said. "My school did prom, but it was mask mandated and there was a lot of social distancing. I think, not only for the international students, but for anyone, it was a really great redo."

For more information on the ISO, check out its Facebook page.



ISO President Tafadzwa Mapiki gave a speech at the prom. Photo by Molly Burke / The Jambar



# Lighting up a new world

By Natalie Lasky  
The Jambar

Suman Devkota, a Youngstown State University student pursuing a master's degree in engineering, has created technology that could change how solar cells absorb energy.

Solar cells are electrical devices that convert sunlight into electricity through a process known as photovoltaics, which is used in solar panels. A sample called cadmium telluride, which is a compound formed from cadmium and tellurium, is used in photovoltaics.

Devkota explained how the photovoltaic process he uses is called threshold switching, which creates a conductive path for electricity to travel without the need to pre-cut pathways using machinery and could prove useful.

"I am experimentally verifying the process of threshold switching in [cadmium telluride photovoltaic] threshold switching. [It] is a well-controlled process ...

This could possibly eliminate the use of expensive laser technology that current manufacturers are using during fabrication of [photovoltaic] cells," Devkota stated.

Devkota said his next step is researching chromium layer deposits of various thickness to verify which thickness will be best to use in his experiments going forward.

Vamsi Bara, a YSU engineering professor who instructs Devkota, explained how the electrons, which are collected through the threshold switching process, help coat solar panels.

"We can just use a threshold switching, which [is a] phenomenon — if you apply a voltage and we create a shock. That shock will enable us to collect these electrons and stop having the conventional laser engraving to get the electrons," Bara said.

Devkota is currently working on a follow-up paper intended to be peer-reviewed by fellow engineers from both YSU and the University of Toledo. Daniel Georgiev, a UT electrical engineering professor, collaborated

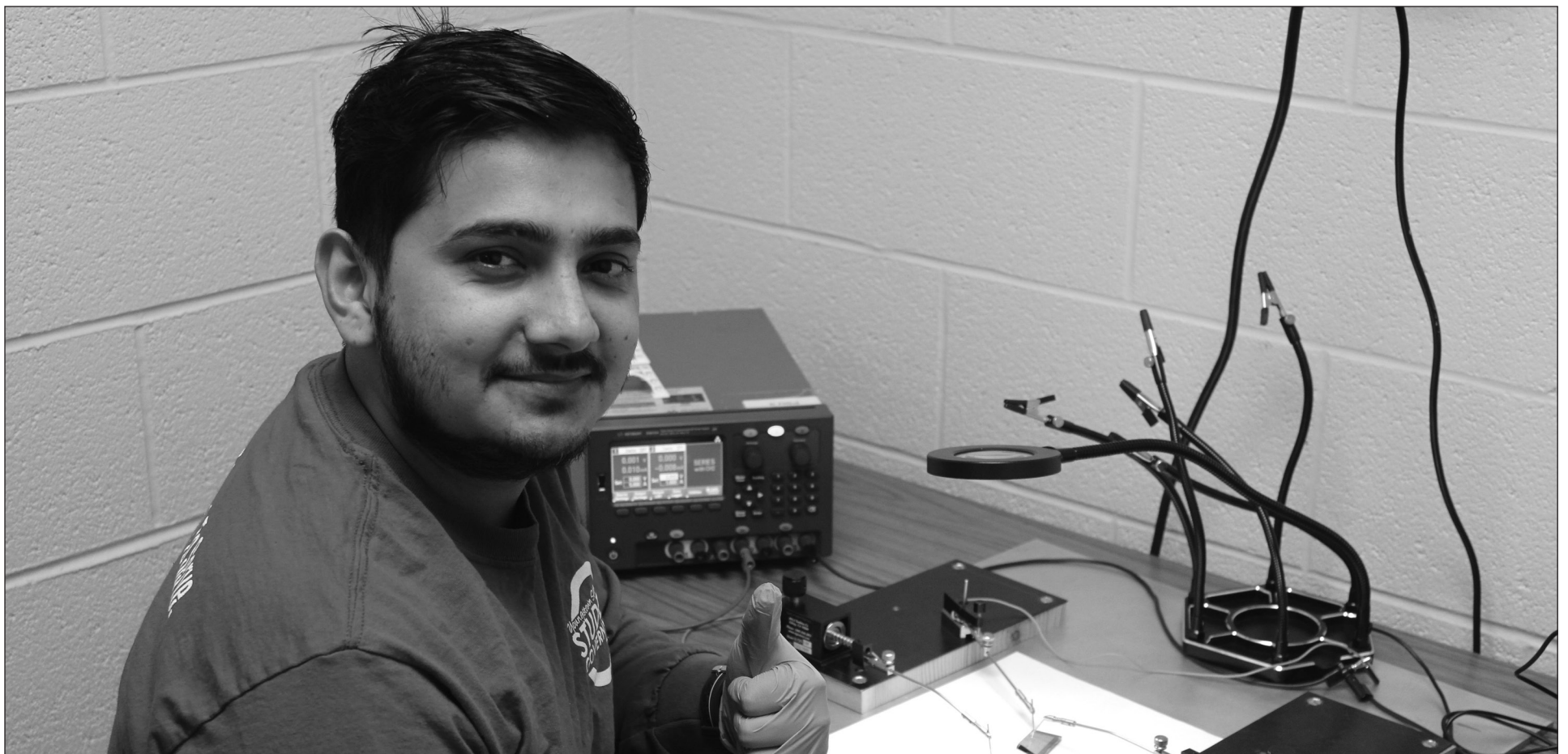
on Devkota's research and explained how laser scribing helps the technology work.

"In semiconductor devices and transistors and diodes and other solar cell technologies, this might have application [that] generally contacts semiconductor devices. That's where technology can become important, or the development of course is done because these are just first steps into proving the concept," Georgiev said.

Devkota also recently published an article called Threshold Switching in CdTe Photovoltaics in "The Electrochemical Society Journal." The publication led Devkota to attend the 2022 Spring Meeting of the American Physics Society Eastern Great Lakes Section Meeting, in Atlanta.

The APS conference allowed Devkota and other engineers to explain the new technology to manufacturers.

For more information regarding the solar cell technology applications and the peer-reviewed article of threshold switching in CdTe Photovoltaics, go to The Electrochemical Society's website.



Suman Devkota working on solar cell technology.

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# The Jambar Column

## The unnecessary war between political parties

The elections are almost over, but that doesn't mean political discussions are. Political conversations are everywhere — in the news, on TV and coming from the mouths of friends and relatives.

It's inescapable and it seems as if that's all everyone wants to talk about, but it's the last thing I want to talk about.

Although I dislike talking about politics, it's necessary to discuss it because of the anger and violence conflicts over politics brings.

The physical attack on Pelosi's husband was heartbreaking and completely unnecessary. Her husband was attacked in his home while his wife wasn't there. This event set a negative precedent for the future of political protesting because it may result in more physical assaults in the future.

I've experienced political hostility when talking to my family. I've never been to a family gathering where there wasn't a screaming match over politics. Everytime this happens, I can never diffuse the situation, no matter how hard I try. This only makes me upset and causes everyone else around to become visibly irritated.

When I'm talking to someone older, they will usually defend their party to extremes, even if it ruins their relationship with others. People who read or watch news that doesn't support their political views deem it as "fake news." One political party is not better than another because politicians are only human and capable of making mistakes.

According to Ashley Lopez from NPR, "the amount of voters under the age of 30 was higher this year." This evidence proves that the younger generation is becoming more politically active, which begs the question, will the younger generation become more hostile over politics as older generations have?

I've witnessed some of my friends who were big into politics stress out over election results and they all grew up in very



Hailey Rogenski

political families.

The worry of increasing political defensiveness is always among us, whether an election is about to occur or not. Pew Research Center writes that "members of political parties on both sides view the members of the opposing party as unintelligent, closed-minded, dishonest and immoral." This could cause some to use their political views for superiority.

This has even affected celebrities. Back in 2020, I witnessed a political argument via Twitter between Paul Wesley and Matt Davis, who were both stars in the "Vampire Diaries." Wesley is known for his lead role as Stefan Salvatore and Davis for his role as Alaric Saltzman. It was fueled by a political opinion Davis posted about Mike Pence being interrupted which resulted in Wesley giving his opposing view. Davis responded by saying that Wesley voted for "criminals and losers." On the tabloid, girlfriend.com, there is more information on this argument.

These stars, who have such a high influence on others, going on Twitter and publicly arguing over politics doesn't help the political situation as it is today, and it may even contribute to an increase in political hostility.

I would like to see peace between political parties. I can never understand the reason for the political drama and this has caused me to only see political parties as a way to divide the people of America. Despite being unsupportive of politics, the separation of friends and families due to political drama angers me.

This unnecessary war between political parties is far from over. America is still fueled by political drama and I worry that one day, this political war will turn the U.S. into an America no longer united.

# The Jambar Editorial

## Help during the holidays

Chestnuts roasting on an open fire, and slicing up a pumpkin pie are some of the holidays' joys. Being surrounded by friends, family and those who may be a bit of neither, but are welcomed into our homes regardless.

For many, the holidays are seen as a break — a break away from the chaos of normality, be it jobs, personal life issues or problems close to home. However, while many are embracing the escape with open arms, domestic abuse victims and those in horrific situations are trapped every year.

According to Women Against Crime, domestic violence rises during the holidays because of a variety of factors. The season of giving is often stressful which may lead to an increase in drug or alcohol usage, which could intensify violent tendencies in abusers.

The National Library of Medicine stated a variety of factors lead to abuse, which are exacerbated during the holidays. Some of these include anger management issues, jealousy, learned behavioral traits or low self-esteem.

Domestic violence is an ongoing issue for many households in the U.S. According to the Center for Disease Control and Prevention, one in three women and one in four men will experience physical violence annually.

The National Library of Medicine also states that over three million children each year are referred to protective agencies, while around 100,000 children die as a result of violence in homes annually.

The Domestic Violence Assessment Consultancy and Training website stated that 2020's Christmas season saw a sharp increase in reported violence cases in both men and women.

"Christmas 2020 saw the number of domestic violence incidents nearly doubling nationally, from 200,000 reports in 2019 to 369,000 in 2020," the website stated.

This holiday season, remember to be kind and thankful for what you have, but be aware of the dangers some experience daily. Resources are available for many experiencing any form of abuse, both in the state or locally.

The Sojourner House in Youngstown, Ohio offers shelter to victims, including children, and also provides a 24-hour crisis line and advocacy and support groups. Its website also offers advice to those wanting to leave domestic violence households.

The Rescue Mission of Mahoning Valley acts as a short-term emergency shelter that provides food and safety for visitors and has been serving the Mahoning Valley since 1893. Its website includes a full list of services, as well as chapel services in the dining hall.

In Trumbull County, Someplace Safe created in part with Family and Community Services Inc. also offers shelter, advocacy and a 24-hour hotline for domestic violence victims. Its website can also connect you to more out-of-county support or help locations beyond domestic violence.

The Family Mission in Warren, Ohio offers temporary shelter, food, clothing and safety for those regardless of reason. It also offers addiction recovery programs and services that can be found on its website.

All of the sources listed above accept donations and look for volunteers year-round to help aid the community.

For domestic violence resources, see page 13



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# Letter to the Editor

My name is George Koulianos and I am currently a senior nursing student at Youngstown State University. I'm writing to you to address a resource issue for nursing students on campus.

The Centofanti School of Nursing is easily one of the biggest programs on campus. It holds over 400 students & faculty and consists of multiple programs that include the undergraduate program, master's level, doctoral program, which includes nurse anesthesia, and licensed school nurse.

The issue — unfortunate issue — found here on campus is not only affecting nursing students, but all academic majors and is the lack of after-hours resources. A place for students to utilize for studying, printing, collaboration with fellow students, after-hours availability and, overall, a place where nursing students can achieve academic success here on campus.

Many students face the issue of finding a space that's dedicated to their learning and holds resources for the benefit of their education. The issue sadly doesn't only affect nursing students, but it affects all students on campus. The same issue has even been brought to my attention by multiple majors across campus, one specifically being STEM college students.

Students' success is dependent on YSU giving them the proper resources. Our university makes sure our athletes have the proper resources for them to achieve their goals in athletics, why not the students here only for academics?

We need a change for our students, and we need a change soon. We need a place dedicated to students that provides us with extended hours, weekend availability, and a controlled environment to enhance the learning process.

I hope to see a change in the near future not only for our student's sake, but for Youngstown State University.

Sincerely,  
A concerned nursing student at YSU.

## Domestic Violence Resources

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The Sojourner House  
Fifth Avenue Youngstown, OH 44504  
(330) 747-4040

The Rescue Mission of Mahoning Valley  
1300 Martin Luther King Jr Blvd.  
Youngstown, OH 44510  
(330) 744-5486

Someplace Safe  
1370 Tod Ave. Warren, OH 44485  
(330) 393-3005

The Family Mission  
155 Tod Ave. Warren, OH 44485  
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## News Brief YSU Grants

Youngstown State University was awarded \$15.8 million in grants for the fiscal year of 2022, surpassing the \$14.4 million earned last year and setting a new record.

The grants are a combination of agreements between YSU and government bodies or businesses for research purposes, fund equipment or a previous agreement. The grants are submitted by faculty and staff on behalf of YSU.

These grants also benefit students by providing new opportunities related to their future careers or providing something comparable.

Read more in the next edition of The Jambar.

# Comeback win doesn't propel Penguins to playoffs

By Kyle Wills  
The Jambar

With its season on the line, the Youngstown State University football team returned to Stambaugh Stadium on Nov. 19 for one final playoff push against Southern Illinois University.

On senior day, the Salukis jumped to an early 14-0 lead in the first quarter with two touchdown passes. Southern Illinois connected deep on its first score with a 70-yard pass, then completed a throw from 22 yards out, three minutes later. The Penguins got on the board and cut the deficit following an eight-minute drive with a 2-yard touchdown run from senior Jaleel McLaughlin.

Neither team would score again until the fourth quarter when Southern Illinois extended its lead to 21-7 after a 48-yard touchdown within the first four minutes of the period.

Youngstown State responded with nearly 200 yards of offense to score 21 unanswered points including two touchdown grabs from junior Bryce Oliver. Junior Mitch Davidson found Oliver over

the top with a 48-yard pass at the 8:43 mark and again to tie the game with 1:15 left after a 7-yard, back-shoulder pass.

McLaughlin gave the Penguins a 28-21 lead after a 22-yard scoring run with 35 seconds left in the game and senior Marcus Hooker sealed the game with his second interception of the afternoon.

With the team's season in limbo after the victory, head coach Doug Phillips said it needed to control what it could to keep its playoff hopes alive.

"We play in the toughest FCS conference in the country. We've won our last five out of six games. Don't matter how you win, but we've found a way to win five out of our last six games," Phillips said.

Hooker finished the game with two of the team's three interceptions, along with four tackles. Sophomore Alex Howard created havoc in the backfield with one of the team's three sacks and four tackles, including two tackles for loss.

McLaughlin finished with under 100 yards rushing for just the third time this season with 84 along with two scores. He said this proved there are other playmak-

ers on the team.

"It shows there's a lot of other guys out here on Youngstown State besides me. Our defense played an outstanding game. Once plays were [needed] to be made, there were a lot of people on the offense that made those plays," McLaughlin said.

Davidson ended the game with 268 yards with two scoring passes. Almost 150 yards and both scores came in the final quarter. Oliver finished with a game-high 17 targets, bringing in 12 receptions for 147 yards.

On Thanksgiving, McLaughlin gave thanks to YSU, along with players and coaches, and announced his declaration for the 2023 NFL Draft via social media. He finished the 2022 season with 1,588 rushing yards and 13 touchdowns and concluded his collegiate career with the NCAA career rushing yards record, finalizing at 8,166 yards.

Despite finishing the season 7-4, the football team's campaign came to an end after not being voted into the FCS playoffs. Its seven wins this season are the most for Youngstown State since the 2016 FCS runner-up season.

## Cross country season ends

Cameron Stubbs  
The Jambar

The Youngstown State's men's and women's cross country season has come to a close as the weather has cooled down.

The teams stayed hot until the very end as the men claimed the Horizon League Champions title for the first time since 2018.

The Penguins were led by senior Chase Easterling and juniors Ryan Meadows and Hunter Christopher, who all finished in second through fourth place in the 8 kilometer, to push the Penguins over the top.

Individually for the women, senior Morgan Cole was the Horizon League Cross Country Women's Athlete of the Year, the first time a Penguin has received this honor.

Cole also won the individual Horizon League Cross Country Championship title, becoming the first woman to do so.

School records were set all around as Christopher broke the 8k record and Easterling broke the 10k record.

Head coach Brian Gorby was named the Men's Horizon League Coach of the Year, marking his third time earning the honor.

Cross country may be over, but the teams will still be in action as the track & field team's season is on the horizon as it hosts the YSU Icebreaker presented by Southwoods Health on Dec. 2 in the Watson and Tressel Training Site.

Check back next week for an inside look into the Track & Field seasons' start.



Penguins fall short of playoffs.

Photo by Elizabeth Coss / The Jambar



# Magestro's career night helps end losing skid

By Kyle Wills  
The Jambar

After losing its last two road games to the University of Akron, Nov. 18, and Western Michigan University, Nov. 22, the Youngstown State University women's basketball team snapped its three-game losing skid in front of the home fans at the Beeghly Center on Nov. 26.

Youngstown State sent the crowd home elated after defeating St. Francis College 70-41.

The Penguins struggled offensively in their previous matchups, unable to shoot above 32% from the field. However, they shot more efficiently against the Terriers, shooting 42.1% from the floor and 46.4% from 3-point range.

Head coach John Barnes said with the women building off the team's momentum, numerous players thrived in clutch moments.

"It was definitely nice to see the lid come off the basket a little bit for us. We've all been a little frustrated with our shooting. I felt like we've got nice looks, but they just haven't been going in. Today, we started off making a few and it was contagious, and a lot of players stepped up and made big shots," Barnes said.

The shooting struggles continued for Youngstown State to start the game, as it missed its first four shots and fell 7-0 early to St. Francis Brooklyn. However, two

made free throws from sophomore Tenleigh Phelps sparked the Penguin offense to a 10-point run. After taking the lead at the end of the first quarter, Youngstown State never trailed.

Junior Malia Magestro helped put the Penguins in front with six points in the opening quarter, draining two 3-pointers, while sixth-year senior Megan Callahan added her own 3-point shot.

The second and third quarters were all Youngstown State as it outscored St. Francis Brooklyn 45-15 in the middle periods.

In the second, the Penguins made their first six 3-point attempts, with Magestro and Callahan each draining three to lead them to a 24-point second quarter. The women also had four steals in the periods with senior Mady Aulbach having two.

In the third period, fifth-year senior Lilly Ritz was hot from the floor, making three field goals. Senior Paige Shy denied the Terriers the ball with two steals, and added four points.

Youngstown State was great from beyond the 3-point arc in the contest as 13 of its 28 shots were able to fall. It also generated 12 offensive rebounds, leading to 19 second-chance points.

Defensively, the Penguins held the Terriers to just 30.6% shooting, along with forcing 17 turnovers, resulting in 26 points off turnovers.

Magestro finished the game with a career-high 24 points, shooting 9-of-16 from the floor and 6-of-12 from behind the 3-point arc. Callahan wasn't far behind with 16 points, making nearly every shot, draining five-of-seven from the field with all five makes from 3-point range.

Magestro said with inconsistencies on offense, the victory was a cornerstone with Horizon League play coming up.

"We definitely needed this as a team. We've been struggling obviously from shooting, which normally isn't a thing for YSU, so we've just needed to find our game and we knew it'd come eventually. So, this is really good for our confidence going into conference play," Magestro said.

Callahan said with conference play on the horizon, the win helped get the team back on track.

"It was definitely light at the end of the tunnel. I feel like we had a good week [of practice] and that is a big spark going into conference play, which is what we needed," Callahan said.

The women's basketball team will be back on the road for a two-game stint when it takes on Northern Kentucky University at 7 p.m. Dec. 2 and Wright State University at 4 p.m. Dec. 4. Both games can be listened to on 570 WKBN or watched on ESPN+.

# Men's basketball cruises to a 5-2 start

By John Ostapowicz  
The Jambar

The Youngstown State University men's basketball team continued its five-game road stretch with the first 5-2 start since the 2013-14 season.

The Penguins traveled to Annapolis, Maryland to take on the University of California, San Diego and The United States Naval Academy in the MTE Classic at Alumni Hall Nov. 19 and 20.

Youngstown State kicked off the tournament with a win against the Tritons, 73-54, and marked head coach Jared Calhoun's 200th win of his career, moving him into fourth place in program history with 76 wins.

"You go back to year one, then six, then you see the changes not only in the win total, but in the way our community looks

at our program and the rest of the league with the players we have," Calhoun said.

Within the game, four players reached double figures, which was led by senior Dwayne Cohill and graduate student Bryce McBride. The pair went to work with Cohill putting up 18 and McBride with 16.

With the win, Youngstown State headed into Nov. 20 for the first-ever meeting against Navy, but fell short, 80-67.

Despite the loss, graduate student Malek Green scored his 1,000th career point and five players crept into double digits. Amongst the team, junior Shemar Rathan-Mayes led the way with 15 points along with graduate student Adrian Nelson recording a double-double with 10 points and 12 rebounds.

"It was good, I played a lot of basketball." Green said. "It is a big achieve-

ment, but it is what it is."

For the first time in 21 years, the Penguins traveled to Macomb, Illinois on Nov. 26 to take on their former Mid-Continent Conference opponent, Western Illinois University.

The 33rd meeting between the two saw Youngstown State defeating the former conference opponent, 88-64. The Penguins' last win against Western Illinois was 59-58, Jan. 27, 2000.

Offensively, Green tied a season-high with 21 points on 9-of-13 shooting from the paint. Nelson also contributed by posting his fifth double-double of the season with 11 points and 11 rebounds. He also recorded a personal best five steals.

To round out the Penguins long road stretch, Ethan Faulkner has been named associate head coach of the men's basket-

ball team in his fourth season. Faulkner has aided the Penguins in 55 victories over his tenure within the program.

The Penguins started conference play against Northern Kentucky University, Dec. 1, at BB&T Arena in Highland Heights, Kentucky. This is the 25th meeting between Youngstown State and Northern Kentucky, dating back to 1976.

Youngstown State looks to put a dent in the all-time series record, which the Norse owns, 14-10. For more information and stats on the game, check out [ysusports.com](http://ysusports.com).

The men's basketball team looks to finish its five-game road stretch with a conference win against Wright State University, Dec. 4. The Raiders currently sit atop of the Horizon League standings at 5-2.



# Bowling pins fall-la-la-la

By Cameron Stubbs  
The Jambar

The Youngstown State University bowling team made the trip north to Kenosha, Wisconsin to participate in the MOTIV Ladyjack Classic hosted by Stephen F. Austin State University Nov. 11 to 13, then headed to Millsboro, Delaware to participate in their final fall tournament at the Eastern Shore Hawk Classic hosted by the University of Maryland on Nov. 18 to 20.

After finishing runner-up in the MOTIV Penguin Classic and the DezyStrong Classic, the No. 9 ranked Penguins came into Wisconsin looking to improve on their stellar start.

Day One opened with five Baker matches. The opening match was dropped to the No. 2 ranked Vanderbilt University 1,149-915.

Following the loss, the Penguins proceeded with four straight wins including wins against No. 20 ranked Lewis University 1,026-901 and No. 18 ranked University of Wisconsin-Whitewater 983-840.

Juniors Kirsten Moore, Madyson Marx and sophomore Jade Côté led the way, participating in each match.

Day Two saw a slate of ranked opponents, as the Penguins progressed to 3-2 on the day.

Wins over the No. 4 ranked Stephen F. Austin Lumberjacks, No. 6 ranked Arkansas State University and No. 25 ranked Newman University came on the backs of five Penguins who finished in the top 30 of individual performances.

Leading the way was Moore, who finished in eighth place on the day with 1,115 total pins. Following her was Marx in 15th with 1,072 pins and sophomore Madison Doseck in 16th place with 1,067 pins.

Sophomore Lyndsay Ennis finished in 26th with 1,025 pins and Côté rounded out the top 30 with 992 pins.

Day Three Baker Matches started off with wins against Carthage College and North Central University, followed by losses to top ranked Mckendree University and No. 3 ranked University of Nebraska-Lincoln in a 4-0 sweep in a best-of-seven Baker.

Overall, the Penguins finished in sixth place among 14 teams for the three-day tournament.

Moore commented on the team's energy for the season as it has tried new methods to improve

play.

"Something that we're trying to stress this year is good team energy," Moore said. "Last year, we had a couple tournaments where we had bad team energy and it really affected our results negatively, so this year we are trying to stay together as a team, cheer each other on and just be a better team overall."

The energy was on full display as the Penguins then headed to Millsboro, Delaware to participate in their final fall tournament at the Eastern Shore Hawk Classic.

The tournament began with a three-win day for the Penguins as No. 11 ranked Mount St. Mary's University, Mercyhurst University and Wilmington University all fell to the Penguins.

No. 7 ranked North Carolina Agricultural and Technical State University handed Youngstown State its lone loss on the day 988-896.

Day Two of the tournament saw improvement as the Penguins accomplished a 4-1 record.

Wins over No. 13 ranked Duquesne University and the No. 14 ranked Hawks started the day off. The lone loss came from No. 19 ranked Morgan State University in a low scoring 833-781 match.

The Penguins bounced back, beating Monmouth University and Saint Francis University to claim sixth place overall.

Day Three was the best day for the Penguins as they cruised to a 3-0 record on the day versus ranked opponents.

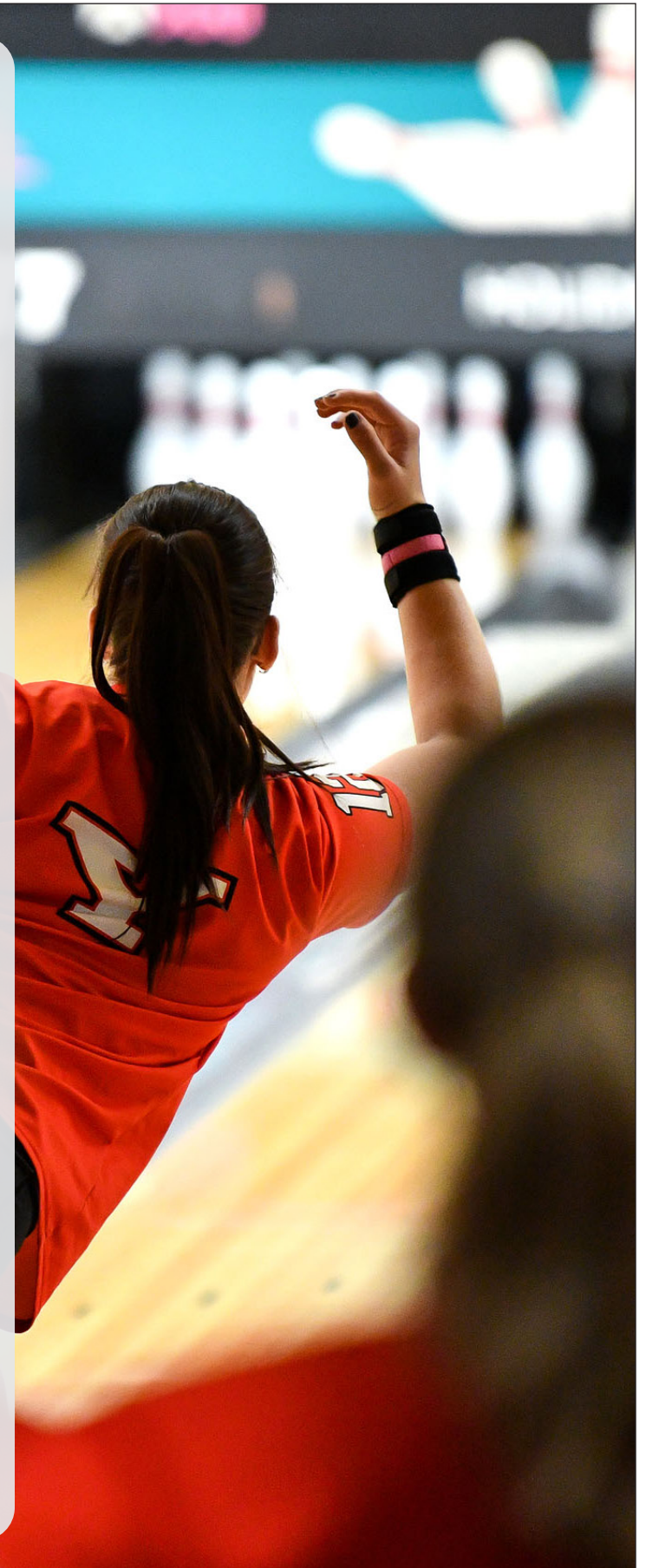
Knocking off No. 5 ranked Sam Houston State University, No. 12 Delaware State University and No. 10 Fairleigh Dickinson University in best-of-seven Baker matches, the Penguins slid into a third place finish among 18 teams.

Head coach Doug Kuberski commented on the performance of the first half of the season.

"Consistency, we're really focused on that this year," Kuberski said. "We're not focusing on the score so much, it's really our process and our work day in, and day out and I'm really proud of our group for doing that."

The Penguins, ranked 7th in the nation, will not return to action until next semester Jan. 20, 2023, at the Northeast Classic in Deptford, New Jersey hosted by Long Island University and Sacred Heart University.

For updates, live stats and more on the tournament, visit [ysusports.com](http://ysusports.com).



Madyson Marx bowled in the MOTIV Ladyjack Classic.

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