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Fire crews battle fire at Ward Beecher Planetarium.

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Fire on the first day

By Elizabeth Coss
The Jambar

The first day back for students at Youngstown State University saw classes canceled in Ward Beecher Hall after a fire broke out around 12:30 p.m.

Roofing crews were attempting to patch the lower part of Ward Beecher Planetarium's roof with a torch when a fire became uncontrolled.

YSU personnel evacuated the building when the fire broke out, and students and faculty were notified with email and text alerts as the Youngstown Fire Department responded.

According to YFD's Battalion Chief, Jimmy Drummond, fire crews initially struggled to get to the fire because of the metal roof.

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Students and staff react to planetarium fire

By Molly Burke
The Jambar

When the Ward Beecher Planetarium roof caught fire Jan. 9 around 12:30 p.m., the new semester changed for many students and staff going forward at Youngstown State University.

For some, the fire at the planetarium meant a change of work scenery. Director at the Ward Beecher Planetarium, Patrick Durrell, was inside his office in Ward Beecher Hall when the fire started. He said the planetarium will most likely shut down for the foreseeable future.

"We haven't tried to attempt any of the systems, but certainly the dome itself was damaged," Durrell said. "It's not like these are regular off-the-shelf parts. These are custom computers and projectors, special projectors and things like that. It's not easy fixes."

As a professor of physics and astronomy, Durrell teaches many classes in the planetarium. The damage not only changed his teaching environment, but Durrell said the fire was difficult to see.

"It just kills me," Durrell said. "We've done what we can over the years to make one of the best planetariums in the entire region, and it's just heartbreaking to see."

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“It was just hard getting to it and getting a hole cut in the metal roof from the outside, and try to get [the fire] before it ran up, but it had already run up vertically by the time we got here. We were able to hold it from the east side of the planetarium,” Drummond said.

Drummond also said damage was extensive to the building’s exterior and an outsourced company will work on evaluating what remains.

“Probably millions of dollars worth of electronics and stuff inside there. We covered all the projectors that we could with tarps and plastic ... they got a company coming out now to patch the roof and to at least cover it for a night before repairs can start,” Drummond said.

Fire crews have since removed most of the damaged roof on the planetarium’s east side. Both YSU police and the Youngstown Police Department were on the scene.

A class was in progress with almost 90 students at the time, and at least five classes were scheduled to be taught in the planetarium. There were no injuries.

Curt Spivey, the engineer for the planetarium, said he’s worried about the damage the planetarium’s interior may have sustained.

“The good news is, it appears our two major systems, our star-ball and video system, they appear to be pretty much intact,” Spivey said. “The bad news is, we’re not 100% sure if the dome can be



YFD's Jimmy Drummond pointing to removed roof.

Photo by Elizabeth Coss / The Jambar

saved. It’s 55-years-old, it took a lot of water damage. If the dome has to come down and be replaced, we could be down for quite a while.”

Spivey said most of the equipment inside was salvaged, but the roof will need to be completely redone, and because the dome sustained heavy damage, the planetarium is looking at companies to replace the current one.

ServPro will be cleaning smaller issues inside the building such as water damage and debris. Seats, carpets and lighting equipment will likely be replaced because of heavy water damage.

The planetarium and its dome were built in 1967 and went under renovations in 2006 and 2017. Spivey said all plan-

etarium events will be postponed until further notice.

“Our public schedule is a wash now for a while, and we were just getting back. We lost a lot of our schedule last January due to Omicron, this January we have a fire,” Spivey said. “We’re very disappointed in what this means for the Mahoning Valley.”

Students were notified classes would resume in Ward Beecher Hall the following day, Jan. 10, but the Jones Hall loading dock and disability spaces will remain closed for approximately one week.

Alternate locations for students with classes in the planetarium have been arranged and are expected to be back in person by Jan. 13.

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Low: 31°F	Low: 23°F	Low: 19°F	Low: 28°F	Low: 41°F	Low: 35°F	Low: 36°F
Chance of precip: 96%	Chance of precip: 90%	Chance of precip: 0%	Chance of precip: 3%	Chance of precip: 10%	Chance of precip: 55%	Chance of precip: 55%



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Rain



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The multimedia center at Maag library, which stored vinyl, CDs and DVDs, was also downsized after its subject specialist retired.

Photo courtesy of Rebecca Moore

An end to a historial lens

By Christopher Gillett
The Jambar

The William F. Maag Jr. Library will be phasing out its microform collections after the spring 2023 semester because of low interest, staff retirements and expenses. Microforms are historical documents that have been copied onto technological photographs. They can come in film-looking reels called microfilm or flat plastic-gridded sheets called microfiche.

Microforms hold old newspapers, literature, advertisements and government records. Many items stored in Maag's microform collections are already found at other institutions and in other mediums. Christine Adams, a co-director and the head of academic research and support at Maag Library, said that other academic and public libraries are phasing out their collections.

"We speak monthly — in meetings — with other academic library deans and directors from all the other Ohio institutions, and we have discussed this with them," Adams said. "They all have significantly cut their microfilm because they all say it is not used. It is not what students today are used to dealing with."

Interest in microforms at Maag has been low for the last few fiscal years. The 2019-2020 year was the high-

est with 24 questions on microforms. The current fiscal year has only seen one microform question for the library.

Alongside struggling to garner interest, Maag's microform librarian and subject specialist retired. Rebecca Moore, the manager of information literacy and assessment at Maag library, said the library has had trouble with staff shortages.

"The loss of every person here is really difficult," Moore said. "Staffing has really, really gone down. It can be difficult just to keep the building open sometimes. Whenever someone retires it's a big deal for us."

Ana Torres, a co-director and the head of library services and operations at Maag, said the microform equipment's age makes upkeep expensive.

"The equipment is older, so the concern is also the replacement costs of the equipment," Torres said. "The public library, who we collaborate with, has much better equipment, more equipment and they have dedicated staff."

The last time the library spent money on the microforms collection was 2016, and cost around \$12,000. Moore said downsizing is important to any library.

"Weeding collection development is a major part of the health of any library. Things come in. Things go out.

We don't have room for everything," Moore said. "Another chore would be to go through and see how much of that stuff has been migrated into the database and is therefore redundant."

The current microforms will be donated to other libraries and organizations when the time comes. The most commonly used microfilm collections are the New York Times and the Vindicator, which are also at the Public Library of Youngstown and the Mahoning Valley. Students can still request items at Maag through inter-library loans.

Many of the historical documents are also found through other online and physical mediums. Despite that, Moore said she thought that information could be lost when using the internet.

"I just hate to rely on a private company's largesse for all our information," Moore said. "[With] microfilm, the entire page is here, the advertisement, the pictures [and] everything that's in a newspaper is faithfully duplicated right here."

Until the end of the semester, the Microform collections can be viewed on the third floor of the William F. Maag Jr. Library. Any questions can be directed to Torres and Adams at their emails, amtorres02@ysu.edu and cmadams02@ysu.edu respectively.

Gen Ed expansion at YSU

By **Natalie Lasky**
The Jambar

Youngstown State University is restructuring the general education program, with the intent of implementing a General Education certification program by fall 2024.

The new Gen Ed program will allow students to not only graduate with a major and minor, but also earn certificates in different fields of study after completing required courses.

Certificates can be earned in any subject, as long as the course proposal receives approval from the university.

The Gen Ed program will also be designed to help undecided students find a major or minor of interest, without the need of changing majors or minors to be eligible for a course they want to take and allow certificates to be used for more than resume building.

Leadership is one potential field students could get a certificate in. To receive the certificate, students complete courses like a regular degree track requires.

The YSU Academic Senate Committee has been working with Provost Brien Smith and Associate Provost Jennifer Pintar, ensuring both faculty and students'

questions or concerns are addressed. Smith said that some students may not understand why certain Gen Ed courses exist.

"At [an] institution, the Gen Ed program should be part of a program that's set to accomplish a set of goals," Smith said. "What you find over time [in] all institutions, there tends to be a little bit of mission creep in Gen Ed, so over time it becomes less and less obvious to the students why [they are] even taking these Gen Ed classes."

Pintar said the program is a result of one of four resolutions that the board of trustees passed.

"This is a compilation of board of trustee resolutions that tie in with our plan for strategic actions to take charge of our future," Pintar said. "What we established earlier in this fall, was [that] university-wide learning outcomes is what we call the onset of university learning outcomes, and that was passed by [the] Academic Senate, and from that, we have strategies revised [to the] general education requirement, to reflect those learning outcomes that were approved by Senate."

Faculty are encouraged to submit course proposals they want added to a certificate program.

Unlike the current Gen Ed program, courses offered for each certificate will be revised annually, putting stu-

dents in control of what courses will be approved to stay, or be replaced by another course, according to Pintar.

General Education Coordinator of the General Education Program and Head of the Academic Senate Committee, Adam Earnhardt, presented the program's proposal at YSU's December Town Hall meeting in Kilcawley's Presidential Suite. Earnhardt said some transferable credits, when switching schools, could affect the eligibility for a certificate.

"Whatever happens to be [an] important certificate on, our understanding is they cannot be awarded the certificate by us, and they didn't complete the work here. So, now if they came here without that completed, they have to take a few additional Gen Ed courses here," Earnhardt said

If a student has completed the original course required for the certificate elsewhere, they can opt to take the next course relevant to the one already completed at a different university, in order to obtain YSU's certificate, according to Pintar.

Certificate course proposals are currently open for submission, the programs and courses will be listed by Feb. 17. More information can be found regarding the proposed certification program at YSU's Gen Ed Program website.



YSU Academic Senate Committee gather to discuss the new General Education program.

Photo by Natalie Lasky / The Jambar

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Whether it's for recreational enjoyment or a place of learning, the Youngstown community has frequented the planetarium since its opening over 50 years ago. Curt Spivey, the planetarium's engineer, said it brings crowds every year.

"The planetarium does bring close to 15,000 people to campus every year for our public shows and school tours, so hopefully we'll be able to rebuild and get right back to supporting Mahoning Valley," Spivey said.

According to several students, the fire created a stressful first day to the spring semester.

Kevin Otero, a sophomore mechanical engineering major, was in class across from the planetarium when

the fire alarm went off. He said at first he thought it was a drill, so he left his belongings inside.

"I did see a friend of mine come out of the planetarium coughing like crazy, and I knew it was a pretty serious situation. I got a little concerned because I left all my stuff in there and there's potential for the building to burn down. But thankfully, I know one of my peers was with me on the way out and saw my friend come safely out of the planetarium," Otero said.

Junior physics and astronomy major, Amanda Keaton, said she was down the hall from the fire when it started.

"I worked in the planetarium last semester. So, when I saw that it was smoking and on fire, it was kind of nerve wracking because it was a big part of my life for a year," Keaton said. "It would be nice to see that open up again

and get some donations and money coming in for the planetarium because it is a really big part of our major."

Alessandra Montanez, a junior business administration major, arrived at the scene when the fire broke out. She said she wished the fire hadn't happened.

"I've definitely gone to some classes [at the planetarium] with my friends because I love astronomy and the planetarium is honestly one of the greatest resources we have here on campus," Montanez said. "I just hope and pray that everybody's okay and it's not too much damage."

Ward Beecher Hall reopened for students on Jan. 10, but it's still uncertain what the future will be for the Ward Beecher Planetarium as it will remain closed until further notice. For more updates, head to the planetarium's Facebook page.



Damage is visible inside and outside of the planetarium.



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GETTING BACK TO IT



Spring semester starts for YSU students, staff and faculty.

Photo by Samantha Smith / The Jambar

Students spring into new semester

By **Cassandra Lucyk and Samantha Smith**
The Jambar

With the new year beginning, the spring semester at Youngstown State University has begun and students have expressed excitement for the semester.

Cadin Tsvetkoff, a freshman majoring in mechanical engineering, said how she felt being back on campus.

"I'm very excited. I've been looking forward to being back [on campus]. It's comfortable being here and I enjoy it. I look forward to it every day," Tsvetkoff said.

Carter Cook, a freshman telecommunications major, said he was looking forward to the new semester.

"I feel great about being back. I think every semester is a new opportunity to learn stuff and meet new people and it's great here. It's a great environment," Cook said.

Junior mathematics major, Nathaniel Willison, said this semester feels back to normal with people being back on campus again.

"Now that things are kind of in swing and, you know, a lot of people are back on campus. Like, classes are

back on campus after the last couple years, so it's pretty nice to get to see a bunch of old friends and have a good time," Willison said.

While students adjusted to being back on campus, events planned by Student Activities were held during the first week of classes. Carolyn Jesko, assistant director of programming for Student Activities, explained the events for the beginning of Welcome Week.

"Monday [Student Activities was] planning just a welcome back coffee and breakfast in the lower arcade for students just to kind of create a welcoming environment," Jesko said. "Tuesday, the one event that we're doing is like The Price is Right: College Edition in The Hub that students can participate in."

Jesko continued detailing the other events throughout Welcome Week including the Student Organization Fair, a live panel and a silent disco.

"Wednesday is the Student Organization Fair, which is a great opportunity to learn about student organizations," Jesko said. "Thursday, we will have our Martin Luther King [Jr.] observance, kind of celebration in

The Hub ongoing, throughout the day. We'll have kind of a live podcast style panel where we're collaborating with Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion on the impact of Dr. Martin Luther King [Jr.] ... and Friday the 13th, we have a silent disco."

Students can attend each event for free. The Silent Disco will be held from 6 p.m. to 9 p.m., Jan. 13, in The Hub.

Kathy Leeper, associate director of Kilcawley Center, said the number of students participating in Welcome Week events have grown.

"It seems like people have been really interested in coming out to things this year, compared to years in the past," Leeper said. "People are increasing their willingness to come out more and more, and this fall, I just feel like people were really engaged and interested."

For more information about Welcome Week events and upcoming events, visit YSU's events webpage or visit the Penguin Experience's Instagram.

Honors college receives recognition

By **Samantha Smith**
The Jambar

Youngstown State University's Sokolov Honors College has been recognized by the National Collegiate Honors Council for its Transcribe-a-thon, partnered with the University of Texas at Arlington, in February 2022.

The Transcribing Club was formed to transcribe older documents and preserve their original grammar and language. It also acts to review transcribed documents and make sure they are correct while preserving historical documents for future viewing or research.

Mollie Hartup, director of the Sokolov Honors College, said she heard during a previous NCHC conference, another college was also working with transcribing and discussed working together to create a joint Transcribe-a-thon held last year.

"Our students and other students across the country got together on a WebEx [meeting] to transcribe. Julie [Centofanti] really coordinated all of that, worked with the professional staff there,

got their students up to speed in addition to ours, many of which have never transcribed before, and all of that was a result of the connections made and the support provided from NCHC," Hartup said.

Julie Centofanti, founder of the Transcribing Club, said what the recognition means for both the university and the honors college.

"Just to be honored at that level is just so amazing for the honors college because we've done so many wonderful things here. I don't think [the Transcribing Club] could've done it without the support of the honors college. Just being recognized at the level that Youngstown State has these opportunities and we have these kind of things here at YSU," Centofanti said.

With the NCHC recognition, the honors college is also making efforts for the university to be recognized by the Carnegie Foundation Designation.

For a university to achieve this title, it must submit an application showing its contribution toward community engagement. Amy Cossentino, associate provost

and dean of the Sokolov Honors College, said this is a goal the college has recently been working toward and said what efforts the college is making to achieve this.

"The first phase was the on-boarding of Penguin Pulse," Cossentino said. "Through Penguin Pulse, that's one of the strategies. If you look through our strategic plan, you look at the goal and strategies underneath, one of the things is that we need to inventory all of the

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founder of the Transcribing Club

ways we are engaged in the community."

Cossentino said these strategies and steps will lead the college to be able to submit the application. She said there has been a community engagement council to help with the process.

"The Carnegie application is a very lengthy process and we decided it was to create a community engagement council," Cossentino said. "They are using the 2024 Carnegie application as the guide to do the self study. We are right now in the process of gathering all the data to inform that self study."

Cossentino said the university will be applying for the 2026 cycle and will let the Carnegie Foundation know it is applying in 2024. She said if the university receives this recognition, it will give it an element of distinction from other universities.

For information about Penguin Pulse, visit its website. For more information about the honors college, visit its website.

Valley honors Martin Luther King Jr.

By **Brandon Cantwell**
The Jambar

In honor of Martin Luther King Jr. Day on Jan. 16, Youngstown State University's Office of Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion is working in conjunction with the community's MLK Planning Committee to support activities in the area.

There will be two programs hosted this year. The first program, Rev. Dr. Martin Luther King Jr.'s Annual Worship Service, will take place at 3:30 p.m. on Jan. 15, at Price Memorial African Methodist Episcopal, by the Rev. Amariah McIntosh.

The second program, the 40th Annual Martin Luther King Community Workshop, will take place the following day and run from 8:45 a.m. to 12:15 p.m. at First Presbyterian Church, 201 Wick Ave.

FBI Special Agent Gregory Nelson will be visiting from Cleveland to host the second event. The worship service will be livestreamed and both events are free and open to the public.

Penny Wells, a member of the MLK Planning Com-

mittee, said it is important for the Mahoning Valley to be involved in these events and Martin Luther King Jr. Day to appreciate what he accomplished.

"I think it's always good to pause and appreciate what has been accomplished, and especially the accomplishments of Martin Luther King [Jr.] and his legacy, but also the need for all of us to move on to work for social justice and to carry out his legacy," Wells said.

Wells also said the day represents more than honoring King, but reflects what can be done societally.

"[The holiday] means not just honoring him, but it means the need for all of us to take action and I think that's very important and there's always something that everyone can do to be involved in social change," Wells said.

Wells said students might be drawn to the events, particularly Monday's workshop, if they are interested in criminal justice or law, as Nelson will be discussing aspects of the criminal justice field.

The university will be hosting a Martin Luther King Jr. Discussion & Program on Jan. 12, from 10:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. in Kilcawley Center.

Black Student Union President, David Hughley III, said the holiday is important because he sees Martin Luther King Jr. as a nuanced character.

"[Martin Luther King Jr. has] such a nuanced personality. He definitely shows that as human beings we can definitely come together despite our differences," Hughley said. "In spite of, you know, insecurity, controversy, conflict, love is a very transcending thing and he tried to teach us that while he was here and lead as best as he could."

Hughley III said King's attributes and elements affect the Black Student Union.

"Dr. King is [a] very interesting and powerful individual, and his elements and aspects and attributes definitely come back to us at the Black Student Union and everyone in general," Hughley said. "I feel we can all learn from such a transcending individual like Dr. King."

For further information about the off-campus events, contact (330) 747-2125.



Student employees set up art exhibits for the spring 2023 semester.

Photo by Jazelle Artman and Shianna Gibbons / The Jambar

A new experience at McDonough

By Jazelle Artman and Shianna Gibbons
The Jambar

The McDonough Museum of Art is preparing for the spring 2023 semester with multiple lectures and art exhibits, one featuring the museum's first virtual reality exhibition.

The museum will host seven exhibitions. Lectures will be held throughout the semester by some artists featured in the exhibitions, as well as sponsored lectures from Youngstown State University's Department of Art. Two exhibitions will feature graduating art students at the end of the semester.

Claudia Berlinski, director of the McDonough Museum of Art, said numerous exhibits will be available for viewing soon, now that classes have begun.

"We do have a group exhibition and one of them [is] this semester, but it's themed, and so this semester, we're opening with five individual exhibitions on Jan. 20 from 5 to 7 p.m. and then that will run for six weeks," Berlinski said.

Berlinski said the virtual reality exhibit was curated by YSU art professor, Dana Sperry, called *The Possible Actuals: World Building and Landscape in Virtual Reality*, featuring artwork from Yvette Grant, Marie-Eve Levasseur and Amy Youngs.

"[It's] called *The Possible Actuals: World Building*

and *Landscape in Virtual Reality*. There will be TVs displaying what people can see in the headset, so people will be able to actually participate via the headsets and immerse themselves in the program," Berlinski said. "You can also watch while people are doing [immersive viewing], outsiders can watch, and these are specific artworks that were created by people."

The idea of a virtual reality exhibit was in the making before the COVID-19 pandemic. Sperry said they had to hold off because of the shared headsets for the exhibit.

"The thought of asking people to put on headsets seems weird and uncomfortable and it just felt like the first window of opportunity to sort of do that again," Sperry said.

Now that pandemic restrictions have relaxed, a virtual reality exhibit at McDonough was able to come to life. Sperry said there will be three separate stations, for the three different artists to experience a variety of artwork.

"There should be some pieces that are more interactive than others. So, like Yvette's, it's a sitting piece, so you sit with a headset [and] it's more of just looking and watching. Then, Levasseur's piece, [you'll] have to put sensors on your body," Sperry said.

Four other artists will be featured from Jan. 20 to March 4. Berlinski said artists are chosen in advance and through various methods such as word-of-mouth and social media.

"I have at least a couple of semesters planned out right now going forward and ideas moving forward from there. We will do an alumni exhibition over the summer," Berlinski said. "Sometimes I see artists exhibited at galleries or other museums, and I think that they would be great to have here for our students and community to see. Other times I find them on Instagram."

Berlinski said sometimes exhibitions follow themes, work well with other exhibitions or are relevant to current topics.

"This particular semester, we do have two artists who are focusing on ecological themes in their work and I saw that it's a little bit related to the virtual reality exhibition which is building worlds and there is an artist or two in that exhibition also who has ecologically minded pieces," Berlinski said.

For more information, times and dates about the artist, exhibits and lectures go to McDonough Museum of Art's website.

For a full list of this year's events, see pg. 13

Local high school students display artwork in Bliss Hall

By Jessica Stamp
The Jambar

From across Northeast Ohio counties, local high school art students engaged in the Scholastics Art contest. Their artwork was put on display in the Solomon Rae Gallery and on the fourth floor of Bliss Hall at Youngstown State University.

Josh MacMillan, Hubbard high school art teacher and Northeast Ohio Regional Coordinator for Scholastics, has been in charge of the program since 2019-2020. MacMillan hopes the contest gives students a sense of direction in their lives.

“The best thing I always take away from this is hopefully the recognition that some of the kids get hopefully that allows them to think, ‘Maybe I can do something with this,’” MacMillan said. “This gives them a little bit of direction.”

Scholastics is celebrating 100 years as an organization. The Youngstown community has been participating with Scholastics for about 60 years.

MacMillan said the Youngstown Foundation, Boardman Rotary Club and Akron Children’s Hospital make financial contributions and donations to the Scholastics organization, which allows teachers in the local area to

have 10 works and two portfolios for each student. The fees for submitting the work gets covered by donations rather than from the students themselves.

342 students from the Trumbull, Mahoning, Ashtabula and Columbiana counties submitted 509 pieces of artwork for the contest.

MacMillan, a YSU alum, said collaborating with the university means a lot to him and to the high school students participating in the contest because it allows the students to see YSU’s Department of Art and decide if they’d enjoy pursuing art in college.

Students from grades 7-12 were able to participate in the contest and could submit any type of art such as painting, drawing, film and photography.

This year, MacMillan found a local digital artist, local teacher and a YSU art professor to judge and rank the students’ artwork from a percentage of the three categories: technical ability, artistic expression and the artists’ personal vision for the art piece.

There are four awards students can win: honorable mention, silver key, gold key and American Visions Nominee.

An honorable mention is where a student shows a high level of skill, but not enough to win the next level. A silver key is a regional award of excellence. A gold key

is the best 7% of the artwork displayed in the show.

The gold key winners have their artwork moved onto a competition in New York where they get judged on a national level. The American Visions Nominee is the highest award in the show and students who receive the awards also get a gold key. The top five pieces of the show go on to compete at national level.

Junior Jase Roberts from Canfield High School, senior Molly Greco from Hubbard High School, senior Delaney Grubbs from Niles McKinley High School, sophomore Antonella Gennock and senior Thomas Hull from Ursuline High School, won a gold key and American Visions Nominee.

Greg Moring, associate dean and art professor at Cliffe College of Creative Arts and Communications, said it’s nice to have local high school students come to YSU to have their art pieces displayed because it gives university students an opportunity to interact with the high school students.

An award ceremony will take place at 11 a.m. on Jan. 28 in the Ford Theatre of Bliss Hall. The event will have speakers from YSU, Akron Children’s Hospital and Boardman Rotary Club to talk about the student’s accomplishments. The Butler Institute of American Art will have a small reception.



The Solomon Rae Gallery is decorated with high school students’ artwork for the Scholastics Art Exhibition.



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SETTING GOALS AND RESOLUTIONS



Youngstown State University encourages bypassers and students to have a successful spring semester.

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New year, new you, new YSU

By Molly Burke
The Jambar

The start of a new year has many Americans planning their goals for 2023, and Youngstown State University students are no exception.

Dina Fabry, fitness and wellness coordinator at the Andrews Student Recreation and Wellness Center, said that New Year's resolutions can help people make a change they want to see in their lives.

"We choose New Year's resolutions because we want to see change within ourselves. Maybe we want to change a bad habit that we've had for such a long time," Fabry said. "We want to set goals to make that change."

Last year, CBS News reported that 29% of Americans set out to make resolutions in 2022. Despite this, Forbes reported in 2019 that nearly 80% of people fail to honor their resolutions.

Because of the challenge of sustaining New Year's resolutions, Fabry said she is constantly setting new goals in her life.

"If we're so used to our routine, it's really difficult sometimes to step back and realize, 'I am going to have to do something out of the ordinary.' So, I think a lot of people use that New Year's resolution to then make

that change and hopefully sustain it too," Fabry said. "My New Year's resolution is to try to always set goals and achieve them throughout my whole life."

Common goals people have are to make new friends, learn a new skill or hit the gym. Freshman forensic science major, Sovi Phy, said she wanted to branch out more in 2023.

"I joined a sorority and [the members] are all really cool, and I think I'd like to get to know them better and become better friends with them," Phy said.

Valeria Young, a freshman pre-nursing major, said she had a few resolutions in mind.

"I definitely need to go to the gym. I need to get in shape for sports and I've been slacking," Young said. "I'm trying to teach myself sign language."

A graduate student in the criminal justice program, Stephen Patrick, said he wants to work on getting in shape.

"Since 2018, I've lost about 140 pounds, and it has just been a big goal of mine to get in the best shape possible," Patrick said. "My main goal for 2023 is to try to get a seven minute mile in."

Patrick said he encourages everyone to never give up on their goals.

"Don't ever give up on anything, on your dreams, on your goals, because I mean, even if it's something like

getting healthy, I'm a witness to myself. I was literally 320 pounds. I felt like nothing could work for me," Patrick said. "I kept at it for years and here I am. I'm the healthiest I've ever been in my life."

Jordan Pintar, a sophomore philosophy and anthropology major, said she wanted to go to the Rec Center more.

"I've started really getting into working out kind of both as a way to get healthier and to manage stress. So I really enjoy the anaerobic fitness room that they have and also the little yoga classes that they offer during the day," Pintar said. "I started working on [going to the Rec Center more] this past month and I wanted to make it an official goal for 2023."

For those seeking help with their fitness goals in 2023, Fabry said there are many resources at the Rec Center.

"We actually offer personal training, where a personal trainer will take you out in the facility and show you how to operate equipment," Fabry said. "We do have Group X classes. You can go to as many of those as you'd like. Or you could just come in here and work out on your own. You can simply walk on the treadmill for a bit, play basketball or climb the rock wall."

For more information on Campus Recreation, head to its website.

Speedo Agreedo living ‘The Dream’

By Henry Shorr
The Jambar

Speedo Agreedo has been playing shows in Youngstown since 2016. After years of work, they have put out their first album. The self-titled album “Speedo Agreedo” released Dec. 7, 2022.

Mike Leko, a senior accounting major at Youngstown State University, started the band in 2016 with friend and bassist Mike Wagner. Wagner explained how the band started as Leko’s outlet for music he wrote.

“This is all Mike Leko. Like, he wrote all of this music. This is his baby, you know what I mean? Like, I just got mad love for my boy,” Wagner said. “We’ve played together, had been working on music together, and when he came to me — it was probably 2016 — to say he needed a bass player for his band. I basically picked up the bass when I didn’t play bass before.”

While the band has been playing shows locally since 2016, the current iteration of Speedo Agreedo has been playing together since 2018 when Kenny Orf took over on drums.

Leko said their first album was a project that took years to finish. They started recording before 2018, prior to Orf joining them and have spent the past few years mixing and mastering the record.

“[We started] probably, like, a year and a half into our existence. We had all the songs and then yeah, we started recording then,” Leko said. “It took us about a year and a half ... and, you know, the mixing and the mastering probably didn’t take as much time as we took to do it, but it’s done now.”

“Speedo Agreedo” is a 12-song album including songs like “Brother,” “Gone Fishin’,” and “Hot Shot.”

Leko, Wagner and Orf all said they love all of their music but each said they had different favorite songs to play. Leko said he likes playing “Hot Shot” and “Call Me” because they are newer songs and still novel to him.

Orf said he loves to play “Brother” on stage and Wagner said “Creepin” is his favorite.

“I start off [“Creepin’] live with, you know, just a little riffing. And so there’s a lot of powerful stuff that goes on that isn’t on the album,” Wagner said. “My favorite song to listen to is “Hot Shot,” without a doubt. Funnily

enough, I had nothing to do with it being the first track released.”

Leko is already thinking about the future of the band and what their next steps are. He said they are already looking toward their next release.

“[We’ll] start working on album number two. Like we got a bunch of songs already, like, in our set that we play that aren’t on the record and then we got some that are still, like, being written and everything and being worked on,” Leko said.

Orf added they are throwing around the idea of their next album being a live album.

As for what lies beyond their next album, Leko said he’s not too concerned with planning so far ahead.

“I don’t know. I mean, like, it’s all very fleeting. Life is very, you know — I’m just happy to be taking it one day [at a time]. I’m not a long-term guy,” Leko said.

Speedo Agreedo’s album is available to be streamed on Spotify and Apple Music. It will play its next show at Westside Bowl with the band Sedona on Jan. 14.



Speedo Agreedo performs in Westside Bowl’s basement.

Photo by Henry Shorr / The Jambar

The Jambar Column

Henry's favorite things

I've been living in Youngstown for over a year now. I grew up in Columbus but my entire family hails from the Mahoning Valley. My great-grandfather was the Warner Brothers' driver and my grandfather — my namesake, Henry Shorr I — was a family doctor in Youngstown for decades.

In 2021, when I needed a change of scenery and to finish my college degree, I decided to reconnect with my family roots and come up to Youngstown. I was nervous at first, having only visited fleetingly throughout my life and uprooting my comfortable life in the capital.

It was the best decision I've ever made. I have fallen in love with this city. Between the topography of the Valley and the beautiful green spaces, the friendly people who live here and the food (oh my god, the food), I have found a great landing spot.

I want to start by talking about how truly flat the greater Columbus area is. My mom had an office on the 18th floor of a building in downtown Columbus. When I would visit her, I would look out the window and I could literally see for miles. The landscape is nonexistent and that's what I'm used to.

Moving up here, next to the foothills of the Allegheny mountains, has given me something to look at every day. Even just driving down Interstate 680 and seeing the levels this city has makes me smile. And I won't even get into how much I love Mill Creek MetroParks and all of the other beautiful natural spaces in the Valley. That needs its own column.

Let's talk about the food in this city. I'm sure I'm beating a dead horse but holy cannoli (Mocha House's to be specific), the food in this city is out of this world.

I dated a woman from Youngstown



Henry Shorr

while I was living in Columbus and she would always remark on how the food in Youngstown is generally better than in other places in Ohio. My elitist, Columbus brain could not believe that could possibly be true. Boy, have

I been proven wrong.

Not only does this city have some of the best Italian food I've had in America, it has some of the best food from different cultures and ethnicities I've tried in a long time. It stands as a testament to how diverse Youngstown is.

If you want good Mexican food, there's Plaza Mexicana on the West Side. If you want good Indian food, Shagri La has you covered. Do you like East Asian cuisine? Check out Golden Hunan or Izumi. You can't throw a shoe in this town without hitting something good to eat and I love it.

Finally, the thing that really has cemented this place as a home to me are the people who live here. There is a mixture of Midwestern hospitality and east-coast individualism in this town that makes it a place unlike any I've lived.

People make things here. They run businesses and help others. But not just that, people talk to you here. I can't tell you the number of times I've sat at West-side Bowl after a full day and left with a new acquaintance. People talk to each other and share their lives and stories. It makes my job as a journalist much easier, to be honest.

In closing: Youngstown, I love you. Thanks for being so welcoming to an outsider who wants to call this city home.

The Jambar Editorial

More than a game

While teams play to win, a shocking moment caught on live television saw Buffalo Bills safety Damar Hamlin fighting for his life.

Hamlin, who was hospitalized following a game, was finally released Jan. 11 as thoughts and prayers continue to surround him.

The rallying of support for Hamlin has been a collected front from both football fans and people who've never seen a football game alike.

Hamlin, who went into cardiac arrest during the game versus the Cincinnati Bengals on Jan. 2, saw an overwhelming amount of support from the NFL and people from around the country.

The Chasing M's Foundation Community Toy Drive, which was founded by Hamlin back in 2020 before he began his NFL career, has seen an outpouring of donations in support of Hamlin and his interests.

The GoFundMe has surpassed \$8 million raised with many donors including a digit '3' in the amount to honor Hamlin's jersey number.

The unity behind Hamlin since his hospitalization has been uplifting, however questions about how such an accident can happen are to be determined.

Football stadiums, which can be known to host fights and be known for cheers, chants and loud volumes, were left silent in respect for a player.

Fans refused to leave until the game

was officially called off. One Cincinnati fan held a sign asking for prayers for #3. To see a sense of community between two opposing teams was scarily beautiful and vulnerable.

Even those who don't watch sports often, people's heartache of not knowing what could be next for Hamlin filled the country. Our hearts shattered watching videos looking for answers as to what happened on the field.

It was hard to not watch, not follow and not crave something. Every American sat and waited for more information, praying — even people who worshiped no denomination whatsoever prayed — for a player's life.

That unity was spread across stadiums and small towns alike and is something society often lacks. It's empathy in its rawest form and should be spread more often.

The NFL will not resume the Buffalo game against Cincinnati and has approved NFL clubs to demonstrate support for Hamlin's recovery.

Teams and leagues decorated fields, held moments of support, wore dedicated pregame shirts and allowed Bills players to sport '3's' on their jerseys and helmets during games.

Now that he has been released, a sense of relief washes over the NFL, its fans and viewers from across the country as they can now await Hamlin's return to the field.

Quote of the Week

"'Tis a long way further than Knighton,
A quieter place than Clun,
Where doomsday may thunder and lighten
And little 'twill matter to one."

— A.E. Housman
British Poet

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McDonough Schedule of Events

- Exhibits featured from Jan. 20 to March 4, 2023:
 - The Possible Actuals: World Building and the Landscape in Virtual Reality Curated by Dana Sperry, featuring Yvette Granata, Marie-Eve Levasseur and Amy Youngs
 - Taryn McMahon: Watershed
 - Lori Kella: Shifting Ground
 - Mark Keffer: Oscillation Drills
 - Amanda D. King: Root Matter Curated By Amber N. Ford
- McDonough Artist Talk: Lori Kella, Wednesday, Jan. 25, 5:10 p.m.
- Pipino Performing Arts Series: Diderot Quartet, Sunday, Jan. 29, 3 p.m. (ticketed event)
- Black History Month Lecture: Tazim and Dr. Nazim Jaffer, Wednesday Feb. 1, 6 p.m.
- Department of Art Lecture Series: Andrea Myers, Wednesday, Feb. 8, 5:10 p.m.
- Beecher Lecture Series: Yvette Granata, Monday, Feb. 13, 5:10 p.m.

News Brief

COVID-19 cases rise as students return to Ohio campuses The Jambar

Ohio saw an uptick in COVID-19 cases this past week, with an increase from 13,047 to 13,895 reported.

According to the Ohio Department of Health, hospitalizations in the state are also on the rise over a three-week period, going from 666 cases to 709 cases, reported Jan. 5.

The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention listed Mahoning, Trumbull and Columbiana counties at a high community level.

Mercer County in Pennsylvania is also listed as high.

Community level is determined by newly reported COVID-19 cases in a county as well as hospital admissions.

The CDC encourages mask usage, social distancing and self-monitoring for symptoms in areas with high community levels to slow the spread of the coronavirus.

Free at-home testing kits are available in Cushwa Hall. For more information, visit ysu.edu/coronavirus-information.

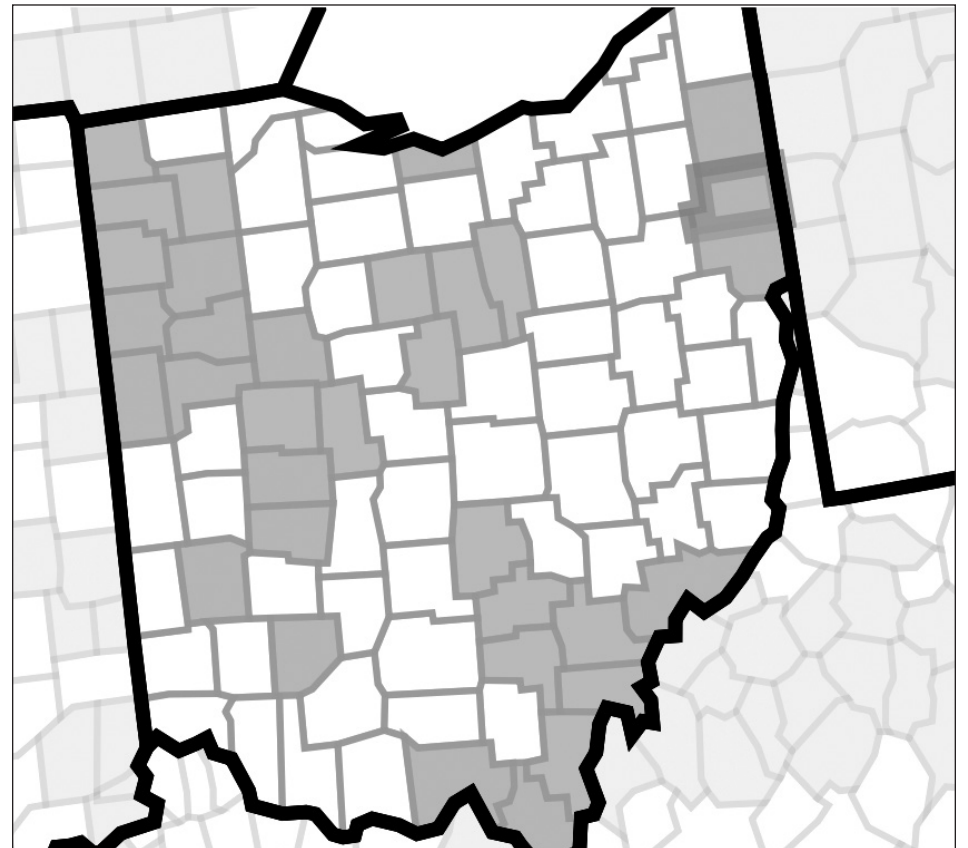


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RINSING THE COMPETITION



The swimming & diving team hosted Niagara University and Duquesne University.

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Diving back into action

By Elizabeth Coss
The Jambar

Coming off a hot showing at the College Swimming and Diving Coaches Association Open Water Championships in Biscayne, Florida, the Youngstown State University swimming & diving teams returned to action with consistency in mind.

The Penguins' diving team hosted Niagara University and Duquesne University on Jan. 5 in Beeghly Natatorium, their first time competing in home waters since November.

The men stole the show taking first in both diving events. Sophomore Ivan Iwanonkiw took first in the one-meter with 262.15 points and freshman Zachary Lao took first in the three-meter with 274.70 points. Lao said high scores come with time and hard work.

"I'm seeing that a lot of my harder dives I'm starting to get a lot better at. I need to work on them more and iron out the kinks in my harder dives," Lao said.

Despite a failed dive early in the second half, Lao said he felt he was able to put out some of his best dives this year.

"I can't change the past, if it happens it happens — I

just have to continue diving and I felt [I] bounced back pretty well," Lao said.

The women also saw high scores on Day One in both the one-meter and three-meter dives. Graduate student Kayla Wrasman placed second in the one-meter with 264.90 points and third in the three-meter dive with 251.65 points.

Sophomore Dasha Toth placed fifth in the one-meter dive with 226.35 points and said she was surprised with some of the day's scores, including her own.

"It feels good [to have scored well] and I was actually kind of surprised with my scores ... It felt really nice. There's highs and lows every time, but you get used to it the longer you're into [diving]," Toth said.

Assistant coach Fengting Chen said consistency will take the team to the next level.

"It was a tough meet for everyone because we just came back from a trip," Chen said. "Compared to the last meet, we were still the same level. We're trying to move up and do better until conference [play] ... sometimes you could have very good dives, sometimes not good, but again, consistency is what matters."

The swimming team traveled the following day to Pittsburgh to also face Niagara and Duquesne.

The Penguins took charge early on in event one by placing both first and second in the men's 400-yard medley. In first, with a time of 3:27.53, was the team of freshman James Slessor, sophomores Dominic Bono and Aleksa Radenovic, and junior Gavin Redden.

The team of freshman Moritz Bayer, juniors Ales Zupanec and Darren Laing, and senior Wilson Cannon trailed behind with a time of 3:35.38.

Junior Gavin Webb placed first in two events, the 500-yard and 1000-yard freestyle. Radenovic also took first in the 200-yard butterfly and second in the 50-yard backstroke.

On the women's side, freshman Miriam Frass placed second in both the 500-yard and 1000-yard freestyle. She also placed fourth in the 200-yard freestyle.

Freshman Anna Kozinska nabbed fourth place in both the 50-yard and 200-yard backstroke.

The Penguins look to make waves in Rochester, Michigan, Jan. 13 and 14 as they compete against conference opponents Oakland University and Indiana University-Purdue University Indianapolis. Visit ysusports.com for a full schedule of events and statistics.

Women's basketball continues over the holidays

By Cameron Niemi
The Jambar

The Youngstown State University women's basketball team hosted Purdue University Fort Wayne where they secured a 16-point victory over the holiday break. The lady Guins' picked up their third conference win of the season and improved to 9-4.

It was a strong bounce-back win for the Penguins after their 77-68 loss to Cleveland State University on Dec. 29. They defeated Purdue Fort Wayne, 60-44, on Dec. 31, 2022.

Following the loss to the Vikings, head coach John Barnes talked about how the Penguins struggled with offensive rebounding.

"We had some open looks that didn't go in but I mean again I think it was offensive rebounding and turnovers. We had 16 turnovers, they only had 11. They had 16 offensive rebounds," Barnes said.

During the Purdue Fort Wayne game, fifth-year senior Lilly Ritz dominated offensively as she led the team with a double-double. Ritz scored 20 points, 14 rebounds and three assists to go along with 10-of-14 from the field.

Junior Malia Magestro was the second leading scorer, adding 16 points and three rebounds for the Guin's. Magestro shot 4-of-7 from 3-point range and 6-of-10 from the field.

Senior Shay-Lee Kirby came off the bench and played well defensively, adding seven points along with three rebounds.

After the first quarter, the Penguins had a four point lead, in the second quarter. The Lady Guins' went on a 13-point run and held a 15-point lead at the half.

Early in the fourth quarter, Purdue Fort Wayne cut the Penguins' lead down to 12 points, but despite being outscored in the quarter, the women pulled out victorious over the Mastodons and improved their conference record to 3-1.

After the game, Barnes mentioned the importance of bouncing back after a loss to Cleveland State, "take care of business at home." The Penguins turned the ball over 25 times in their victory.

The women then went on the road to start the new year, heading to Detroit to take on the 2-11 University of Detroit Mercy Titans. The women won by a score of 77-45 on Jan. 5, heading into the new year with a conference win.

Senior Emily Saunders led the Penguins in scoring off the bench with a career-high 18 points and four rebounds, shooting 9-of-12 from the field.

Callahan had 15 points with four rebounds and two assists. She also shot five-of-nine from three.

Ritz had 13 points and five rebounds. Senior Paige Shy also scored 13 points, shooting three-of-five from 3-point range, along with four rebounds and three assists.

Early in the first quarter, the Penguins jumped out to a 21-4 lead over the Titans and held them to just 10 points. Scoring 28 points in the second quarter the Guins' lead at halftime 53-24.

In the third quarter, Youngstown State only scored seven points, but allowed 13 points from the Titans. The Guins' would head into the fourth quarter leading 60-37.

Saunders scored 12 points in the fourth quarter. Defensively, the Guins' held the Titans to only eight points. As a team, Youngstown State shot 54.5% from the field and 11-of-22 from the three-point line.

The Penguins went on to win their fourth conference game of the year and improved to 10-4.

The women continued their second road game of the New Year, heading to Oakland University to take on the 7-7 Golden Grizzlies. The Penguins won a thriller in overtime by a score of 68-67.

Ritz led the Penguins with another double-double, scoring 18 points along with 17 rebounds. Callahan and Shy both had 13 points, Magestro scored nine, and Kirby added eight points off the bench.

Youngstown State jumped out to an early 20-11 lead in the first quarter. It was held to just nine points in the second quarter and went into halftime with a five point lead. In the third quarter, it was an offensive battle for both teams. The Penguins still held an eight point lead heading into the fourth.

The team struggled offensively in the fourth quarter and found themselves down two points with 16 seconds to go. Callahan would make two clutch free throws to tie the game at 61, sending the game into overtime.

During overtime, both teams traded punches. The Penguins would have another tied game with less than seven seconds left. Callahan was fouled and sent to the line where she went one-of-two, putting the team up, 68-67.

The women would lock-up defensively and pull out the victory in overtime. Securing their third straight win and improving to 11-4 overall on the year.

Despite coming out on top, Barnes said the women still need to play their best basketball as the Horizon League tournament approaches.

"This weekend taught us a lot, the Oakland game was a very difficult game, went into overtime and we watched a lot of film on that and I think the players learned a lot. Hopefully that makes us better for our next game," Barnes said.

The women's basketball team will continue conference play at home Jan. 12 when it takes on Robert Morris University at 7 p.m.

Indiana University-Purdue University Indianapolis will also be in town Jan. 16. Tipoff is set for 7 p.m. and can be listened to on 570 WKBN or watched on ESPN+.



Paige Shy lays a basket.

Photo by Elizabeth Coss / The Jambar

Men's basketball continues historic season

By John Ostapowicz
The Jambar

The Youngstown State University men's basketball team went to work over a four-game homestand at the Beeghly Center, rounding out the winter break with a record of 3-1, Dec. 29, 2022, through Jan. 7, 2023. During the stretch, two players reached 1,000 career points.

While Youngstown State students were home over the break, the men's basketball team took on Cleveland State University on Dec. 29. The Penguins downed the Vikings 85-71, after an exceptional defensive effort.

However, the offense helped guide Youngstown State to victory with a historic performance from senior Brandon Rush with 21 points, including his 1,000th career point.

During the first 10 minutes of play, the Penguins held the lead for only 42 seconds before heading into the locker room and went on to score 46 more points in the second half.

The win marks the first time Youngstown State has defeated Cleveland State since 2020, and marks the 45th win against the Vikings.

With Beeghly Center's limited capacity removed, crowds of fans created an electric atmosphere for the doubleheader, according to head coach Jerrod Calhoun.

"We've kind of been robbed over the last few years, with the crowds [because of] COVID, two years ago we played with nobody in the stands," Calhoun said. "To see this city get behind our men's team and women's team, I mean I felt the vibe when I walked in the building."

With the momentum on the Penguin's side, the men's basketball team looked to secure another victory, but fell short against Purdue University Fort Wayne on Dec. 31, 76-71.

In a nail-biting finish, the Mastodons offense rallied late, neutralizing the Penguins defensive efforts.

For Purdue Fort Wayne, senior Damian Chong Qui overwhelmed the Penguins with his 24-point scoring run to go along with eight 3-pointers in the first half.

With the loss, Calhoun commented on how the Mastodons have turned their program around and have built a winning culture since coming into the Horizon League on July 1, 2020.

"They do it to us every year, a hard team to play against, [I have] a lot of respect for this team," Calhoun said. "Now you're seeing a bunch of players who played with each other for five years. And there is a cohesion, communication and understanding of where the ball needs to go."

Over a two-game span, Rush scored double-digit points with a game-high 26 points. The offensive push was also led by senior Dwayne Cohill and graduate student Malek Green with 19 and 12 points, respectively.

With the new year in full swing, the Penguins got back into the win column against Robert Morris University on Jan. 5. The men's passing efforts overwhelmed the Colonials en route to a 78-59 victory.

The Youngstown State offense continued its dominant performance, which was led by Cohill with 23 points. Behind him, Rush compiled 14 points while Green added 12 points.

The Penguins defense stayed stout throughout the game with the Colonials longest scoring margin being six points.

With the offense back on track, the men's basketball team secured an impressive win over Indiana University-Purdue University Indianapolis on Jan. 7, 105-74.

The facilitation of offense was orchestrated by freshman John Love-lace Jr. who scored a team-high 16 points, with a career-high four 3-pointers. Cohill followed suit, having a career night, recording a double-double with 13 points and a career-high 10 assists.

Cohill also etched a historical milestone by recording 1,000 points in his college career.

"I mean it's good, I'm proud of myself to score 1,000 [points]" Cohill said. "But it doesn't really matter, I had 10 assists today."

To round out the afternoon, two school single-game records were broken. Nine different players made at least one 3-pointer, contributing to 18 made 3-pointers and 33 assists.

With the win, Youngstown State improves to 12-5 overall and 4-2 in Horizon League play. With six conference games played, the Penguins are seeded third in the Horizon League standings.

With the conclusion of the four-game stint, Youngstown State leads the Horizon League in total offense with 84.9 points per game. The Penguins are also ranked 13th in the NCAA standings in total offense.

Although the Penguins are on top offensively, their defense is ranked sixth in the Horizon League, allowing 72.4 PPG.

The men's basketball team is back in action Jan. 12 against University of Detroit Mercy in Detroit, Michigan. For more information on this game, visit ysusports.com. To view and listen to the matchup, check out ESPN+ and 570 WKBN.

