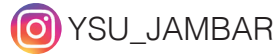


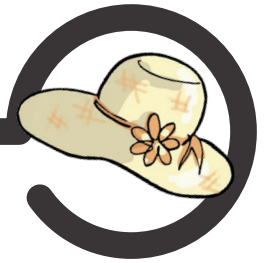
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Bertie Ahern (left) and Danny O'Connell (right) meeting in Dublin, Ireland.

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Bertie Ahern coming to YSU

By Christopher Gillett
The Jambar

The former Taoiseach of Ireland, Bertie Ahern, is visiting Youngstown State University from Oct. 12 to 14 and will receive the Sean MacBride Humanitarian Award at a dinner on Oct. 14 from the Ancient Order of Hibernians.

This dinner, located in the Debartolo Stadium Club in Stambaugh Stadium, is part of the midterm national board meeting of the AOH, a national nonpartisan Irish American fraternal organization founded during the 19th century.

Ahern will be receiving the award for his negotiation of the Good Friday Agreement with Britain in 1998 early into his time as Taoiseach — similar to a prime minister — which ended the Troubles, a decades-long conflict in British-controlled Northern

Ireland.

The Troubles stemmed from tensions between Protestants and Catholics in Northern Ireland, and the disenfranchisement of Catholics. Ireland had been ruled by Britain for centuries, with Catholics being subjugated by a Protestant ruling class.

After Ireland won its independence in the 1920s, the U.K. still held six counties which became Northern Ireland.

David Simonelli, a professor of contemporary history, teaches Irish history this semester and said Protestant rule was a form of Apartheid.

“Protestants developed a system of Apartheid in Ireland in general and when Northern Ireland was broken off in 1922, they reasserted that system in Northern Ireland,” Simonelli said.

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The future of YSU with enrollment decline

By Shianna Gibbons
The Jambar

Youngstown State University released its fall 2023 Preliminary Enrollment Summaries, showing a 4.8% decrease in full-time undergraduate students and a 16.2% increase in full-time graduate students since fall 2022.

The total headcount for full-time fall 2023 students has a 0.7% decline, from 11,072 in fall 2022 to 10,993 in fall 2023.

Provost Brien Smith said counting a universities' enrollment is a complex process and that enrollment is constantly changing.

“It's not really a simple answer to say whether enrollment is up or down. If you look at the big picture — if you step back — it was down a little bit,” Smith said.

The enrollment is counted for full-time students, a 15-credit-hour semester for undergraduates and a nine-credit-hour semester for graduate students. Smith said on average students at YSU take less than what is considered full-time.

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During the 1960s, Catholics were inspired by the American Civil Rights movement and began nonviolent marches for equality. Protestants and the British Army responded with violence by attacking and shooting at protesters, which resulted in a 1972 massacre that became known as Bloody Sunday.

Catholics turned to the Irish Republican Army, a long-standing underground terrorist organization which had been unpopular beforehand.

Many died and were scarred by the Troubles. The GFA between Ahern, Tony Blair in the U.K. and political factions in Northern Ireland ended the Troubles with mediation from the U.S.

YSU Interim-President Helen Lafferty will sit with Ahern at the dinner. Lafferty said she was excited to commend Ahern

for his work on the GFA.

“The reason that the Good Friday Agreement was so important was because it transformed relations for the better between Ireland and Britain. It instilled a new ethos — an ethos of tolerance and respect,” Lafferty said. “I am most excited to meet him and to actually commend him for his work.”

Danny O’Connell, the director of Support Services at YSU and National President of the AOH, is hosting the meeting. While O’Connell has met Ahern previously, O’Connell said he’s excited to become closer with Ahern through the visit.

“One of my predecessors [at the AOH] always said ‘When you break bread with somebody, your relationship changes, and that’s when it goes from business-formal to friendship,’” O’Connell said. “I’m excited to be able to sit with Bertie Ahern and President Lafferty Saturday night and just be part of that conversation.”

Alongside the dinner, Simonelli will host two public interview sessions at the Youngstown Historical Center of Industry and Labor on Oct. 13.

The first will be from 10 to 11:15 a.m. with the honorary consul of France for the Midwest of Ireland and historian Loïc Guyon. The second will be with Ahern on the GFA from noon to 1:15 p.m. with a reception in between.

Simonelli said interviewing Ahern about the agreement is a once in a lifetime opportunity.

“As a professor — you don’t often get opportunities to talk to people that are so connected to the actual history that you’re discussing in a class,” Simonelli said. “It’s just an interesting life event, let alone an interesting professional event for me. I haven’t met anybody I can think of that’s of that political pedigree.”

To learn more about the Ancient Order of Hibernians, go to its website.



Photo by Christopher Gillett / The Jambar

Bertie Ahern will receive the Sean MacBride Humanitarian Award in the Debartolo Stadium Club on Oct. 14.

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Scattered Showers



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Relief drive for Derna after flood

By Tala Alsharif
The Jambar

Youngstown State University student Marrwa Kermagi organized a relief drive for Derna, a city in Eastern Libya that recently faced devastating floods Sept. 11.

Kermagi, a biology pre-med major and Libyan American, is organizing the drive because of her connection to Libya and her recent trip there.

“You want to do something for your country,” Kermagi said. “You want to do something for your people, but it’s hard to do that when you’re not even there.”

According to NBC news, tropical storm Daniel caused heavy rainfall, flooding Derna and taking the lives of more than 11,300 people with over 10,000 people still missing.

Two dams collapsed because of the storm, sweeping entire neighborhoods and infrastructures, causing 40,000 people to be displaced, CNN stated.

Kermagi said the storm was especially devastating because Libya has been rebuilding since the civil war in 2011.

“I’m very passionate about my culture,” Kermagi said.

“Seeing your people suffer after such a few years of ... trying to rebuild everything ... it’s just heartbreaking.”

Kermagi said she’s collecting donations from the YSU community at Fok Hall and Cafaro House until December.

“[The] main focus right now is toiletries ... baby clothes, blankets, diapers, clothes for adults [and] shoes,” Kermagi said.

Kermagi also accepts monetary donations and wants to work alongside her local mosque to raise money.

“I’m going to be doing Henna there ... and have a donation box as well.” Kermagi said. “That money is going to go directly to ... buying materials and sending them out.”

Kermagi also raises money for Libya with Islamic Drive, a humanitarian agency. She works with friends from Denver to whom she will be shipping donations to every couple of weeks.

One of her friends, Eleef Atwi, a junior exercise science major at the University of Denver, said she started collecting donations with a friend after learning about the devastating news.

Atwi is collaborating with a mosque in Colorado, the Denver Islamic Society ‘Masjid Al Nur.’

“We have a donation dropbox over there and that’s where we combine all the donations, organize them and ship them out from,” Atwi said.

Atwi said since there is a large Libyan community in Denver, word about donations spread fast.

“A lot of people donated clothes for women, men [and] kids,” Atwi said. “A lot of people did donate money and ... we utilized that to buy toothpaste, toothbrushes, hand sanitizers, deodorant and stuff like that.”

Kermagi said there aren’t many people bringing in donations at YSU and she hopes for more individuals in the community to be aware of the disaster.

“Donate to nonprofits that are helping [the people in Libya], even when my drive finishes, it’s going to take years to get [Derna] all reconstructed,” Kermagi said.

Students interested in donating to the Derna relief drive, can go to Fok Hall and Cafaro House and drop off any materials in the donation boxes provided. Students can also visit the link found on Marrwa Kermagi’s Instagram @marrwa.kermagi to donate money.

We need your help!
Derna Relief Drive



Derna, an Eastern Libya city, has been destroyed by storm Daniel. Thousands are found dead and many civilians are still missing. With a lack of basic necessities- shelter, clean water, and food- and many roads and bridges broken down. We are hosting a drive to collect the following:

- Blankets

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“If an undergraduate student takes 15 hours of credit, they’re considered a full-time student. On average, our students take something [around] 12.5 hours of credit,” Smith said. “You calculate what is the full-time equivalent of students, and that many times — or I guess all the time — comes out a little less than what the actual headcount of enrollment is.”

At the board of trustees meeting held Sept. 20, a resolution was passed that stated the board was confident YSU’s administration will take actions to tailor YSU to suit students’ needs and the university’s future.

Michael Peterson, the chair of the board of trustees, said the administration and board are focused on the students.

“The administration is looking at the [report] and making decisions based [on]

that — and the biggest piece of that — is making sure it is both what our students want and need,” Peterson said. “I will give this administration credit. They are focused on giving the very best for the university [and] for the students.”

In previous board of trustees meetings, declining enrollment at YSU and on a national level have been discussed, along with different methods to combat its impact at YSU. Peterson said it’s important YSU continuously adapts.

“We’re like every other university in the country. We are all seeing a decline of people going into higher education. That’s why it is important for us to understand exactly what the community and what the students are looking for to make sure we can provide it,” Peterson said.

Smith said there are 14 public institutions in Ohio, which makes it a competitive market for attracting students but YSU has fared better than other institu-

tions.

“Over a great number of years, among those institutions that have declined, YSU has declined the least,” Smith said. “That’s because we’re very active in looking at why our students want to come to YSU.”

According to Smith, YSU’s launch of “Know Y” is a part of different strategic plans to combat the decline in enrollment and compete for incoming students on a larger scale.

Smith said YSU is also looking at different data that directly compare areas with growth, student interests, adjusting majors or program titles to be more accurate, and looking at the different components of YSU’s enrollment funnel.

“The more we can double down on thinking strategically about enrollment and looking at new ways to bring students aboard — that’ll be important,” Smith said. “We’re looking at all facets to

see how we can continually improve and reinvent ourselves.”

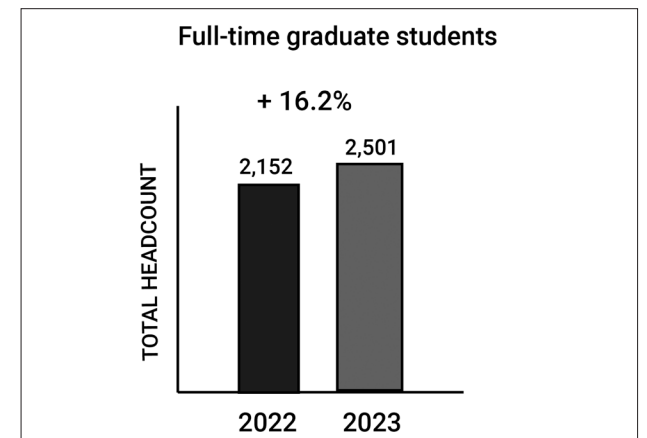
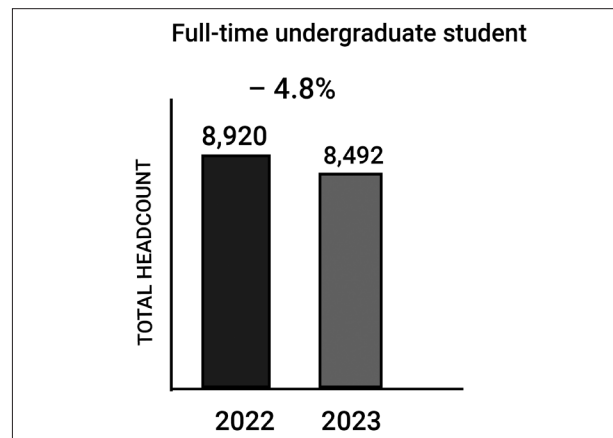
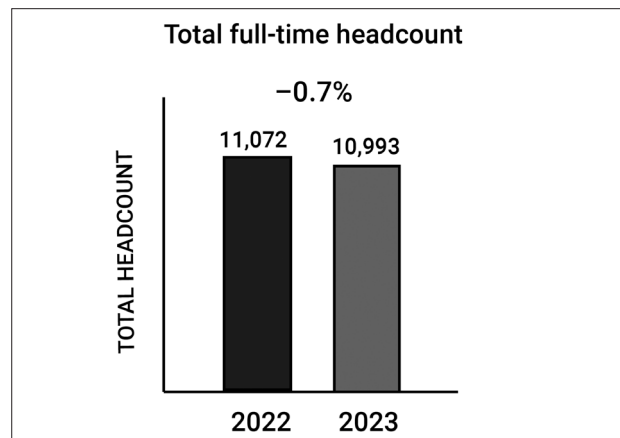
Smith said he doesn’t believe students should be concerned about potential cuts or adjustments.

“I know students are really passionate about [their chosen major and field]. From my perspective, students don’t need to be concerned,” Smith said. “Any changes that we would make would be sort of alone in margins, and we’re not going to cut half of the university. We have made a commitment to all of our students to make sure they finish the degree that they started.”

Smith said various decisions and adjustments will be made throughout the semester and reported back to the board of trustees in the December meetings.

For meeting minutes and board agendas, visit the YSU board of trustees’ website. Its meeting will be at 10 a.m. on Dec. 6, in Tod Hall.

14-Day Fall Enrollment Report Comparison



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News Brief

2023 Fall Fire Fest

The 10th annual Fall Fire Fest, an event in celebration of homecoming, will be hosted by Penguin Productions from 7:30 to 11 p.m. on Oct. 19 in the M71 lot.

There will be a bonfire, concert and a pep rally to show support for student-athletes. There will also be food trucks available throughout the event.

Main concert acts will be announced in the coming days and a performance from the Youngstown State University Marching Pride will take place.

The event is free and open to the public. Tickets are not required.

Exploring the STEM fields

By Sydney Fairbanks
The Jambar

Youngstown State University's College of Science, Technology, Engineering and Mathematics hosted its fall STEM Expo from noon to 4 p.m. on Sept. 28 at the Stambaugh Stadium gymnasium.

The STEM Expo is a biannual event where hiring companies set up tables to find student interns and full-time workers. YSU alumni could also attend to learn about changing careers.

According to STEM College Dean, Wim Steelant, STEM is a growing field for students, but there's a shortage of STEM professionals in the U.S. Steelant said the event is a great opportunity for students and hiring companies to fill those positions.

"Companies are really short for anything that [needs] STEM students. That's why [companies are] so eager to hire pretty much everything that we have now," Steelant said.

Many employers that came to the expo have YSU alumni on staff and were looking to add more to their companies.

Reece Wilson, a former YSU student who now works

at Fairbanks Morse Defense, said that half of the engineer staff at his company were hired from YSU.

"We do really good stuff here at YSU. We are able to put people all over the place and we come back every year for them," Wilson said.

The employers at the expo were eager to assist students, even if they did not hire them. Wilson said his company will let students know what they did and didn't like about their resume and give them advice to find a better job somewhere else.

Alicia Olsinger, sales engineer for Nucor Vulcraft, said that internships are the only opportunity to explore a career before committing to a full-time job since there are so many options in the STEM field.

"It's so hard to know from your classes exactly what you're really interested in and want to do for the rest of your life. Internships are the perfect opportunity to go out and experience that environmental engineering, experience that structural engineering, and see what you're interested in and what you really want to do afterwards," Olsinger said.

Internships are low commitment experiences that allow students to explore the field before graduation.

"You're there for like three months," Olsinger said.

"You're committed to them, [and] you could have that job opportunity afterwards, but you also have the flexibility of going somewhere else next summer."

Any students that have missed this year's fall STEM Expo can get their resumes ready for the next one noon to 4 p.m. on Feb. 29, 2024 at the Stambaugh Stadium gymnasium.

For more information on the STEM Expo and STEM College, head to its website.



Photo by Sydney Fairbanks / The Jambar
YSU students exploring the career tables.

Cliffe College to host College-Wide Open House

By Molly Burke
The Jambar

Youngstown State University's Cliffe College of Creative Arts will host its first College-Wide Open House for prospective students and their families from 8:30 a.m. to 3 p.m. on Oct. 18 at Bliss Hall.

Cliffe College's program coordinator for Admissions and Recruitment, Stephanie Waltman, said the open house will allow high school students to experience a day as a YSU student studying at Cliffe College.

"We've invited high schools from all over, not just in Ohio — Pennsylvania, West Virginia, New York. It's for students to be able to come and spend the day as an art, music or theater student," Waltman said.

Along with meeting academic advisors and having lunch, Waltman said students will engage with current students and participate in workshops.

"They'll have the opportunity to tour our facilities here in the Cliffe College of Creative Arts. They'll attend classes, see performances from faculty and students as well, and kind of get the sense of what it's like to be a college

student for the day," Waltman said.

Waltman said parents and guardians are welcome to attend courses with students, but there will be informational sessions about housing, financial aid and more.

"There are some specific parent sessions that we'll have just to answer any questions because as a parent you want to know what your child is signing up for," Waltman said. "We'll have a specific parent [and] guardian question-answer session with members from Admissions, University Housing and Financial Aid."

In previous years, Cliffe College hosted more than one open house, having a combined one for music and theater, but a separate art open house.

Joseph Carucci, director of Dana School of Music and University Theatre, said it's beneficial to have all the departments together in one open house.

"When we combine them, we found a much stronger sense of collaboration, and a lot of what we do is very similar," Carrucci said. "Adding the art to it this year is going to just add into that synergy because as musicians and as artists and as actors ... we live in a world of collaboration."

Freshman musical theatre major, Brooke May, went to a Cliffe College open house last year. She said it helped her figure out that she wanted to go to YSU for theater.

"It was really nice to get an insight into what the actual day-to-day life of a student would be, which was very useful especially in the decision process of colleges. I would encourage anyone who's even considering a major that Cliffe offers to go to the open house," May said.

Joy Christiansen Erb, associate dean for Cliffe College, said she encourages prospective students to come to the open house.

"It's a great way for students to get to know the faculty, get to know what happens in the classrooms," Christiansen Erb said. "Students can come in and kind of experience what it would be like if you were a student taking violin lessons or participating in a graphic interactive design course."

Registration for the College-Wide Open House will be open until Oct. 18. Those interested in registering or viewing the open house agenda can go to the Cliffe College website. For more information, contact Waltman at sawaltman@ysu.edu.

Student-athletes join The Bandana Project

By **Jillian McIntosh**
The Jambar

The Student-Athlete Advisory Committee announced its partnership with The Bandana Project at Youngstown State University's football game Oct. 7.

Student-athlete leaders of SAAC have attached green bandanas to their backpacks to promote awareness for mental health on campus.

Clement Mainguy, a junior on the Youngstown State men's tennis team, said students that have a bandana are trained to handle concerns of fellow student-athletes.

"I'm wearing the bandana right now. People who wear the bandana on their bag are the people you can stop at any time on campus and they're safe to talk to," Mainguy said. "We do this pledge where we'll help anyone [that comes] see us."

Student-athlete leaders will also provide resource cards about YSU's Student Counseling Services.

Jacob Sylak, a junior on the YSU's men's golf team, also carries a green bandana on his bag. Sylak said the project is a great outlet for the community.

"We like to talk to people [and] we like to get to know people," Sylak said. "Everybody should feel that they're welcome to talk to you, but the green bandana project is just another resource of getting that out to the public."

Kierstan Lentz, a former student-athlete on the YSU

swimming & diving team, said she struggled with mental health during her time as an athlete.

"As a student-athlete, it was really hard to find time for meals and even snacks," Lentz said. "I found myself eating in classes a lot of the time and some professors are okay with that, others are not."

Lentz said she practiced strategies to cope with her stress on days of competitions.

"The day before a meet, I would try to do a lot of relaxing things like meditate. I would go to a yoga class, I would try to read a book, just to kind of distract myself from getting nervous," Lentz said.

Grace Stovka, a junior dietetics major, ran track for almost two years at YSU. Stovka said her experience was challenging but hopes the Department of Intercollegiate Athletics can improve its wellness resources for students.

"Just genuinely checking in on their student-athletes, it's a lot to handle. It's very demanding and some of us can act like we're okay and [that] we're really not going through a lot," Stovka said.

Stovka said there are warning signs the athletic community can look out for.

"Warning signs [include] probably not going to class," Stovka said. "If you're not performing as well during practice. You can have bad days — but if it's consistent — I would probably check on that athlete."

According to the National Collegiate Athletics Asso-

ciation, 69% of women and 63% of men that are student-athletes said they know the resources on campus for their mental health.

Jen Tymkew is the associate athletics director and director of Athletic Training Services. She said student-athletes are required to get a physical exam once a year, that also addresses mental well-being.

"They take a couple of questionnaires and it gives us an idea of where that student athlete is from a baseline perspective," Tymkew said. "We're able to look in some key areas we know college students struggle in — depression and anxiety for two of the utmost."

The YSU Athletic Department works in collaboration with the Office of the Dean of Students and Student Counseling Services.

"In conjunction with those two entities, [we] provide resources for our student-athletes, not only the ones that flag on those screens that might have higher numbers, but even the ones that are just walking in the door," Tymkew said. "We want them to be aware of those on campus resources so that they know what they are in case they ever want them."

Contact 330-941-3737 for Student Counseling Services, which are available 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. Monday through Friday.

For emergencies, dial 911 immediately or go to the nearest emergency room.



Clement Mainguy holds his backpack with the green bandana and a card with mental health resources

Photo by Jillian McIntosh / The Jambar

JUST DANCE FOR THE KIDS



The rock outside Kilcawley Center was painted in support of Miracle Week.

Photo by Matt Sotlar / The Jambar

Raising money for children's health

By Matt Sotlar
The Jambar

Youngstown State University's Guinathon sponsored its Miracle Week Oct. 2 to Oct. 6 and donations were collected through different events held around campus.

Guinathon is part of the Miracle Network Dance Marathon, a nationwide non-profit organization that hosts dance marathons on college campuses to fundraise for children's health. YSU has held Guinathon since 2016.

Guinathon is structured by an executive team, team leads and basic participants. Teams that raise over \$50 can attend the dance marathon in February. Guinathon is also open to off-campus sponsorship.

Senior public and professional writing major and Guinathon's co-executive director, Celeste Kapalin, said the program operates year-round.

"We fundraise all year long for Akron Children's Hospital Mahoning Valley," Kapalin said. "Then we have a dance marathon in the spring to celebrate the year, visit with our Miracle families and reveal how much we've raised."

The dance marathon will be held Feb. 24, 2024 in the Chestnut Room of Kilcawley Center.

In previous years, Guinathon has raised over \$70,000 for Akron Children's. There are three teams participating in the upcoming dance marathon.

Miracle Week educates students about Guinathon and how to raise funds. Kapalin said Miracle Week is a great way to fundraise for life-saving hospital services and equipment.

"It's just a week where all the dance marathons across the nation are working hard to raise money for their hospitals," Kapalin said.

Miracle Network Dance Marathon contributes money to over 150 hospitals nationwide.

Guinathon held a tabling inside Kilcawley Center to spread awareness for the program and raise funds by selling Daffin's Chocolate bars Oct. 2 and 3.

The organization also held a Pie In The Face event outside of Kilcawley Center from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. Oct. 5. Participants could pie a Guinathon member in the face for \$5 or a friend for \$10.

The following day, Guinathon sponsored Bingo at Fri-

day Nights at the Cove.

Junior integrated math education major and dance relations manager, Lucy Allen, said that anyone from YSU can participate in Guinathon.

"Anyone from campus is able to register, join a team, start a team or join the executive team. It's open to all students, staff and alumni," Allen said.

Miracle Week is usually held at the beginning of the school year, as Guinathon is focused on drawing as many donations and participants as possible.

"At the beginning of the year, we're really focusing on pushing out awareness, making people aware of what Guinathon is, who it supports and how they can get involved," Allen said.

Allen said that Guinathon is a great way to unite students and the community together while working for a good cause.

"It connects us as a university as one thing, as well as to the community, local hospitals and families," Allen said.

Students who are interested in joining Guinathon can visit its website.

The Jambar Column

Got books?

When I think of fall, I think of reading. I know, I'm a strange critter from a strange land. I grew up in rural Ohio. There's not much to do there other than read, watch the clock and wait until you're 18 so you can move.

The vast nothingness breeds creative inspiration; it did for me. Love a good book about small-town Ohio? Wait until you read my books then.

I've been reading since I could hold a book, and I've read enough books that I feel comfortable recommending good books and preaching about the wonders of reading.

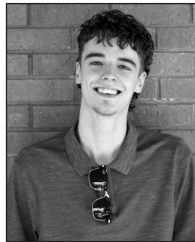
That dreadful, endless stretch between Halloween and Thanksgiving is the perfect time to read.

Since Halloween is near, I'll start with some good scary stories. You can't go wrong with anything by Stephen King. He's the king of horror. I also recommend Mark Z. Danielewski — whose name I had to copy from Google — and his debut novel "House of Leaves." Bret Easton Ellis usually publishes some scary, all-too-real types of novels, too. He's one of my favorites.

If you're more interested in the crime and thriller genre, I'll always recommend Thomas Harris' "Silence of the Lambs" and Gillian Flynn's "Gone Girl." The greatest crime/thriller novel I've ever read was Dennis Lehane's "Mystic River." I'll never not recommend that one.

Believe it or not, I've also read romance. Most of them are sweeter than cane sugar and sappier than a maple tree, but some of them are worth a read. John Green's "Paper Towns" and Robert James Waller's "Bridges of Madison County" are the best.

You say you like westerns? Sit down, partner and lend me an ear. Anything by Cormac McCarthy is worth reading, and I mean anything written by him. If I had



Matthew Sotlar

to pick one book, it's "No Country for Old Men." Charles Portis's "True Grit" and "American Rust" by Philipp Meyer are other fantastic reads.

Let's say you're looking for something classic. William

Faulkner perhaps? If so, "The Sound and the Fury" is what you want. Ernest Hemingway? I'm not a huge fan, but "The Sun Also Rises" is kind of interesting. Keywords for it are "young alcoholics" and "bullfights." Snag something by F. Scott Fitzgerald while you're at it. You can't go wrong with any of his books.

If — for some reason — you're looking for nonfiction, I have little to offer. Truman Capote's "In Cold Blood" and anything by Hunter S. Thompson are all I can recommend.

The best type of book is one that takes a while to read. If you want a long read, go ahead and get "Ulysses" by James Joyce. That, along with Victor Hugo's "Les Miserables," will take the average college student at least 15 years to read.

Finally, I'll give you some weird books. Who doesn't love weird things? Franz Kafka and Nikolai Gogol wrote some fever dream stories, but I love them. Anything by them is pretty solid, just look them up and buy their books

If any of these titles and authors fail to meet your expectations, then I am truly not sorry. I am only making recommendations based on what I consider good. I'm sure you'll be able to find at least one good book to read this fall.

The best thing to do is go to the library, pick out a random book and just read. Who knows, maybe it'll be the best book you've ever read.

The Jambar Editorial

"Poetic Justice" for Tupac at last?

Twenty-seven years after the infamous drive-by shooting in Las Vegas and killing of Tupac Shakur, Duane "Keefe D" Davis has been charged with murder for Shakur's 1996 death.

Being one of hip-hop's most revolutionary artists and actors, Shakur had more than just California's love with fans from around the U.S.

Shakur dropped discord, experience and truth into the mic as he reinvented the rap game while facing off in-studio and in the streets of Compton through gang activity.

The Bloods, iconic for their rivalry with the Crips, had several stems of smaller gangs, such as the Mob Piru Bloods.

Belonging to Death Row Records, Shakur was entwined in the Mob Piru's activities, alongside another iconic '90s rapper, Marion "Suge" Knight, who was injured in the same shooting that left Shakur dead.

Just before his murder in 1996, Shakur released his iconic diss track "Hit 'Em Up."

The single put various people on blast including Death Row Records' leading competitor Bad Boy Records, its manager Sean "Puff Daddy" Combs and former friend Christopher Wallace — better known as the Notorious B.I.G. or Biggie Smalls.

The West Coast and East Coast war only heated up as diss tracks sparked violence in the streets between gang members.

Following Shakur's death, many fingers pointed toward the Crips and its iconic members Wallace, Combs and Orlando "Baby Lane" Anderson — nephew of the now alleged murderer, Davis.

The public's attention intensified with the drive-by murder of Wallace in 1997. Making matters worse for the investigation — Anderson, who had been the lead suspect for Shakur's murder, was shot and killed in 1998.

Within years of their deaths, documentaries were released and gained massive attention. Each documentary offered new insight, but more interestingly, Davis ap-

peared in several documentaries.

According to Channel 3 News, a recorded alleged confession by Davis about his whereabouts when Shakur was shot — claiming he provided the gun to his nephew — was obtained in 2009 by police and was later used in the 2015 documentary, "Murder Rap: Inside the Biggie and Tupac Murders."

Davis appeared in two 2018 series, speaking openly about his involvement and was portrayed in a Netflix docudrama "Unsolved: The Murders of Tupac and the Notorious B.I.G." that same year.

In a 2019 interview, Davis said he felt "robbed" of his story by Netflix's retelling and said the docudrama was fake and considered suing.

That same year, while the case was still under open investigation, Davis published a memoir in which he graphically detailed the events during the shootout and expressed deep remorse.

The most incremental piece of attraction from Davis' book was that he again admitted to being in the white Cadillac that bullets were shot from and fatally wounded Shakur then passed the murder weapon to his nephew.

This past July, Davis' Las Vegas home was searched under warrant. Laptops, bullets, photographs, documents and even Davis' memoirs were seized as evidence.

The most recent development since Davis' arrest is that Knight, one of the last few remaining key witnesses, told TMZ he will not testify against Davis. Bodycam footage of Davis' arrest has also since been released.

Pay homage to the greatest rapper to have ever lived and sit back and listen to his arguably best album, "All Eyez On Me," as all eyes now fall to the courts.

Davis first appeared in court Oct. 4 for a pre-arraignment hearing, but after he requested a continuance for two weeks on behalf of his attorney, he will next appear in court Oct. 19.

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In the Oct. 5 edition of The Jambar, the wrong date for Kilcawley Center's demolition was published. The demolition is planned for summer 2025, not summer 2024. The Jambar apologizes for the mistake.

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Men's golf nabs top-five finish

By John Ostapowicz
The Jambar

For the first time this season, the Youngstown State University men's golf team placed fifth to conclude a three-day tournament at the Bucknell Invitational from Oct. 8 to Oct. 10.

After a 12th-place finish in Cleveland State University's Tom Tontimonia Invitational from Oct. 2 to Oct. 3, the Penguins rounded out their fall slate in Lewisburg, Pennsylvania at the Bucknell Golf Club. The course itself stretched 6,253 yards and had a par of 70.

The five person line-up, senior Justin Atkinson, fifth year Cole Christman, redshirt senior Dean Austalosh, sophomore Ryan Sam and junior Jacob Sylak, combined for a three-round total of 863.

Over two rounds, Youngstown State recorded scores of 292, 289 and finished the event with a score of 282.

Out of 18 universities, the Penguins went toe-to-toe with Villanova University for the fourth spot but fell

short when Mount St. Mary's University jumped two spots and beat the team by five points.

Atkinson and Sam finished the invitational tied for sixth as the pair led the team with a score of 211. For Sam, it marks a career-low, three-round total and his two-under-par 68 on Day Two featured eight pars and six birdies from No. 8 to No. 11.

Out of the five invitationals that occurred during the fall semester, Atkinson and Autstalosh have participated and placed in each event.

For Atkinson, the conclusion of the fall season ushers in time to bond on and off the course, which allows the team to build chemistry.

"The team's pretty close, but over the winter, with practice all the time, I hope that going into the spring things will start to click," Atkinson said.

As an individual, redshirt freshman Michael Porter finished tied for 44th with a three-round total of 222. Porter's one-over-par 71 featured three birdies and a one-under-par 33.

For Sylak, the team is heading in a strong direction and a positive finish gives the team some confidence before the spring semester.

"We needed to get our confidence back. We've had some moments where we've put up some good numbers," Sylak said. "The [Bucknell Invitational] gave us an opportunity to see where we are as a team and give us momentum heading into the spring."

Although Sylak finished the invitational tied for 65th, his versatility allowed him to conclude the tournament with a three-round score of 225 and a pair of birdies at No. 1 and No. 13.

"We can interchange a lot of guys and we have a lot of talent. We had that in the past but we haven't had it to this extent," Sylak said.

Youngstown State will take a break until it begins its spring portion of the 2023-2024 season. The team's schedule will be announced in the coming weeks.

To keep up with the team and its upcoming schedule, visit ysusports.com.

Cross-country squads place second

By Marissa Masano
The Jambar

The Youngstown State University men's and women's cross country teams competed at the Bill Lennox Slippery Rock Invitational on Oct. 7 at the Lawrence County Fairgrounds in New Castle, Pennsylvania.

The women's side competed in the 6K with eight athletes, five of which are repeat competitors for the Penguins after their performances at the Notre Dame Invitational.

The men competed in the 8K with seven athletes. All seven runners competed in the team's last event in the Notre Dame Invitational. For assistant coach Eric Rupe, the men's side has found recent success because of their consistency.

"We have an approach that we are going with [for] our training starting back in June of the summer until late October and we're not going to steer one way or another from that approach," Rupe said.

The men's and women's squads earned runner-up finishes at the invitational.

During the women's 6K, the lady 'Guins individually placed in the top 20, along with 23rd, and 26th to accumulate 69 team points. Slippery Rock University placed

first with 41 team points.

Freshman Grace Rhoades was the top finisher on the women's side, placing 11th with a time of 23:22. Junior Alayna Cuevas was the lady 'Guins second-highest finisher, placing 13th with a time of 23:29.

Cuevas, freshman Kenzy Beckett, senior Aiamya Dudley and senior Hannah Wagner all finished within seven seconds of each other. The ladies consecutively placed 13th, 14th, 15th and 16th, respectively. All top-five finishers crossed the finish line within a 14-second window.

On the men's side, the team averaged a time of 26:09 and finished with 71 points. Slippery Rock took first place in the men's 8K, finishing with 32 points.

During the invitational, three Penguins set personal bests in the 8K. Senior Riley Jackson, redshirt freshman Thomas Hunyadi and junior Beau Gorby all set personal bests.

The men's side was led by Jackson who was the first to finish with a personal best of 25:32, snagging fifth place in the 8K. Hunyadi finished 17 seconds behind Jackson to secure ninth place. Hunyadi's personal-best time was 25:49.

Junior Keegan Barnette crossed the line next for the Penguins with a season-best time of 26:11 to finish 13th.

The last runner to finish in the top 20 for the Penguins was Gorby whose 13th-place time of 26:11 was a career best.

Both of Youngstown State's cross country programs swept the Under Armour HLXC Runners of the Week awards following the Slippery Rock Invitational. Jackson, Rhoades and Hunyadi were all honored by the Horizon League.

Jackson was named the men's runner of the week after being the Penguin's top finisher, placing fifth out of 157 runners. This is the senior's first time being named runner of the week.

Rhoades was named the women's runner and freshman runner of the week after placing 11th out of 150 runners. The freshman also finished with a personal-best 6K time of 23:22.

After running a personal-best 8K at the Slippery Rock Invitational, Hunyadi was named men's freshman of the week. The redshirt freshman finished ninth out of 157 runners and was the second Penguin to place.

Both teams' next event will be at the Texas A&M Arturo Barrios Invitational on Oct. 13. The men will compete in the 8K, followed by the women's 6K.

For stats, highlights and more, visit ysusports.com.

Volleyball breaks losing streak

By Madeline Hippeard
The Jambar

The Youngstown State University women's volleyball team broke its four-game losing streak when the lady 'Guins defeated Purdue University Fort Wayne over the weekend, 3-1.

The Penguins lost the first set of the match, 20-25. Despite this, the lady 'Guins fought hard to come back from a 20-23 deficit in the second set. The team went on a 5-0 scoring run, earning a 25-23 win.

The lady 'Guins carried their momentum from the second set into the third, holding the lead for most of the set. They ended the third set on a 6-1 run, resulting in a 25-21 victory.

The Penguins opened the fourth set with a 15-8 lead and extended it to 21-11 later on. Purdue Fort Wayne fought back, bringing the score to 24-22, but was unable to overcome the lady 'Guins, who won the fourth set, 25-22.

The Penguins collectively had a .310 hitting percent-

age against Purdue Fort Wayne. They also had three players finish with at least 12 kills.

Junior Jazmin Vergara led the team with 21 kills. Sophomore Abbie Householder finished with 15 kills and freshman Jocelyn Jourdan had 12 kills out of 19 attempts.

Head coach Aline Scott said she thinks the lady 'Guins tend to play better on the road than at home in Beeghly Center.

"We're in a hotel, we get to spend a little more time with each other, and it gives us opportunities to work on team chemistry. Being on the road really keeps distractions to a minimum and it's played to our advantage in recent times," Scott said.

The Penguins fell 2-3 to Indiana University-Purdue University Indianapolis.

The lady 'Guins started the match out strong by winning the first two sets 25-21 and 25-22, respectively. Despite a strong start, the Penguins lost the third set 19-25.

To start off the fourth set, the Penguins held a 8-3 lead. The lady 'Guins were unable to hold the lead after

IUPUI went on an 11-3 scoring run. After IUPUI turned the favor of the game, the Penguins were unable to fight back to the top, resulting in a 19-25 loss.

Senior Dayan Malave said the lady 'Guins stay positive in situations when they get down in points or lose sets because of what they do in the team huddles.

"We just stay available with each other and we basically tell each other how good we are and how able we are to do it and go to the next point," Malave said.

The Penguins held the lead multiple times throughout the fifth set. Their first lead was at 9-8, followed by another at 13-12. However, the lady 'Guins were unable to stop IUPUI from scoring the final three points of the night, costing them the set and the match.

The Penguins lost the tie-breaking fifth set, 13-15.

The lady 'Guins will return to action Oct. 13 when they travel to Moon Township, Pennsylvania to take on Robert Morris University. For more information and to watch the match, visit ysusports.com and ESPN+.

Soccer hits pivotal stretch in Horizon League

By Dylan Lux
The Jambar

Youngstown State University's women's soccer team encountered a rainy evening in Cleveland and a brisk afternoon at Farmers National Bank Field as it continued its Horizon League schedule with matchups against Cleveland State University and Oakland University.

In the first of the two matchups, the Penguins took on the Vikings of Cleveland State on Oct. 5 at Krenzler Field.

The rain throughout the game did not limit either team's scoring opportunities, as 30 total shots made their way toward the net.

In the end, both teams settled for a 0-0 draw, giving each team one point in the Horizon League standings.

Senior goalie Brooklynn Kirkpatrick had five saves in the game and posted her third shutout of the season.

The Penguins tallied four shots on goal, with two from sophomore midfielder Taylor Berry and two from sophomore forward Chloe Weiland.

Head coach Brian Shrum credited the Vikings' toughness for the difficult road game conditions.

"I don't think it was just the road aspect — that was a good team we played against," Shrum said. "They're trying to fight for every point as we are, and that's what happens when you have two tough teams playing

against each other."

The Penguins returned home Oct. 8 to take on the Oakland Golden Grizzlies.

A scoring outburst from Oakland graduate student Macey Wierenga brought the score to 2-0 at the break after scoring a brace in the first half.

One minute into the second half at the 46-minute mark, Berry delivered a strike to the back of the net off an assist from Weiland, trimming the deficit to 2-1.

Berry said the goal was a momentum boost for the team and helped them start the second half the way they wanted.

"It's just what we needed, I think going down two zero before halftime ... that does a lot to someone's mental state, and you're immediately thinking 'this game's going down the drain,'" Berry said. "Just coming out of halftime, and having the entire team bring that intensity ... that's exactly what we needed."

Even with Berry's goal in the early minutes of the second half, the score would remain 2-1 as the Penguins came up short against Oakland.

Despite the loss, Shrum said the team did well keeping the ball in their possession.

"We did a really nice job with the ball today in possession, it's just unfortunate that we didn't have a couple of those [goals] fall," Shrum said. "Took a lot of chances in the second half, it just didn't go our way. We'll keep

working at that, it's all you can do."

The women's soccer team will return to the pitch at 5 p.m. on Oct. 12 at Farmers National Bank Field, where they will take on top-ranked University of Wisconsin-Milwaukee.

The matchup against the Panthers will mark one of three remaining matches for the Penguins' regular season.

To watch the match live, visit ESPN+, and for live stats, scores and more, visit ysusports.com.



Chloe Weiland dribbling.

Photo by Dylan Lux / The Jambar

Penguins waddle over the Salukis

By Cameron Niemi
The Jambar

The Youngstown State University football team returned to Stambaugh Stadium to take on the No. 5 ranked Southern Illinois University on Oct. 7. The Penguins made a statement against the Salukis and defeated them 31-3.

The team bounced back after last week's loss against the University of Northern Iowa. YSU picked up its third win of the season and its first conference win, moving to 1-1 in the Missouri Valley Conference.

The Salukis came into the game with a 4-0 record and the No. 1 rushing defense in the conference. They have not given up more than 100 rushing yards in their first four games this season.

In the first quarter, the Penguins marched 75 yards down field on their opening drive and took an early 7-0 lead. The drive was capped off with a 40-yard touchdown run from senior running back Tyshon King who ran right through the SIU defense.

On the Penguins' following drive, senior quarterback Mitch Davidson connected with senior wide receiver Bryce Oliver for a 39-yard gain into SIU territory.

That led to a two-yard touchdown run from senior running back Dra Rushton, which gave the 'Guins a two-score lead early in the second quarter.

SIU stalled the YSU offense when Davidson's pass was intercepted in the endzone. The Penguins defense held the Salukis to a field goal and they went into half with a 14-3 lead.

The YSU offense was efficient in the first half with 110 rushing yards. The defense held SIU to just 76 yards passing and 16 yards rushing.

The Penguins defense continued to dominate in the third quarter. Junior defensive back Troy Jakubec intercepted SIU's Nic Baker's pass. This led to a 22-yard field goal by redshirt freshman Andrew Lastovka.

As a team, YSU had seven sacks on Baker in the game and senior Dylan Wudke led the defense with two. This marked the most sacks in a game from a Penguin defense since 2016.

Wudke spoke after the game about his team and how they bounced back.

"Coming off last week with the loss, we knew we had to make a statement win. Not only for ourselves but to show the conference and everybody else what we are about and I feel like we did that

today for sure," Wudke said.

The rain started to come down by the third quarter, but it didn't slow down the 'Guins defense from flying around the field. The offense continued to capitalize with two more touchdowns before the clock hit zero.

King scored from the two-yard line for his second touchdown of the game early in the fourth, which extended the Penguins lead to 24-3.

The running back duo of King and Rushton had another dominant performance on the ground. King finished with 22 carries for 117 yards and two touchdowns. Rushton had 17 carries for 52 yards and a pair of touchdowns.

Head coach Doug Phillips spoke highly about the team after its win.

"Pressure is a privilege. We have expectations to play like we did tonight," Phillips said. "I'm proud of our kids and the way they stuck together. The way that they supported each other this week after a tough loss."

The defense dominated as it held SIU to 94 passing yards and just six rushing yards in the game.

Youngstown State improved to 3-2 on the season and jumped back into the FCS rankings tied for 20th after its dominant performance.

The Penguins will hit the road and travel to play the No. 17 University of South Dakota inside the DakotaDome at 2 p.m on Oct. 14. For more information, go to ysusports.com. To watch the game, go to ESPN+.



Dra Rushton fights for extra yards against Southern Illinois defense.